McAfee® Management for Optimized Virtual Environments AntiVirus (McAfee MOVE AntiVirus) for virtual desktops and servers is uniquely designed to relieve the overhead of traditional antivirus and provide even better protection. Our performance tests show that by optimizing and offloading virus scanning, McAfee MOVE AntiVirus enables you to minimize the performance impact on virtual servers and reduce security resources. Here are some of the advantages that McAfee MOVE AntiVirus offers over traditional endpoint security.
SOLUTION BRIEF

Benefits Traditional Antivirus McAfee MOVE Antivirus
Smaller footprint in each virtual machine (VM) ✗ ✔
Higher VM consolidation ratios ✗ ✔
No virus definition (.DAT) updates in every VM ✗ ✔
Antivirus scan storms eliminated ✗ ✔
Scan avoidance leveraging a clean file cache ✗ ✔
Reduced power consumption ✔ ✔
Optimized scheduling for on-demand scans ✗ ✔

Test Setup
All performance tests use this setup.

Host Dell R620 Server, Intel Xeon CPU E5-26900 @ 2.899 GHz (total 16 core) and 192 GB RAM
Virtual Machine Microsoft Windows 7 x64, 1vCPU, 2 GB
vSphere ESXi ESXi 6.0
Virtualization Software XenDesktop 7.6
Network Broadcom gigabit switches
Storage Dell EqualLogic 70-0400 iSCSI SAN
Scan Configuration Default Product settings
Microsoft Office Office 2010

Performance Test Results

.DAT storm test
All test clients for traditional antivirus receive .DAT updates in parallel, creating a heavy load on the underlying hypervisor. McAfee MOVE AntiVirus performs updates on the offload scan server so that they do not negatively impact virtual machines (VMs), resulting in significant advantages over traditional antivirus.

- 87% less CPU usage
- 93% less network usage
- 92% less disk usage

![Figure 1. McAfee MOVE AntiVirus performance during a .DAT storm. All parameters were recorded at the host level. McAfee MOVE AntiVirus used one offload scanner with 150 clients.](image-url)
On-demand scan (ODS) storm with cache test
Due to numerous concurrent scans, host resources with clients running traditional antivirus are severely impacted during an ODS storm. Clients with McAfee MOVE AntiVirus perform much better because caching avoids repeatedly scanning the same files across clients. This produced these improvements over traditional antivirus during an ODS storm.

- 70% less CPU usage
- 75% less network usage
- 75% less disk usage

Enablement of McAfee Threat Intelligence Exchange Test
McAfee Threat Intelligence Exchange is available for multiplatform deployment of McAfee MOVE AntiVirus. When a McAfee Threat Intelligence Exchange server is configured with McAfee MOVE AntiVirus, fewer files are transferred to the offload scanner, resulting in significant scan avoidance.


Figure 2. The graphic depicts resource utilization at the host level when simultaneously running ODS on 150 VMs. All clients have a pre-populated cache.

Figure 3. This test, which runs an ODS on 70 VMs with McAfee Threat Intelligence Exchange enabled and a pre-populated cache on the offload scan server, shows a 75% reduction in file transfer between client and offload scan server.

Summary