

Sophos Control Center - features and benefits

The Sophos Control Center provides all the features small businesses need to manage Sophos Anti-Virus Small Business Edition. It allows them to determine the status of their network environment quickly and easily, checking for vulnerable machines and tracking virus alerts. A user-friendly interface includes shortcuts to specific tasks, and status information is shown on every Windows computer where Sophos Anti-Virus Small Business Edition is installed. Updates – including Mac OS X updates and spam rules – can be monitored.

The screenshot shows the Sophos Control Center interface with several callouts:

- View Selection:** A drop-down menu on the left lists various views: All computers, Computers with alerts, Unmanaged computers, Out-of-date computers, Managed computers, Connected computers, Disconnected computers, and Computers configured locally.
- Action Panel:** A central panel on the left contains 'Action' and 'Information' sections. The 'Action' section includes 'Update now', 'Protect new computers', 'Configure anti-virus options', 'Configure updating', and 'Configure notifications'. The 'Information' section includes 'Latest Sophos news', 'View Sophos virus info', 'Technical support', and 'Product information'.
- Table:** A table displays a list of computers with columns for Computer name, Operating system, Alerts, Protection, On-access, and Computer description. A right-click context menu is open over the 'Cptest8-4' row, showing options like 'Update', 'Refresh', 'Copy', 'Hide', and 'Uses Central Configuration'.
- Alerts Section:** A section at the bottom displays alerts for a specific computer, including details about a 'Virus EICAR-AV-Test' found in a file.

A range of different views, such as out-of-date and infected computers, is available from a drop-down menu.

"Update now" triggers an immediate update of anti-virus protection from Sophos and then updates all computers on the network.

Data can be sorted by column, for example by listing the status of protection or operating system.

Protecting new computers is done centrally by simply selecting the "Protect new computers" icon.

Key desktop features such as on-access scanning and alerting can be centrally configured.

An immediate update of a computer or group of computers can be initiated by right clicking.

Please note: Sophos Control Center runs on Windows 2000/2003 and XP and multiple instances of the Sophos Control Center can be installed.

Help is instantly available through a link to the online Sophos support knowledgebase.

Alerts and status reports are stored centrally in a database, with links to the Sophos website for more information.