

Is Your System Up to Speed?

Anti-Virus Software Can Slow Your System

Does your Windows system seem too slow, especially in order entry and inventory? The problem may be your anti-virus software. If it's scanning DDMS files before they load, it can have a noticeable effect on system performance.

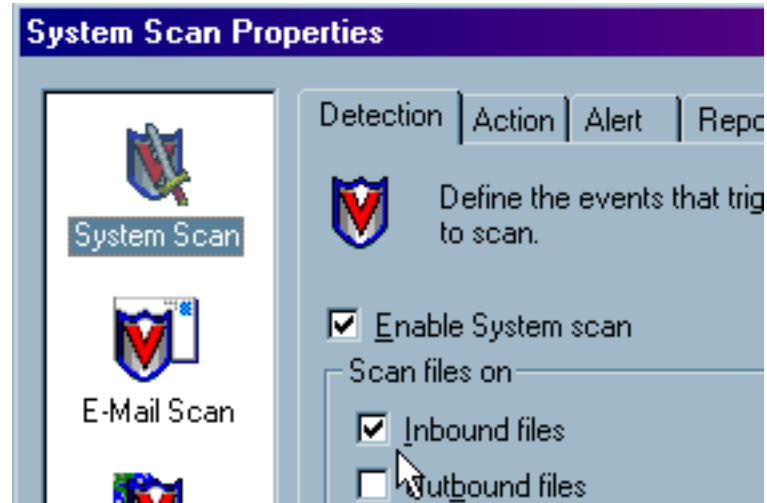
Virus scanners are frequently set to scan each file that's opened, to detect any infected files before they can damage your system. If your anti-virus software checks each file, it can take as much as a minute when you use applications like order entry, which open several files. Databases can also be affected, since most of them use a number of different files.

Changing Settings Will Help

You can speed up your Windows system without compromising its security. There are two ways to do this:

- Set your virus software to exempt DDMS system files: To do this, exclude files with the following extensions from scanning: .dbf, .cdx, and .key.

- Set your virus software to scan only incoming files. The figure below shows this setting in McAfee VirusScan, one of the more popular anti-virus programs.



To change the settings for your particular brand of anti-virus software, please refer to its documentation.

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