

AVG AntiVirus: Using AVG 7.0 Free Edition

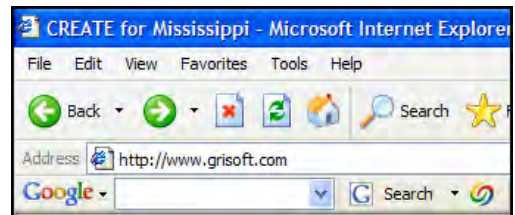
This software is provided by GRISOFT, Inc. is free to single users. Using this software is comparable to using *Norton AntiVirus* or *McAfee AntiVirus*. Since it is free, there are a couple of functions unrelated to virus protection that this software will not provide. They are the use of the advanced interface, the use of advanced test scheduling, the use of technical support, and the ability to create new tests. However, for end users that are strapped for software monies to keep their equipment protected, this antivirus software is a viable solution.

Note:

Educational users should look at [BitDefender](#) or [ClamAV](#) for open-source antivirus solutions. Follow the steps in this handout to learn how to download and install the software, update the software, and perform a complete computer scan with the software.

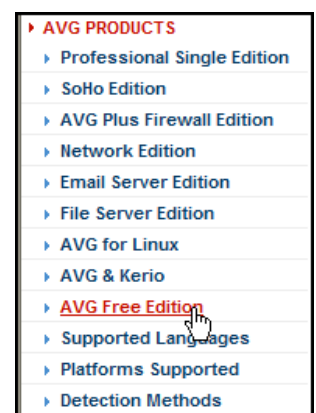
Downloading AVG AntiVirus 7.0 Free Edition

1. To download this software, navigate using your favorite web browser to the following URL, <http://www.grisoft.com>. This is the Web site for the manufacturer of this antivirus software.

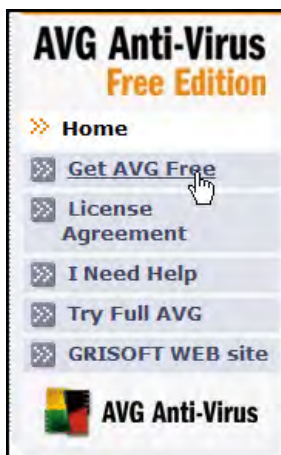
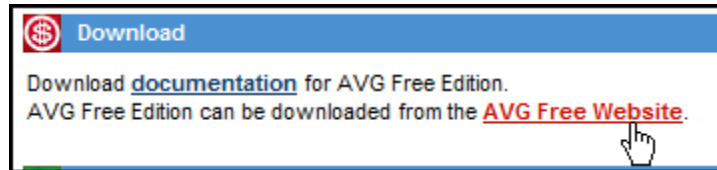


2. At the left of the page, click the hyperlink labeled **AVG PRODUCTS**.

3. In the same side menu, click the hyperlink in the **AVG PRODUCTS** section labeled **AVG FREE EDITION**.



4. Scroll down the page. In the middle of the page, locate the **DOWNLOAD heading**. Click the hyperlink labeled **AVG FREE WEBSITE**.



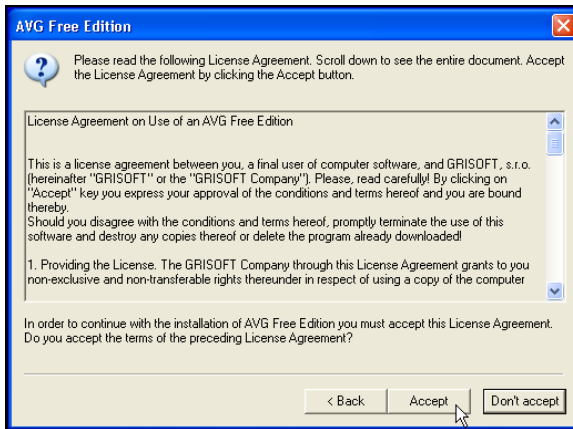
5. Once the web page in the new browser window loads, click the **GET AVG FREE link** in the side menu located on the left side on the page.
6. Scroll down to the bottom of the page. Find the file named something similar to *avg70free_344a618.exe*. Click the hyperlink of the filename, and click **SAVE** to save the installer to a location on the computer.

Installing *AVG AntiVirus 7.0*

1. Double-click the icon for the file that you downloaded. In this handout, we downloaded the file to the *Windows Desktop* for ease of accessibility.

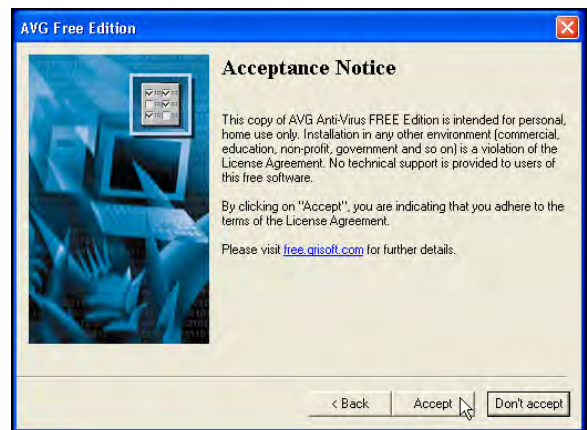


2. Click the **NEXT button** on the welcome screen of the *Windows Installer*.



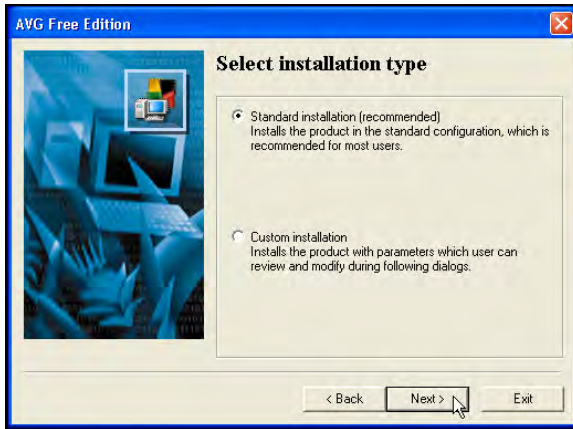
3. Click the **ACCEPT button** to agree to the Software License Agreement for this software. This step is a standard procedure used by all software companies.

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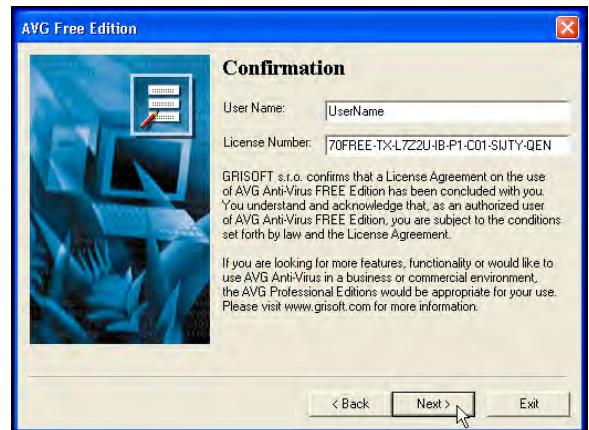
5. The next screen should check the status of the system. Users can ignore this screen, which will lead to the start of the installation process.



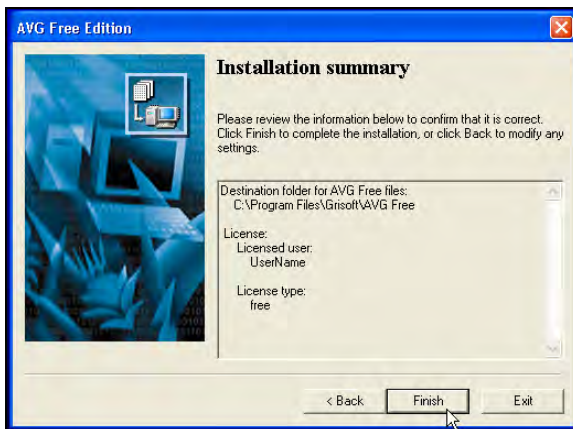


6. Typically, users should leave the installation type as *Standard* on the following screen. Click the **NEXT button** to start the process.

7. Click the **NEXT button** to confirm the user name for the installation. Users can type a new user name at this screen.



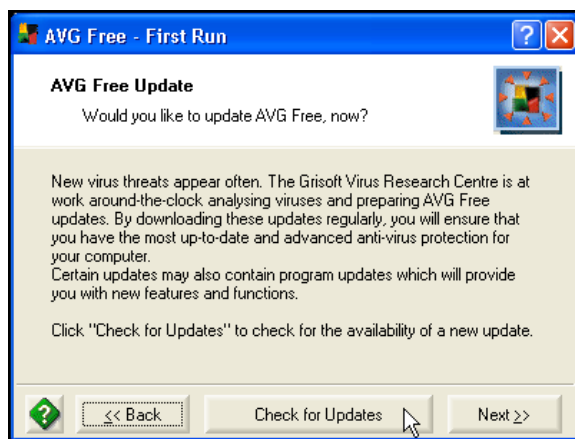
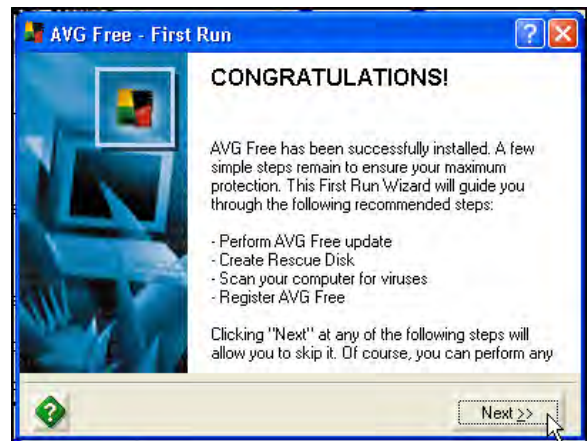
8. At the installation summary screen, click the **FINISH button** to start the software installation process.
9. Once the installation is completed, click the **OK button** to confirm completion of the install.



Configuring AVG 7.0 using the First Run Wizard

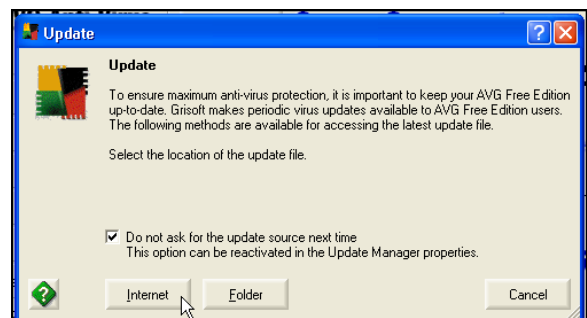
Once the installation completes, AVG 7.0 will start a first run wizard. Follow these steps to configure *AVG Free Edition* using the wizard.

1. Click the **NEXT** button to start the first run wizard.

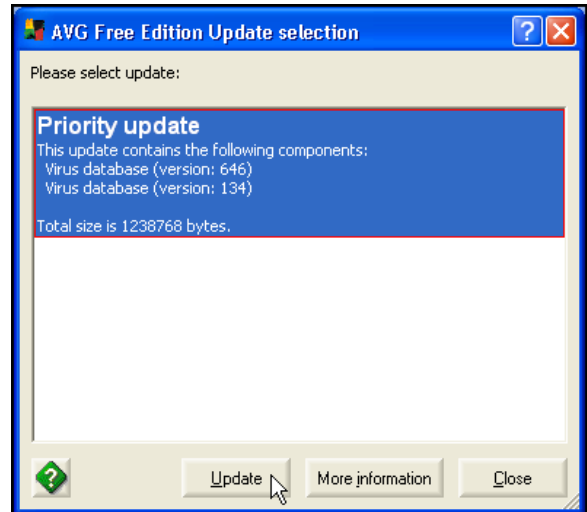


2. At the next screen, first-time users should click the **CHECK FOR UPDATES** button to download virus definition updates and program updates. Users should make sure they have an active Internet connection for this procedure. This step can be skipped, but it should not to maximize program functionality.

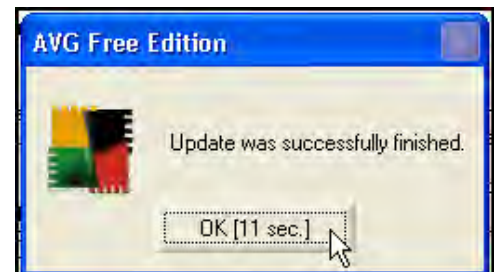
3. Select the checkbox labeled, *Do not ask for update source next time*.
4. Click the **INTERNET** button to download updates from the Internet.



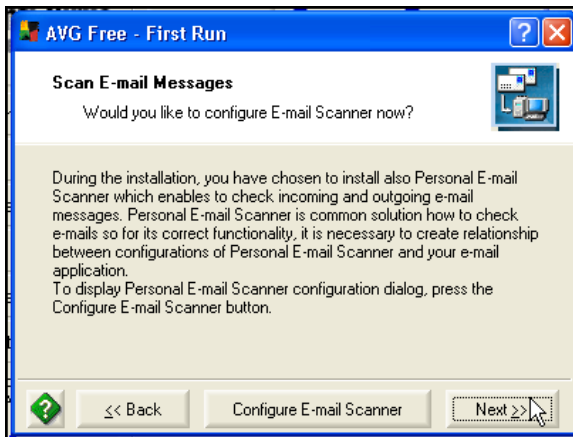
5. Users may get an **Update Selection window** that appears. If so, click the **UPDATE button** to start the update process.
6. Users should see a progress window that shows the status of the download of the program updates.



7. After the updates are downloaded, users will need to click the **OK button** to complete the update process.

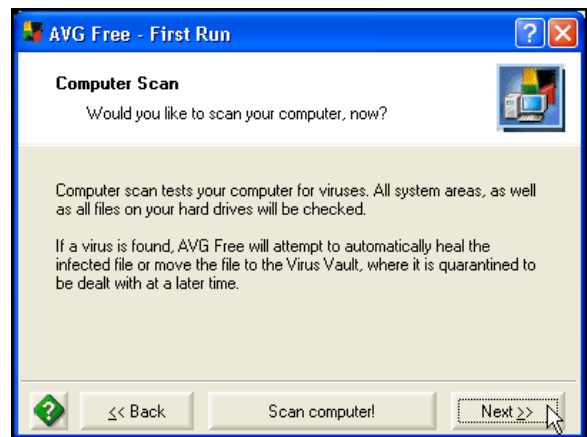


8. At the next screen, users can create a Rescue Disk. If not, click the **NEXT button** to continue the wizard.



9. The next screen provides users a way to configure e-mail message scanning. To configure the e-mail scanner, click the **CONFIGURE E-MAIL SCANNER button**. If users do not wish to configure this option, click the **NEXT button** to continue the wizard.

10. The next screen allows users to scan the computer at this point. Users can wait to scan the computer at a later time by clicking the **NEXT button** instead of clicking the **SCAN COMPUTER button**.



11. Users can register the product at the next screen. Registration of the product can be skipped by clicking the **NEXT button**.
12. Click the **CONTINUE button** to complete the configuration process.



Manual Scans with *AVG 7.0 Free Edition*

1. Open the program by either clicking the *AVG Free* shortcut located on the *Windows Desktop* or located in the *Windows Start Menu*.



2. Click the **SCAN COMPUTER** button.



3. The program will notify users when the scan is complete. It will also direct users appropriate actions to take in the event a virus is found. Users will have the choice to clean, quarantine or delete infected files, when the opportunity arises. More information concerning this product can be found at the *AVG Free Edition* Help page (<http://free.grisoft.com/doc/3/Ing/us/tpl/v5>).

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