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**NUIT DISTRIBUTES NORTON ANTIVIRUS SOFTWARE**

NUIT has signed a licensing agreement with Symantec Corporation to use Norton AntiVirus Corporate Edition 7.6 as the University's recommended anti-viral software. Norton AntiVirus replaces other anti-viral software, including McAfee VirusScan for Windows and Virex for the Macintosh, previously distributed by NUIT. The license agreements for those packages were up for renewal. NUIT researched the options available in the current market and selected Norton.

"We chose Norton AntiVirus for several reasons," said Tom Board, director of Technology Support Services for NUIT. "Cost was definitely a factor, but the software also provides excellent multi-platform virus protection for both desktop computers and servers." Another advantage, said Board, is that Norton AntiVirus can be pre-configured on installation to search for virus definition updates on a regular basis. "Keeping our community's virus definitions current is the best defense against serious attacks," Board said.

Norton AntiVirus will be available free of charge to the Northwestern community as of April 9.

Windows users can download the software from

[ftp://nuns.it.northwestern.edu/pub/core\\_software/NAV](http://nuns.it.northwestern.edu/pub/core_software/NAV); Macintosh users can download software from <http://www.at.northwestern.edu/etg/macsoft/repository.ssi>.

The software will also be available on a limited number of CD-ROMs for persons off campus. The CD-ROMS will be distributed at the NUIT Information Center at Kresge Hall, room 57 on the Evanston campus and the NUIT Convenience Center, Abbott Hall, Suite 600 on the Chicago campus. Installation documentation is available at <http://www.tss.northwestern.edu/virus/nav-win.html> (Windows) and <http://www.tss.northwestern.edu/virus/nav-mac.html> (Macintosh).

The University's site licenses for McAfee VirusScan and Virex will expire in June and no further support or client updates will be available, though virus definition updates will continue. For this reason, NUIT is asking that faculty, staff, and students remove their current anti-viral software and replace it with Norton AntiVirus as soon as possible. More detailed information about Norton AntiVirus can be found at the Symantec Web site, <http://www.symantec.com>.