McAfee Virus Scan Tutorial

McAfee Virus Scan can be found most easily by its system tray icon, as shown below with a red arrow.

When the mouse cursor is hovered over the McAfee icon, a tooltip will inform the user about the status of the On-Access Scanner, or OAS. The OAS automatically scans any and every document the user works with.

The following menu is displayed when a right-click is received by the system tray icon:
The application should automatically update its virus definitions. It is a good idea to manually update the definitions before performing an on-demand scan. To update the virus definitions, select "Update Now..."

After a minute or two, the update window will finish, declaring "Auto close in 30 seconds." At this point it is OK to close the window and start an On-Demand Scan.
When the virus definitions are up to date, the user may want to perform an "On-Demand Scan..." to detect any viruses that previously weren't identified by the On-Access Scanner.

The first window presented allows the user to specify instructions for the scanning procedure. Default values are set to scan all important areas of the computer. To start the scan, click "Start"
Now a dialog is presented displaying the time spent on this scan and (eventually) an estimate of remaining time. Keep in mind this scan may take the better part of a day, depending on how much data is stored on the local hard disk drive. Users may find it convenient to start the scan when leaving work or retiring for the evening and viewing the results the next day, instead of having the scan slow down their work during the day.