

Virus_CheckerII

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Chapter 1

Virus_CheckerII

1.1 Virus_Checker II Help

Virus_Checker, Copyright © 1990-1995 by John Veldthuis
Virus_Checker, Copyright © 1996 by David Dustin
Virus_Checker II, Copyright © 1997/1998 by Alex van Niel

Version of this release is 1.10

```
~Presentation~~~~~  ~~
      What is Virus_Checker II

~Important~notes~~~~~
      Please Read this

~Shareware~Notice~~~~~
      Virus_Checker II is not free

~Registration~~~~~
      Fill me out and mail me

~Danish Registration~~
      Fill me out and mail me

UK Registration
      How to register easy when you live in the UK

~Security/PGP~~~~~
      How do I know this is not a virus

PGP Key Servers
      How to get my public PGP key

~Main~Window~~~~~
      Main Virus_Checker II window

~Command~Line~Options~
```

Start Virus_Checker II from SHELL

~Icon~ToolTypes~~~~~ ~
ToolTypes Virus_Checker II uses

~Workbench~AppIcon~~~~
Drag and Drop checks

~Files~Needed~~~~~
Files required by Virus_Checker II

~Localization~~~~~
Yep Virus_Checker is locale aware

~Installing~~~~~
How to install Virus_Checker II

~\$4eb9~Link~Virus~~~~~
SPECIAL NOTE ON THIS VIRUS

~Archives ~~~~~~
Checking into Archives

~Arexx~Port~~~~~
Arexx commands

VC II Related
Virus_Checker II Related Addresses,
where and how to get it

Frequently Asked Questions
Questions people asked me the most

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Hints & Tips
Hints and Tips for VirusCheckerII

~Disclaimer~~~~~
And now for something completely different

~Author~Info~~~~~
About the Author

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~Credits~~~~~
Thanks Guys

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~History~~~~~ ~~~
How things got to here

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History of Brainfile
History of the Virus_Checker brainfile

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To Do/Future
What will come and what great plans I have

1.3 important

Some important notes for Virus_Checker

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The old keyfile that was valid for versions 1.0 of Virus_CheckerII and 8.4 and down of Virus_Checker is NO LONGER VALID!

Some registered users have already received a new keyfile which unlocks the special features. They don't need to contact me.

The old keyfile is now considered a cracked/bad keyfile and is treated as such. You will be able to access the Archive Options, but you won't be able to check into archives, so it won't do anything. If you are a registered user and don't have the new keyfile, please feel free to contact me. Already registered users can get a free update (excl. possible postage and package if not send through e-mail) from me personally. To do this, fill out the reg. form again with the data you send to John and if it has changed since then, also add the current valid data (in case you moved for instance).

If you would like to receive your keyfile through e-mail, then please also add your pgp public key, so I can encode it and send it to you as soon as possible.

Virus_Checker II will pick up all the files that it requires from at least 2 places. It will first try PROGDIR: then the alternative place. Virus_Checker will save any of the files it needs to back from where it read it from.

See Virus_Checker II
Files
for details

Virus_Checker II is able to detect older (and some newer) viruses through the use of the Xvs library. If you want to benefit from this new feature then you need to go into the options window and turn the usage of the xvs library on.

By default xvs is turned ON, BUT! if you are upgrading Virus_CheckerII you are likely to have a config already. This means that Xvs is per default turned OFF. If you haven't saved the config of Virus_CheckerII before, xvs is turned ON.

If you are not sure if it is turned on or off, or if you don't understand what I am trying to explain, then see the

Options Window
for

more information. And check out the settings of Virus_CheckerII.

Please send bug reports/suggestions/ideas/whatevers to vht-nl@dds.nl

1.4 Shareware Notice

This program is SHAREWARE.

Virus_Checker II for me is mainly a hobby but it does cost quite a bit. Therefore I took the decision to make Virus_Checker II SHAREWARE.

The cost is a very small US\$20 or NFL 40. For this you get some key details that will unlock a few features in Virus_Checker II. The future key is only valid from VirusChecker II version 2.0 and up. If for some reason, hackers are able and willing to crack the key however, already registered users will have to get a new keyfile. This 'update' will be completely free (except for possible postage and package).

The best way to send this to me is in cash. I prefer NFL (dutch money) because I don't have to change that at the bank. EuroCheques are the only cheques I can accept since the bank here charges really much for foreign cheques (not euro). If you send a cheque, please put dutch guilders (NFL) on it and not dollars, this will save me the currency change costs.

If you cannot send cash or eurocheques then please send a bank draft drawn on a major bank. I cannot accept postal money orders. Our banks will just not accept them.

For my e-mail/postal address refer to the
Author~Info

And please, include YOUR e-mail address if you send me letters.

If you are in a hurry to get your keyfile and have an internet e-mail address and have a PGP public key then e-mail me your public key and I can send the keyfile afap (as fast as possible :)) over the internet.

Please fill out the
Registration
form and mail
it to me with payment Please make sure that name and address is clear as it takes ages sometimes to decypher some peoples scrawls.

1.5 Registration

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*****
**      Virus_Checker II Registration Form      **
*****
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Send this form to:

Alex van Niel
B. Holiday str. 116
2551 WK Den Haag
Netherlands

e@mail:

vht-nl@dds.nl

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

County: _____ Post Code: _____

Country: _____

Email: _____@_____

New Registration: No/Yes

Viruschecker I Registration: No/Yes

If you were a Virus checker I registered user and had registered,
could you tick above to show this?

Registration of Virus_Checker II will unlock a few features that are
present in Virus_Checker II that will not work unless you have a key.

You will receive in the mail (or email if you have a PGP public key) a
keyfile which will now be valid for most of the VirusChecker versions.

The cost of the Shareware fee is \$20 or NL40,- (19 EURO). If you require
the keyfile via snail mail there will be a \$1.50 or NL 3,- P+P charge,
this also applies to re-registration. Please add this P+P charge to the
fee when you send it to me, so I do not need to ask you for it afterwards.

Signature

Date

1.6 Danish Registration

Virus Checker Registreringsformular

Ja, send mig straks mine personlige koder, saa jeg kan bruge Virus CheckerII fuldt ud.

Personlige data (disse data vil blive opbevaret paa elektronisk form af Virus Help Team Denmark, og Alex van Niel. De videregives IKKE).

FORNAVN : _____

EFTERNAVN : _____

GADE : _____

POSTNUMMER : _____

BY : _____

EMAIL (evt.) : _____

TLF. (evt.) : _____

Prisen er dkr. 140,-, som jeg vedlaegger paa check, eller i kontanter (BEMAERK: Virus Help Team Denmark paatager sig intet ansvar for kontanter der ikke er sendt anbefalet).

Leveringsform, afkryds venligst:

- Send mig koderne i et almindeligt brev.
- Send mig koderne til min Internetadresse (PGP kodet)
- Send mig koderne crash til min fidonetadresse (PGP kodet).

Koderne vil blive leveret saa hurtigt som muligt, men det kan tage op til 4 uger at behandle registreringen.

OBS!! Hvis koderne skal sendes via email vil brevet blive kodet med PGP, saa send et netmail med din publickey (til enten hlau@scientist.com eller 2:237/30.2).

Jeg er inforstaaet med ovenstaaende samt at de tilsendte koder KUN er til personligt brug.

Formularen sendes til:

Henrik Lauridsen

Baunebakkevej 4 1 th
2650 Hvidovre

1.7 UK Registration

UK Registration

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Don't you just hate going to the bank, changing your UK pounds to foreign currency paying more then the actual registration fee? I myself like to avoid going to the bank when it is not extremely necessary since client friendliness is something they have not written in their dictionaries. So why bother? Thanks to Paul Compton you can register VirusCheckerII the easy way, just contact him, he will contact me and after paying him in UK pounds, you will be a fully registered VirusCheckerII user within days.

But how does it all start? Well, there are two possibilities:

1) you are an already registered user of VirusChecker

or

2) you want to become a registered user of VirusCheckerII

In the first case, you probably have registered yourself with John Veldthuis and are now wondering if you are beeing supported by me. Well, as I mentioned in the

ShareWare

section, every user that has registered him or herself with John, can get his/her new keyfile for free. You then only have to fill out the request form below, contact Paul, tell him that you are a already registered user and send the form either printed or digitally to Paul Compton. He will then send it to me, I will check the data you filled in.

In the second case, you will have to contact Paul Compton and agree upon a way of payment. Then you will have to send the completely filled out request form that you can find below to Paul. After I have received your request form and heard from Paul that you have payed your fee, you will receive the keyfile. This will be done either through e-mail, Paul's BBS or by snail-mail (You will have to pay for the Postage and Package however).

In short:

I suggest you fill out the registration request form you find below, contact Paul Compton and print the request form below out, or send it digitally to him. Here is how you can reach him:

You can call his Bulletin Board System (BBS):

Elevate BBS +44 (0) 1329319028

Write a netmail to the following address:

2:251/18.0@Fidonet

Write an e-mail to the following address:

pwcomp@elevate.demon.co.uk

Or write to his snail mail address at:

Paul Compton
36 Priory Road
Fareham
Hants PO15 5HT
UK

Paul also has a website, why don't you take a look at his site?

His URL is:
www.elevate.demon.co.uk

** Virus_Checker II Registration Form **

UK Registration:- Paul Compton
36 Priory Road,
Fareham.
Hants. PO15 5HT

pwcomp@elevate.demon.co.uk

BBS Tel.No. 44 (0) 1329319028

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

County: _____ Post Code: _____

Country: _____

Email: _____@_____

New Registration: No/Yes

Viruschecker I Registration: No/Yes



If you were a Virus checker I registered user and had registered, could you tick above to show this?

Registration of Virus_Checker II will unlock a few features that are present in Virus_Checker II that will not work unless you have a key.

You will receive in the mail (or email if you have a PGP public key) a keyfile which will now be valid for most of the VirusChecker versions.

The cost of the Shareware fee is 16:00 (Includes admin charges)
A PGP key will be required for registrations via EMail.
Although there is no update fee for re-registering from Virus checker I, 1:50 for P&P will be required unless you send a PGP keyfile for EMail delivery.

Signature

Date

1.8 Security

Security/PGP

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All versions of Virus_Checker II since 6.44 have PGP sig files in the archive. This enables pgp to check that the file is in fact the same one I released.

Below you will find my signed public key. Save this to a file and then enter `pgp <filename>` to add it to your keyring. Follow the PGP instructions to add it.

If you do not trust this key (it can be substituted by someone) then get my current key from one of the
 pgp key servers
 Or from one of the UBS bulletin systems in the Netherlands. You ←
 can always get
 my pgp from me personally through e-mail.

To check that the signature matches the file simply do
 PGP <filename>.sig <filename>
 PGP will warn you if the signature does not match the file.

An example of this is a the hoax version of 6.6 which quick formats drives. If you had done the test above it would have told you it was fake.

Virus_Checker II also has it's own internal checking for changes as well. Again this is not 100% but guards against the simple changing of version numbers. It also means it takes a better hacker to change the checksums.

Virus_Checker II will warn you of both checksum errors on itself and on the file VirusChecker.brain which holds the most recent virus recog and removing routines.

Public Key details:

```
Type Bits/KeyID      Date      User ID
pub  1024/F47EFCF1  1997/12/25 Alex M. H. van Niel <pinkie@dds.nl>
```

-----BEGIN PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----

Version: 2.6.3i

Comment: Requires PGP version 2.6 or later.

```
mQCNAzSiq38AAAEAAK6uPZPDGxhgKfZqIbFWstCt5QsSRQGLlF++E/rlAbWWWaip
a8vSfQDcy96+QOcmFMWIKL58YJislwZj06Fenw+8WrDsPcizWsSORX+8h8opjqop
R3o0133uI4EnmczpyjI8GhA75D46fHiI1KyZrarBKfdmUXHSP4GFUWH0fvzxAAUR
tCNBbGV4IE0uIEguIHZhbIBOaWVsIDxwaW5raWVAZGRzLm5sPokAlQMFEDSiq4CB
hVFh9H788QEB87AD/0YTqzc7JhUH05Ll50kHciep8keTg893xe+zAMNhB9ssa9yM
NMXZ+GYQ3mzzZTLcb/9E8E542KVLmZ5Cevdb/nlKJyR4CUuWjQo7BnUuBnESbLA
vK1M0Bfu3rEkKUY786ZupzBMNEjA2cWyq8szApPDb09bLw3AtTDKcCPDrQkD
=bxon
```

-----END PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----

1.9 PGP Key servers

PGP Public Keyservers

There are PGP public key servers which allow one to exchange public keys running through the Internet and UUCP mail systems.

NOTE!

This service is NOT supported in any way whatsoever by the schools or organizations on which these servers run. It is here only to help transfer keys between PGP users. It does NOT attempt to guarantee that a key is a valid key; use the signators on a key for that kind of security. This service can be discontinued at any time without prior notification.

Each keyserver processes requests in the form of mail messages. The commands for the server are entered on the Subject: line.

```
To: pgp-public-keys@pgp.mit.edu
From: johndoe@some.site.edu
Subject: help
```

Sending your key to ONE server is enough. After it processes your key, it will forward your add request to other servers automatically.

For example, to add your key to the keyserver, or to update your key if it is already there, send a message similar to the following to any server:

To: pgp-public-keys@pgp.mit.edu
 From: johndoe@some.site.edu
 Subject: add

-----BEGIN PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----
 Version: 2.6.2i

<blah blah blah>
 -----END PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----

COMPROMISED KEYS: Create a Key Revocation Certificate (read the PGP docs on how to do that) and mail your key to the server once again, with the ADD command.

Valid commands are:

Command	Message body contains
ADD	Your PGP public key (key to add is body of msg) (-ka)
INDEX	List all PGP keys the server knows about (-kv)
VERBOSE INDEX	List all PGP keys, verbose format (-kvv)
GET	Get the whole public key ring (-kxa *)
GET <userid>	Get just that one key (-kxa <userid>)
MGET <userid>	Get all keys which match <userid>
LAST <n>	Get all keys uploaded during last <n> days

Examples for the MGET command:

MGET michael	Gets all keys which have "michael" in them
MGET iastate	All keys which contain "iastate"
MGET 0AF605A5 683A738B	Those two keyids

If you wish to get the entire key ring and have access to FTP, it would be a lot more efficient to use FTP rather than e-mail. Using e-mail, the entire key ring can generate a many part message, which you will have to reconstruct into a single file before adding it to your key ring.

As of 21-Apr-95, these sites are running this system:

pgp-public-keys@pgp.mit.edu
 Derek Atkins <warlord@mit.edu>

pgp-public-keys@pgp.iastate.edu
 Michael Graff <explorer@iastate.edu>

pgp-public-keys@burn.ucsd.edu
 Andy Howard <ahoward@ucsd.edu>

pgp-public-keys@fbihh.informatik.uni-hamburg.de
 Vesselin V. Bontchev <bontchev@fbihh.informatik.uni-hamburg.de>

public-key-server@martigny.ai.mit.edu
 Brian A. LaMacchia <public-key-server-request@martigny.ai.mit.edu>

pgp-public-keys@pgp.ox.ac.uk
Paul Leyland <pcl@ox.ac.uk>

pgp-public-keys@dsi.unimi.it
David Vincenzetti <vince@dsi.unimi.it>

pgp-public-keys@kub.nl
Teun Nijssen <teun@kub.nl>

pgp-public-keys@ext221.sra.co.jp
Hironobu Suzuki <hironobu@sra.co.jp>

pgp-public-keys@sw.oz.au
Jeremy Fitzhardinge <jeremy@sw.oz.au>

pgp-public-keys@kiaae.su
<blaster@rd.relcom.msk.su>

pgp-public-keys@srce.hr
Cedomir Igaly <cigaly@srce.hr>

pgp-public-keys@pgp.pipex.net
Mark Turner <markt@pipex.net>

Sites accessible via WWW:

<http://martigny.ai.mit.edu/~bal/pks-toplevel.html>
<http://ibd.ar.com/PublicKeys.html>

Key server keyrings accessible via FTP:

<ftp://pgp.iastate.edu/pub/pgp/public-keys.pgp>
<ftp://pgp.mit.edu/pub/keys/public-keys.pgp>
<ftp://burn.ucsd.edu/Crypto/public-keys.pgp>
<ftp://alex.sp.cs.cmu.edu/links/security/pubring.pgp>
<ftp://ftp.informatik.uni-hamburg.de/pub/virus/misc/pubkring.pgp>
<ftp://ftp.dsi.unimi.it/pub/security/crypt/PGP/public-keys.pgp>

1.10 Main Window

Main Window and short intro

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When Virus_Checker II starts up it will do a number of things before you even see anything appear. First thing it does is initialise itself and then checks itself for changes that have been made. It then loads the files it needs and checks them. Next it checks memory for any infection. Next on the list is to see if the user gave it a file to scan. If yes then it scans these file/files. Next it checks the first file in s:startup-sequence for any viruses. This is a common place for infection. Last thing it does is check any floppy disks that may be in the drives.

At this stage the main window will open. It will not open if you told it not to though. The main window can open in 2 states. Full or ICON mode.


```
File/Dir Watch
  Scan Files
v

Options

      Check Now
      Quit
MENUS
```

To access Menu, VC II must be in Full Mode.

Project/File Scan

This menu will bring up the Scan Requester so that you can enter a file or directory name to scan for viruses.

Project/Full Memory Check

This menu will cause Virus_Checker II to do another complete memory check. This is the same one that is done at start up.

Project/Vector Show

This menu will cause Virus_Checker II to open a scrollable window with information about the system vectors. See @{"Vector Show Options" link " ← VectorShow" 0} for more information.

Project/Save Config

This menu will cause Virus_Checker II to save it's current configuration to it's configure file.

Project/Stats

This menu just gives you some data on the disks checked, files scanned and viruses found since it was started.

Project/About

This menu tells you what version you are using of different things.

Project/Quit

Causes Virus_Checker II to stop and remove itself from memory.

Window/Snapshot window

This menu takes a snapshot of Virus_Checker II's current window position and saves it to it's internal data table. If you then select Save Config then Virus_Checker II will open up in the state that you snapshotted it in.

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|-----+-----|
|                                                     |//|
|-----+-----|
```

String Gadget

&

Add

Remove

Save Options

Close Window

This File/DIR Watch facility is particularly useful to warn the user if ←

ANYTHING alters ANY file on a hard drive whether it is a new virus or a badly written installer that adds something to the startup-sequence or over-writes a newer version of a library or handler etc.

It is recommended that the following files in the hard drive C and S directories be added to File/DIR Watch so that in the event that a new link virus invades the system the user will be instantly notified. Being a new virus VC will not be able to deal with it BUT, if a note is made of the name/s of the infected file/s, the user can then save the files to disk and send them to

me

and then replace the infected files on the hard drive from your original workbench disks.

LoadWB - assign - conclip - execute - iprefs - list - mount
Startup-Sequence - User-Startup

It is also recommended that a selection of the most used programmes are included in the File/DIR Watch list.

1.15 string

string

This string gadget is used to enter the name of the file or directory to be watched. If you selected a name in the ListView gadget then the name will automatically be put in here as well.

1.16 &

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This gadget will bring up the ASL File Requester and you can enter a file or directory to watch. Selecting it will automatically enable the string gadget and enter the dir/file name in there. Then simply hit the return key to enter the name.

1.17 Add

Add

Clicking on this gadget will activate the
string
gadget above it and
allow you to enter the name of a file or directory to watch

1.18 Remove

Remove

Clicking on this gadget will delete the name from the list of watched
files/directories that is specified in the
string
gadget above it.

1.19 Option Save

Save Options

This will save all the options to the file PROGDIR:Virus_Checker.config or
S:Virus_Checker.config depending on where it was loaded from.

1.20 Option CloseWind

Close Window

Pretty obvious what this one does. Closes the window

1.21 Scan

Scan Files
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Clicking on this button will bring up the ASL Requester. You can then select
a drive/directory/file to check for viruses.

Clicking on cancel will cause the scan to be aborted.

Click on Okay once you have selected what you want scanned.

1.22 Quit

```
Quit  
====
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Pretty obvious what this button does

1.23 Option XFDMaster

XFDMaster

Turning this Checkbox gadget on will cause Virus_Checker II to use the xfdmaster.library. This library is used to uncrunch files that are packed to save space. A virus could be packed inside one of these files. And if the so called 4eb9-methods are used to link two files together, then the library is used to unlink these files and if the linked files are crunched as well, then these files will also be uncrunched.

1.24 Option UseWindow

Use Window

Setting this option causes Virus_Checker II to open it's main window when it starts up. With it off the window will not open

1.25 Option IgnoreBB

Ignore BB Read Error

By turning this Checkbox gadget on it will tell Virus_Checker II to ignore putting up a requester when it can't read a BootBlock from a disk. This is extremely handy if you use MSDos disks as Virus_Checker II cannot read them normally

1.26 Option Unpack

Unpack & Check into Archives

Turning this Checkbox gadget on/off causes Virus_Checker II to unpack archives which have been specified by using the Archive Options window and automatically check inside for viruses. This option is only active when you are a registered user.

1.27 Option DFxBB

Check DFx Bootblock

Selecting these Checkbox gadgets tells Virus_Checker II to check the bootblock and the first file in the startup-sequence, plus a few other special files for viruses on any disk inserted into a floppy

1.28 Option Scan

Scan Watch Change

Selecting this Checkbox gadget tells Virus_Checker II to automatically scan any file or Directory that is being watched by Virus_Checker II should it change

1.29 Option Capture

Ignore Capture Vectors

Setting this Checkbox gadget tells Virus_Checker II to ignore anything in the capture vectors. These vectors are used to survive reboots so viruses usually go for them.

1.30 Option DFxFull

Check DFx Full

Selecting these Checkbox gadgets compliments the bootblock checks. If selected and a floppy is put in the drive then Virus_Checker II will automatically start scanning the whole disk for viruses.

1.31 Option

Check Files for BootBlock viruses

Selecting this CheckBok gadget will activate the checking for BootBlock viruses in "normal" files. This has especially been added for Anti-Virus Teams, the regular user does not need to atcivate this since all current known viruses do not save their code to a bootblock structured file.

Virus_CheckerII does not check EVERY file deeply for bootblock viruses. It first tries to identify if it is a bootblock file by testing the first three bytes for the occurance of the string 'DOS'. If present, this file is considered a bootblock, it is checked for BB viruses, if none are found, the file is normally checked for Link and File viruses.

1.32 Option HotKey

Popup HotKey

This is the key combination that is used to POP the Virus_Checker II main window open if it is not open already.

1.33 Option TempDir

Temporary Directory

This string gadget is only of use to registered users. When unpack.library looks into LHA/LZH files it requires a temporary directory to do so. This is that directory.

WARNING: WARNING: WARNING: VirusChecker II deletes anything in this directory when it removes it's files so make sure that nothing of importance is in them. You have been warned.

1.34 Option Logfile

Path&Name of LogFile

This option specifies where the logfile (if enabled) is created. The full path and filename should be specified, in the future this will be used as a base filename so increasing numbers or dates/times will be placed behind it so not every logfile is destroyed.

The enable button behind it, enables or disables the logfile feature.

1.35 Option Default Scan Drawer

Default Scan Drawers

This option let's you specify the default drawer with which the requester pops up when you press the Scan button in the main window. This will NOT change when you select a different drawer in the requester, not anymore, if you want it changed, use this gadget to change the default drawer.

1.36 Option Save

Save Options

This will save all the options to the file PROGDIR:Virus_Checker.config or S:Virus_Checker.config depending on where it was loaded from.

1.37 Option CloseWind

Close Window

Pretty obvious what this one does. Closes the window

1.38 Option ArexxScan Window

Arexx Scan Window

Setting this button will tell Virus_Checker II to open the Scan display window when scanning files by ARExx. Turning it off will not see the files as they are scanned.

1.39 Option Start Iconified

Start Iconified

Selecting this CheckBox will cause Virus_CheckerII to NOT open it's main window after startup but only a mere titlebar.

1.40 Option AppIcon On

AppIcon On

Turning this gadget on will allow Virus_Checker II to create an AppIcon on your Workbench. Workbench has to be running before Virus_Checker II so that the AppIcon can be made. However if you start Workbench after Virus_Checker II has been started you can get Virus_Checker II to create an AppIcon by turning this option off (if needed) and then back on.

1.41 Option Use Xvs.Library

Use Xvs.Library

Turning this gadget on will allow VirusCheckerII to use the virus detection routines which have been embedded in the Xvs Library used by and developed for VirusZ. It ensures that VirusCheckerII, can handle older viruses and viruses I have not had any time to add. The Xvs Library is just a temporary sollutions because the brainfile should ultimately hold all the routines it is now missing. This is a longterm plan and Xvs Library should help me to make coding a little less pressurised.

pr_pktwait (if available ofcourse) these are the fields that should most of the time be zero. VirusCheckerII will search the memory for known viruses if it detects that these fields aren't zero but won't report it since most of the time changes to these fields are made by normal user programs.

One field that is not shown but IS watched is the \$6c(process). This field is patched by the HANF virus. If this field doesn't point to the address of the process then VirusCheckerII will check the memory for virus but won't notify you of this change since it is likely that normal user programs changes this field.

1.49 Format Protection Options

Format Protection Options =====

This button will, when activated, open up a window in which you can specify the device name of the device you wish to protect and if the boot sector should be protected as well.

The idea behind this feature is to prevent viruses from doing some really nasty jobs like formatting the harddisk, writing to the boot sector or removing the RDBs (which equals in some cases to formatting the HD, mostly indirectly because of unrecoverable disk information).

I can however not take any credit for this feature since the idea and code are completely taken from MCP (Master Control Program by Michael Knoke) which has this feature in itself. The routines came from Michael who also gave me permission to use these and also make them part of the ShareWare part of VirusChecker II.

ATTENTION: If the device you specified doesn't exist, or for some other reason could not be opened, the feature is turned off! So don't worry when the feature turns itself off.

If the feature is disabled by you, the patch is removed from the system. So, if you want to format the device you are protecting, just turn off the feature.

For now, you can only specify one device to protect from formatting. For next release you might be able to specify more then one device but I haven't decided on this yet.

1.50 Archive Options

Archive Options -----

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|   |   |   |   |   |   |
|[.]| Virus_Checker II Arch |[ ]|[ ]|
|---+-----+-----+-----+---|
|-----+-----+-----+-----|

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| [@@@] Remove Virus |
|----- File Check -----|
| [@@@] Ignore |
| [@@@] Delete |
|-----|
|[ ] Disable Requesters during File Scan |
|[ ] Disable Requester(s) of Watch Function |
| |
| | Close Window | |
| |
|-----|/|
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This feature is only available to registered users for now. It can be found in the Options Window where this button gives you access to a window with switches concerning the requesters and automatic handling of viruses.

Auto Repair

As said, this button gives you access to a window with various switches.

Auto Repair

This switch enables or disables the automatic handling of viruses.

When enabled, the switches for automatic Link and File check handling will be unghosted. This switch can turn on or can turn off the complete auto handling feature.

When enabled it does not yet mean the automatic handling is active.

The Other switches have to be set for automatic handling to get active.

Link Check

Ignore

When this switch is enabled, all files that are infected with a Link virus (like "Happy New Year 98" and so on) will be ignored.

No repairing of the infected file is done. If a directory is scanned, a scan window has been opened, the file with the type of infection will be put in this window. No requester will open asking you if you want to ignore, delete or remove the virus.

Delete

The infected file will automatically be deleted and no requester will pop up when you enable this switch.

Remove

When this switch is enabled, the infected file will be cleaned automatically. No requester will pop up.

File Check

Ignore

An file that has been infected with a file virus, will be automatically ignored when this switch is enabled.

No requester will pop up.

Delete

An file that has been infected with a file virus will automatically be deleted when this switch is enabled.

No requester will pop up.

Disable requesters during File Scan

If this switch is enabled, all error requesters that can occur during a filescan will be disabled. If the scan window was not opened, a requester still pops up.

If a scan window was opened, the file on which an error occurred is put in the window and a standard error message is mentioned. If you want to know the exact error message, you should disable this switch.

Disable requester of Watch window

If this switch is enabled, the requester that would normally pop up when a watched file is changed, will now be disabled.

1.52 Command Line Options

Command Line Options

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Usage: Virus_Checker II U=UNPACKOFF/S,B=BOOTBLOCKLIB/S,N=NOWINDOW/S,
CBB=CHECKRADBB/S,XFD/S,STDOUT/S,AUTOSCAN/S,CX_POPKEY/K,
A=APPICONNAME/K,QUIT/S,D=DIR/M

Available options: -----

U=UNPACKOFF

This option turns off the unpacking of the archives.
This can be also turned off using the Options Window.

N=NOWINDOW

This overrides the normal Virus_Checker II options and causes
Virus_Checker II to run without opening it's window
This option can be set in the Options Window and saved

CBB=CHECKRADBB

This option makes Virus_Checker II check the RAD: bootblock for any
viruses. RAD: is a normal disk and can be infected as well.

XFD

This option turns on XFDMaster.library checking. It handles crunched
files as well as linked files.

STDOUT

This option works in tandem with the D=DIR/M keyword. If you give this
option then Virus_Checker II will output anything it would normally
display through a requester out through the shell it was started from.
This includes virus information and error messages.

AUTOSCAN

This option affects what happens when Virus_Checker II gets a message from

AmigaDOS that a file or directory has been changed. If this option is given then Virus_Checker II will automatically scan the file/dir before telling you that it changed.

This option can be changed in the Option Window

CX_POPKEY

Using this you can tell Virus_Checker II which key you wish to use to pop up the interface.

A=APPICONNAME

Using this you can tell Virus_Checker II what to use as a name for it's AppIcon

QUIT

This option can be used to make an already running Virus_Checker II quit

DIR

If you supply a directory or file using this option then Virus_Checker II will start scanning it as soon as it has started up.

1.53 Icon ToolTypes

Workbench ToolTypes

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Virus_Checker II can also be started from Workbench either through it's icon or in the WBStartup drawer. In this case Virus_Checker II will then get it's commands through icon ToolTypes.

All of the ToolTypes are already in the Virus_Checker II.info file. They have been disabled (except 1) by putting a () around them. To enable a ToolType simply remove the () and save it.

ToolTypes available are

DONOTWAIT

This is a Workbench ToolType and is required to be left enabled so that Workbench does not wait for Virus_Checker II to finish.

UNPACKOFF

This option turns off the unpacking of archives.
This can be also turned off using the Options Window.

NOWINDOW

This overrides the normal Virus_Checker II options and causes Virus_Checker II to run without opening it's window
This option can be set in the Options Window and saved

XFD

This turns on xfdmaster.library which handles uncrunching packed files and unlinking of linked files

CHECKRADBB

This option makes Virus_Checker II check the RAD: bootblock for any viruses. RAD: is a normal disk and can be infected as well.

AUTOSCAN

This option affects what happens when Virus_Checker II gets a message from AmigaDOS that a file or directory has been changed. If this option is given then Virus_Checker II will automatically scan the file/dir before telling you that it changed.

This option can be changed in the Option Window

CX_POPKEY

Using this you can tell Virus_Checker II which key you wish to use to pop up the interface.

APPICONNAME

Using this you can tell Virus_Checker II what to use as a name for it's AppIcon

QUIT

This tells Virus_Checker II to preform it's checks and quit as soon as it is done instead of hanging around.

DIR

If you supply a directory or file using this option then Virus_Checker II will start scanning it as soon as it has started up.

1.54 Applcon

Virus_Checker II AppIcon
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If Workbench is running when Virus_Checker II starts up it will put an Application Icon on the main Workbench Window. The reason for this AppIcon is for Workbench users who want to check files. Simply select the files/dirs you want to check, then drag them over to the Virus_Checker II AppIcon and drop them on it. Virus_Checker II will immediately start checking those things dropped on it.

*****NOTE*****

If Virus_Checker II finds a file called Virus_Checker_AppIcon.info in it's PROGDIR: then it will use this icon for the AppIcon instead of it's internal default one.

*****NOTE*****

Included in this archive you will also find a small collection of NewIcons, these Icons have especially been designed for Virus_Checker II by Lyle Zapato, he holds the complete copyright of these icons. You will find, next to a few drawers and a few main executable icons, two AppIcons in NewIcon style.

1.55 Files

Files "required" by Virus_Checker II and where they hide

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Virus_Checker II needs quite a few other files to function.

xvs.library

This library enables a lot of extra virus detection routines which Virus_CheckerII did not yet have. Virus_CheckerII is supposed to get those in the future but for now, this library will protect you against to hard and aggressive viruses now also known by Virus_CheckerII.

xfdmaster.library

This library is used to uncrunch packed files and unlink linked files. If you want to use it then it must be in LIBS: as well. Also needed in LIBS: is the sub-directory XFD. This is where some of the decrunchers are held.

Virus_Checker.config

This holds the configuration data for Virus_Checker II. Once saved Virus_Checker II reads it on startup and sets it self up the way you tell it to. This file can be in one of 2 places. PROGDIR: or S:. Virus_Checker II knows where it loaded it from and will save it back there when told to. If the file does not exist at all and you save it it will be placed into PROGDIR:

Virus_Checker.watch

This file is a text file and can be changed with just a normal text editor. It holds the names of the files/directories being watched for changes. This file does NOT have to be present for Virus_CheckerII to run. This file will be in either PROGDIR: or S: Again Virus_Checker II knows where it loaded it from and will save it there. If it did not exist then it is saved to PROGDIR:

Virus_Checker.check

This file is a plain textfile and can be changed with just a normal text editor. It holds the names of the files/directories beeing checked for virus upon start-up. This file does NOT have to be present for Virus_CheckerII to run. This file will be in either PROGDIR: or S: Again Virus_Checker II

knows where it loaded it from and will save it there. If it did not exist then it is saved to PROGDIR:

Virus_Checker.Arc

This file contains by default the LHA, LZX and ZIP specifications needed and used by the archive checking of Virus_CheckerII and will contain all future specifications of other archivers you add to it. This file is NOT a plain textfile, it also contains binary and should NOT be edited manually! This file also doesn't have to be present for Virus_CheckerII to run, but if not found or found empty, Archive CHecking will not be possible. This file will be in either PROGDIR: or S: Again Virus_Checker II knows where it loaded it from and will save it there. If it did not exist then it is saved to PROGDIR:

VirusChecker.brain

This file contains the latest bootblock, link and file virus recognition streams, routines and removal codes. In fact, this file will probably be updated the most so that one does not have to download the complete archive everytime as is the case with some major viruskillers. This file should be put in either L: or PROGDIR:

VCBrain

This file is found in PROGDIR: or s: and holds the Bootblocks learned

Virus_Checker.key

This is the keyfile for Virus_Checker II and you should only have one of these if you have

 registered

 . It can be in one of 3 places.

PROGDIR:, The directory pointed to by the ENV: variable KEYPATH or in S:

1.56 Locale

Localization

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Virus_Checker II is now localized and 200 odd text strings can be altered. If you wish to translate these strings into another language then please

 contact~me

 and I will send the information over

to you.

Locale already done are

 Nederlands

Danish

Italian

French

German

Spanish

Serbian

Portuguese

Catalan

If you plan to translate any of the strings, please contact me ←
first so I can

tell you if someone is already on this project and if not, to receive the latest catalog information. If you have translated the catalog, please send at least the .ct file (translated file) to me. If you are able to compile the catalog, feel free to do so. Be aware that I have from version 1.1 started at 1.00 with the catalog since a lot has changed and the catalog had not been changed dramatically. Now it has and the catalog also should be called Virus_CheckerII.catalog with at least version 1.00. Do NOT! rename the old Virus_Checker.catalog to Virus_CheckerII.catalog and change the version string, since side-effects could occur from strange enforcer hits to hard crashes which might scare even the most advanced users.

1.57 How to install Virus_Checker II

Installing Virus_Checker II

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Virus_Checker II comes with it's own installer script. This installs Virus_Checker II onto the disk of your choice. It then asks where you want to run it from. The choices are S:\User-Startup, SYS:\WBStartup or Manually. It does NOT have to move files around anymore, it uses a project icon to start Virus_CheckerII from WBStartup.

If the installer script doesn't work, or doesn't do everything it is supposed to do, please contact me and notify me about the problem, that way I will be able to fix the installer.

If for some reason the installer doesn't work, or you don't want to use the installer, here is how and what you need to do to install VirusCheckerII manually:

- First copy the complete VirusCheckerII directory (after unarchiving) to anywhere you like. Make sure you remember the full path to this directory.
- Then, you need to decide if you want to have VirusCheckerII started from WBStartup, User-Startup, or not at all.

- If you want it started from User-Startup, then you need to do the following:
 - Copy VirusChecker.brain to L:
 - Add [FullPathToVCII]/Virus_CheckerII to the s:User-Startup
- If you want VirusCheckerII started from WBStartup, then you only have to do one thing:
 - Copy and edit the Project icon. In the VirusCheckerII directory you can find a 'VC_II_Project.info' icon. Put [FullPath]/Virus_CheckerII in the Default Tool and copy this icon to the WBStartup.
- Then copy all the supplied libraries to Libs:
Make sure you delete the old XFD slaves (so the best thing is to delete the XFD directory from Libs: and replace it with the XFD directory supplied with VirusCheckerII).
- Then copy the BootBlock.brain to L:
- If you want to use a translation of VirusCheckerII, then you also need to copy the desired language to the locale directory. Now, since there aren't many translated catalogs, it might be possible your language is not there. Choose the one closest, or just use the default (built-in) english language. If you want to have VirusCheckerII translated in your language, feel free to contact me.

If you don't know how to install a catalog, please refer to your system documentation.
- If you made it so far, then start to smile, because you have now successfully installed VirusCheckerII

1.58 4eb9 Link Virus

Possible \$4eb9 Link Virus
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This is a special check that is performed if you have turned off the XFDMaster library. With the XFDMaster library, the library checks if it is a so called 4eb9-linked file. If so, it unlinks both files and also tries to decrunch the linked files (since most linked files are also crunched).

If you happen to have turned off the XFDMaster library (which I do not recommend since it would seriously degrade your safety as crunched files aren't checked and might contain viruses in the crunched part) Virus_CheckerII is still able to tell you if the file is a 'Possible \$4eb9 Link File'.

It warns you of a possible virus. The current practice in viruses is to use a normal program of some fame, link in a virus and then call it something new and better. The lzx, dopus, etc fakes are all examples of this.

When you get this message come up it does not mean that the program is a virus but to be safe be extremely careful with it. Write protect all drives,

switch off the computer for at least 30 seconds after you have finished running the program.

You could also always turn on the XFDMaster library and check the file for linked/decrunched viruses.

1.59 Archives

Checking into Archives

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This option is only possible if you are registered. Once registered you can get Virus_Checker II to look into these files.

Virus_Checker II can not (yet) remove any viruses that are in the files but will warn you. When it finds one it will give a special out to the

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Scan
window or the
Arexx
variables in the format
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Lhfile.lha -> infected.exe = SCA Virus
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The Lhfile.lha is the filename of the infected archive, which file is infected is shown after the '->'.

You can now, with the help of the Archive Options window, have Virus_CheckerII check inside EVERY archive you desire. For now a few restrictions apply to the addition of new types. LHA and LZX archives are really easy so they have been added by default although they can be removed. Restrictions occur in the form of the command which is started to unpack an archive. You HAVE to have two %s wildcards in the command string and the first is always the wildcard that is replaced with the location and name of the archive. The second is always the wildcard that is replaced with the name of the destination directory.

I do not recommend the usage of zip archives. It seems that the UnZip program used to unarchive zip archives doesn't like to be in the Virus_Checker II environment and crashes every time. Although I have experienced situation in which the zip archives were unarchived successfully, this is not a stable method. I am working on it.

in the future I will probably add a example script and make the wildcards position independent by using %f %p but this is NOT the case at the moment.

And also have Virus_CheckerII remove viruses from the archives.

1.60 Arexx

Virus_Checker II Arexx commands

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Virus_Checker II does have an Arexx port and the name of the port is Virus_CheckerII. With this port you can get Virus_Checker II to do things from external programs. Commands supported so far are

QUIT

eg. address 'Virus_CheckerII' 'quit'

This causes Virus_CheckerII to shut down and quit

RELOADBRAIN

eg address 'Virus_CheckerII' 'reloadbrain'

This will cause Virus_Checker II to reload it's brain file. With this command you can update the brain and get Virus_Checker II to reload it without having to get Virus_Checker II to stop

SCAN

eg address 'Virus_CheckerII' 'scan filename'

This command causes Virus_Checker II to go out and scan the file or directory given. All requesters will be turned off so it can be used un-attended. The get the results back to the program Virus_Checker II sets some ARExx variables. These are a stem variable called VCHECK

VCHECK.0.0 holds how many infected files where found. 0 = none.

VCHECK.i.1 holds the file names of the files/archives infected

VCHECK.i.2 holds the name of the virus that infected the file

VCHECK.i.3 holds the infected filename in the checked archive (no paths)

"" = this file is not an archive

for example if Virus_Checker II found 2 files infected.

1. SYS:C/LIST infected with the SCA virus

2. SYS:WBStartup/runme infected with the Saddam virus

3. SYS:Download/Virus.lha (format.exe) infected with the HNY96 virus and
SYS: was scanned the results would be

VCHECK.0.0 = 3

VCHECK.1.1 = SYS:C/LIST

VCHECK.1.2 = SCA

VCHECK.1.3 = 0

VCHECK.2.1 = SYS:WBStartup/runme

VCHECK.2.2 = Saddam

VCHECK.2.3 = 0

VCHECK.3.1 = SYS:Download/Virus.lha

VCHECK.3.2 = Happy New Year 96

VCHECK.3.3 = Format.exe

NOTIFYWATCH

eg address 'Virus_CheckerII' 'NOTIFYWATCH password'

This command and the next are very special. They work in conjunction with the file watch list. Whenever Virus_Checker II gets a signal that a file or directory that it is watching has changed it will warn you. If you have Autoscan turned on and give this command to Virus_Checker II it will report to you the results. The command will not return to you until something has happened and that is why the following command is for. If you need to cancel the notifywatch then you will need to use the following command to get it to release your script.

This command is of ideal use for BBS systems. You could set Virus_Checker II to watch your uploads: directory and when a user uploads a file it will scan it and return the results to you. An example is

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/* Notifywatch example */

options results
address 'Virus_CheckerII' 'NOTIFYWATCH Mypassword'
if VCHECK.0.0 = 0 then do
  say 'No viruses found in scan'
  exit
end
say 'Viruses found: ='VCHECK.0.0
do i o l to VCHECK.0.0
  say 'Filename was 'VCHECK.i.1' and virus was 'VCHECK.i.2'
end
exit

STOPNOTIFYWATCH
```

eg. address 'Virus_CheckerII' 'STOPNOTIFYWATCH Mypassword'

This command will free a watch started by the NOTIFYWATCH command. You only need to give it the password given in the command above. You will need to do it from a separate script as the other one will be waiting for the return still.

NOTE: The password is case sensitive and needs to match the one given in the NOTIFYWATCH command

1.61 VC II Related

Bulletin Boards:

Virus Help Denmark's support BBS
 Name.....: XPoint BBS
 SysOp.....: Benny Pedersen
 Phone Number....: +45 6381 8005
 Open.....: 24 Hours
 Modem type.....: 33.600 v.34+ & ISDN

Country.....: Denmark
Request.....: Viruschecker
Note.....: Always the newest viruskillers. Modem users all over the world now know where they can find a clean copy of the newest VC_II.
With magic request name _VIRUSCHECKER_

Virus Help Team Netherlands' support BBS

Name.....: United Bulletin System 1
Sysop.....: Willem van Dijk
Phone.....: +31 (0)70 4450416
Open.....: 24hrs
Modem.....: 28k8 & ISDN
Country.....: Netherlands
Request.....:
Note.....: Almost all possible known echo mailnetworks in the netherlands available here aswell as the latest software and ofcourse the latest version of VirusCheckerII and it's brainfile can be found here.
Also official registration site for VirusCheckerII for the Netherlands, easy registration can be done through this board when living in the Netherlands.

VirusCheckerII official Dutch support BBS

Name.....: The Cube
Sysop.....: Locutus
Phone.....: +31 (0)70 3680039
Open.....: 24hrs
Modem.....: 28k8
Country.....: Netherlands
Request.....:
Note.....: A fast Amiga software board.
Also hardware products can be bought here.
A special conference for VirusCheckerII has been created here all latest official releases will be placed there as well.

Official VirusCheckerII UK Registration Site

Name.....: Elevate BBS
Sysop.....: Paul Compton
Phone.....: +44 (0) 1329319028
Open.....: 24hrs
Modem.....:
Country.....: United Kingdom
Request.....:
Note.....: The official registration site for VirusChecker II for the United-Kingdom. If you are living in the UK and want to register the easy way, then try and contact this BBS.

Internet:

www.elevate.demon.co.uk	Elevate BBS, Official UK Registration site for VirusCheckerII
home4.inet.tele.dk/vht-dk	Home of Virus Help Team Denmark, free PC, Amiga and Mac AV utilities. You can also find the latest updates of VirusCheckerII and the brainfile here.

And at most Aminet mirrors ofcourse.

VirusCheckerII now also has a MailingList. To join write an empty message to:

viruschecker2-subscribe@egroups.com{@ub}

or simply go to the homepage of www.egroups.com where you can subscribe yourself online to viruschecker2@egroups.com

This mailinglist will be used for news, discussions on viruses and related ←
problems

and anything else you and I can think of related to virus and viruskillers.

The Homepage of VHT-NL is coming real soon, I hope. Stay tuned.

If you have any VirusChecker related addresses that are not on this list, please pass them through so that I can add them to the list after I have checked them out ofcourse :).

If you have any VirusCheckerII or virus related matters and you want to e-mail me, then please do that to vht-nl@dds.nl This address has been especially created for Virus Help Team NL and VirusCheckerII, so please use it.

1.62 FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

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- * How do I check multiple drives?

Well, this is a pretty easy one, you just have to know it. It can althouh only be achieved when you have enabled the AppIcon.

When you have enabled the AppIcon, multi-select the drives you want to check by holding down the SHIFT button and select them, then drag the drives over to the Appicon of Virus_CheckerII and all drives will be scanned.

- * How do I check multiple files?

When you want to check a complete directory, no problem there. Enter the directory, don't select anything further and press ok. Virus_CheckerII will then detect that it is dealing with a directory and will immediately start scanning the directory. If you only want to select a few files then a small problem occurs. Virus_CheckerII does not yet support multi-selecting files in it's file requester. I hope to have this added in the near future. For now you can achieve this by using the AppIcon. Multi-select the files by pressing the SHIFT button and select them in the workbench. Then drag the selection to the AppIcon and Virus_CheckerII will automatically check these files. For Dopus 5 magellan version users, a slight problem will rise. You can't just drag these to the appicon. Since you can not drag the selection to the workbench when you are in names-mode, you should select Icon or Icon Action and if the file does not appear to be in the list, then also select the Show All option. Then Multi-select them by SHIFTING and drag the selection to the AppIcon. Virus_CheckerII will then automatically check these files.

- * Why doesn't the Window Snapshot work?

Well, it does work, just open the window by pressing the right mouse-button. Then place the window where you would like to have it positioned. Then select 'Snapshot Window' (Window menu) from the menubar and select 'Save Config' (Project menu) from the same menubar. Then the position of the window has been stored and Virus_CheckerII will always try to open it's window on this position if it can.

* How can I snapshot the position of the MWB appicon?

Unfortunately, this isn't possible yet. If you want an appicon that can be positioned on your workbench, I suggest you use an external appicon. See

Workbench AppIcon
on how to do use such an icon.

More questions and answers will soon be added.

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1.64 Hints & Tips

Hints & Tips

This section of the manual contains a few hints and tips concerning the usage and configuration of VirusCheckerII. Some entries placed here can even be guides to undocumented features.

1) Having a default directory which VirusCheckerII opens everytime one starts a file/dir scan is really handy. It not only spares you the time of going through thousands of directories but also you can unpack files at that default directory and check the files without having to specially go to that directory.

As from 1.9 you can now configure the default drawer for the requester. This can be done from the Options Window, after having it configured you can save the options and every time the requester opens for checking a directory you will start in the default directory just configured.

2) For some reason updating VirusCheckerII from 1.8 to 1.9 caused a few problems for some users. If you also have updated VirusCheckerII from 1.8 to 1.9 and experience crashes during initialisation then try to remove ←

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completely and re-install it. This worked for those people who had problems with it. Thanks to Jonathan Jackson for reporting the problem and supplying with this temporarily sollution.

3) For those of you who keep wondering what this Hochofen stuff is when you turn on SnoopDos, here is the deal.

VirusCheckerII searches in memory for a certain portname. If that isn't found, the virus is not considered active. So, as long as you see these routines fail, ← nothing is wrong. The only task that should result OK is the opening of the timer.device

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Well, it all started back then. When I was merely 8 years old and my dear ol' dad bought his first and last Amiga (who can blame the damned and condemn the fool? I know better after having been touched by the PC and Mac... I RAN to the Amiga :)) which was the Amiga 1000 which then was shipped with the 1.1 kickstart. Now that was real cool, we had had a c64 before but now we could use ← icons and press them and multitask and wow and so on.

Well, a new world opened itself up and it did not take long before I was charmed by this delightful electronic woman and had me so wound up around her finger that I learned English really fast. Like: say, Alex, what the hell are you doing? Shouldn't you be studying English or something like your other 10/11 year old classmates? Er, well miss, I have already finished. Say WHAT?... Er... well, go play then.. And I played a lot back then :) Anyway, basic was IT you know back then for me I could not wish for more. Although playing Larry (which kid didn't? :)) and for 3 years SpaceQuest 1 (hey, you can't be a fast learner in EVERY field :)), I realised I wanted to do the same, but with basic? Well, that gave me some disadvantages since AmigaBasic was the only shit I knew and assembler was something geniuses used. So I started making ascii games (damn, were they UGLY!) anyway, that was not enough so I bought Amos Classic a few years later (through a Magazine) and created some nice thingies, but GFX (strangely enough) in the computer I could not create (although I am studying animation right now which has something to do with that :)).

I somewhere got to know dudes from AGABBS. I started with a simple tool: AgaPoll. This tool would make it possible for MaxsBBS users (which I used at that time) and sysops to have MaxsBBS use an external mailer to call out and send it's mail. From there a lot of products followed, starting in Hisoft Basic which could be compiled but was slow, to programs in Amiga_E.

Some have seen the public, some have seen a few systems and some have not even seen the light (my computer is very dark :)). Not much later when I was working on DevilCheck and LiquidStyler, I realised that I had to buy Amiga_E because the demo version which could handle up to 32k source files could not handle my code anymore (i had a some what old registered version which I got with a magazine but things get outdated and upgraded and bugfixed), so I bought it and was happily amused to see that my huge DVC code was compiled succesfully. However DevilCheck did not receive lot's of response so I lost my interest in that project (as had happened with a lot of other products) especially since most of the stuff I wanted in, myself, had been put in already.

The DayDream BBS had been sold and the new author contacted me since something that I had created apparently had reached him (I had by then created a few DayDream BBS doors) and so I offered to help him. He said he could use some help in the Fidonet area since he had no idea what to do with this whatsoever. I myself was connected to a lot of networks at that time and so started to recode the DreamToss utility which handled importing and exporting of fidonet-compatible mail-packets since the old util had not been updated since the stone-age and a lot of bugs were still in there. I did not know anything about assembler at the time and since DreamToss was written in Asm I just HAD to recode it. Next to the fact that there were nearly NO comments in it. I realise now, that I might be able to figure it out at present (viruses don't come with handy comments you know :)) but back then I had no clue. Well, I had been extremely active at school and with my hobby but two years ago this all changed. Things started to get really busy at our school. In the first year I had already had the pleasure of experiencing the pressure that comes with a deadline. 12 or 16 hour days were very common and two years ago this started again right after the summer vacation when I and a friend of mine started to animate two animations for the KRO (television station here in the Netherlands) not at the same time but had a deadline set at 3 weeks from the starting date.

Well, this resulted in neglections of my projects and after this busy period, I had to recode a lot of DevilCheck and complete recode of TicMover (a tic file manager for a.o. DayDream BBS) since I forgot what most of the stuff did. TicMover had been finished but again no reaction, same as with the new update of DevilCheck which got a new feature and some bugfixes. Well, DreamToss was going very well but after a while I got bored with it since I could not fix a lot of problems occuring as a result of the difficult structure of fidonet stuff. Then last year Jan Andersen contacted Cor de Bruin who had heard fom us apparently and asked if we could create a new VHT here in the Netherlands adn if we could supply a coder.

Well, we were glad to help and a coder was no problem. I gave ALL the code of DreamToss as well as ALL research material (5 mb or so) to Theofiel, a friend of again a new coder of DayDream BBS who had been waiting for the new DreamToss for a long time now. So this project I bounced and after ditching some other stuff I started doing some research on Assembler and started looking at some assembler stuff. At first I did not understand anything but as the days and weeks went by, I grew in to it and in (I guess) 3 months I learned myself to code in Assembler. Well, a little bit. When I got the Virus_Checker code I still did not understand a lot of it but after studying most of the things became apparent. Jaap v.d. Bos helped me a lot especially in mastering stuff on the binary level, but most of it I had to do myself. I still don't understand everything and I learn a lot each day as I go through the code and create a new feature (or bug, or both

:)) which causes the compiler to scream for longer jumps and causes me to go through the code again. But I am learning and with your help, I can become an experienced assembler coder.

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If this list isn't correct, please let me know.

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And further to all registered users for their loyalty, their help and their ←
patience,
and everybody I forgot...

Alex van Niel
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1.67 History

1.11 Released 12 January 1999 Size 81.824 bytes

Added a new feature: Format Protection
Fixed a few potential new bugs again :)
Fixed a few bugs concerning the Capture Vectors.
Thanks to Jonathan Jackson for reporting this.
Cleaned up some of the messy code.
Also made some code faster and more stable.

1.10 Released 9 December 1998 Size 79.080 bytes

Added BootBlock Checking support for the XVS library
Fixed some potential bugs in the XVS routines in VirusCheckerII
Added spanish translation by Ignacio "Nacho" Garcia Cuadrado
Added serbian translation by Petar Cuckovic

1.9 Released 4 November 1998 Size 78.956 bytes

Added support for memory surveillance by Xvs Library routines
Added support for file check and repair functions of Xvs Library
Fixed a bug occuring with the Arexx port. VirusCheckerII didn't report what file was infected with what.
Fixed a bug occuring also with the Arexx port. When a file was scanned launched from a arexx script and a file was infected then a requester would pop up which isn't supposed to happen. Thanks to Dr. Ice sEASONS and John Marchant for reporting these bugs.
Fixed a minor bug in the Arexx port notification system. Now also the infected file in an infected archive is reported through the VCHECK variables.
Fixed the Progress Indicator which pops up during initialisation
Made the Default Scan Path editable.
Added a third variable to the Arexx port. This will show the infected file in an infected archive. If no archive was checked, this variable should not contain anything. However, I am not that good in Arexx and found out that checking if the variables name is inside was a way to find out if there was a filename or 'nothing' inside. Check Virus_CheckerII.dopus5 and XVirusCheckerII.rexx in the Arexx directory for more info/help.
Fixed logfile support. Everytime a scan was initiated, the log was overwritten, this isn't the case anymore. Now you might end up having a really biiiig logfile and won't loose the previous scan results.

1.8 Released 04 October 1998 Size 76.016 bytes

Fixed some minor stuff
Some cosmetic stuff done; inside and outside (some ghosted buttons are removed for now for instance)
Preparing some new features for version 1.9

1.6 Released 05 July 1998 Size 76.120 bytes

Fixed the malfunctioning centering in the requesters
Fixed false virus recognitions
Optimised decrunching
Crunched and Linked files are now almost fully supported (first linked and then crunched files can now be handled)
Speeded file checking up a little (because of fix 2)
Fixed checking of broken/invalid executables (would lock up if not a real executable or illegale chars were present...)
Fixed IRQ virus recognition.
Thanks to Neil Bothwick for supplying the file on which VirusChecker did a false recognition.

1.68 Brain History

The history of the brain file is also changed.
The latest version and changes will be put on top.

2.12 Released 12 January 1999 Size 21.240 bytes

Added Datatype.library 45.4/5 fake/trojan thanks to Matthew Briggs

2.11 Released 9 December 1998 Size 20.756 bytes

Added RSS bootblock virus. Thanks to Peter Lindberg for supplying
this virus to Jan Andersen.

Added Happy New Year 97. Thanks to Kaare Johansen for reporting this.
Thanks to Jan Andersen for supplying a set of HNY97 infected files.

2.10 Released 4 November 1998 Size 20.400 bytes

Added Acid Infector 1.5 thanks to Brad Rogers for supplying
the virus and reporting VirusCheckerII didn't detect
the virus.

2.9 Released 04 October 1998 Size 20.156

Added Beol 96 Link Virus

Added HitcHiker link virus

Added UnpackJPEG (MaxsBBS) Trojan. Thanks to Jan Andersen and Dran/Chew-Z
for this one.

2.8 Released 05 July 1998 Size 19.244

Fixed Repair Trojan recognition

Fixed DLogger Trojan recognition

Fixed IPrefs Conman Trojan

Added Joker type B (Condom) Trojan

Added Iprefs Conman Installer Trojan

Added MaxSafe Trojan

2.7 Released 24 May 1998 Size 19.080

Anti-Trojan edition

A lot of old trojans added (and some new)

Around 25 trojans added this time (more will follow)

Added all Biomechanic variations VC_II did not yet detect

Added Cascade Dropper Trojan

Added Conman HD Faker

Added Istrip Trojan

Added 3rd H.N.Y. Installer

Added few variations/clones of the HNY96 link virus

Added Firedom trojan

Added C.O.P./Tetris Trojan

Added Joker type A Trojan

Added Lurad Trojan

Added Pamela Show Trojan

Added Phantom Trojan

Added Susi Drive Stepper
Added Swifter Trojan
Added Trainer Trojan
Added Commander Dropper
Added Xtruder 3.5
Added Scarecrow Trojans
Added Achtung Trojan
Added Descriptor BBS Trojan
Added BEOL 4 Dropper
Added Degrad Trojan
Added TrustNoOne Trojan
Added WAVE Trojan
Added Excreminator 1 Trojan

2.6 Released 19 April 1998 Size 17.748

Added Port-67 Trojan
Added BEOL3 memory detection and removal
Added HANF memory detection/removal
Added Sepultura BootBlock virus
Added Strange Atmosphere Installer virus (IconX and Assign files)
Added the lame Shocked/Trick "joke" executable and archive
Added Strange Atmosphere virus
Freezing of system fixed
Added AAA-Enhancer Trojan
Added Amiblack Trojan
Added BBS Ram Disk 2 Trojan
Added Aibon 1 BBS Trojan
Added M_Chat (ATX-Chat) BBS Trojan
Added PB Party BBS Trojan
Added Powertrader BBS Trojan
Added Stockmarket BBS Trojan

2.5 Released 16 March 1998 Size 16112

Added file recog and removal for B.E.O.L 3 link virus
Added Disaster Master 2 Installer
Added ReOrgit Trojan virus
Added Gotcha Trojan virus
Added Gotcha 2 Trojan virus
Added WireFire Trojan virus
Added VirusHunter Trojan virus
Added HANF Link Virus file recognition (NOT YET REMOVAL!!)
Fixed all types of Wireface Trojan (a lot of false and fail recogs)
Optimised HNY96 multi-hunk recog (doesn't crash on uneven hunks anymore).

2.4 Released 25 February 1998 Size 15456

Added MaxsBBS Trojan (in Amos programmed MaxsBBS destroyer) Type A, B, C & D
Added Happy New Year 96 multi-hunk recognition. Now also recognises hunk 11 infections and other hunk infections off-course :)

2.3 Released 16 February 1998 Size 15232

Fixed 68000 bug also occurring in Brainfile.

2.2 Released 26 January 1998 Size 15284

Added HitchHiker 2.01 Installer Virus
Added HitchHiker 2.01 Link Virus
Added Lisa Fuckup v2.0 Trojan Virus
Added Happy New Year 98 link and bootblock virus
Fixed ZIB link virus removal for LoadWB files infected by the ZIB installer.
Fixed some possible future bugs in HitchHiker 2.01 link virus removal.
Fixed a few severe enforcer hits caused by Infiltrator virus check.
Added ADO!-1-Trojan Virus to brain
Added ADO!-2-Trojan Virus to brain
Added ADO!-3-Trojan Virus to brain

2.1 Released 27 December 1997 Size 11788

Changed HNY Clone Installer detection, was sometimes claiming to find HNY Clone Installer when in fact the file was clean, sorry about that. Thanks to Karl P Schmidt for finding this bug, my apologies.

2.00 Released 26 December 1997 Size 11788

Added Happy New Year 96 link virus to brain
Added LiSA FUCKUP v3.0 installer to brain
Added BOKOR 1.01/1.05/1.06/1.1 Link Virus to brain
Added ZIB Link virus to brain
Added SPatch Trojan (ZIB Installer) to brain
Added LoadWB infection removal code to brain
Added HappyNewYear96 Installer to brain
Added rapidly the HNY installer 2 and MUI fake patch.
This will be added in a better way next release, sorry for now.

1.69 Future

To Do List

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Note: Any item that has been placed on this list will be implemented, although I can not be and will not be pressured to add such a feature any faster then I see fit. When I put any item in this list I am considering if I can already do some work in order to satisfy those who requested the feature or are waiting for it but I will do this only on free will. I can not and will not garauntee that a feature will be implemented in the next version unless I mention this somewhere and even then I can not be held responsible for not implementeing a certain feature. You have to realise that coding VirusChecker II is purely a hobby of mine and although I throw myself sometimes for days on a row on VirusChecker II it mainly is something I like to do and so I don''t really like to be pushed. However, people that want to ask about or request a certain feature can always do so, even if the feature is already on the list I will answer any question/request/etc.

To Do/Future developement ideas in no particular order:

- More levels of archive checking (only one level supported now)
- Vector Show expand and refined so that it contains at least the

changed vectors and hides those which are considered "save". And add the showing of the KickMemList and KickTagList entries if present.

- Multiple device format protection.
- RDB backup
- Add recognition for any version of Snoopdos so that the user will not be bothered with a requester asking to restore the LoadSeg.
- Change the method of opening windows. Now windows are opened along the full width of the screen. Eventually the windows will have to open along the size of the raster. This will enable users to have bigger screens then visible open and still able to use the windows of Virus_CheckerII
- Multiple file selection in the requester. Thanks Dale Frameli and others that suggested this to me.

If you have any suggestions or questions please write to
me

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