

# Command AntiVirus for Exchange

Version 2.41

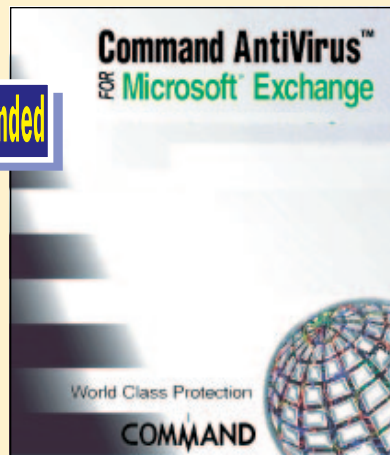
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**For**  
The installation proved easy enough and the GUI was certainly user-friendly.

**Against**  
Nothing.

**Verdict**  
This solution provides good all-round protection even with the toughest virus sets and provided one of the best all-round results.



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Anti-virus software is about minimising the impact a new or particularly nasty strain could have on your network. If you have a solution that offers the best available protection for known viruses and an equally thorough means of updating it at regular intervals then the risks are greatly reduced. Getting that protection at server level certainly tackles the potential threat before it has a chance to infect your network and possibly others.

*Command AntiVirus (CSAV) for Exchange* is a server level solution. This ensures that scanning is completed before the recipient can open his or her mail and ensures that the decision and ultimate responsibility of what to do with infected files is removed from the end-user. In a busy office environment, where your staff are working at full stretch to meet deadlines, it could be all too easy to open an infected email. Therefore protection at the server, where infected emails are cleaned and then forwarded on to the recipient, is safer and more productive.

*CSAV for Exchange* requires a 486 or higher CPU with 96Mb of RAM as minimum, with a further 30Mb of free disk space. Software requirements are not difficult either, version 2.41 needs Microsoft Exchange Server 5.5 with service pack 3. (Version 2.33 needs Microsoft Exchange Server 5.0 or greater.)

The installation procedure is straightforward as you would expect; with the CD inserted you go to Start and then to Run. Selecting Browse to find the Exchange directory you can now proceed to SETUP.EXE and carry on from there. The choices are either the 'typical' installation, which installs all the required files, or 'custom', where you can choose what program files and help files to install.

Once installed you can proceed by going to the *CSAV for Exchange Console* icon. The console provides a user-friendly GUI from where you can perform all your routine tasks such as creating, starting, deleting or modifying your

virus scans. With *CSAV for Exchange* there is on-access scanning for continuous background monitoring of all incoming and outgoing email. On-demand scanning is at your disposal should you wish to scan a folder or mailbox at your convenience. This may be configured to suit your requirements.

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*CSAV for Exchange* also has a quarantine facility, which requires a dedicated folder to be created to allow infected attachments to be handled at a later date. There is also a configurable notification, to allow alerts to be sent to specified people, and the usual log files and statistical information. *CSAV for Exchange* allows you to schedule automatic updates to ensure that your server-level protection is bang up to date and providing the best possible security to your email users.

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Good software that is easy to install and configure is of little use if the underlying protection isn't first class and so it is imperative that this is tested fully. The tests that we have devised really are a tough analysis but they verify the solution's worth to the corporate end-user.

*CSAV for Exchange* found very few obstacles here, providing a 100 per cent reply to the latest available in-the-wild virus set. Even the polymorphic viruses couldn't hold this solution back with a detection rate of 100 per cent yet again. It is the macros that seem to cause the most problems for most solutions, however *CSAV for Exchange* returned the second highest return rate (along with *FSAV for Exchange*) with this particular virus set, returning 99.93 per cent. This is a great result in a very difficult area.

Our next test consisted of infected files that are compressed, sometimes more than once. Here *CSAV for Exchange* came back with a very credible 73.91 per cent, again the second highest result in our battery of tests. This proved the worth of this particular solution and gave us extreme confidence in its ability to deal with the vagaries of email-borne viruses.

The penultimate test was to find the speed at which a solution was able to scan a clean file and return it to our Inbox. *CSAV for Exchange* did this in 99 seconds, the second fastest solution. The final test was to see how well it fared in the disinfection wars; here it provided an excellent rate of 100 per cent.

Combined with its ease of use and user-friendly approach this product does provide many of the answers to ensuring your network stays virus free and up and running for your day-to-day business needs.

Features	★★★★★
Ease of use	★★★★★
Performance	★★★★★
Documentation	★★★★☆
Support	★★★★★
Value for money	★★★★★
Overall Rating	★★★★★