



eScan 2003 VC

Is eScan 2003 just the thing to keep those nasty viruses under control?

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ESCAN offers a full range of antivirus and protection software from relatively simple software for protecting individual PCs to more complex fare designed for corporations. We looked at its basic offering — eScan 2003VC, with the VC standing for Virus Control.

We found the software very easy to set up, it gives you the opportunity to skip past the rather grandiose introduction if you are in a hurry. The layout of the software's interface is equally encouraging. It is neatly divided into areas focusing on each of its main functions. The main function is monitoring, which means that you don't have to run a scan to catch a virus, the software will automatically check in the background. As well as being simple and intuitive to use, it also offers plenty of options to the user, which is the ideal mix. The interface should be simple enough for a beginner to start a scan without too much head scratching and fully featured enough to let advanced users tweak the settings to suit their needs. Adjustments that can be made include the option to deal automatically with a found threat or to prompt the user before taking action.

The other main part of the software comes under the analysing button. This is where you carry out scans. Impressively it features heuristic virus scanning, which means you aren't solely relying on virus signatures to neutralize threats and you have some chance of intercepting a new virus. You can also scan individual drives and schedule scans.

These two parts are the business end of the application. Other parts include the quarantine, where viruses are kept and the scheduler which lets you know when scans are due to start.

Summary

SPECIFICATIONS Automatic configuration, email warnings, free trial available, 16.3MB download, compatible with all versions of Windows.

PERFORMANCE ★★★★★

FEATURES ★★★★★

VALUE FOR MONEY ★★★★★

WARRANTY (0-3 YRS) ✕ ✕ ✕

USER SUITABILITY 🏠 (Home User)

OVERALL RATING ★★★★★