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**ANTI-MALWARE**  
For Mac

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**Malwarebytes Anti-Malware for Mac**

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# About Malwarebytes Anti-Malware for Mac

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*Malwarebytes Anti-Malware for Mac* is an application for Mac OS X designed to remove malware and adware from your computer. It is very simple to use, and for most problems, should clean up your system in less than a minute, *from start to finish*. Just open the app, click the Scan button, and remove anything that is detected. That's it!

If this app doesn't solve your problem, it includes the ability to take a system snapshot that can help Malwarebytes find possible solutions to the problem.

## What's New

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The following change has been made in version 1.3.1 of *Malwarebytes Anti-Malware*.

- Added ability to handle larger threat signatures
- Fixed scan engine so that disconnected network drives assigned as login items do not affect scan integrity
- Improved High Sierra compatibility
- Fixed a bug that could cause the program to be unable to scan
- Other internal bug fixes

## System Requirements

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Following are minimum requirements for a computer system on which *Malwarebytes Anti-Malware* may be installed. Please note that these requirements do not include any other functionality that the computer is responsible for.

- **Operating System:** OS X version 10.9.5 or later.
- **Security & Privacy:** Allow apps to be downloaded from Mac App Store and identified developers (most restrictive setting)
- **Active Internet Connection**

## End-User License Agreement (EULA)

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Use of this product is governed by our End-User License Agreement (EULA). This agreement may be viewed in its entirety at the following URL:

<https://www.malwarebytes.com/eula/>

## External Access Requirements

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If you utilize a firewall or other access-limiting device, you must grant access for *Malwarebytes Anti-Malware* to reach Malwarebytes services. These are:

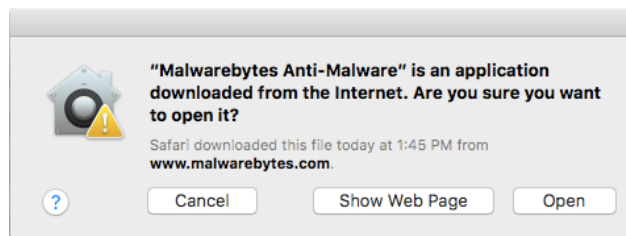
<a href="https://data.service.malwarebytes.org">https://data.service.malwarebytes.org</a>	Port 443	outbound
<a href="https://data-cdn.mbamupdates.com">https://data-cdn.mbamupdates.com</a>	Port 443	outbound
<a href="https://*.mwbsys.com">https://*.mwbsys.com</a>	Port 443	outbound

# Installation

When downloading *Malwarebytes Anti-Malware*, you will receive a file named **MBAM-Mac-<version>.dmg**, where <version> is the version of the downloaded file. Open that file, and you will see a window prompting you to install *Malwarebytes Anti-Malware* by dragging it into the Applications folder.



After doing this, go to the Applications folder and open *Malwarebytes Anti-Malware*. The first time you open it, you should see a window asking you if you're sure you want to open it. Click the **Open** button.

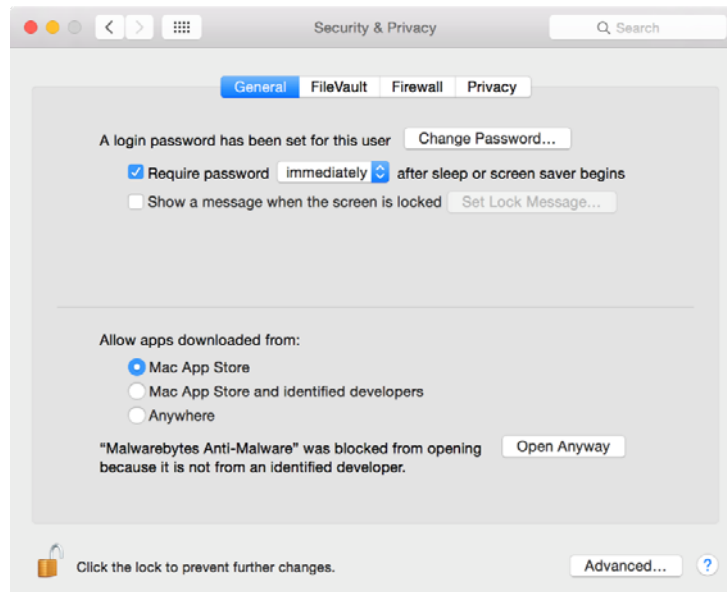


It is possible you will see this window instead:



If that is the case, your security settings are set to allow only apps downloaded from the Mac App Store. To open *Malwarebytes Anti-Malware*, go to System Preferences and click the **Security & Privacy** icon.

In the Preference pane, click the **Open Anyway** button to allow the app to open. You could also unlock this pane by clicking the lock icon in the bottom left corner and entering your password, then changing this setting to "Mac App Store and identified developers," which will allow the app to open normally. **Please note:** It is not advisable to change this preference to "Anywhere" unless you know exactly what you're doing!



Once opened for the first time, the app will ask for an admin password to install a helper tool.

This tool will be used to remove adware or malware that has been installed into locations that require a higher privilege level to access. Without this helper tool, *Malwarebytes Anti-Malware* will not be able to remove all adware and malware.



Installation of the helper tool may need to be repeated again at some point in the future, if the tool is deleted or if a newer version becomes available.

In addition to the helper tool, *Malwarebytes Anti-Malware* will add an item named "**com.malwarebytes.services**" to the keychain during installation. This is used to store data which identifies your system to our update servers, and is a pre-requisite for downloading of database updates. This is not something you will be aware of unless you go looking for it, and be aware that adding an item to the keychain does not mean that the app has access to anything else in your keychain; it does not.

If you wish to remove *Malwarebytes Anti-Malware*, as well as the helper tool and all data and settings files, simply open *Malwarebytes Anti-Malware* and choose **Uninstall Malwarebytes Anti-Malware** from the Help menu.

# How to Use Malwarebytes Anti-Malware for Mac

When you open *Malwarebytes Anti-Malware*, you will see that it has a very simple interface:

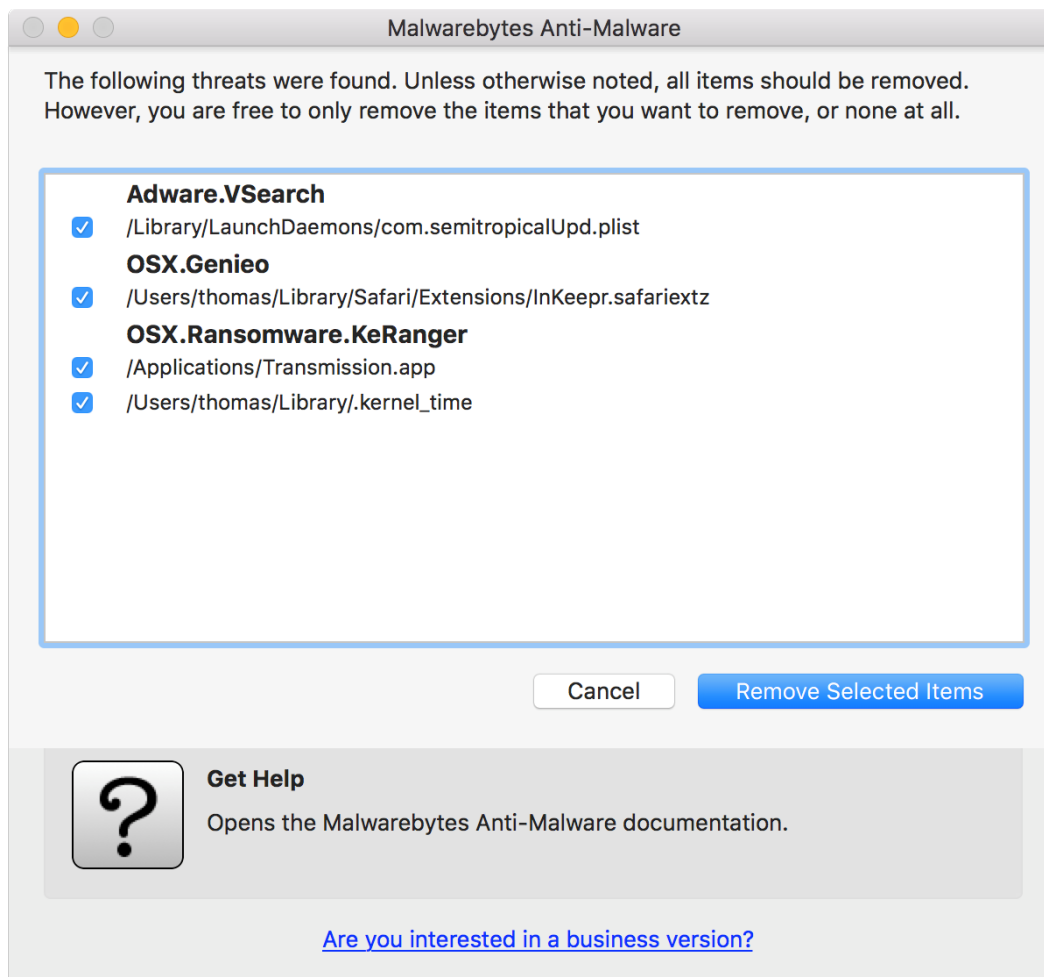


*Malwarebytes Anti-Malware* checks for and downloads signature updates each time it is launched. This is the only time that the program automatically checks for updates, so if it is left running for a long period of time, you can check for updates manually by selecting **Update Signatures** from the **Scanner** menu. You can find the database signature version number as well as the program version by selecting the **About** screen.



## Scan

Click the **Scan** button to immediately scan your Mac for malware and adware. The scan should be very quick, and is completely safe, as nothing will be deleted yet. After the scan finishes, if your system is clean, you will be told that nothing was found. Otherwise, a window will open showing what was detected:



The screenshot above shows that components of VSearch, Genieo and KeRanger were found, and reveals where the problem files can be found. If the full path to the file cannot be seen, you can hover the mouse over a detected item to get a “tooltip” window showing the full path.

The checkboxes allow you to specify which items are to be removed. (By default, only files that are definitively bad will be checked.) Clicking the **Remove Selected Items** button will remove any items that are checked, and will leave any that are not checked in place.

Removal of some items will require entry of your admin password. Rest assured, the password request is provided by Mac OS X, and *Malwarebytes Anti-Malware* will never actually see your password. If you choose not to enter your password, all items that do not require admin permissions will be removed, but those that do need higher permissions will be left in place. They will need to be removed manually, or by a subsequent scan in which you provide the password.

If you installed adware on a non-admin user account, you will need to provide both an admin username and password when asked. As long as you do this, the detected items can be removed just as well from a non-admin account as from an admin account. There is no need to log in to a different account.


If the adware was installed on a different user account, you will need to log in to that account to fully remove all components of some malware or adware.



Files that are removed are not deleted outright. Instead, they are moved to a folder named “Malwarebytes Removals” in the trash can. This allows you to examine them and delete them at your leisure, or replace items that may have been removed by mistake.

## Special Cases

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There are a couple special cases to be aware of, denoted in the detection list by a  symbol on the right edge of the list. If you hover the mouse over that symbol, you will get a short explanation in a pop-up tooltip.

### Optional Items

These are legitimate files – such as web browser preference files – that may have been modified. For example, some adware has been seen to insert custom JavaScript code into Firefox’s preference file. These items can be removed, but since that may result in loss of things like browser settings, they are not checked by default.

### Compromises

Some malware and adware is known to make modifications that may require more intensive work to fix. In such cases, a window will pop up informing you about the problem and providing a link where you can read more about what to do next.

## Next Steps

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If you have scanned your computer with *Malwarebytes Anti-Malware*, removed everything that was detected and restarted the computer (if instructed to do so), and you are still having a problem, click this button. It will open a window that loads the following page from the Malwarebytes website that contains up-to-date information about what to try next.

[https://support.malwarebytes.com/customer/portal/articles/2045704-?b\\_id=9511](https://support.malwarebytes.com/customer/portal/articles/2045704-?b_id=9511)

Because most computer problems are not the result of malware or adware, it is entirely possible that *Malwarebytes Anti-Malware* may not solve all your problems. This page will help you try to find and solve other issues.

# Contacting Support

If *Malwarebytes Anti-Malware* didn't fix your problem, you can contact Malwarebytes support through the app. Simply choose **Contact Support** from the Help menu, and the following window will open:

Support Request

Please complete the following information, which will be sent to Malwarebytes with your request for help.

Your name:

Enter a detailed description of the problem:

The following information about your system will also be sent with your request:

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Malwarebytes Anti-Malware 1.3.1.624 system report - September 11, 2017 at 1:17:40 PM EDT
Mac OS X version Version 10.12.6 (Build 16G29)
System uptime: 0d 00:25:24
Helper tool version: 1.3.1.624
Signatures version: 233

Safari extensions
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thomas
  thomas
    Name: 1Password
    Path: /Users/thomas/Library/Safari/Extensions/1Password.safariextz
    Modified: 2017-08-25 15:13:26 +0000

    Name: AdBlock
    Path: /Users/thomas/Library/Safari/Extensions/AdBlock-2.safariextz
    Modified: 2017-08-06 13:47:59 +0000
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Fill in your name and a detailed description of the problem you're having. Then, to send the support request using Apple's Mail app, click the **Send with Mail** button, and a message will be created in Mail. Send it, and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

If you do not use Mail, click the **Send with Alternate** button. This will copy the request to the clipboard, allowing you to paste it into a new message in whatever e-mail app or webmail site you wish. Send the message to [support@malwarebytes.com](mailto:support@malwarebytes.com) using the subject "**MBAM for Mac support request**".

# Gathering Information about Your System

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To get a profile ("*snapshot*") of your system, simply choose **Take System Snapshot** from the Scanner menu. This will open a window showing just the system information and nothing else. You can feel free to copy any of the text from this window or choose **Save** from the File menu to save the snapshot to a text file on your hard drive.

This feature can be helpful for techs who are trying to troubleshoot a problem with your computer, or for times when you're posting to a forum about a problem you're having and need to provide some contextual information, or any number of other uses.