Using Network Associates Stinger.

Stinger is a small tool that scans for some of the latest viruses that are causing the most grief. **Important: It doesn't scan for all viruses.**

Stinger can be downloaded from the <u>http://vil.nai.com/vil/averttools.asp</u> website or directly using <u>http://download.nai.com/products/mcafee-avert/stinger.exe</u>. This tool only scans for viruses and doesn't provide virus protection on an ongoing basis.

Once you have clicked to download the program the following screen will appear.

File Down	nload 🔀					
?	Some files can harm your computer. If the file information below looks suspicious, or you do not fully trust the source, do not open or save this file.					
	File name: stinger.exe					
	File type: Application					
	From: download.nai.com					
	This type of file could harm your computer if it contains malicious code.					
	Would you like to open the file or save it to your computer?					
	<u>Open</u> <u>Save</u> Cancel <u>M</u> ore Info					
	Always ask before opening this type of file					





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You can choose to save the program to disk if you want to do use it on many machines but choosing the **Open** option is not bad as the program is relatively small to download each time you need it.

The program is only 721 KB - which shouldn't take very long for a dialup modem to download.

Once the download has completed the program will start (if you chose the Open option otherwise you will need to find the program and double-click on it to run it). The starting screen will appear similar to below.

- Stinger							
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Directories to scan:							
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Browse							
Remove	, ,						
McAfee AVE	RT Stinger Ver	sion 2.1.0 built o	n Mar 2 2004				
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		d on Mar 2 2004					
Ready to scan for 39 viruses, trojans and variants.							
Ready.							

By default the system will have already setup the C:\ as the directories to scan which should be enough for most machines. If you have more disks that you would like to scan then use the Add button to add more directories.



Once you are ready you can click on the Scan Now button which will start the program looking for viruses on your machine.

If it finds a virus on your machine it will attempt to clean the file. Most of the newer viruses are not able to be cleaned, so it is often easier to just delete it. Stinger doesn't look for all viruses as it is a specialist tool for specific viruses – mainly the latest.

With any luck your machine will not have any virus infected files but if it does this tool will hopefully take care of it. If it does have a virus then it is best practise to reboot the machine once the scan is complete then restart the whole virus scanning procedure to make sure that the virus has been properly dealt with.

If you have further flare-ups then it is best to look at purchasing a proper Antivirus Product such as:

- McAfee <u>http://www.mcafee.com</u>
- Trend Micro <u>http://www.trendmicro.com.au</u>
- Vet antivirus <u>http://www.vet.com.au</u>
- Norton <u>http://www.symantec.com</u>

Contact Biz AnyWare on 08 9226 4990 or via the website <u>http://www.bizanyware.com.au</u> for more help.

