

INSTALLING AVG FREE 2011 – THE SMART WAY!

Although AVG Free is a great product, and more importantly it is free – it has some downsides.

To begin with, if you accept the (default) quick install option, AVG installs 'a Toolbar' in your browser, sets AVG as the default 'Search Engine', collects private information, and does not configure 'scheduled scans'.

By following our guide below, we'll show you how to install AVG the smart way.

First of all, you'll need to download the installation file. You can find the installation file here:

http://www.filehippo.com/download_avg_antivirus_32/

This is the 32 bit version for XP and Vista users, if you need the 64 bit version (i.e. you have 64 bit Windows 7 installed), click on this link:

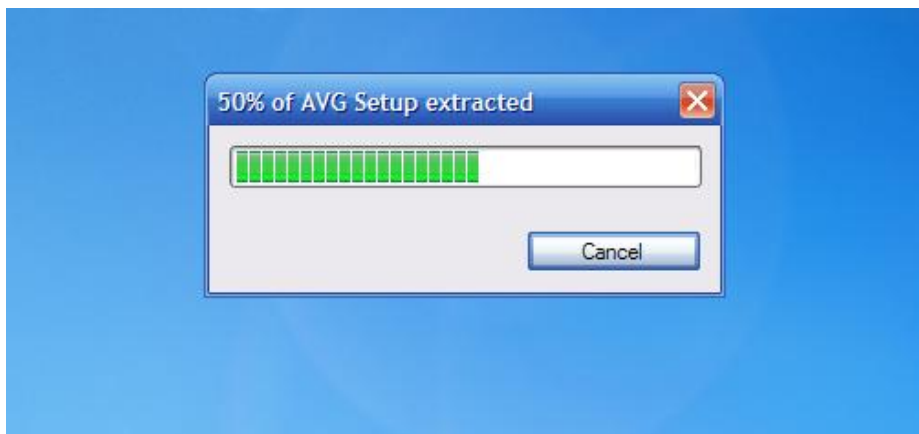
http://www.filehippo.com/download_avg_antivirus_64/

If in doubt, use the 32 bit version.

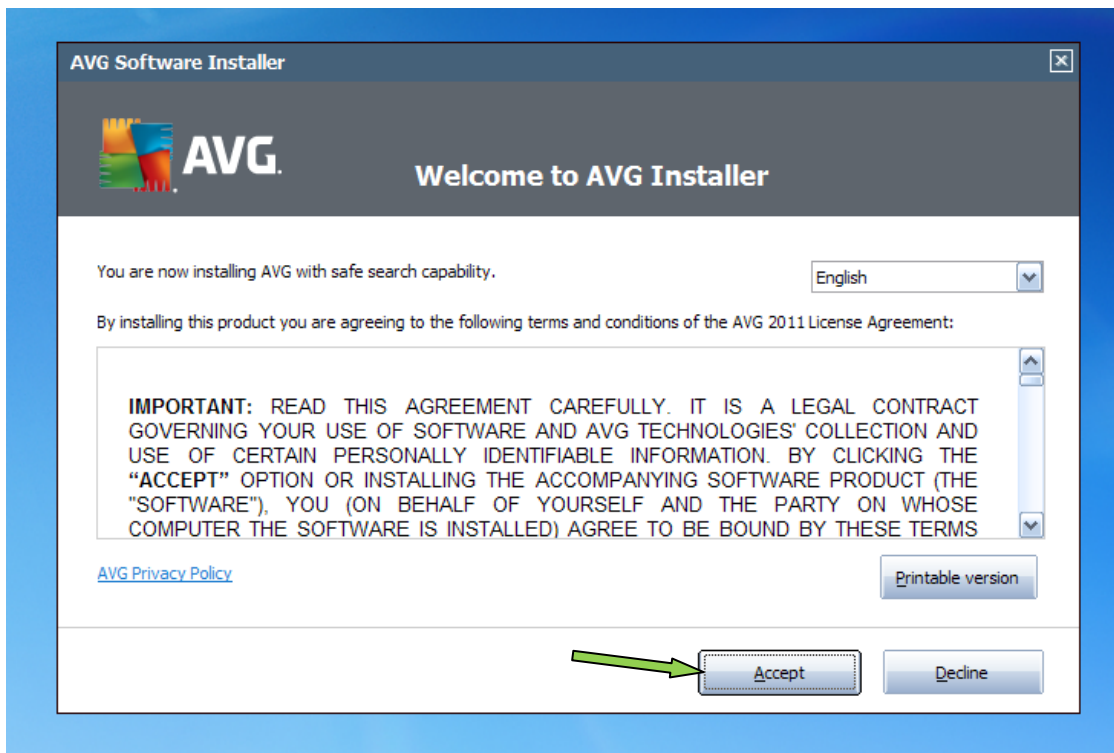
Downloading and Installing

Whichever option you choose, on the web page click on the 'Download Latest Version'. Make a note of where the file is being downloaded to.

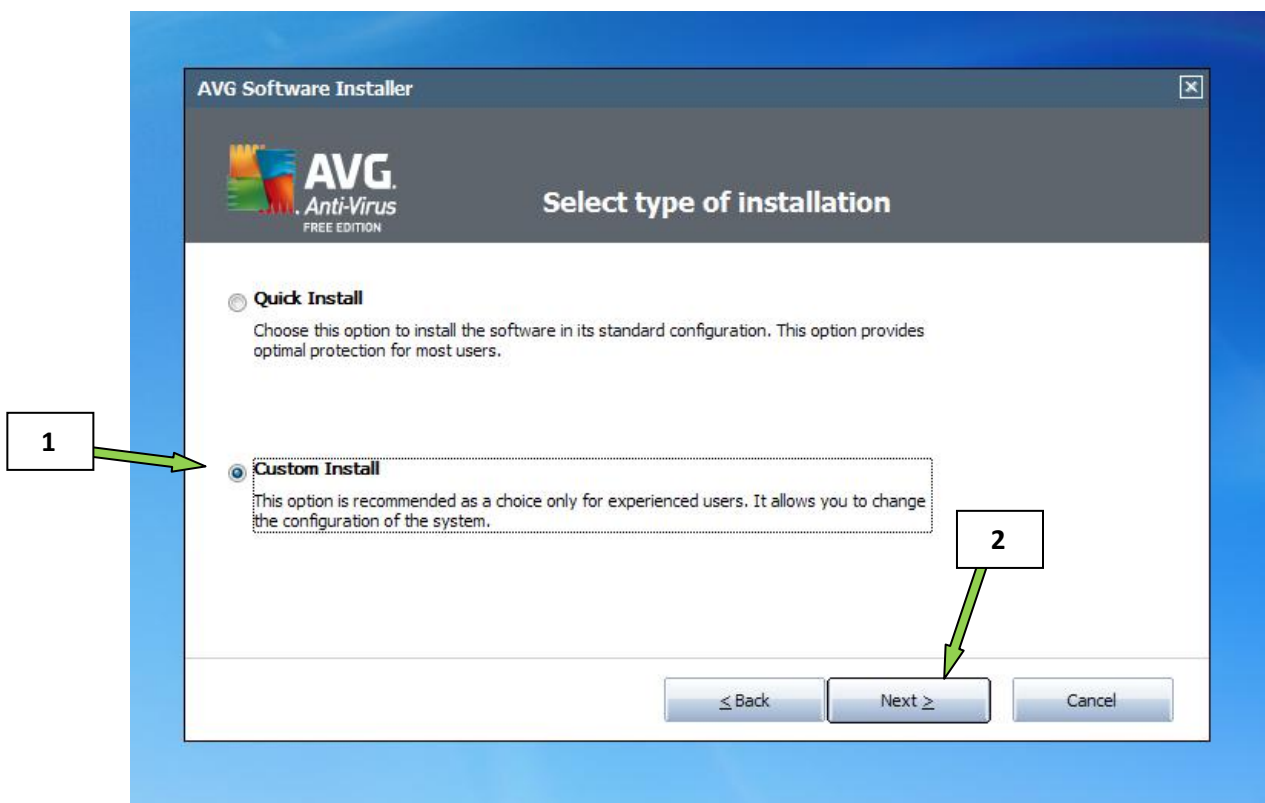
Navigate to this location and double click on the installation file. You will see a window similar to the one below:



Once the installation files have been 'extracted', you will see the next window:

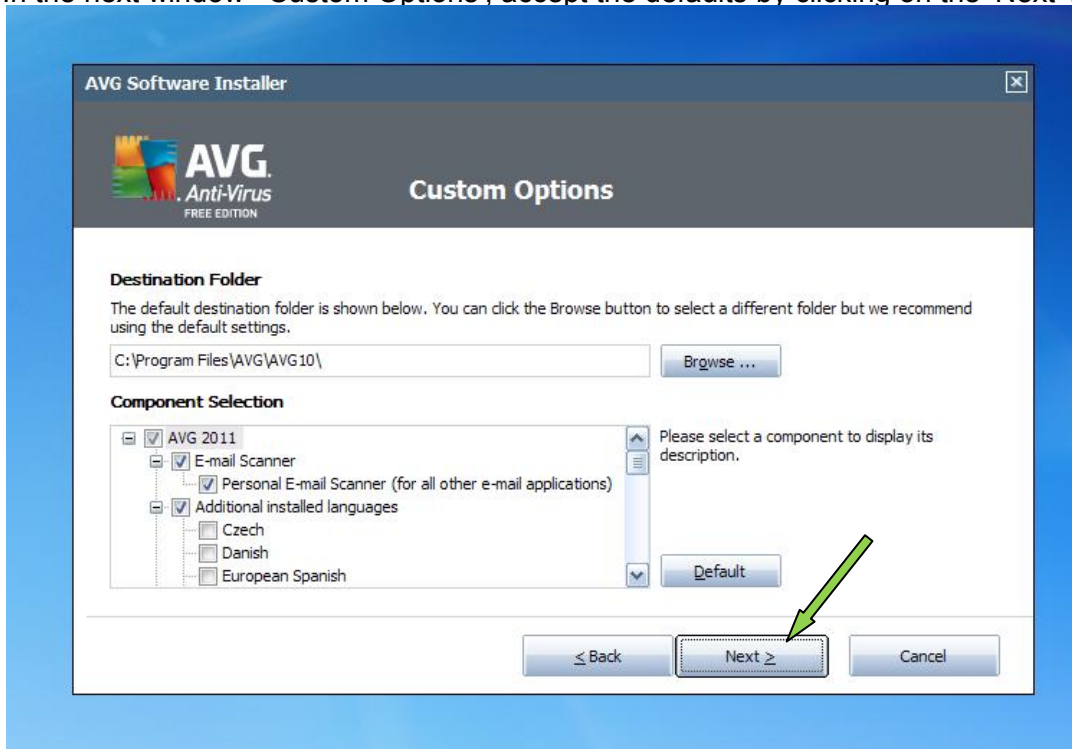


Click on the 'Accept' button to accept the licence agreement. You will then see the next window below.

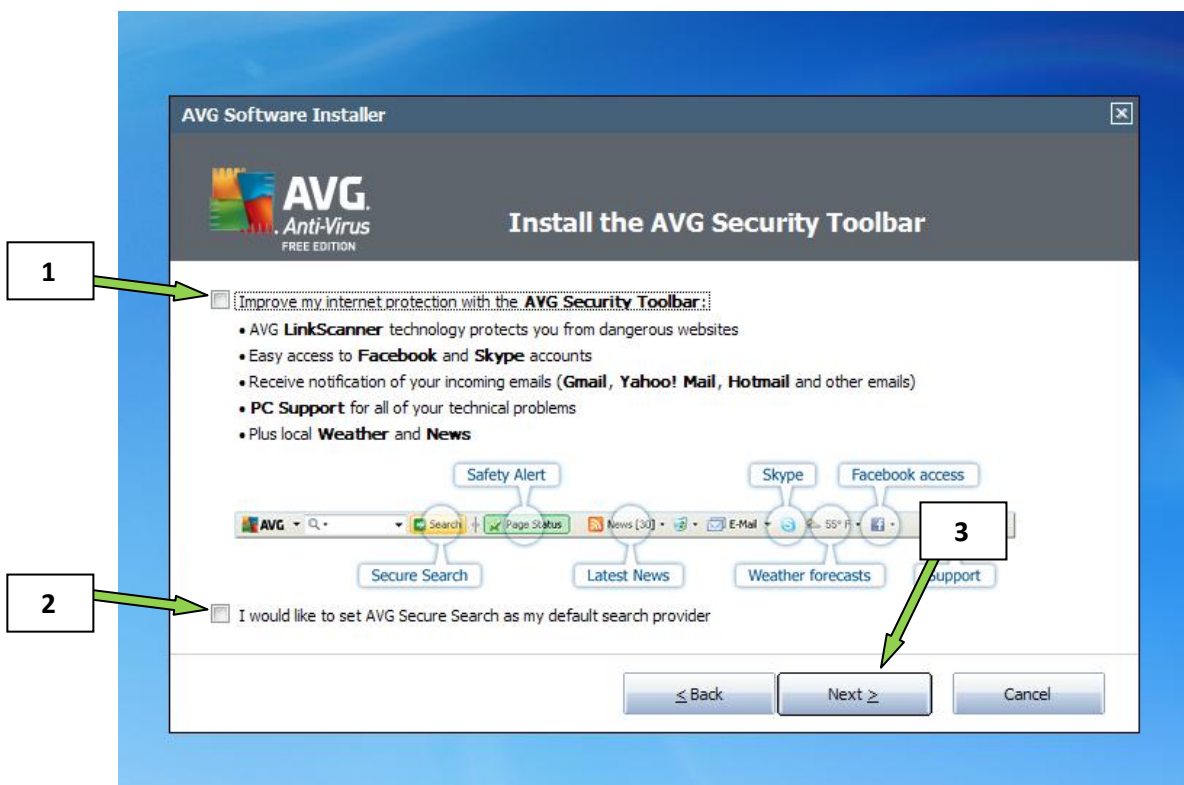


In this window I have clicked on the 'Custom Install' option – you should do this too

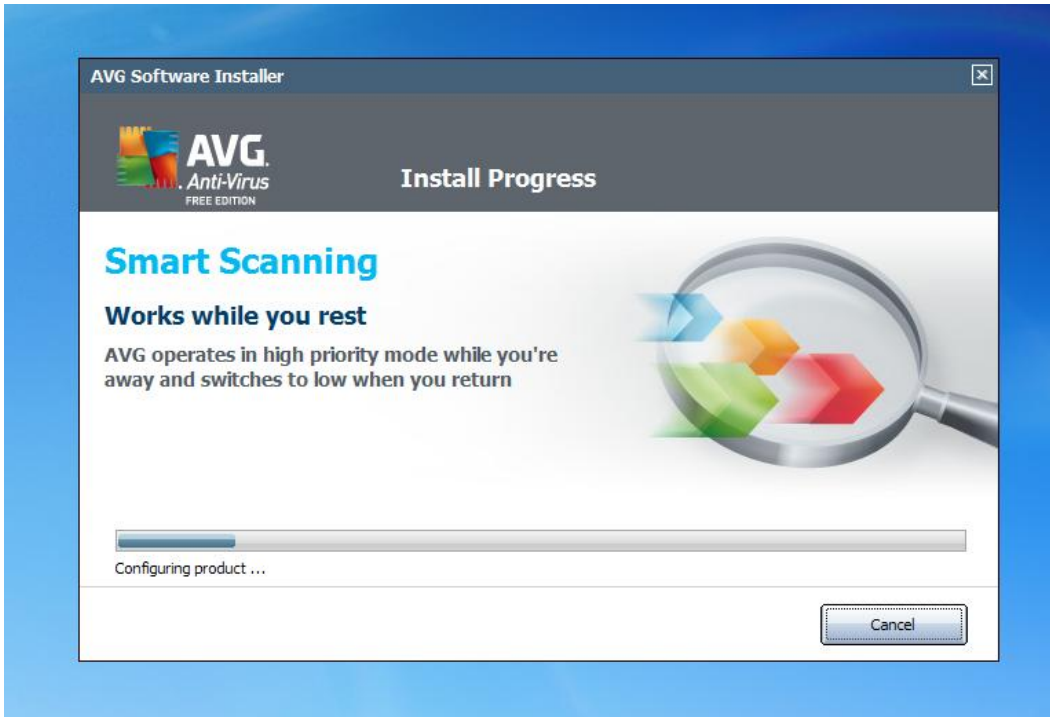
In the next window ' Custom Options', accept the defaults by clicking on the 'Next' button



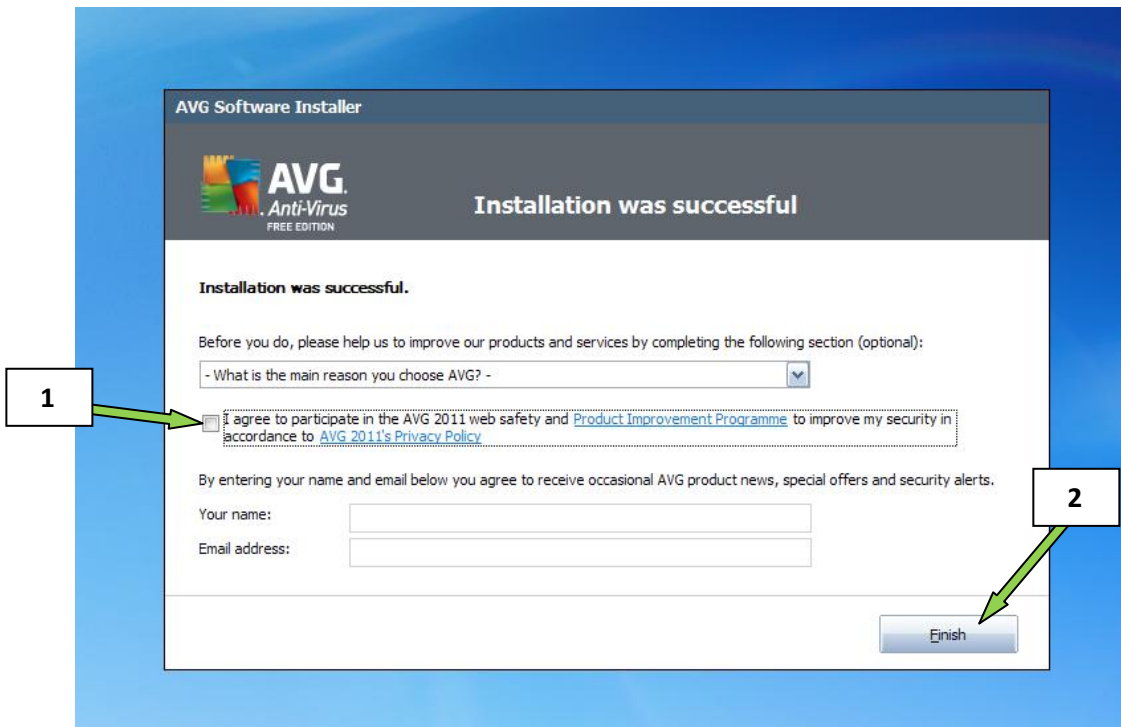
You will then see the window below. In the window shown here you will notice that I have 'deselected' the options for Installing the Toolbar, and for setting AVG as the default Search Engine. We suggest that you do the same.



Click on the 'Next' button to continue



In the next window (shown above) you will see the progress of AVG being installed on your computer. When this has completed, you will see the next window shown below:



I have deselected the option of 'agreeing to participate' We recommend that you deselect this option by clicking in the square to remove the 'tick'. Then click on the 'Finish' button.

Once the installation has completed all AVG installation windows will disappear from your screen.

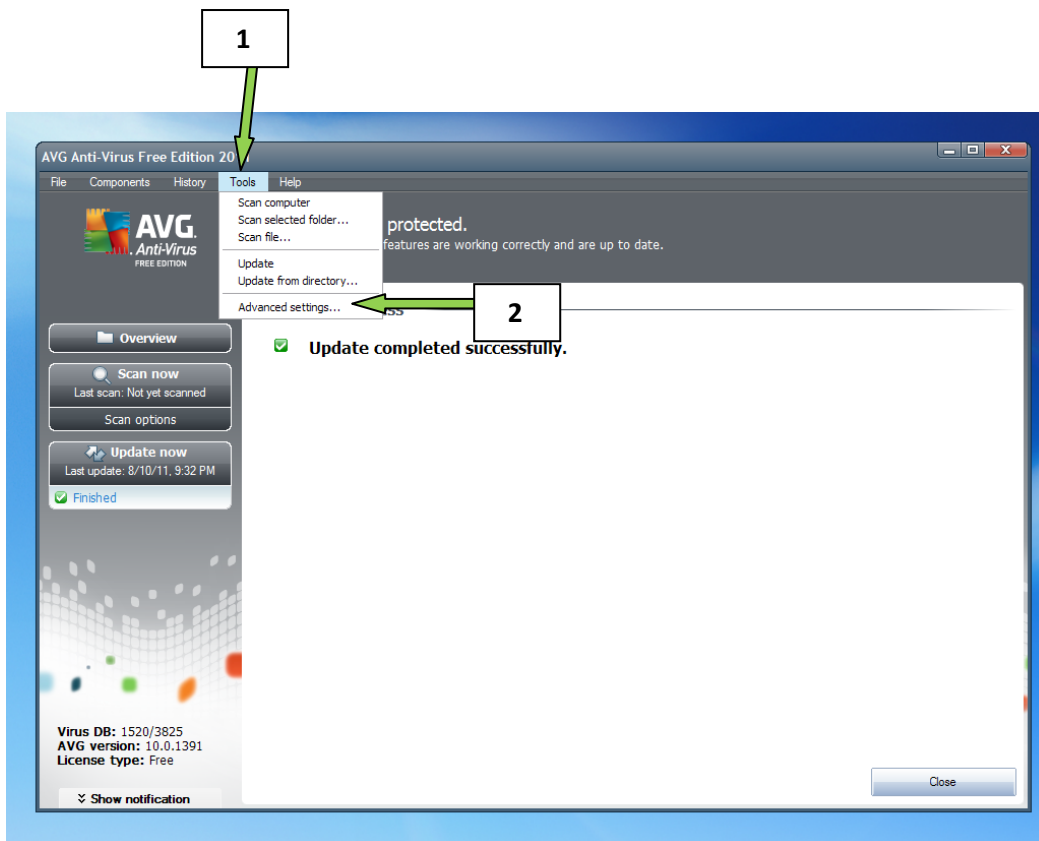
At this point, double click on the AVG icon on your desktop. You will now see the window depicted below:



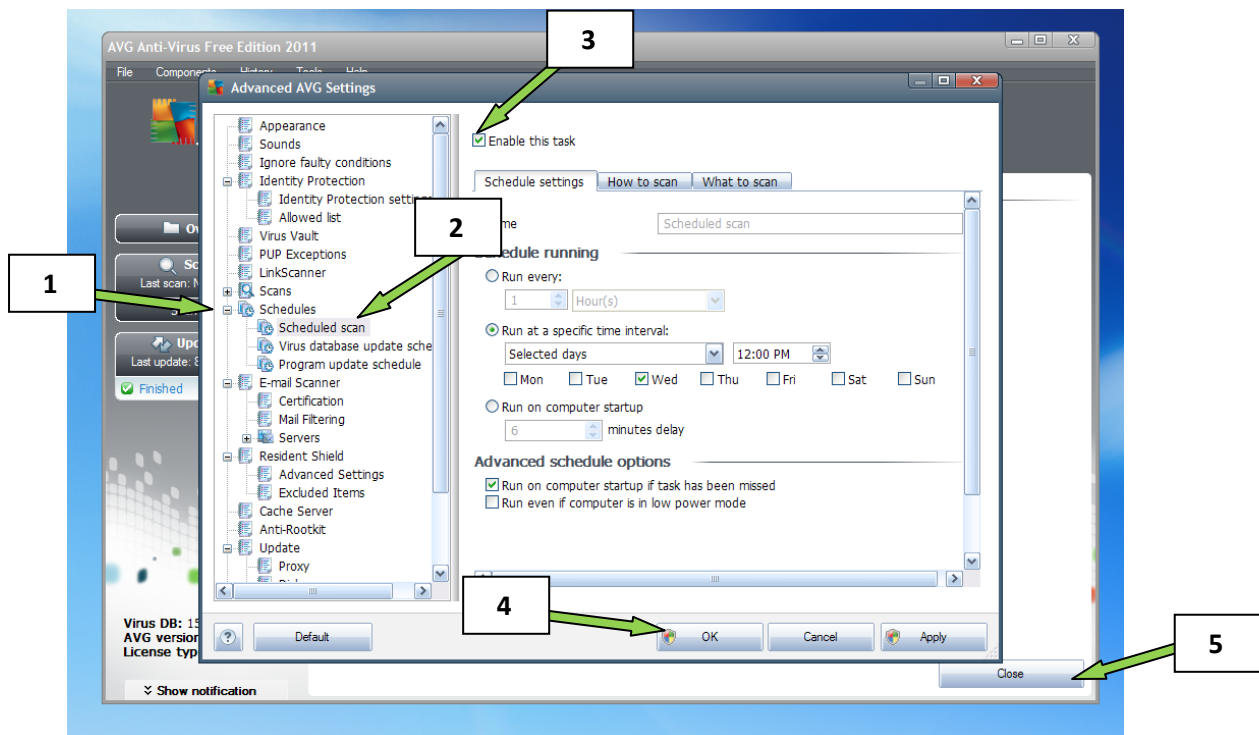
To the right of this window you will see a button labelled 'Fix All' – click on this button to update all the features of AVG. DO NOT close this window yet. . .

Once everything has been updated, you will see the window screenshot displayed below.

At the top of this window you will notice a menu bar, click on the 'Tools' option and 'Advanced settings', as shown below.



You should now be looking at a window similar to the screenshot below. Click on the '+' sign to the left of 'Schedules', and then click on 'Schedule Scan' from the expanded list.



In the right hand column, click on 'Enable the task'. You can then change the settings when you would like AVG to automatically scan your computer. However, the default settings should be OK for most users. Click on OK to save these settings, then click on 'Close' to finish the configuration.