

## Release date

Start of the rollout is mid-November

## Release content

### **For products that did not receive Update 0 aka Avira version 2014**

Most of the products version 2013 did not receive the automatic Update 0 to the version 2014. This means that these products will switch from version 2013 directly to Update 1 of version 2014. This is the reason why these release notes for Update 1 contain also the release notes of the Update 0 to version 2014.

For these products, there is a reboot required.

## Licensing

With Update 1, migrating from Internet Security to the new Internet Security Suite becomes easier.

Attempting to install the new Avira Internet Security Suite over an old Internet Security product will trigger a product migration and will not require a new license (OTC or Key).

For even more convenience, license codes for Avira Internet Security may be used to activate Avira Internet Security Suite.

## Migration path

For all products which are not discontinued, the version 2013 will be updated automatically to version 2014. After the installation a reboot is required.

### New Features

- **Windows Firewall control:**  
An Avira built management layer over the built-in Windows Firewall. This feature is available starting with Windows Vista. It is not supported on Windows XP.
- **Advanced Real-Time Protection:**  
This new feature, the extension of the standard Real-Time Protection with the Avira Protection Cloud in order to bring the benefits of having some of the detection power in the cloud. For more details, please see the [TechBlog articles](#).
- **AntiBot in Professional Security:**  
The AntiBot function of Mail Protection prevents your computer from becoming part of a so-called bot-net and being used to send out spam Emails.  
To send spam via a bot-net, an attacker usually infects a number of computers with a bot that then connects to an IRC server, opens a particular channel and waits for the command to send the spam Emails.  
To distinguish spam emails from an unknown bot from genuine Emails, Mail Protection checks if the SMTP server and Email sender for an outgoing Email are included in the lists of permitted servers and senders. If this is not the case, the outgoing Emails are blocked, i.e. the Email is not sent.  
The blocked Email will be displayed in a dialog box.

#### Note

The AntiBot function can only be used if the Mail Protection scan of outgoing Emails is enabled (see the option Scan outgoing emails within the configuration at *Internet Protection > Mail Protection > Scan*).

### Other Changes

- When an update that requires a reboot is downloaded, the updater will run in visible mode, no matter how the update was started (even in minimized mode). This change was required due to the fact that many customers rebooted the PC while downloading large updates because they thought that the dialog with the reboot request is not going to appear anymore.
- Additional error messages and links to KB articles were added to the Fast Activation Tool (FACT) in order to better support the new licensing concept.

### Bug fixes

- The uninstall of the Avira FireWall when migrating from Internet Security to any other product has been fixed. This was a major problem that was easily reproducible when migrating from Windows 8.0 to 8.1
- FACT does not make checks by itself, it uses the logic of the backend to install licenses
- Bug fixes related to Mailguard and support of new extensions of POP3 and IMAP protocols
- Fixes in various modules related to the support of Windows 8.1
- Fixes in Realtime Protection with APC on 64 bits
- Added trusted published APN LLC so that the Avira Firewall does not give any popups for the toolbar
- Changed the evaluation OTC for Antivirus Suite
- Added special logging to the APC functionality in order to check if a specific file was analyzed by the APC (for this it is necessary to add a complete log level)
- Removed the options for the Scan Mode in the Real-Time protection
- Toolbar is offered now in Change Installation mode

### Windows 8.1

All workstation products received the Windows 8.1. Logo. Microsoft made the new OS fully available to the public on Oct 17th. We updated our articles to mention that the 2014 products are compatible with Win 8.1.

#### [Windows 8.1 Compatibility Information](#)

The Server product will also get a certification for all new versions of Windows Server (incl. Server 2012 and 2012 R2).

### Discontinued features in version 2014

- **Avira Firewall:** This feature will no longer be developed any further. The new feature “Windows Firewall control” will be available only for new installations on Windows Vista and above. Older installations on Windows Vista and above will not be ported to the new version of the module. Avira FW can only be removed, not newly installed. For this, a reinstallation/change installation of the software is required. There will be no firewall installed on Windows XP anymore.
- **Avira Web and Mail Protection - LSP module:** This feature is maintained for Windows XP and Windows Vista. On Windows 7 and above, it is replaced by the Avira Web and Mail Protection – WFP module. The new feature will be available only for new installations. Older installations on Windows 7 and above will not be ported to the WFP version of the module. Therefore, a reinstallation/change installation of the software is required.

#### Note

Customers of Professional Security can continue to use these features until the announced EOL of the product.

Note that there is no automatic migration to the new feature possible for the discontinued features which have a successor. For this, a reinstallation/change installation of the software is required.

### AMC/AUM

The AUM will be updated and the “2013” in the product name will be removed. The old products (2010, 2012) have now the version number as part of the product name in order to distinguish them from the latest version.

In AMC-managed environments the administrator might see two firewalls in his organization, depending on whether the old Professional and the new Professional products are installed:

- **Avira FireWall** - the legacy firewall
- **Windows Firewall control** - the management layer over the Windows Firewall

If the computers are managed using Group Policies, the Avira settings will be applied on each startup of the product, even if they are contrary to the Group Policies. It is advisable to have only one entity that controls this feature.

## Reboot needed

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## Affected products

- All consumer products in version 2013 and 2014
- Professional Security
- Server Security

## OEM Products

- Wiso Internet Security
- Avira Free Antivirus with Baidu PCFaster
- Etisalat Internet Security

These products will be released later on. The final date will be communicated soon.

## Affected languages

ALL supported

## Rollout plan

A step-by step rollout starting with November 12th.

