



Malwarebytes

# BREACH REMEDICATION

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## Malwarebytes Breach Remediation (Mac) Administrator Guide

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Malwarebytes' products incorporate several prevention features which utilize a layered defense strategy to protect you against malware threats which you face daily. Each layer is designed to disrupt the attack chain at a different stage. While all Malwarebytes products are highly effective in dealing with attacks that are becoming all too commonplace, our protection capabilities are most effective when you take advantage of the full product suite, allowing each prevention layer to do the job they are best suited for.

It's your data. Protect it wisely!

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# About Malwarebytes Breach Remediation

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*Malwarebytes Breach Remediation* is an application for macOS designed to remove malware and adware from your endpoint. It is very simple to use, and for most problems, should clean up your system in less than a minute, *from start to finish*. Just open the app, click the Scan button, and remove anything that is detected. That's it!

*Malwarebytes Breach Remediation* is an app that should be provided by your business' IT department, along with a license key. If you have received this app from a different source and need a license key, see the *Malwarebytes Breach Remediation* page on our website for more information.

## What's New

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The following changes have been incorporated in this version of *Malwarebytes Breach Remediation*.

- Added ability to handle larger threat signatures
- Fixed scan engine so that disconnected network drives assigned as login items do not affect scan integrity
- Improved High Sierra compatibility
- Fixed a bug that could cause the program to be unable to scan
- Other internal bug fixes

## System Requirements

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Following are minimum requirements for an endpoint on which *Malwarebytes Breach Remediation* may be installed. Please note that these requirements do not include any other functionality that the endpoint is responsible for.

- **Operating System:** macOS version 10.9.5 or later.
- **Security & Privacy:** Allow apps to be downloaded from Mac App Store and identified developers (most restrictive setting)
- **Active Internet Connection**

## End-User License Agreement (EULA)

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Use of this client is governed by our End-User License Agreement (EULA). This agreement may be viewed in its entirety at the following URL:

<https://www.malwarebytes.com/eula/>

## External Access Requirements

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If your company's Internet access is controlled by a firewall or other access-limiting device, you must grant access for *Malwarebytes Breach Remediation* to reach Malwarebytes services. These are:

<a href="https://data.service.malwarebytes.org">https://data.service.malwarebytes.org</a>	Port 443	outbound
<a href="https://data-cdn.mbamupdates.com">https://data-cdn.mbamupdates.com</a>	Port 443	outbound
<a href="https://*.mwbsys.com">https://*.mwbsys.com</a>	Port 443	outbound

# Installation

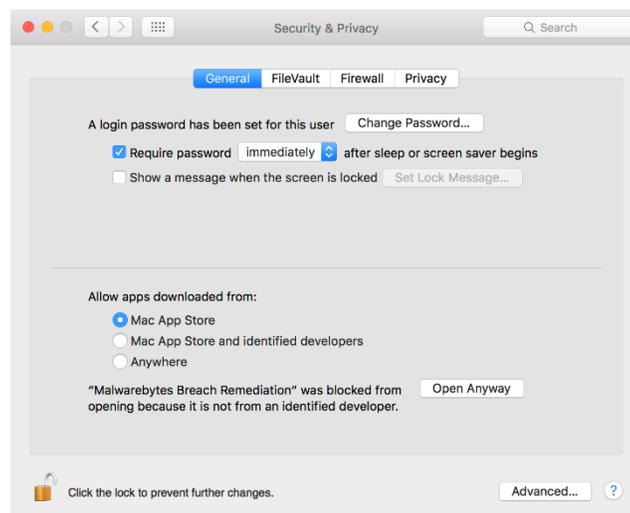
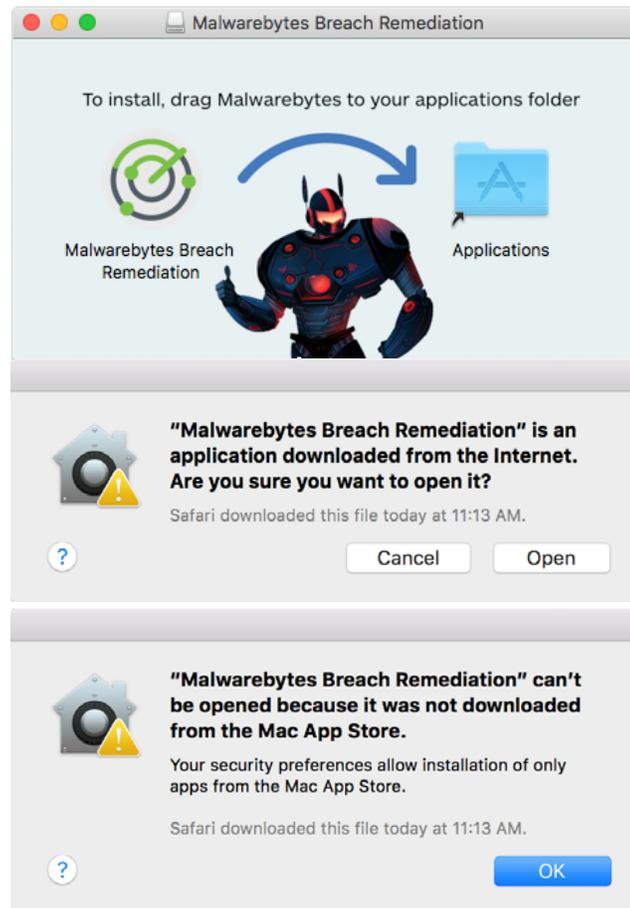
When you download *Malwarebytes Breach Remediation*, you will receive a file named **MBBR-Mac-<version>.dmg**, where <version> is the version of the downloaded file. Open that file, and you will see a window prompting you to install *Malwarebytes Breach Remediation* by dragging it into the Applications folder.

After doing this, go to the Applications folder and open *Malwarebytes Breach Remediation*. The first time you open it, you should see a window asking you if you're sure you want to open it. Click the **Open** button.

It is possible you will see this window instead:

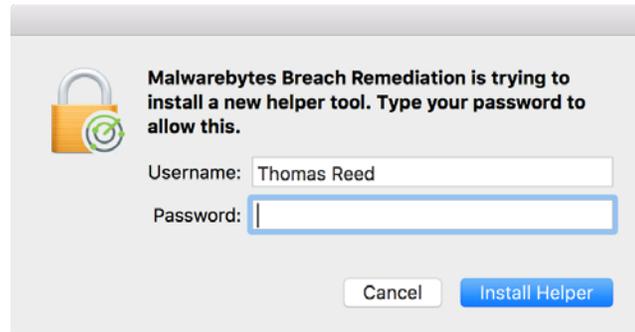
If that is the case, your security settings are set to allow only apps downloaded from the Mac App Store. To open *Malwarebytes Breach Remediation*, go to System Preferences and click the **Security & Privacy** icon.

In the Preference pane, click the **Open Anyway** button to allow the app to open. You could also unlock this pane by clicking the lock icon in the bottom left corner and entering your password, then changing this setting to "Mac App Store and identified developers," which will allow the app to open normally. **Please note:** It is not advisable to change this preference to "Anywhere" unless you know exactly what you're doing!



Once opened for the first time, the app will ask for an admin password to install a helper tool.

This tool will be used to remove adware or malware that has been installed into locations that require a higher privilege level to access. Without this helper tool, *Malwarebytes Breach Remediation* will not be able to remove all adware and malware.



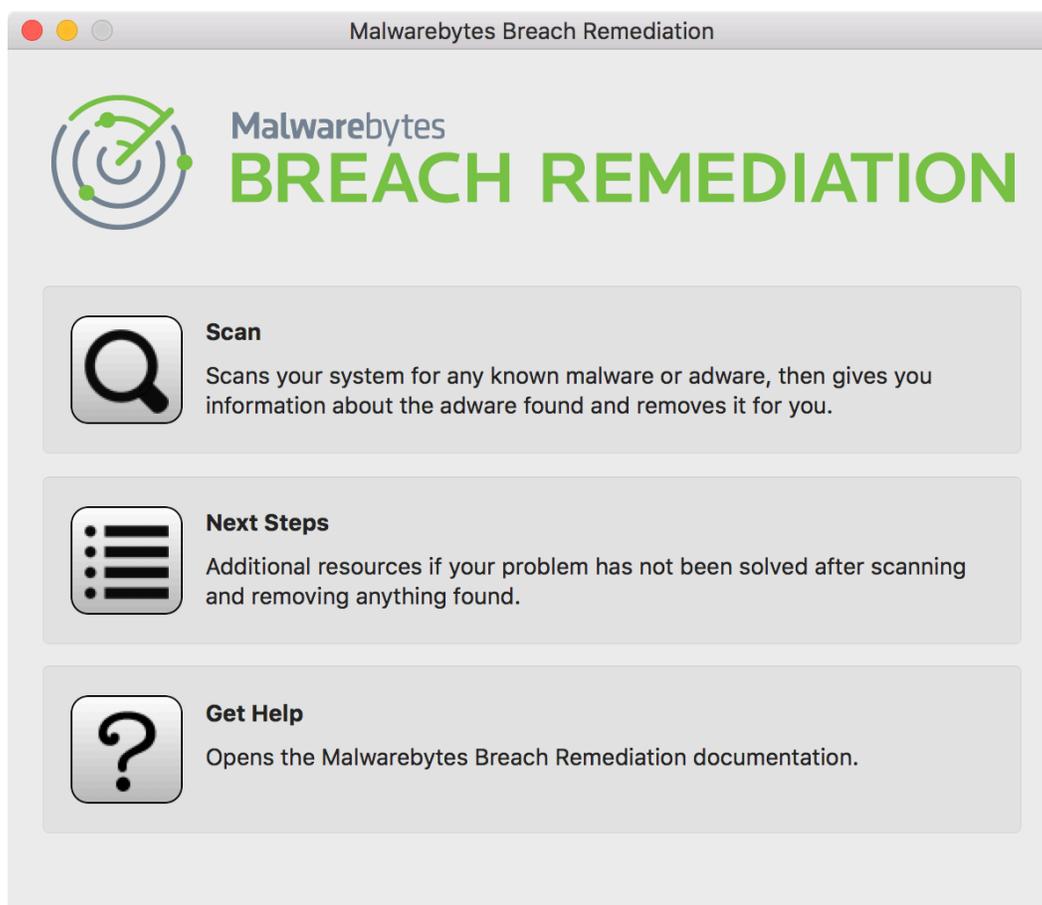
Installation of the helper tool may need to be repeated again at some point in the future, if the tool is deleted or if a newer version becomes available.

In addition to the helper tool, *Malwarebytes Breach Remediation* will add an item named "**com.malwarebytes.services**" to the keychain during installation. This is used to store data which identifies your system to our update servers, and is a pre-requisite for downloading of database updates. This is not something you will be aware of unless you go looking for it, and be aware that adding an item to the keychain does not mean that the app has access to anything else in your keychain; it does not.

If you wish to remove *Malwarebytes Breach Remediation*, as well as the helper tool and all data and settings files, simply open *Malwarebytes Breach Remediation* and choose **Uninstall Malwarebytes Breach Remediation** from the Help menu.

# How to Use Malwarebytes Breach Remediation

When you open *Malwarebytes Breach Remediation*, you will see that it has a very simple interface:

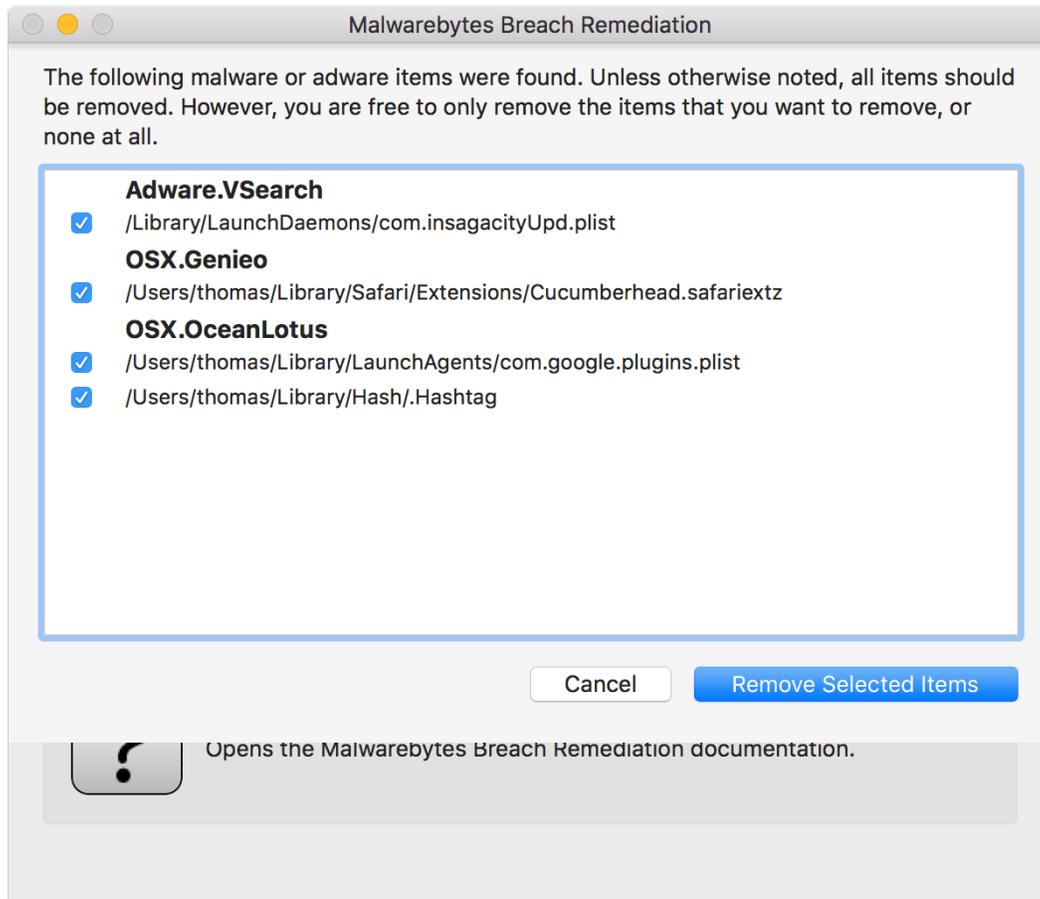


In the background, *Malwarebytes Breach Remediation* has also checked in with Malwarebytes to check for signature updates. This is the only time that the program automatically checks for updates. You can also check for updates manually by selecting **Update Signatures** from the **Scanner** menu. You can find the database signature version number as well as the program version by selecting the **About** screen.



## Scan

Click the **Scan** button to immediately scan your Mac for malware and adware. The scan should be very quick, and is completely safe, as nothing will be deleted yet. After the scan finishes, if your system is clean, you will be told that nothing was found. Otherwise, a window will open showing what was detected:



The screenshot above shows that components of Conduit, Genieo and VidX (aka MacVX) were found, and reveals where the problem files can be found. If the full path to the file cannot be seen, you can hover the mouse over a detected item to get a “tooltip” window showing the full path.

The checkboxes allow you to specify which items are to be removed. (By default, only files that are definitively bad will be checked.) Clicking the **Remove Selected Items** button will remove any items that are checked, and will leave any that are not checked in place.

Removal of some items will require entry of your admin password. Rest assured, the password request is provided by Mac OS X, and *Malwarebytes Breach Remediation* will never actually see your password. If you choose not to enter your password, all items that do not require admin permissions will be removed, but those that do need higher permissions will be left in place. They will need to be removed manually, or by a subsequent scan in which you provide the password.

If you installed the program on a non-admin user account, you will need to provide both an admin username and password when asked. As long as you do this, the detected items can be removed just as well from a non-admin account as from an admin account. There is no need to log in to a different account.

If the program was installed on a different user account, you will need to log in to that account to fully remove all components of some malware or adware.

Files that are removed are not deleted outright. Instead, they are moved to a folder named “Malwarebytes Removals” in the trash can. This allows you to examine them and delete them at your leisure, or replace items that may have been removed by mistake.

## Special Cases

There are a couple special cases to be aware of, denoted in the detection list by a  symbol on the right edge of the list. If you hover the mouse over that symbol, you will get a short explanation in a pop-up tooltip.

## Optional Items

These are legitimate files – such as web browser preference files – that may have been modified. For example, some adware has been seen to insert custom JavaScript code into Firefox’s preference file. These items can be removed, but since that may result in loss of things like browser settings, they are not checked by default.

## Compromises

Some malware and adware is known to make modifications that may require more intensive work to fix. In such cases, a window will pop up informing you about the problem and providing a link where you can read more about what to do next.

## Next Steps

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If you have scanned your endpoint with *Malwarebytes Breach Remediation*, removed everything that was detected and restarted the endpoint (if instructed to do so), and you are still having a problem, click this button. It will open a window that loads the following page from the Malwarebytes website that contains up-to-date information about what to try next.

[https://support.malwarebytes.com/customer/en/portal/articles/2401953-?b\\_id=6401](https://support.malwarebytes.com/customer/en/portal/articles/2401953-?b_id=6401)

Because most computer problems are not the result of malware or adware, it is entirely possible that *Malwarebytes Breach Remediation* may not solve all your problems. This page will help you try to find and solve other issues.

# Gathering Information about Your System

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To get a profile (“snapshot”) of your system, simply choose **Take System Snapshot** from the Scanner menu. This will open a window showing just the system information and nothing else. You can feel free to copy any of the text from this window or choose **Save** from the File menu to save the snapshot to a text file on your hard drive.

This feature can be helpful for techs who are trying to troubleshoot a problem with your endpoint, or for times when you’re posting to a forum about a problem you’re having and need to provide some contextual information, or any number of other uses.