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1 Introduction

Avira AntiVir Server from Avira GmbH protects your computer against viruses, malware, adware and spyware, unwanted programs and other dangers. This manual deals with viruses and software in brief.

The manual describes the program installation and operation.



Please go to our website <http://www.avira.com> where you can download the Avira AntiVir Server manual in PDF form, update Avira AntiVir Server or renew your license.

You can also find information on our website such as telephone numbers for technical support and information on how to subscribe to our newsletter.

Your Avira GmbH team

2 Icons and emphases

The following icons are used:

Icon	Explanation
✓	Placed before a condition which must be fulfilled prior to implementation.
▶	Placed before an action step that you implement.
→	Placed before an event that follows the previous action.
	Placed before a warning of the danger of critical data loss.
	Placed before a link to particularly important information or a tip which makes Avira AntiVir Server easier to use.

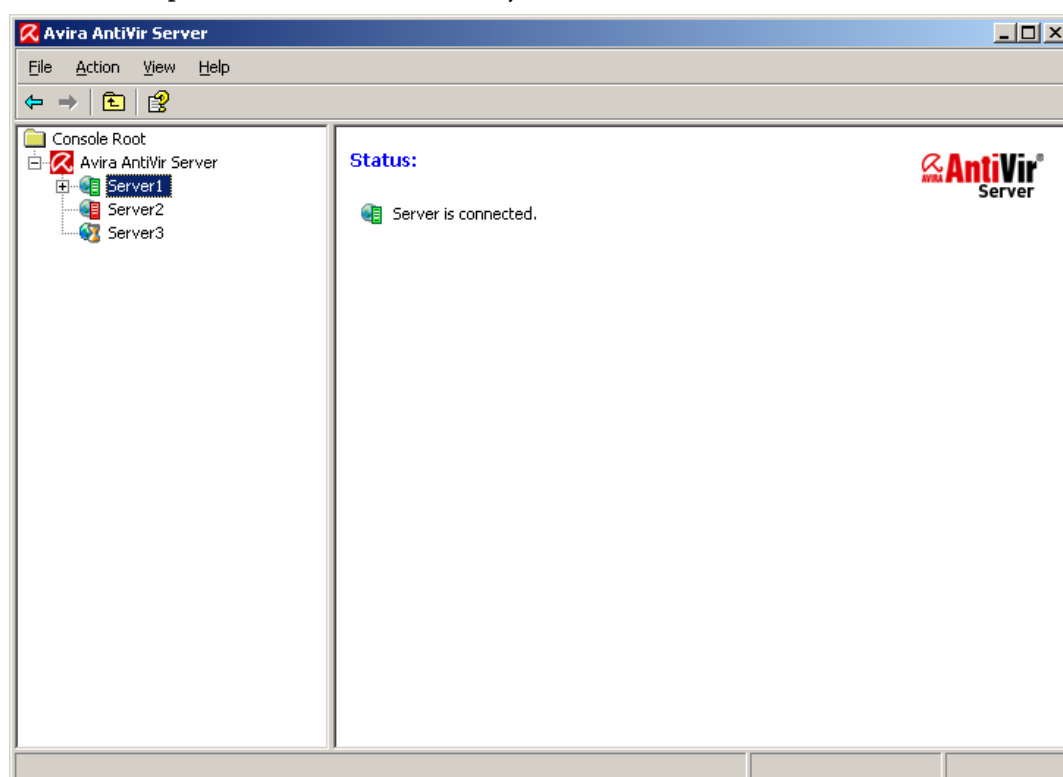
The following emphases are used:

Emphasis	Explanation
<i>Cursive</i>	File name or path data.
	Displayed software interface elements (e.g. window heading, window field or options box).
Bold	Clicked software interface elements (e.g. menu item, section or button)

3 Product information

3.1 Functionality

The protection package Avira AntiVir Server consists of the Avira AntiVir Server service and AntiVir Server Console. The Avira AntiVir Server service protects your Windows server against viruses and malware. AntiVir Server Console is used for administration, control and monitoring of the servers to be protected or of the AntiVir services on the servers to be protected. You can access any number of servers via AntiVir Server Console.



The Avira AntiVir Server service

... protects your servers against viruses and malware. You install the service on all Windows servers to be protected on the network.

The AntiVir Server service provides comprehensive functions to protect your system in one package with several program components and other help programs. Overview of the main components:

- The **Scanner** scans your computer system for viruses and unwanted programs (on-demand scan). Affected files are deleted, repaired or moved to quarantine depending on the configuration. Scans of the Scanner are carried out automatically. The interval and scope of scans can be configured.
- The **Guard** runs in the background. It monitors and repairs files, if necessary, during operations such as opening, writing and copying in real time.

- The **Scheduler** supports you in planning regular tasks such as scans and updates via the Internet or Intranet.
- The **AntiVir Updater** always keeps your program up to date via an internet or intranet connection.
- The **quarantine manager** conveniently manages and monitors the files placed in quarantine.

AntiVir Server Console

... provides a desktop for AntiVir Server services with which you can control, configure and monitor AntiVir Server services. You install AntiVir Server Console on at least one computer with a network connection to the servers to be protected. AntiVir Server Console can also be installed on the servers to be protected.

AntiVir Server Console can be connected to any number of servers to be connected and offers access to components, reports, events and to the AntiVir Server Configuration of the connected AntiVir Server service.

3.2 Delivery scope

Main features:

- Console for monitoring, administration and control of the whole program
- Simple, keyword-based configuration: support of configuration through integrated assistant and context-sensitive help
- Configuration and operation from separate computer possible: desktop (AntiVir Server Console) can be installed separately from the AntiVir server service
- Network administration via the Avira Security Management Center (SMC)
- Scanner (Direct scan or on-demand scan) with profile-controlled and configurable scan for all known types of viruses and malware
- Resident virus guard (real-time scan or on-access scan) for constant monitoring of all file accesses
- Extremely high virus and malware detection via innovative scanning technology (scan engine) including heuristic scanning method
- Innovative AHeAD (Advanced Heuristic Analysis and Detection) technology for detection of unknown or fast changing attackers for proactive security
- Detection of all conventional archive types including detection of nested archives and smart extension detection
- Comprehensive filter functions and file caching to increase scanning speed
- "Multi-threading capability"; simultaneous scanning of many files at high speed
- Configurable reactions to a detection: repair, deletion, moving to a quarantine directory, blocking, renaming and isolation of programs or files; automatic removal of viruses and malware
- Quarantine manager: infected files can be deleted in the quarantine directory or restored at their place of origin
- Integrated scheduler for planning one-off or recurring jobs such as updates or scans

- Automatable updating via the Internet or network-wide distribution (without system interruption)
- Comprehensive logging, warning and messaging functions for the administrator; sending of warnings in Windows networks and by email (SMTP), SMTP-authentication possible
- Protection against modifications of the program files via intensive self-test
- Can run in 32-bit mode on Microsoft Windows Server 2003, x64 Edition incl. on-access scanning On-access scanning
- Extended terminal server support

3.3 System requirements

Avira AntiVir Server has the following requirements for successful use of the Avira AntiVir Server service and AntiVir Server Console:

- Computer as from Pentium, at least 266 MHz
- Operating system
- Windows 2000, SP4 and update rollup 1 or
- Windows XP, SP2 (32 or 64 Bit) or
- Windows Vista (32 or 64 Bit, SP 1 recommended) or
- Windows 2000 Server, SP4 and update rollup 1 or
- Windows Server 2003, SP1 (32 or 64 Bit) or
- Windows Server 2008 (32 or 64 Bit, SP1 recommended)
- At least 100 MB of free hard disk memory space (more if using Quarantine for temporary storage)
- At least 192 MB RAM under Windows 2000 Server/XP
- At least 512 MB RAM under Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows Server 2008
- For the installation of Avira AntiVir Server: Administrator rights

Internet access

For regular updates it is necessary for a server of your network to have Internet access. Alternatively, the updates can also be downloaded from a file or HTTP server in the Intranet. More information is available under Update.

3.4 Licensing

You require a license to use Avira AntiVir Server. Activate your license for Avira AntiVir Server with the license file *hbedv.key*. You can obtain the license file by email from Avira GmbH. The license file contains the license for all products that you have ordered in one order process. You hereby accept the license terms. (siehe: http://www.avira.com/documents/general/pdf/en/avira_eula_en.pdf)

3.4.1 License models

You can use the many functions of Avira AntiVir Server with the following license models:

- Evaluation version: Complete range of functions, 30-day license.
- Full version

Licensing comprises a license for all platforms and depends on the number of users in the network who are to be protected by Avira AntiVir Server. For further information on the licensing versions and the optional support offers, please refer to our website <http://www.avira.com>.

The delivery scope of a full version comprises:

- provision of AntiVir version to download from the Internet
- four weeks installation support from date of purchase
- newsletter service (by email)
- update service via Internet

4 Installation and Uninstallation

4.1 Installation

Before installing Avira AntiVir Server, certain conditions must be met:

- Please ensure that the system requirements are met (see System requirements), and that the Windows Server used is running.
- Ensure that you are logged in on the server as an administrator or as a user with administrator rights.
- Ensure that an Internet connection or network connection to a download server exists for updating AntiVir Server. If you use a fileserver, you may require a user name and a password for server login.
- When installing the full version: ensure that a valid license file *hbedv.key* exists and is stored in a local directory on the server.
- When installing the service Avira AntiVir Server: If you want to connect remotely with AntiVir Server Console to the server, ensure that the following ports are opened:
 - 139 (NetBIOS SSN)
 - 137 (NetBIOS NS)
 - 138 (NetBIOS DGM)

Types of use

Detailed information on types of use can be found under Licensing concept.

Installation types

During installation you can select a setup type in the installation assistant:

Full

AntiVir Server is fully installed with the Avira AntiVir Server and the console AntiVir Server Console. No destination folder can be selected for the program files to be installed.

User-defined

You can select whether you want to install the Avira AntiVir Server service and/or the console AntiVir Server Console. A target folder can be selected for the program files to be installed.

Carry out installation

How to install AntiVir Server:

- Start the setup by double-clicking on the installation file that you have downloaded from the Internet or insert the program-CD.
The installation assistant opens.
- Follow the instructions of the installation assistant. Complete the following installation steps:

- Where appropriate, installation of Microsoft Visual C++ 2008 - Redistributable Kit, if the kit has not already been installed.

Note

Avira AntiVir Server uses runtime libraries of the Microsoft Visual C++ 2008 - Redistributable Kit. To use AntiVir Server, Microsoft Visual C++ 2008 - Redistributable Kit must therefore be installed.

- Confirmation of license agreements
- Selection of setup type (complete installation or custom installation)
- Licensing of AntiVir Server: Load the license file or select the 30 day evaluation license
- Installation of Avira AntiVir Server service and/or AntiVir Server Console

If you have installed the Avira AntiVir Server service, a configuration wizard opens after the installation has been completed. You have the option of configuring the most important settings of the installed Avira AntiVir Server service.

- **Defining AHeAD (Advanced Heuristic Analysis and Detection) technology settings.** The settings are defined for Scanner and Guard.
- **Selection of extended threat categories:** By selecting other extended threat categories to be detected and reported by AntiVir Server, you can adapt the protective function of AntiVir Server to meet your needs.
- **Selection of product exceptions (Guard):** You can select software products to be exempt from monitoring by Guard (on-access scanner). In this way you can avoid any loss of performance that Guard may cause.
- **Select email settings:** You can define the server settings for sending email. AntiVir Server uses SMTP to send email alerts to the AntiVir Server administrator.

Note

After installation, your own system is automatically added by AntiVir Server Console (Local Host/ 127.0.0.1) as a server to be protected, even if no AntiVir Server service is installed.

Note

If you want to add or remove program components of the current AntiVir Server installation, use the setup of AntiVir Server.

4.2 Uninstallation

Carry out uninstallation via the control panel of the operating system or via the setup of AntiVir Server.

During uninstallation, the AntiVir services are stopped, all report files and infected files (in quarantine) are deleted.

During uninstallation you can specify that the directories with the report files and the quarantine are not deleted.

4.3 Installation and uninstallation on the network

To simplify installation of Avira AntiVir Server on a network of multiple client computers for the system administrator, Avira AntiVir Server has a special procedure for the initial installation and the modification installation.

For automatic installation of Avira AntiVir Server, the setup program works with the control file `setup.inf`. The setup program (`presetup.exe`) is contained in the Avira AntiVir Server installation package. Installation is started with a script or batch file and all necessary information is obtained from the control file. The script commands therefore replace the usual manual inputs during installation.

Note

Please note that a license file is obligatory for initial installation on the network.

Note

Please note that a Avira AntiVir Server installation package is required for installation via a network. An installation file for internet-based installation cannot be used.

Avira AntiVir Server can be easily shared on the network with a server login script or via SMS.

For information on installation and deinstallation on the network:

- see Chapter: Command line parameter for the setup program
- see Chapter: Parameter of the file `setup.inf`
- see Chapter: Installation on the network
- see Chapter: Deinstallation on the network

4.3.1 Installation on the network

The installation can be script-controlled in batch mode.

The setup is suitable for the following installations

- Initial installation via the network (unattended setup)
- ▶ Modification installation and update

Note

We recommend that you test automatic installation before the installation routine is implemented on the network.

To install Avira AntiVir Server on the network automatically:

- ✓ You must have administrator rights (also required in batch mode)
- ▶ Configure the parameter of the file `setup.inf` and save the file.
- ▶ Begin installation of Avira AntiVir Server with the parameter `/inf` or integrate the parameter into the login script of the server.
 - Examples: `presetup.exe /inf="c:\temp\setup.inf"`

4.3.2 Deinstallation on the network

To uninstall Avira AntiVir Server on the network automatically:

- ✓ You must have administrator rights (also required in batch mode)

- ▶ Start the deinstallation of Avira AntiVir Server with the parameters `/inf` and `/AVUNINSTALL` or integrate the parameters into the login script of the server.

4.3.3 Command line parameter for the setup program

Use the following parameters for installation and deinstallation:

- `/INF=<Script name with path>`

The setup program starts with the script mentioned and retrieves all parameters required.

Installation: `PRESETUP.EXE /INF=e:\disks\setup.inf`

Deinstallation: `PRESETUP.EXE /INF=e:\disks\setup.inf /AVUNINSTALL`

- `/SILENT`

The setup script runs down completely without user interaction.

4.3.4 Parameter of the file setup.inf

In the control file `setup.inf`, you can set the following parameters in the `[DATA]` field for the automatic installation of Avira AntiVir Server. The sequence of the parameters is unimportant. If a parameter setting is missing or wrong, the setup routine is aborted and an error message is displayed.

- `InstallPath`

Destination path, in which Avira AntiVir Server is installed. It has to be included to the script. The environment variable cannot be used.

Example: `InstallPath="%PROGRAMFILES%\Avira\AntiVir Server\"`

- `LicenseFile=<Path and file name of the license file>`

AntiVir Server will be installed with the license. If you enter the file name only, the license file will be searched in the source folder of the setup only.

Example: `LicenseFile="A:\hbedv.key"`

- `RestartWindows= 0 | 1`

If a restart of the system is required after the installation, this can be carried out automatically (standard) or a message box is displayed.

0: Disabled (restart with Message Box)

1: Enabled (automatic restart)

- DeleteFolderOnUninstall=1

Deletes the configuration during deinstallation

In the [FEEDBACK] section the setup enters error codes and error test which are reported by the setup:

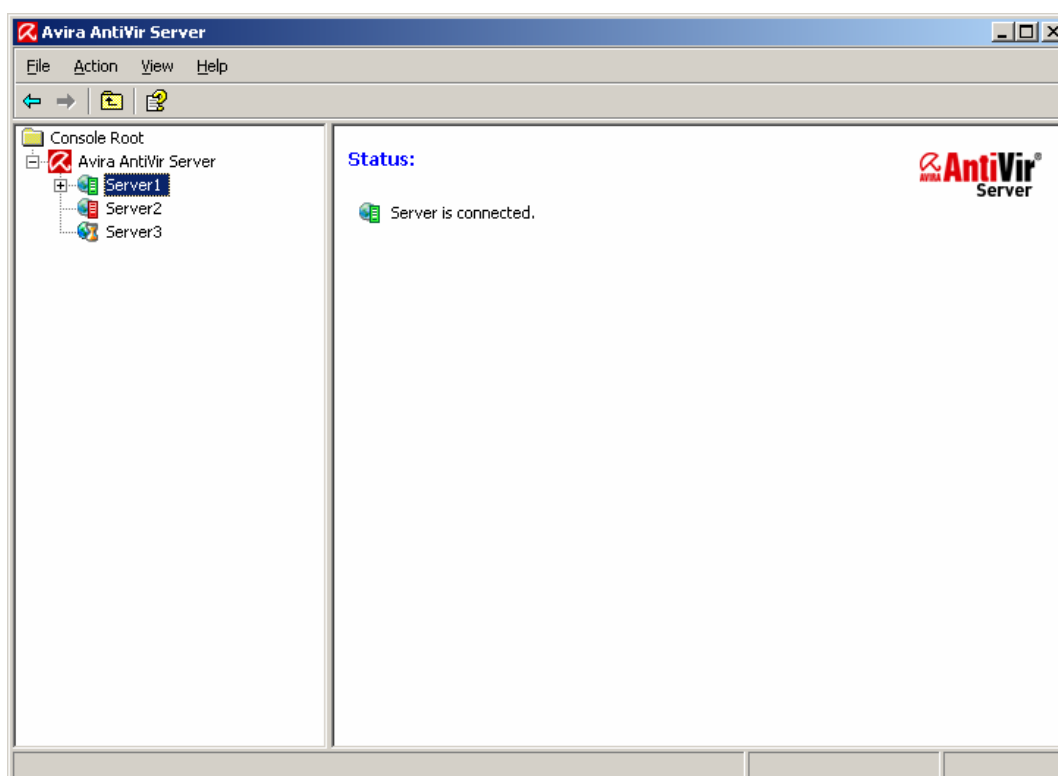
Example: ErrCode=0

ErrMsg=Product was installed successfully

5 User interface and operation

5.1 User interface: AntiVir Server Console

The Avira AntiVir Server service that is installed on the servers to be protected is administered via **AntiVir Server Console**. AntiVir Server Console is a snap-in of the Microsoft Management Console (MMC). You can create any number of servers to be protected on AntiVir Server Console in order to configure and monitor them on AntiVir Server Console.



Note

Please note that only the proprietary elements of AntiVir Server Console are documented in this help. For information on the MMC and on manual integration of a snap-in, please refer to the user's manual or the online help of the operating system.

Starting and ending AntiVir Server Console

Start AntiVir Server Console via the link **Avira AntiVir Server Remote Control** in the Windows Start menu or under **Programs**. You can also load AntiVir Server Console directly in the MMC. You can find the pre-configured AntiVir Server Console in the installation directory of AntiVir Server Console. To end AntiVir Server Console, you must close MMC.

Operation

- Navigate via the console structure in the left-hand window of the MMC. Navigation elements are also displayed as objects in the right-hand detail window of the MMC. Open these objects in the detail window by double-clicking. The AntiVir Server Configuration is located under the node **Settings**. You can select various configuration sections in the detail window: the window **Settings** is opened in which you can configure the selected section.
- Commands and actions are available via icons in the detail window and via context menus of the individual console nodes or of objects in the detail window.
- When configuring a server, you must confirm information in the window **Settings** with the button **OK** or **Accept** in order to accept the new settings. Your settings are cancelled with the button **Cancel**.

Overview of AntiVir Server Console

Avira AntiVir Server

- Display of the created servers with connection status
- Actions: Add server

Note

The local AntiVir server and all AntiVir servers added by the registered user are displayed on AntiVir Server Console.

Server

- Display of server status
- Actions: Start product update, update license file, reload configuration, display report file, rename server, disconnect server, connect server, delete server

Overview

Overview of ...

- the system status (last system test, last update, license)
- the statistic data of the on-access scan of Guard and the on-demand scan of Scanner
- the version of AntiVir Server
- Contact and support addresses

Profiles

- Display of the default profiles and of the profiles created for the on-demand scan
- Actions: create new profiles, rename profiles, delete profiles

Quarantine

- Display of the objects in quarantine
- Actions: display object properties, restore object, add file to quarantine, send object to Avira Malware Research Center, delete object

Scheduler

- Display of all created scanning and update jobs
- Actions: insert new jobs, display job properties, edit job, delete job

Reports

- Display reports of scans of on-demand scan and updates
- Display report, display report file, print report, delete report

Events



- Display all events of the Avira AntiVir Server service on the server to be protected
- Actions: display events, export events, delete events

Settings

- Configuration of the Avira AntiVir Server service on the server to be protected
Configuration sections:
 - **Scanner:** Configuration of on-demand scan
 - **Guard:** Configuration of on-access scan
 - **General:** Extended risk categories for direct and on-access scan, password protection for the server on AntiVir Server Console, security alerts for outdated AntiVir Server, directories used, restriction of reports and of event log
 - **Update:** Download method (via webserver or fileserver), product updates, configuration of connection to the download server
 - **Alerts:** configuration of network alerts of the Guard and of the Scanner
 - **Email:** configuration of email alerts via SMTP of the modules Guard, Scanner, AntiVir Updater

5.2 User interface: Tray icon

After installation of the Avira AntiVir Server service, the Avira AntiVir Server tray icon is displayed on the protected server in the notification area. The tray icon displays the status of the AntiVir Guard service.

Icon	Description
	AntiVir Guard is enabled
	AntiVir Guard is disabled.

You can access AntiVir Server functions via the tray icon context menu. To open the context menu, click on the tray icon with the right-hand mouse button.

- *Start AntiVir:* Opens AntiVir Server Console for the administration of the connected AntiVir Server. This option is only available if a AntiVir Server Console has been installed locally on the computer and if you are logged on to the computer with administrator rights.
- *Help:* Opens online help for AntiVir Server.
- *Avira on the internet:* Opens the web portal of AntiVir Server.

5.3 Quickstart

Carry out these steps if you are using Avira AntiVir Server for the first time:

1. Installation

Install the Avira AntiVir Server service on the servers that you want to protect against viruses and unwanted programs. Install AntiVir Server Console on at least one computer in your network.

see ch. Installation

2. Administration on AntiVir Server Console

Add server

Add all servers on AntiVir Server Console that you want to administer on AntiVir Server Console.

see ch. AntiVir Server Console

Carry out the following steps for every server added:

Configuration

Configure the Avira AntiVir Server service on the server to be protected. Assign a password for the server on AntiVir Server Console.

see ch. Settings and Settings::General::Password

Carry out update and system scan

First carry out one update of AntiVir Server. For this create an update job in the **Scheduler**. Select "Immediately" as the start time. Carry out a complete system scan. For this create a scan job in the **Scheduler**. For the scan job, select "Local hard disks" as the profile and "Immediately" as the start time.

see ch. Scheduler

Define scans and update jobs

Define scans and update jobs. To configure scans of the Scanner, first create where appropriate . user-defined profiles under **Profile**. In the next step you can create the scans and update jobs under **Scheduler**.

see ch. Profile and Scheduler

6 Updates

The effectiveness of anti-virus software depends entirely on the scanning engine and the virus definitions being up to date. For this reason, regularly download updates for AntiVir Server from our download servers. To carry out regular updates, the component AntiVir Updater is integrated in AntiVir Server. AntiVir Updater is updating the following program components:

- Virus definition file
- Scanning engine
- Program files (product update)

On the AntiVir Server Console under Scheduler you can create update jobs that are carried out at the specified intervals by AntiVir Updater. With every update order, the status of the virus definition files and the scanning engine is checked and updated if necessary, product updates are carried out in accordance with the configuration. On AntiVir Server Console you can start a product update manually in the context menu of a server node. A restart of the system after an update is required only after a product update.

You can obtain updates via the following servers:

- directly from the **Internet** via a **webserver of Avira GmbH**
- via a **web- or fileserver in the Intranet**, which downloads the update files from the Internet as the master server and supplies them to other servers. This is useful if you want to update AntiVir Server on multiple computers on a network. By setting up a master server, it can be ensured that AntiVir Server on the servers to be protected is up to date in a resource-saving way.

When using a Web server, the HTTP protocol is used for the download. When using a file server, access to the update file is provided via the network. You configure the update on the AntiVir Server Console.

Note

You can use AntiVir Internet Update Manager (file or Web server in Windows) as a Web or file server on an intranet. AntiVir Internet Update Manager mirrors the download servers of AntiVir products (e.g. AntiVir Server) and can be obtained on the internet at <http://www.avira.com>. However, you can also update AntiVir Server by cascading via a central fileserver in the Intranet on the servers to be protected.

7 Viruses and more

7.1 Viruses and other malware

Adware

Adware is software that presents banner ads or in pop-up windows through a bar that appears on a computer screen. These advertisements usually cannot be removed and are consequently always visible. The connection data allow many conclusions on the usage behavior and are problematic in terms of data security.

Backdoors

A backdoor can gain access to a computer by going around the computer access security mechanisms.

A program that is being executed in the background generally enables the attacker almost unlimited rights. User's personal data can be spied with the backdoor's help, but are mainly used to install further computer viruses or worms on the relevant system. The connection data allow many conclusions on the usage behavior and are problematic in terms of data security.

Boot viruses

The boot or master boot sector of hard disks is mainly infected by boot sector viruses. They overwrite important information necessary for the system execution. One of the awkward consequences: the computer system cannot be loaded any more&ldots;

Bot-Net

A bot net is defined as a remote network of PCs (on the Internet), which is composed of bots that communicate with each other. A Bot-Net can comprise a collection of cracked machines running programs (usually referred to as worms, Trojans) under a common command and control infrastructure. Bot-Nets serve various purposes, including Denial-of-service attacks etc., partly without the affected PC user's knowledge. The main potential of Bot-Nets is that the networks can achieve dimensions on thousands of computers and its bandwidth sum bursts most conventional Internet accesses.

Exploit

An exploit (security gap) is a computer program or script that takes advantage of a bug, glitch or vulnerability leading to privilege escalation or denial of service on a computer system. A form of an exploit for example are attacks from the Internet with the help of manipulated data packages. Programs can be infiltrated in order to obtain higher access.

Hoaxes hoax - Scherz, Schabernack, Ulk)

For several years, internet and other network users have received alerts about viruses that are purportedly spread via email. These alerts are spread per email with the request that they should be sent to the highest possible number of colleagues and to other users, in order to warn everyone against the "danger".

Honeypot

A honeypot is a service (program or server) installed in a network. It has the function to monitor a network and to protocol attacks. This service is unknown to the legitimate user - because of this reason he is never addressed. If an attacker examines a network for the weak points and uses the services which are offered by a Honeypot, it is logged and an alert is triggered.

Macro viruses

Macro viruses are small programs that are written in the macro language of an application (e.g. WordBasic under WinWord 6.0) and that can normally only spread within documents of this application. Because of this, they are also called document viruses. In order to be active, they need that the corresponding applications are activated and that one of the infected macros has been executed. Unlike "normal" viruses, macro viruses do consequently not attack executable files but they do attack the documents of the corresponding host-application.

Pharming

Pharming is a manipulation of the host file of web browsers to divert enquiries to spoofed websites. This is a further development of classic phishing. Pharming fraudsters operate their own large server farms on which fake websites are stored. Pharming has established itself as an umbrella term for various types of DNS attacks. In the case of a manipulation of the host file, a specific manipulation of a system is carried out with the aid of a Trojan or virus. The result is that the system can now only access fake websites, even if the correct web address is entered.

Phishing

Phishing means angling for personal details of the Internet user. Phishers generally send their victims apparently official letters such as emails that are intended to induce them to reveal confidential information to the culprits in good faith, in particular user names and passwords or PINs and TANs of online banking accounts. With the stolen access details, the phishers can assume the identities of the victims and carry out transactions in their name. What is clear is that banks and insurance companies never ask for credit card numbers, PINs, TANs or other access details by email, SMS or telephone.

Polymorph viruses

Polymorph viruses are the real masters of disguise. They change their own programming codes - and are therefore very hard to detect.

Program viruses

A computer virus is a program that is capable to attach itself to other programs after being executed and cause an infection. Viruses multiply themselves unlike logic bombs and Trojans. In contrast to a worm, a virus always requires a program as host, where the virus deposits his virulent code. The program execution of the host itself is not changed as a rule.

Rootkit

A rootkit is a collection of software tools that are installed after a computer system has been infiltrated to conceal logins of the infiltrator, hide processes and record data - generally speaking: to make themselves invisible. They attempt to update already installed spy programs and reinstall deleted spyware.

Script viruses and worms

Such viruses are extremely easy to program and they can spread - if the required technology is on hand - within a few hours via email round the globe.

Script viruses and worms use one of the script languages, such as Javascript, VBScript etc., to insert themselves in other, new scripts or to spread themselves by calling operating system functions. This frequently happens via email or through the exchange of files (documents).

A worm is a program that multiplies itself but that does not infect the host. Worms can consequently not form part of other program sequences. Worms are often the only possibility to infiltrate any kind of damaging programs on systems with restrictive security measures.

Spyware

Spyware are so called spy programs that intercept or take partial control of a computer's operation without the user's informed consent. Spyware is designed to exploit infected computers for commercial gain.

Trojan horses (short Trojans)

Trojans are pretty common nowadays. We are talking about programs that pretend to have a particular function, but that show their real image after execution and carry out a different function that, in most cases, is destructive. Trojan horses cannot multiply themselves, which differentiates them from viruses and worms. Most of them have an interesting name (SEX.EXE or STARTME.EXE) with the intention to induce the user to start the Trojan. Immediately after execution they become active and can, for example, format the hard disk. A dropper is a special form of Trojan that 'drops' viruses, i.e. embeds viruses on the computer system.

Zombie

A Zombie-PC is a computer that is infected with malware programs and that enables hackers to abuse computers via remote control for criminal purposes. On command, the affected PC starts denial-of-service (DoS) attacks, for example, or sends spam and phishing emails.

7.2 Extended threat categories

Dialer (DIALERS)

Certain services available in the internet have to be paid for. They are invoiced in Germany via dialers with 0190/0900 numbers (or via 09x0 numbers in Austria and Switzerland; in Germany, the number is set to change to 09x0 in the medium term). Once installed on the computer, these programs guarantee a connection via a suitable premium rate number whose scale of charges can vary widely.

The marketing of online content via your telephone bill is legal and can be of advantage to the user. Genuine dialers leave no room for doubt that they are used deliberately and intentionally by the user. They are only installed on the user's computer subject to the user's consent, which must be given via a completely unambiguous and clearly visible labeling or request. The dial-up process of genuine dialers is clearly displayed. Moreover, genuine dialers tell you the incurred costs exactly and unmistakably.

Unfortunately there are also dialers which install themselves on computers unnoticed, by dubious means or even with deceptive intent. For example they replace the internet user's default data communication link to the ISP (Internet Service Provider) and dial a cost-incurring and often horrendously expensive 0190/0900 number every time a connection is made. The affected user will probably not notice until his next phone bill that an unwanted 0190/0900 dialer program on his computer has dialed a premium rate number with every connection, resulting in dramatically increased costs.

We recommend you to directly ask your telephone provider to block this number range to be immediately protected against undesired dialers (0190/0900 dialers).

Avira AntiVir Server can detect the familiar dialers by default.

If the option **Dialers** is enabled with a check mark in the configuration under Extended threat categories, you receive a corresponding alert if a dialer is detected. You can now simply delete the potentially unwanted 0190/0900 dialer. However, if it is a wanted dial-up program, you can declare it an exceptional file and this file is then no longer scanned in future.

Games (GAMES)

There is a place for computer games - but it is not necessarily at work (except perhaps in the lunch hour). Nevertheless, with the wealth of games downloadable from the internet, a fair bit of mine sweeping and Patience playing goes on among company employees and civil servants. You can download a whole array of games via the Internet. Email games have also become more popular: numerous variants are circulating, ranging from simple chess to "fleet exercises" (including torpedo combats): The corresponding moves are sent to partners via email programs, who answer them.

Studies have shown that the number of working hours devoted to computer games has long reached economically significant proportions. It is therefore not surprising that more and more companies are considering ways of banning computer games from workplace computers.

Avira AntiVir Server detects computer games. If the **Games** option is enabled with a check mark in the configuration under Extended threat categories, you receive a corresponding alert if Avira AntiVir Server detects a game. The game is now over in the truest sense of the word, because you can simply delete it.

Jokes (JOKES)

Jokes are merely intended to give someone a fright or provide general amusement without causing harm or reproducing. When a joke program is loaded, the computer will usually start at some point to play a tune or display something unusual on the screen. Examples of jokes are the washing machine in the disk drive (DRAIN.COM) or the screen eater (BUGSRES.COM).

But beware! All symptoms of joke programs may also originate from a virus or Trojan. At the very least users will get quite a shock or be thrown into such a panic that they may themselves may cause real damage.

Thanks to the extension of its scanning and identification routines, Avira AntiVir Server is able to detect joke programs and eliminate them as unwanted programs if required. If the option **Jokes** is enabled with a check mark in the configuration under Extended threat categories, a corresponding alert is issued if a joke program is detected.

Security Privacy Risk (SPR)

Software that maybe is able to compromise the security of your system, initiate unwanted program activities, damage your privacy or spy out your user behavior and might therefore be unwanted.

Avira AntiVir Server detects "Security Privacy Risk" software. If the option **Security Privacy Risk** is enabled with a check mark in the configuration under Extended threat categories, you receive a corresponding alert if Avira AntiVir Server detects such software.

Backdoor Clients (BDC)

In order to steal data or manipulate computers, a backdoor server program is smuggled in unknown to the user. This program can be controlled by a third party using backdoor control software (client) via the internet or a network.

Avira AntiVir Server detects "backdoor control software". If the option **Backdoor Clients** is enabled with a check mark in the configuration under Extended threat categories, you receive a corresponding alert if Avira AntiVir Server detects such software.

Adware/Spyware (ADSPY)

Software that displays advertising or software that sends the user's personal data to a third party, often without their knowledge or consent, and for this reason may be unwanted.

Avira AntiVir Server detects "Adware/Spyware". If the option **Adware/Spyware** is enabled with a check mark in the configuration under Extended threat categories, you receive a corresponding alert if Avira AntiVir Server detects such software.

Unusual Runtime Compression Tools (PCK)

Files that have been compressed with an unusual runtime compression tool and that can therefore be classified as possibly suspicious.

Avira AntiVir Server detects "Unusual runtime Compression Tools". If the option **Unusual runtime Compression Tools** is enabled with a check mark in the configuration under Extended threat categories, you receive a corresponding alert if Avira AntiVir Server detects such packers.

Double Extension Files (HEUR-DBLEXT)

Executable files that hide their real file extension in a suspicious way. This camouflage method is often used by malware.

Avira AntiVir Server detects "Double Extension Files". If the option **Double Extension files** (HEUR-DBLEXT) is enabled with a check mark in the configuration under Extended threat categories, you receive a corresponding alert if Avira AntiVir Server detects such files.

Phishing

Phishing, also known as *brand spoofing* is a clever form of data theft aimed at customers or potential customers of Internet service providers, banks, online banking services, registration authorities.

When submitting your email address on the Internet, filling in online forms, accessing newsgroups or websites, your data can be stolen by "Internet crawling spiders" and then used without your permission to commit fraud or other crimes.

Avira AntiVir Server detects "Phishing". If the option **Phishing** is enabled with a check mark in the configuration under Extended threat categories, you receive a corresponding alert if Avira AntiVir Server detects such behavior.

Application (APPL)

The term APPL refers to an application which may involve a risk when used or is of dubious origin.

Avira AntiVir Server detects "Application (APPL)". If the option **Application (APPL)** is enabled with a check mark in the configuration under Extended threat categories, you receive a relevant alert if Avira AntiVir Server detects such behavior.

8 Info and Service

This chapter contains information on how to contact us.

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8.1 Contact address

If you have any questions or requests concerning the Avira AntiVir Server product range, we will be pleased to help you. For our contact addresses, please refer to Help :: About Avira AntiVir Server.

8.2 Technical support

Avira AntiVir Server support provides reliable assistance in answering your questions or solving a technical problem.

All necessary information on our comprehensive support service can be obtained from our website <http://www.avira.de/en/support>.

So that we can provide you with fast, reliable help, you should have the following information ready:

- **License information.** These can be found in the Avira AntiVir Server AntiVir Server Console under the menu item Help :: About AntiVir Server :: License information.
- **Version information.** You can find this in Avira AntiVir Server AntiVir Server Console under the menu item Help :: About AntiVir Server :: Version information.
- **Operating system version** and any Service Packs installed.
- **Installed software packages**, e.g. anti-virus software of other vendors.
- **Exact messages** of the program or of the report file.

8.3 Suspicious file

Viruses that may not yet be detected or removed by our products or suspect files can be sent to us. We provide you with several ways of doing this.

- In Quarantine manager AntiVir Server Console select the AntiVir Server Console file and use the context menu or corresponding button to select the item Send file.
- Send the required file packed (WinZIP, PKZip, Arj etc.) in the attachment of an email to virus@avira.com. As some email gateways work with anti-virus software, you should also provide the file(s) with a password (please remember to tell us the password).

You can also send us the suspect file via our website.

8.4 Report false positive

If you believe that Avira AntiVir Server reports something about a file that is most likely "clean", send the required file packed (WinZIP, PKZip, Arj etc.) in the attachment of an email to virus@avira.com. As some email gateways work with anti-virus software, you should also provide the file(s) with a password (please remember to tell us the password).

8.5 Your feedback for more security

The security of our customers plays a central role at Avira. Because of this reason, we don't only have an in-house expert team who tests the quality and security of every Avira solution before the product is released. We also attach great importance to the indications regarding security relevant gaps which could develop and we treat those frankly.

If you think you have detected a security gap in one of our products, please send us an email to vulnerabilities@avira.com.

9 Reference: Configuration options

The configuration reference documents all configuration options available in Avira AntiVir Server.

9.1 Scanner

Here you define the basic behavior of the scan routine for an on-demand scan. If you select certain directories to be scanned with an on-demand scan, depending on the configuration the Scanner scans:

- with a certain scanning power (priority),
- also boot sectors and main memory,
- certain or all boot sectors and the main memory,
- all or selected files in the directory.

Files

The Scanner can use a filter to scan only those files with a certain extension (type).

All files

If this option is enabled, all files are scanned for viruses or unwanted programs, irrespective of their content and file extension. The filter is not used.

Note

If All files is enabled, the button **File extensions** cannot be selected.

Smart Extensions

If this option is enabled, the selection of the files scanned for viruses or unwanted programs is automatically chosen by Avira AntiVir Server. This means that Avira AntiVir Server decides whether the files are scanned or not based on their content. This procedure is somewhat slower than Use file extension list, but more secure, since not only on the basis of the file extension is scanned. This setting is activated by default and is recommended.

Note

If Smart Extensions is enabled, the button **File extensions** cannot be selected.

Use file extension list

If this option is enabled, only files with a specified extension are scanned. All file types that may contain viruses and unwanted programs are preset. The list can be edited manually via the button **File extension**.

Note

If this option is enabled and you have deleted all entries from the list with file extensions, this is indicated with the text "No file extensions" under the button **File extensions**.

File extensions

With the aid of this button, a dialog window is opened in which all file extensions are displayed that are scanned in **Use file extension list** mode. Default entries are set for the extensions, but entries can be added or deleted.

Note

Please note that the default list may vary from version to version.

Additional settings

Scan boot sectors of selected drives

If this option is enabled, the Scanner only scans the boot sectors of the drives selected for the on-demand scan. This option is enabled as the default setting.

Scan master boot sectors

If this option is enabled, the Scanner scans the master boot sectors of the hard disk(s) used in the system.

Ignore offline files

If this option is enabled, the direct scan ignores so-called offline files completely during a scan. This means that these files are not scanned for viruses and unwanted programs. Offline files are files that were physically moved by a so-called Hierarchical Storage Management System (HSMS) from the hard disk onto a tape, for example. This option is enabled as the default setting.

Integrity check on system files

When this option is enabled, the most important Windows system files are subjected to a particularly secure check for changes by malware during every on-demand scan. If an amended file is detected, this is reported as suspect. This function uses a lot of computer capacity. That is why the option is disabled as the default setting.

Optimized scan

When the option is enabled, the processor capacity is optimally utilized during a Scanner scan. For performance reasons, an optimized scan is only logged on standard level.

Note

This option is only available on multi-processor systems, but is always displayed in the configuration and can be enabled: If the administered server does not have more than one processor, the Scanner option is not used.

Follow symbolic links

If this option is enabled, Scanner performs a scan that follows all symbolic links in the scan profile or selected directory and scans the linked files for viruses and malware. This option is not supported by Windows 2000 and has been deactivated.

Important

The option does not include any shortcuts, but refers exclusively to symbolic links (generated by mklink.exe) or Junction Points (generated by junction.exe) which are transparent in the file system.

Scan process

Scanner priority

With the on-demand scan, the Scanner distinguishes between priority levels. This is only effective if several processes are running simultaneously on the workstation. The selection affects the scanning speed.

Low

The Scanner is only allocated processor time by the operating system if no other process requires computation time, i.e. as long as only the Scanner is running, the speed is maximum. All in all, work with other programs is optimal: The computer responds more quickly if other programs require computation time while the Scanner continues running in the background. This setting is activated by default and is recommended.

Medium

The Scanner is performed with normal priority. All processes are allocated the same amount of processor time by the operating system. Under certain circumstances, work with other applications may be affected.

High

The Scanner has the highest priority. Simultaneous work with other applications is almost impossible. The Scanner completes its scan at maximum speed, however.

9.1.1 Action for concerning files

Action for concerning files

You can define the actions to be carried out by Scanner when a virus or unwanted program is detected.

Copy file in quarantine before action

If this option is enabled, the Scanner creates a back-up copy before carrying out the requested primary or secondary action. The back-up copy is saved in quarantine, where the file can be restored if it is of informative value. You can also send the back-up copy to the Avira Malware Research Center for further investigation.

Primary action

Primary action is the action carried out when the Scanner finds a virus or an unwanted program. If the option **repair** is selected but a repair of the file involved is not possible, the action selected under **Secondary action** is carried out.

Note

The option **Secondary action** can only be selected if the setting **repair** was selected under **Primary action**.

repair

If this option is enabled, the Scanner repairs affected files automatically. If the Scanner cannot repair an affected file, it carries out the action selected under Secondary action.

Note

An automatic repair is recommended, but means that the Scanner modifies files on the workstation.

delete

If this option is enabled, the file is deleted but can be restored if necessary with appropriate tools (e.g. Avira UnErase). This means the virus pattern could be detected again. This process is much faster than "overwrite and delete".

overwrite and delete

If this option is enabled, the Scanner overwrites the file with a default pattern and then deletes it. It cannot be restored.

rename

If this option is enabled, the Scanner renames the file. Direct access to these files (e.g. with double-click) is therefore no longer possible. Files can later be repaired and given their original names again.

ignore

If this option is enabled, access to the file is allowed and the file is left as it is.

Warning

The affected file remains active on your workstation! It may cause serious damage on your workstation!

Quarantine

If this option is enabled, the Scanner moves the file to the quarantine. These files can later be repaired or - if necessary - sent to the Avira Malware Research Center.

Secondary action

The option **Secondary action** can only be selected if the setting **Repair** was selected under **Primary action**. With this option it can now be decided what is to be done with the affected file if it cannot be repaired.

delete

If this option is enabled, the file is deleted but can be restored if necessary with appropriate tools (e.g. Avira UnErase). This means the virus pattern could be detected again. This process is much faster than "overwrite and delete".

overwrite and delete

If this option is enabled, the Scanner overwrites the file with a default pattern and then deletes (wipes) it. It cannot be restored.

rename

If this option is enabled, the Scanner renames the file. Direct access to these files (e.g. with double-click) is therefore no longer possible. Files can later be repaired and given their original names again.

ignore

If this option is enabled, access to the file is allowed and the file is left as it is.

Warning

The affected file remains active on your workstation! It may cause serious damage on your workstation!

Quarantine

If this option is enabled, the Scanner moves the file to the quarantine. These files can later be repaired or - if necessary - sent to the Avira Malware Research Center.

Note

If you have selected **Delete** or **Overwrite and Delete** as the primary or secondary action, you should note the following: In the case of heuristic hits, the affected files are not deleted, but are instead moved to quarantine.

9.1.2 Further actions

Launch program following detection

After the on-demand scan, the Scanner can open a file of your choice (for example a program) if at least one virus or unwanted program has been detected, for example an email program, so that you can inform other users or the administrator.

Note

For security reasons it is only possible to start a program after a detection when a user is logged on the computer. The file is then opened with the rights that apply to the logged on user. If no user is logged on, this option is not carried out.

Program name

In this input box you can enter the name and the relevant path of the program that the Scanner should start after a detection.



This button opens a window in which you can select the desired program with the aid of the file selection dialog.

Arguments

In this input box you can enter command line parameters for the program to be started if necessary.

Event log**Use event log**

If this option is enabled, an event report with the results of the scan is transferred to Windows event logging after a Scanner scan has been completed. The events can be called up in the Windows event viewer. The option is disabled as the default setting.

9.1.3 Archives

9.1.4 Archives

When scanning archives, the Scanner uses a recursive scan: Archives in archives are also unpacked and scanned for viruses and unwanted programs. The files are scanned, decompressed and scanned again.

Scan archives

If this option is enabled, the selected archives in the archive list are scanned. This option is enabled as the default setting.

All archive types

If this option is enabled, all archive types in the archive list are selected and scanned.

Smart extensions

If this option is enabled, the Scanner detects whether a file is a packed file format (archive), even if the file extension differs from the usual extensions, and scans the archive. However, for this every file must be opened - which reduces the scanning speed. Example: if a *.zip archive has the file extension *.xyz, the Scanner also unpacks this archive and scans it. This option is enabled as the default setting.

Note

Only those archive types are supported, which are marked in the archive list.

Limit recursion depth

Unpacking and scanning recursive archives can require a great deal of computer time and resources. If this option is enabled, you limit the depth of the scan in multi-packed archives to a certain number of packing levels (maximum recursion depth). This saves time and computer resources.

Note

In order to find a virus or an unwanted program in an archive, the Scanner must scan up to the recursion level in which the virus or the unwanted program is located.

Maximum recursion depth

In order to enter the maximum recursion depth, the option Limit recursion depth must be enabled.

You can either enter the requested recursion depth directly or by means of the right arrow key on the entry field. The permitted values are 1 to 99. The standard value is 20 which is recommended.

Default values

The button restores the pre-defined values for scanning archives.

Archive list

In this display area you can set which archives the Scanner should scan. For this, you must select the relevant entries.

9.1.5 Exceptions

File objects to be omitted for the Scanner

The list in this window contains files and paths that should not be included by the Scanner in the scan for viruses or unwanted programs.

Please enter as few exceptions as possible here and really only files that, for whatever reason, should not be included in a normal scan. We recommend that you always scan these files for viruses or unwanted programs before they are included in this list!

Note

The entries on the list must not result more than 6000 characters in total.

Warning

These files are not included in a scan!

Note

The files included in this list are entered in the report file. Please check the report file from time to time for unscanned files, as perhaps the reason you excluded a file here no longer exists. In this case you should remove the name of this file from this list again.

Input box

In this input box you can enter the name of the file object that is not included in the on-demand scan. No file object is entered as the default setting.



The button opens a window in which you can select the required file or the required path.

When you have entered a file name with its complete path, only this file is not scanned for infection. If you have entered a file name without a path, all files with this name (irrespective of the path or drive) are not scanned.

Add rule

With this button, you can add the file object entered in the input box to the display window.

Delete

The button deletes a selected entry from the list. This button is inactive if no entry is selected.

Note

If you add a complete partition to the list of the file objects, only those files which are saved directly under the partition will be excluded from the scan, which does not apply for files in sub-directories on the corresponding partition:

Example: File object to be skipped: D:\ = D:\file.txt will be excluded from the scan of the Scanner, D:\folder\file.txt will not be excluded from the scan.

9.1.6 Heuristic

This configuration section contains the settings for the heuristic of the Avira AntiVir Server search engine.

Avira AntiVir Server contains very powerful heuristics that can proactively uncover unknown malware, i.e. before a special virus signature to combat the damaging element has been created and before a virus guard update has been sent. Virus detection involves an extensive analysis and investigation of the affected codes for functions typical of malware. If the code being scanned exhibits these characteristic features, it is reported as being suspicious. This does not necessarily mean that the code is in fact malware. False positives do sometimes occur. The decision on how to handle affected code is to be made by the user, e.g. based on his or her knowledge of whether the source of the code is trustworthy or not.

Macrovirus heuristic

Macrovirus heuristic

Avira AntiVir Server contains a highly powerful macro virus heuristic. If this option is enabled, all macros in the relevant document are deleted in the event of a repair, alternatively suspect documents are only reported, i.e. you receive an alert. This option is enabled as the default setting and is recommended.

Advanced Heuristic Analysis and Detection (AHeAD)

Enable AHeAD

Avira AntiVir Server contains a very powerful heuristic in the form of AntiVir AheAD technology, which can also detect unknown (new) malware. If this option is activated, you can define how "aggressive" this heuristic should be. This option is enabled as the default setting.

Low detection level

If this option is enabled, Avira AntiVir Server detects slightly less unknown malware, the risk of false alerts is low in this case.

Medium detection level

This setting is activated by default if you have selected the use of this heuristic.

High detection level

If this option is enabled, Avira AntiVir Server detects much more unknown malware, however false positives can also be expected.

9.1.7 Report

The Scanner has a comprehensive reporting function. You thus obtain precise information on the results of an on-demand scan. The report file contains all entries of the system as well as alerts and messages of the on-demand scan.

Note

So that you can establish what actions the Scanner has carried out when viruses or unwanted programs have been detected, a report file should always be created.

Logging

Off

If this option is enabled, the Scanner does not report the actions and results of the on-demand scan.

Default

When this option is activated, the Scanner logs the names of the files concerned with their path. In addition, the configuration for the current scan, version information and information on the licensee is written in the report file.

Extended

When this option is activated, the Scanner logs alerts and tips in addition to the default information.

Full

When this option is activated, the Scanner also logs all scanned files. In addition, all files involved as well as alerts and tips are included in the report file.

Note

If you have to send us a report file at any time (for troubleshooting), please create this report file in this mode.

9.2 Guard

You will normally want to monitor your system constantly. To this end, use the Guard (= on-access scanner). You can thus scan all files that are copied or opened on the computer "on the fly", for viruses and unwanted programs.

Scan mode

Here the time for scanning of a file is defined.

Scan when reading

If this option is enabled, the Guard scans the files before they are read or executed by the application or the operating system.

Scan when writing

If this option is enabled, the Guard scans a file when writing. You can only access the file again after this process has been completed.

Scan when reading and writing

If this option is enabled, the Guard scans files before opening, reading and executing and after writing. This option is enabled as the default setting and is recommended.

Files

The Guard can use a filter to scan only those files with a certain extension (type).

All files

If this option is enabled, all files, irrespective of their content and their file extension, are scanned for viruses or unwanted programs, i.e. the filter is not used.

Note

If All files is enabled, the button **File extensions** cannot be selected.

Smart Extensions

If this option is enabled, the selection of the files scanned for viruses or unwanted programs is automatically chosen by Avira AntiVir Server. This means that Avira AntiVir Server decides whether the files are scanned or not based on their content. This procedure is somewhat slower than Use file extension list, but more secure, since not only on the basis of the file extension is scanned.

Note

If Smart Extensions is enabled, the button **File extensions** cannot be selected.

Use file extension list

If this option is enabled, only files with a specified extension are scanned. All file types that may contain viruses and unwanted programs are preset. The list can be edited manually via the button **File extension**. This setting is activated by default and is recommended.

Note

If this option is enabled and you have deleted all entries from the list with file extensions, this is indicated with the text "No file extensions" under the button **File extensions**.

File extensions

With the aid of this button, a dialog window is opened in which all file extensions are displayed that are scanned in **Use file extension list** mode. Default entries are set for the extensions, but entries can be added or deleted.

Note

Please note that the file extension list may vary from version to version.

Archives

Scan archive

If this option is enabled, then archives will be scanned. Compressed files are scanned, then decompressed and scanned again. This option is deactivated by default. The archive scan is restricted by the recursion depth, the number of files to be scanned and the archive size. You can set the maximum recursion depth, the number of files to be scanned and the maximum archive size.

Note

This option is deactivated by default, since the process puts heavy demands on the computer's performance. It is generally recommended that archives be checked using an on-demand scan.

Maximum recursion depth

When scanning archives, the Guard uses a recursive scan: Archives in archives are also unpacked and scanned for viruses and unwanted programs. You can define the recursion depth. The default value for the recursion depth is 1 and is recommended: all archives that are directly located in the main archive are unpacked and scanned.

Maximum number of files

When scanning archives, you can restrict the scan to a maximum number of files in the archive. The default value for the maximum number of files to be scanned is 10 and is recommended.

Maximum size (KB)

When scanning archives, you can restrict the scan to a maximum archive size to be unpacked. The standard value of 1000 KB is recommended.

Drives

Local drives

When the option has been activated, files of local drives, such as HDUs, CD and diskette drives, MO and ZIP drives, etc. only are monitored. This option is enabled as the default setting and is recommended.

Network drives

If this option is enabled, files on network drives (mapped drives) such as server volumes, peer drives et cetera, are scanned.

Note

In order not to reduce the performance of your computer too much, the option **Network drives** should only be enabled in exceptional cases.

Warning

If this option is disabled, the network drives are **not** monitored. You are no longer protected against viruses or unwanted programs!

Note

When files are executed on network drives, they are scanned by the Guard - irrespective of the setting for the *Network Drives* option. In some cases files on network drives are scanned while being opened, even though the *Network Drives* option is disabled. Reason: These files are accessed with 'Execute File' rights. If you want to exclude these files or even executed files on network drives from scanning by the Guard, enter the files in the list of file objects to be excluded (see: Guard::Scan::Exceptions).

9.2.1 Action for concerning files

Action for concerning files

You can define the actions to be carried out by Guard when a virus or unwanted program is detected.

Extended terminal server support

If this option is enabled, a dialog window appears during the on-access scan when a virus or unwanted program is detected in which you can choose what is to be done with the file concerned. .

Automatic

If this option is enabled, then no dialog box for selecting an action appears following the detection of a virus or unwanted program. Guard reacts according to the settings you define in this section.

Copy file in quarantine before action

If this option is enabled, the Guard creates a backup copy before carrying out the requested primary or secondary action. The backup copy is saved in quarantine. It can be restored via the Quarantine manager if it is of informative value. You can also send the back-up copy to the Avira Malware Research Center. Depending on the object, there are more selection possibilities in the quarantine manager.

Primary action

Primary action is the action carried out when the Guard finds a virus or an unwanted program. If the option **repair** is selected but a repair of the file involved is not possible, the action selected under **Secondary action** is carried out.

Note

The option Secondary action can only be selected if the option Repair was selected under Primary action.

repair

If this option is enabled, the Guard repairs affected files automatically. If the Guard cannot repair an affected file, it carries out the action selected under Secondary action.

Note

An automatic repair is recommended, but means that the Guard modifies files on the workstation.

delete

If this option is enabled, the file is deleted but can be restored if necessary with appropriate tools (e.g. Avira UnErase). This means the virus pattern could be detected again. This process is much faster than "overwrite and delete".

overwrite and delete

If this option is enabled, the Guard overwrites the file with a default pattern and then deletes it. It cannot be restored.

rename

If this option is enabled, the Guard renames the file. Direct access to these files (e.g. with double-click) is therefore no longer possible. Files can later be repaired and given their original names again.

ignore

If this option is enabled, access to the file is allowed and the file is left as it is.

Warning

The affected file remains active on your workstation! It may cause serious damage on your workstation!

Deny access

If this option is enabled, the Guard only enters the detection in the report file if the report function is enabled. In addition, the Guard writes an entry in the Event log, if this option is enabled.

Quarantine

If this option is enabled, the Guard moves the file to the quarantine. The files in this directory can later be repaired or - if necessary - sent to the Avira Malware Research Center.

Secondary action

The option **Secondary action** can only be selected if the option **Repair** was selected under **Primary action**. With this option it can now be decided what is to be done with the affected file if it cannot be repaired.

delete

If this option is enabled, the file is deleted but can be restored if necessary with appropriate tools (e.g. Avira UnErase). This means the virus pattern could be detected again. This process is much faster than "overwrite and delete".

overwrite and delete

If this option is enabled, the Guard overwrites the file with a default pattern and then deletes it. It cannot be restored.

rename

If this option is enabled, the Guard renames the file. Direct access to these files (e.g. with double-click) is therefore no longer possible. Files can later be repaired and given their original names again.

ignore

If this option is enabled, access to the file is allowed and the file is left as it is.

Warning

The affected file remains active on your workstation! It may cause serious damage on your workstation!

Deny access

If this option is enabled, the Guard only enters the detection in the report file if the report function is enabled. In addition, the Guard writes an entry in the Event log, if this option is enabled.

Quarantine

If this option is enabled, the Guard moves the file to the quarantine. The files can later be repaired or - if necessary - sent to the Avira Malware Research Center.

Note

If you have selected **Delete** or **Overwrite and Delete** as the primary or secondary action, you should note the following: In the case of heuristic hits, the affected files are not deleted, but are instead moved to quarantine.

9.2.2 Further actions

Notifications

Use event log

When this option is enabled, an entry is added to the event log for every detection. The administrator can identify detections and react accordingly. This option is enabled as the default setting.

9.2.3 Exceptions

With these options you can configure exception objects for the Guard (on-access scan). The relevant objects are then not included in the on-access scan. The Guard can ignore file accesses to these objects during the on-access scan via the list of processes to be omitted. This is useful, for example, with databases or back-up solutions.

Processes to be omitted for the Guard

All file accesses of processes in this list are excluded from monitoring by the Guard.

Input box

In this box you can enter the name of the process that is not included in the on-access scan. No process is entered as the default setting. The names of the individual process can most easily be obtained via the task manager. The "Processes" tab in the task manager contains the names of all currently active processes. Select "your" process and enter its name under "Image Name".

Note

You can enter up to 20 processes.

Warning:

Only the first 15 characters of the process name (including the file extension) are considered. If there are 2 processes with the same name, Guard excludes both processes from the monitoring.

Warning

Please note that all file accesses by processes recorded in the list are excluded from the scan for viruses and unwanted programs! The Windows Explorer and the operating system itself cannot be excluded. A corresponding entry in the list is ignored.

Add rule

With this button, you can add the process entered in the input box to the display window.

Delete

With this button you can delete a selected process from the display window.

File objects to be omitted for the Guard

All file accesses to objects in this list are excluded from monitoring by the Guard.

Note

The entries on the list must not result more than 6000 characters in total.

Input box

In this box you can enter the name of the file object that is not included in the on-access scan. No file object is entered as the default setting.



The button opens a window in which you can select the file object to be excluded.

Add rule

With this button, you can add the file object entered in the input box to the display window.

Delete

With this button you can delete a selected file object from the display window.

Please observe the following points:

- The file name can only contain the wildcards * (any number of characters) and ? (a single character).
- Directory names must end with a backslash \, otherwise a file name is assumed.
- The list is processed from top to bottom.
- Individual file extensions can also be excluded (inclusive wildcards).
- If a directory is excluded, all its sub-directories are automatically also excluded.
- The longer the list is, the more processor time is required for processing the list for each access. Therefore, keep the list as short as possible.
- In order to also exclude objects when they are accessed with short DOS file names (DOS name convention 8.3), the relevant short file name must also be entered in the list.

Note

A file name that contains wildcards may not be terminated with a backslash.

For example:

```
C:\Program Files\Application\application*.exe\
```

This entry is not valid and not treated as an exception!

Note

In case of dynamic drives which are mounted as a directory on another drive, the alias of the operating system for the integrated drive in the list of the exceptions has to be used: e.g. \Device\HarddiskDmVolumes\PhysicalDmVolumes\BlockVolume1\

If you use the mount point itself, such as 'C:\DynDrive', the dynamic drive will be scanned nonetheless. You can determine the alias of the operating system to be used from the report file of Guard: Set the protocol function of the Guard to **Complete** in the configuration under Guard :: Report. Now access the mounted drive with the activated Guard. You can now read the drive name used from the report file of the Guard. The report file can be accessed in AntiVir Server Console under Local protection :: Guard.

Examples:

C:

C:\

C:*.*

C:*

```
*.exe
*.xl?
*.*
C:\Program Files\Application\application.exe
C:\Program Files\Application\applic*.exe
C:\Program Files\Application\applic*
C:\Program Files\Application\applic?????.e*
C:\Program Files\
C:\Program Files
C:\Program Files\Application\*.mdb
```

9.2.4 Products

Products to be left out by Guard

In this display box, you can select products which are excluded by the scan of Guard. All applications, services or databases of the selected products are excluded from the monitoring by Guard.

9.2.5 Heuristic

This configuration section contains the settings for the heuristic of the Avira AntiVir Server search engine.

Avira AntiVir Server contains very powerful heuristics that can proactively uncover unknown malware, i.e. before a special virus signature to combat the damaging element has been created and before a virus guard update has been sent. Virus detection involves an extensive analysis and investigation of the affected codes for functions typical of malware. If the code being scanned exhibits these characteristic features, it is reported as being suspicious. This does not necessarily mean that the code is in fact malware. False positives do sometimes occur. The decision on how to handle affected code is to be made by the user, e.g. based on his or her knowledge of whether the source of the code is trustworthy or not.

Macrovirus heuristic

Macrovirus heuristic

Avira AntiVir Server contains a highly powerful macro virus heuristic. If this option is enabled, all macros in the relevant document are deleted in the event of a repair, alternatively suspect documents are only reported, i.e. you receive an alert. This option is enabled as the default setting and is recommended.

Advanced Heuristic Analysis and Detection (AHeAD)

Enable AHeAD

Avira AntiVir Server contains a very powerful heuristic in the form of AntiVir AheAD technology, which can also detect unknown (new) malware. If this option is activated, you can define how "aggressive" this heuristic should be. This option is enabled as the default setting.

Low detection level

If this option is enabled, Avira AntiVir Server detects slightly less unknown malware, the risk of false alerts is low in this case.

Medium detection level

This setting is activated by default if you have selected the use of this heuristic.

High detection level

If this option is enabled, Avira AntiVir Server identifies far more unknown malware, but you must also accept that there are likely to be false positives.

9.2.6 Report

Guard includes an extensive logging function to provide the user or administrator with exact notes about the type and manner of a detection.

Logging

This group allows for the content of the report file to be determined.

Off

If this option is enabled, then Guard does not create a log.

It is recommended that you should turn off the logging function only in exceptional cases, such as if you are executing trials with multiple viruses or unwanted programs.

Default

If this option is enabled, Guard records important information (concerning detections, alerts and errors) in the report file, with less important information ignored for improved clarity. This option is enabled as the default setting.

Extended

If this option is enabled, Guard logs less important information to the report file as well.

Full

If this option is enabled, Guard logs all available information in the report file, including file size, file type, date, etc.

Limit report file

Limit size to n MB

If this option is enabled, the report file can be limited to a certain size; possible values: Permitted values are between 1 and 100 MB. This option is activated by default with a value of 1 MB.

Backup report file before shortening

If this option is enabled, the report file is backed up before shortening. For the save location see Configuration :: General :: Directories :: Report directory.

Write configuration in report file

If this option is enabled, the configuration of the on-access scan is recorded in the report file.

9.3 General

9.3.1 Extended threat categories

Selection of extended threat categories

Avira AntiVir Server protects you against computer viruses.

In addition, you can scan according to the following extended threat categories.

- Backdoor Clients (BDC)
- Dialer (DIALER)
- Games (GAMES)
- Jokes (JOKES)
- Security Privacy Risk (SPR)
- Adware/Spyware (ADSPY)
- Unusual runtime packers (PCK)
- Double Extension Files (HEUR-DBLEXT)
- Phishing
- Application (APPL)

By clicking on the relevant box, the selected type is enabled (check mark set) or disabled (no check mark).

Enable all

If this option is enabled, all types are enabled.

Default values

This button restores the predefined default values.

Note

If a type is disabled, files recognized as being of the relevant program type are no longer indicated. No entry is made in the report file.

9.3.2 Password

You can protect access to servers to be protected in the AntiVir Server Console with a password. The password of the server must always be entered when a connection is made to the server. Connection to servers protected by a password is ended as soon as you close AntiVir Server Console.

Note

If you administer AntiVir Server via SMC, the password fields are deactivated. Passwords for AntiVir Server can only be set locally.

Password

Enter password

Enter your required password here. For security reasons, the actual characters you type in this space are replaced by asterisks (*). The password can only have a maximum of 20 chars. Once the password has been issued, the program refuses access if an incorrect password is entered. An empty box means "No password".

Confirm password

Confirm the password entered above by entering again here. For security, the actual characters you type in this space are replaced by asterisks (*).

Note

The password is case-sensitive!

9.3.3 Security

Update

Alert if last update older than n day(s)

In this box you can enter the maximum number of days allowed to have passed since the last update of Avira AntiVir Server. If this number is exceeded, a warning is displayed in the Scheduler.

Show notice if the signature database with detection patterns is out of date

If this option is enabled, you will obtain an alert message if the virus definition file is not up-to date. With the help of the alert option, you can configure the temporal interval for an alert message if the last update is older than n day(s).

Full system scan

In this area you can configure the status display for the full system scan in AntiVir Server Console under Overview:: Status.

'Yellow' status if older than n days

Enter an interval in days after which, if exceeded since the last complete system scan, the status display should switch to yellow. The specified interval must be shorter than the interval specified for red status. The standard value of seven days is recommended.

'Red' status if older than n days

Enter an interval in days after which, if exceeded since the last complete system scan, the status display should switch to red. The specified interval must be greater than the interval specified for yellow status. The standard value of 30 days is recommended.

Note

If you specify 0 for both intervals, status monitoring is disabled for the complete system scan. A green symbol is always displayed. This setting should only be made in exceptional cases. If only set one interval to 0, the specification is discarded as invalid.

9.3.4 Events

Limit size of event database

Limit maximum number of events to n entries

If this option is enabled, the maximum number of events listed in the event database can be limited to a certain size; possible values: 100 to 10 000 entries. If the number of entered entries is exceeded, the oldest entries are deleted.

Delete events older than n day(s)

If this option is enabled, events listed in the event database are deleted after a certain period of time; possible values: 1 to 90 days. This option is enabled as the default setting, with a value of 30 days.

Do not limit size of event database (delete events manually)

When this option has been activated, the size of the event database is not limited. However, in AntiVir Server Console under Events a maximum of 20,000 entries are displayed.

9.3.5 Reports

Limit number of reports

Limit the number to n units

When this option is enabled, the maximum number of reports can be limited to a specific amount. Values between 1 and 300 are permissible. If the specified number is exceeded, then the oldest report at that time is deleted.

Delete all reports more than n day(s) old

If this option is enabled, reports are automatically deleted after a specific number of days. Permissible values are: 1 to 90 days. This option is enabled by default with a value of 30 days.

Do not limit number of reports (manually delete reports)

If this option is enabled, the number of reports is not restricted.

9.3.6 Directories

Temporary path

In this input box you enter the temporary path with which Avira AntiVir Server works.

Use default system settings

If this option is enabled, the settings of the system are used for handling temporary files.

Use following directory

If this option is enabled, the path displayed in the input box is used.



The button opens a window in which you can select the required temporary path.

Default

The button restores the pre-defined directory for the temporary path.

Report directory

This input box contains the path to the report file of Avira AntiVir Server.



The button opens a window in which you can select the required directory.

Default

The button restores the pre-defined path to the report directory.

Quarantine directory

This box contains the path to the quarantine directory of Avira AntiVir Server.



The button opens a window in which you can select the required directory.

Default

The button restores the predefined path to the quarantine directory.

9.4 Update

The section **Update** of the AntiVir Server Configuration is responsible for the configuration of the Updater. You can carry out an update via Web server or via file server / share.

Download

via Web server

The Avira AntiVir Server Updater uses a central server to get the updates from the internet or from intranets.

Note

If this option is enabled, you can configure the Web server and, where necessary, the proxy server.

via file server / share

The update is carried out via a file server or a share.

Note

If this option is enabled, you can configure the file server you are using in the File server configuration section.

Product updates

Download and automatically install product updates

When this option is enabled, you can define a time for the product update. Specify a day and time for the product update. The product update will take place at this time, provided there are product updates available. Updates to the virus definition file and search engine are carried out independently of this setting. The conditions for this option are: complete configuration of the update and an open connection to a download server. Before a product update is carried out, you will receive an alert on the AntiVir Server Console used to administer the server to be protected.

Notification when new product updates are available

If this option is enabled, you will be notified by email when new product updates become available. Updates to the virus definition file and search engine are carried out independently of this setting. The conditions for this option are: complete configuration of the update and an open connection to a download server. You will be notified in the AntiVir Server Console and by email, if email notification has been configured.

Do not download product updates

If this option is enabled, no automatic product updates or notifications of available product updates by AntiVir Updater are carried out. Updates to the virus definition file and search engine are carried out independently of this setting.

Important

An update of the virus definition file and of the search engine is carried out during every update process independent of the settings for the product update (see chapter Updates).

The update can be performed directly via a web server on the Internet or the intranet.

Download

Standard-Server

Here you enter the address (URL) of the web server from which the updates are to be downloaded. The web server can be a server on the Internet or intranet. You can enter several addresses. The accessible webservers for the update of AntiVir Server are entered by default.

Default

The button restores the predefined addresses.

Priority server

In this field enter the address (URL) of the web server, which is to be accessed as the first server during an update. If this server cannot be reached, the standard servers indicated will be used.

9.4.1 File server

In the case of more than one workstation in a network, Avira AntiVir Server can download an update from a server in the Intranet, which in turn obtains the update files from the Internet. It can thus be ensured that the Avira AntiVir Server is up to date on all workstations.

Note

The Configuration heading is only enabled if under Settings::Update::Update the **via File Server / Share** option has been selected.

Download

Here you enter the path in which the current files of Avira AntiVir Server are located on the server.



The button opens a window in which you can select the required download directory.

Server Login

Login name

Enter your login name on the server here.

Login password

Enter the relevant password for logging in on the server here. For security, the actual characters you type in this space are replaced by asterisks (*).

Note

If you do not specify any data in the Server login section, no authentication on the file server will be accomplished during access. In this case sufficient user rights have to be stored on the file server.

9.4.2 Proxy

Proxy server

Do not use a proxy server

If this option is enabled, your connection to the web server is not carried out via a proxy server.

Use Windows system settings

When the option is enabled, the current Windows system settings are used for the connection to the web server via a proxy server.

Use the following proxy server

If your web server connection is set up via a proxy server, you can enter the relevant information here.

Address

Please enter the URL or the IP address of the proxy server you should use to connect to the web server.

Port

Please enter the port number of the proxy server you should use to connect to the web server.

Login name

Enter your login name on the proxy server here.

Login password

Enter the relevant password for logging in on the proxy server here. For security, the actual characters you type in this space are replaced by asterisks (*).

Examples:

Address: prox.domain.com Port: 8080
Address: 192.168.1.100 Port: 3128

9.5 Warnings

You can send individually configurable alerts from the Scanner or from the Guard to any workstations in your network.

Note

An alert is always sent to computers, NOT to a certain user.

Warning

This functionality is no longer supported by the following operating systems:
Windows Server 2008 and higher Windows Vista and higher

Send message to

The list in this window shows names of computers that receive a message when a virus or unwanted program is found.

Note

A computer can always be entered only once in this list.

Insert

With this button you can add a further computer. A window is opened in which you can enter the names of new computers. A computer name can be a maximum of 15 characters long.



The button opens a window in which you can alternatively select a computer directly from your computer environment.

Delete

With this button you can delete the currently selected entry from the list.

9.5.1 Guard

Network alerts

If this option is enabled, network alerts are sent. This option is disabled as the default setting.

Note

To be able to activate this option, at least one recipient must be entered under General :: Alerts :: Network.

Message to be sent

The window shows the message sent to the selected workstation when a virus or unwanted program is detected. You can edit this message. A text may contain a maximum of 500 characters.

You can use the following key combinations for formatting the message:

Strg + **Tab** Inserts a tab. The current line is indented by several characters to the right.

Strg + **Enter** inserts a line break.

The message can include wildcards for information which was found during the search. These wildcards are replaced by the actual text when sent.

The following wildcards can be used:

%VIRUS%	contains the name of the detected virus or of the unwanted program
%FILE%	contains the path and file name of the affected file
%COMPUTER%	contains the name of the computer on which the Guard is running
%NAME%	contains the name of the user who accessed the affected file
%ACTION%	contains the action carried out after the detection of the virus
%MACADDR%	contains the MAC address of the computer on which the Guard is running

Default

The button restores the predefined default text for an alert.

9.5.2 Scanner

Enable network alerts

If this option is enabled, network alerts are sent. This option is disabled as the default setting.

Note

To be able to activate this option, at least one recipient must be entered under General :: Alerts :: Network.

Message to be sent

The window shows the message sent to the selected workstation when a virus or unwanted program is detected. You can edit this message. A text may contain a maximum of 500 characters.

You can use the following key combinations for formatting the message:

Strg + **Tab** Inserts a tab. The current line is indented by several characters to the right.

Strg + **Enter** inserts a line break.

The message can include wildcards for information which was found during the search. These wildcards are replaced by the actual text when sent.

The following wildcards can be used:

%VIRUS%	contains the name of the detected virus or of the unwanted program
%NAME%	contains the name of the logged in user carrying out the Scanner

Default

The button restores the predefined default text for an alert.

9.5.3 Acoustic alerts

Acoustic alert

You can deactivate or activate an acoustic alert to signal that a virus has been found when scanning Guard. The acoustic alert is only emitted in *Extended terminal server support* action mode. An alternative Wave file can be selected as an acoustic alert.

Note

The action mode for Guard is set under the following heading:
Settings::Guard::Action for concerning files

No warning

When this option is activated, there is no acoustic alert when a virus is detected by Guard.

Play on PC speakers (extended terminal server support mode only)

When this option is activated, there is an acoustic alert with the default signal when a virus is detected by Guard. The acoustic alert is sounded on the PC's internal speaker.

Use the following WAV file (extended terminal server support mode only)

When this option is activated, there is an acoustic alert with the selected WAV file when a virus is detected by Guard. The selected WAVE file is played over a connected external speaker.

Wave file

In this input box you can enter the name and the associated path of an audio file of your choice. The default acoustic signal of AntiVir Server is entered as standard.



The button opens a window in which you can select the required file with the aid of the file explorer.

Test

This button is used to test the selected wave file.

9.6 Email

9.6.1 Email

With certain events, Avira AntiVir Server can send alerts and messages via email to one or more recipients. This is done with the Simple Message Transfer Protocol (SMTP).

The messages can be triggered by various events. Transmission of emails is supported by the following modules:

- Email alerts from Guard
- Email alerts from Scanner
- Examination enquiries of suspicious files to the Avira Malware Research Center

Note

Please note that ESMTP is not supported. In addition, an encrypted transfer via TLS (Transport Layer Security) or SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) is currently not possible.

Email messages

SMTP server

Enter the name of the host to be used here - either its IP address or the direct host name. The maximum possible length of the host name is 127 characters.

For example:

192.168.1.100 or mail.musterfirma.de.

Sender address

In this input box, enter the email address of the sender. The maximum length of the sender's address is 127 characters.

Authentication

Some mail servers expect a program to verify itself to the server (log in) before an email is sent. Avira AntiVir Server can transmit alerts with authentication to the SMTP server via email.

Use authentication

If this option is enabled, a user name and a password can be entered in the relevant boxes for login (authentication).

- **User name:** Enter your user name here.
- **Password:** Enter the relevant password here. The password is saved in encrypted form. For security, the actual characters you type in this space are replaced by asterisks (*).

Send test email

When you click on the button, Avira AntiVir Server attempts to send a test email to the sender address to check the data entered.

9.6.2 Guard

AntiVir Guard can send alerts by email to one or more recipients for certain events.

Guard

Email alerts

If this option is enabled, AntiVir Guard sends email messages with the most important information when a certain event occurs. This option is disabled as the default setting.

Email notification with the following events

- **The on-demand scan detected a virus or unwanted program**
If this option is enabled, you always receive an email with the name of the virus or unwanted program and the affected file when the on-access scan detects a virus or an unwanted program.
- **A critical error occurred in Guard**
If this option is enabled, you receive an email if Avira AntiVir Server detects an internal critical error.

Note

In this case, please inform our technical support and include the data given in the email. The specified file should also be sent for examination.

Recipient(s)

Enter the email address(es) of the recipient(s) in this box. The individual addresses are separated by commas. The maximum length of all addresses together (i.e. the total character string) is 260 characters.

9.6.3 Scanner

With certain events, the on-demand scan can send alerts and messages via email to one or more recipients.

Scanner

Enable email alerts

If this option is enabled, Avira AntiVir Server sends email messages with the most important information when a certain event occurs. This option is disabled as the default setting.

Email notification with the following events

- **The on-demand scan detected a virus or unwanted program**
If this option is enabled, you receive an email with the name of the virus or unwanted program and the affected file whenever the on-demand scan detects a virus or an unwanted program.
- **End of a planned scan**
When the option is activated, an email is sent when a scan job has been carried out. The email contains data on the point and duration of the scan job, on the folders and files scanned as well as on the viruses found and warnings.

Recipient address(es)

Enter the email address(es) of the recipient(s) in this box. The individual addresses are separated by commas. The maximum length of all addresses together (i.e. the total character string) is 260 characters.

9.6.4 AntiVir Updater

The AntiVir Updater can send notifications by email to one or more recipients for certain events.

AntiVir Updater

Email alerts

If this option is enabled, AntiVir Updater sends email messages with the most important data when a certain event occurs. This option is disabled by default.

Email messages for the following events

- **No update necessary. Your program is up to date.**
If this option is enabled, an email is sent if the AntiVir Updater has successfully made a connection to the download server but there are no new files available on the server. This means that AntiVir Server is up to date.
- **Update finished successful. New files have been installed.**
If this option is enabled, an email is sent for all updates carried out: This may be a product update or an update of the virus definition file or of the scanning engine.
- **Update finished successful. A new product update is available.**
If this option is enabled, an email is only sent if an update of the scanning engine or virus definition file was carried out without a product update, but a product update is available.
- **Update failed.**
If this option is enabled, an email is sent if the update has failed due to an error.

Recipient(s)

Enter the email address(es) of the recipient(s) in this box. The individual addresses are separated by commas. The maximum length of all addresses together (i.e. the total character string) is 260 characters.

Note

The following events caused warning messages to be sent via email, if email notification was configured in has been configured:

A product update is required for every further update of AntiVir Server.

An update of the scanning engine or of the virus definition file could not be carried out as a product update is necessary.

These warning messages are sent irrespective of your settings for email warnings of the AntiVir Updater.