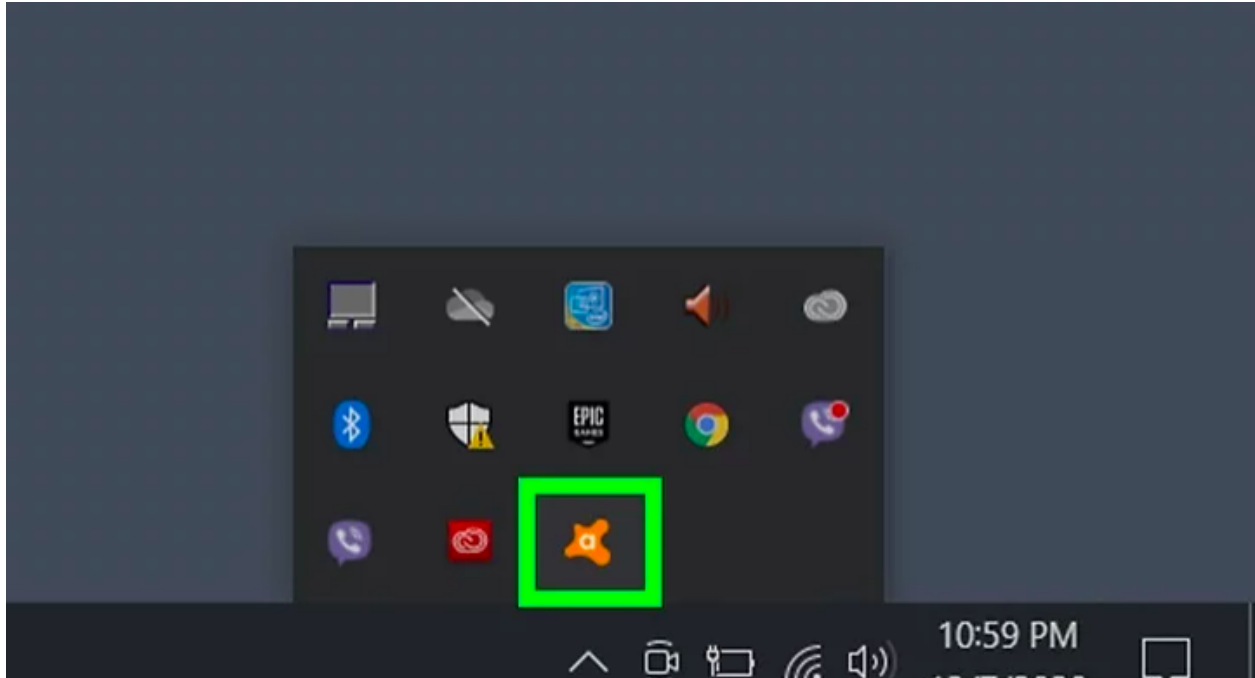


How to Disable Avast

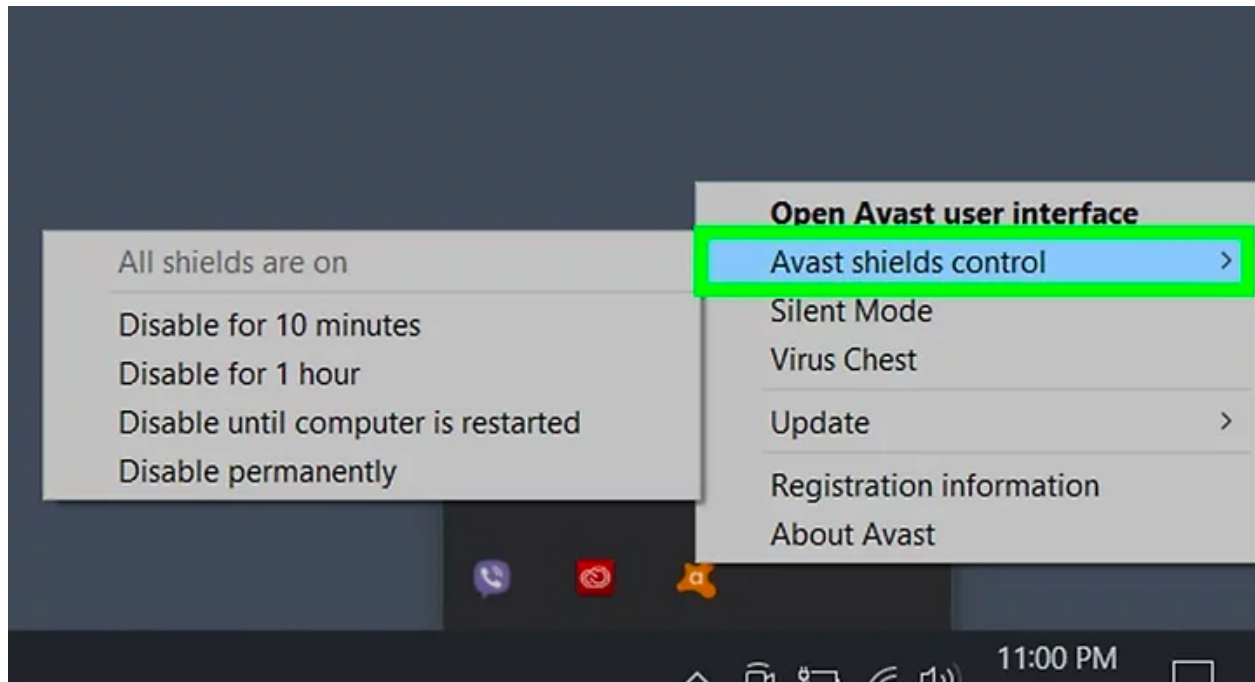
Avast gained a lot of popularity with its free and commercial antivirus software and other security apps. Their antivirus has many options to quickly and successfully block and prevent any threat endangering your system and files. However, sometimes you need to disable some of Avast's disruptive features. For example, an app you want to activate or a driver you've scheduled to install might be blocked by this antivirus software to prevent possible attacks. Here's [how to disable Avast](#) if it becomes overprotective.

Shut Down Avast With Avast Shield Control

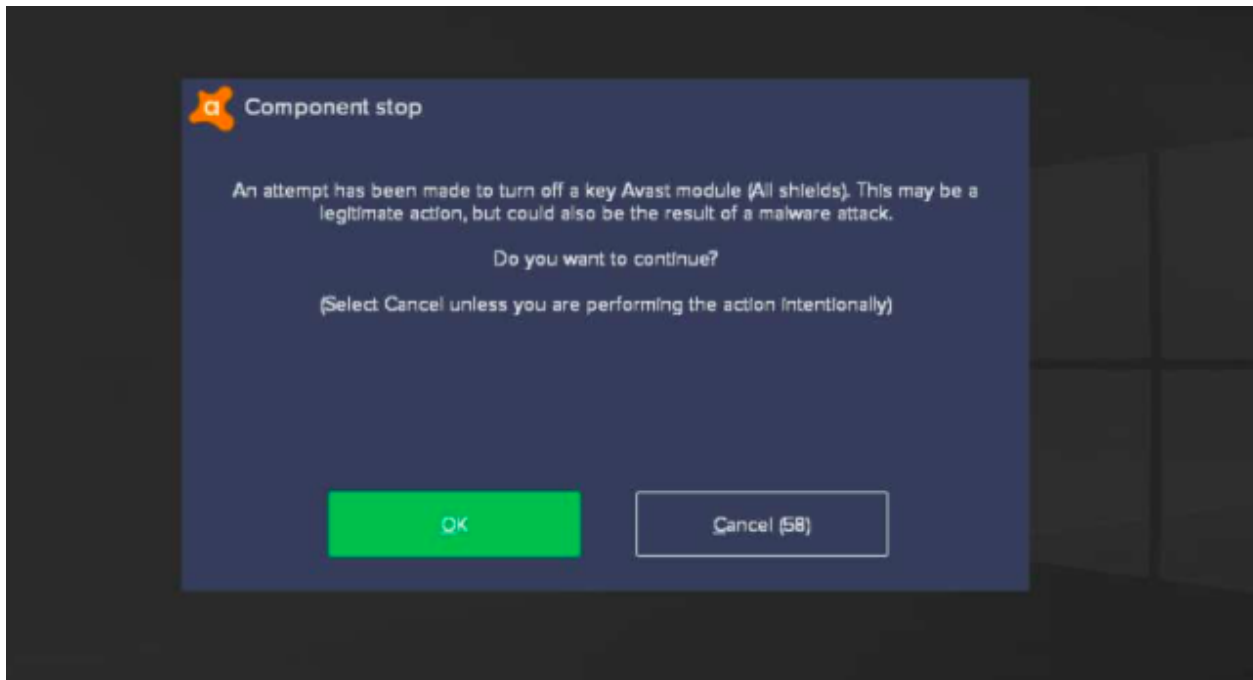
You may shut the [Avast Antivirus](#) down temporarily or permanently. If Avast causes you trouble with installed files or apps or prevents them from installing, turn on the Avast Shield Control function to pause its activity for a specific period. If you want, you can also disable your antivirus permanently. Be careful if you're going to run this option, however, as it will leave your system unprotected and [stats on antivirus necessity](#) show you're most definitely better off with one ready and installed. If you're wondering [how to disable the Avast Free Antivirus](#) or its paid version, this method will work either way.



Let's go step by step: Start by opening the System Tray. To do that, press the up arrow button on the toolbar in the lower-right corner of your screen. When you click on it, you will see an icon for Avast Antivirus that looks like an orange dropped from the second floor with a lowercase cursive letter "a" in the middle.



Right-click on this icon and point your mouse cursor over Avast shields control until an additional dropdown menu shows up. From there, you can select for how long your **Avast Free Antivirus** or paid client will be deactivated. Now you know **how to disable Avast for 10 minutes** or longer.



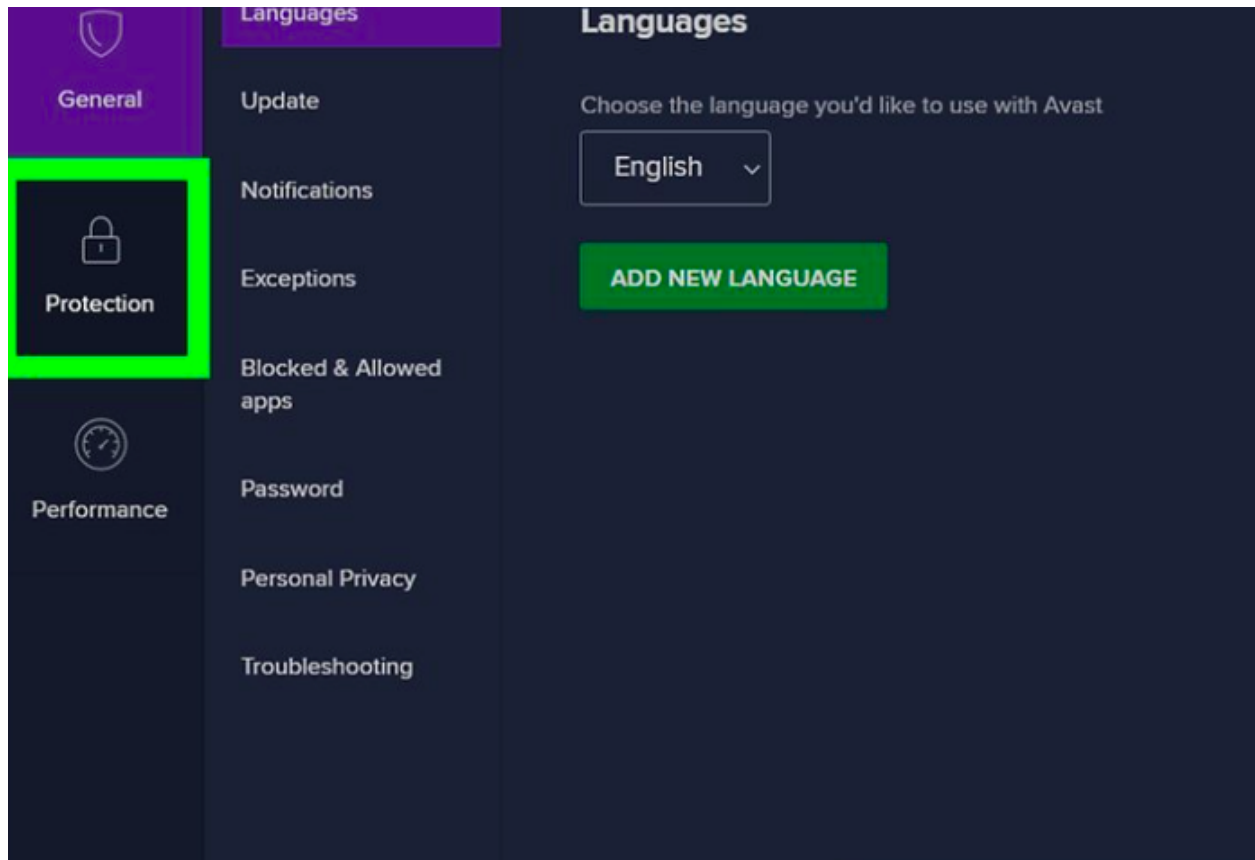
When you select a time frame, a popup window will show up to confirm this action. Click OK, and the antivirus will be deactivated. If you decide to reactivate it, right-click on the **Avast Antivirus** icon in the System Tray, hover over the Avast shields control option, and click on "All shields are on." This procedure shows **how to deactivate Avast**, but what if you want to disable just a part of the antivirus app?

Core Shields Settings

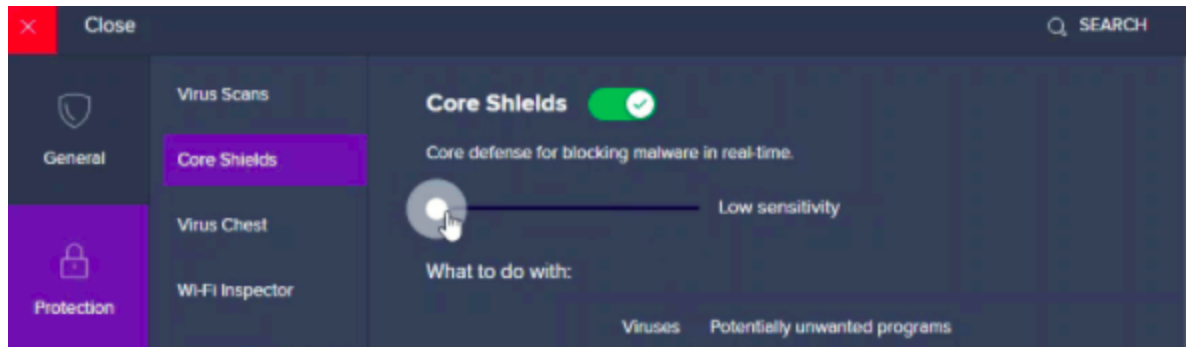
Core Shields is the beating heart of the **Avast Antivirus** and its primary line of defense against viruses, malware, and other bad actors. If you're wondering **how to disable the Avast behavior shield**, the Core Shields menu is the way to go. You can also adjust the Core Shields' sensitivity to change how robust the antivirus response will be. The higher the sensitivity, the higher the likelihood of a false alarm. You can also modify each of the four shields' performance.

Stop the Core Shields

To get to the Core Shields settings, follow the beginning steps from the previous method. Go to the System Tray and double-click the **Avast Antivirus** icon to open Avast's main menu.



To continue **disabling Avast's** shields, find the Menu button in the upper-right corner. Click on it, and a new window with user options will show up. Select the gear icon - Settings - and choose Protection - symbolized by a padlock - from the next window that pops up.



From the indented menu on the left, click on the Core Shields option. The first toggle slider lets you disable or enable Core Shields protection. You should also set a time frame before it turns back on, starting from 10 minutes. Once you choose, you'll get a Component Stop window asking you to confirm your decision.

Core Shields Sensitivity

There are many more useful options to tweak Avast's shields to perform better, as we mentioned before in this "How to Disable Avast" article.

The Core Shields menu also contains a sensitivity slider. By default, it's set to Medium, but you can change it to High for more rigorous protection from malicious software. As mentioned, this also increases the chances of false-positive malware detections, where Avast will wrongfully label a standard piece of software as malicious. Low sensitivity decreases the odds of this happening, but it also leaves your system more exposed to attacks. [Avast reviews](#) are regularly very [positive](#) for a reason, but you'll probably hamper its many excellent capabilities if you don't take your time with these settings.

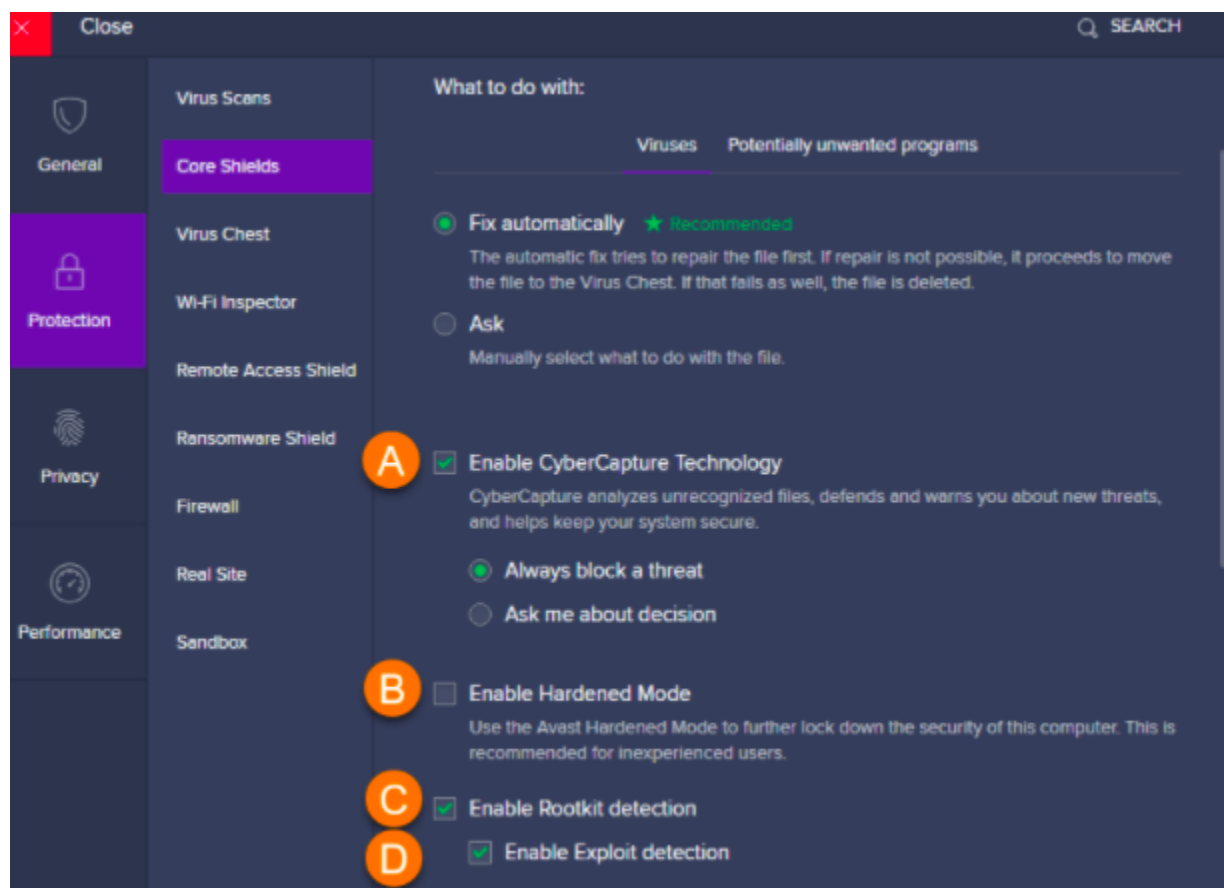
Adjusting the Core Shields

If learning how to disable Avast's behavior shield is not your goal, you can still change how its Core Shields will function when they run into potentially unwanted software. From the Core Shields menu,

choose the Viruses tab or the Potentially Unwanted Programs tab. Both give you several options:

Fix Automatically is the recommended setting; if repairing it fails, Avast will move the corrupted file to the Virus Chest. If moving it to a secured place for analysis doesn't help, the file will be deleted from your hard drive.

With the Ask option enabled, the antivirus will notify you every time it locates malicious software to ask you how to proceed. With potentially unwanted programs, you can also instruct Avast to ignore them when it runs into them. This is not the safest option, though, so you'd be better if you figured out [how to temporarily disable Avast](#) as a whole, or specific parts of its software.

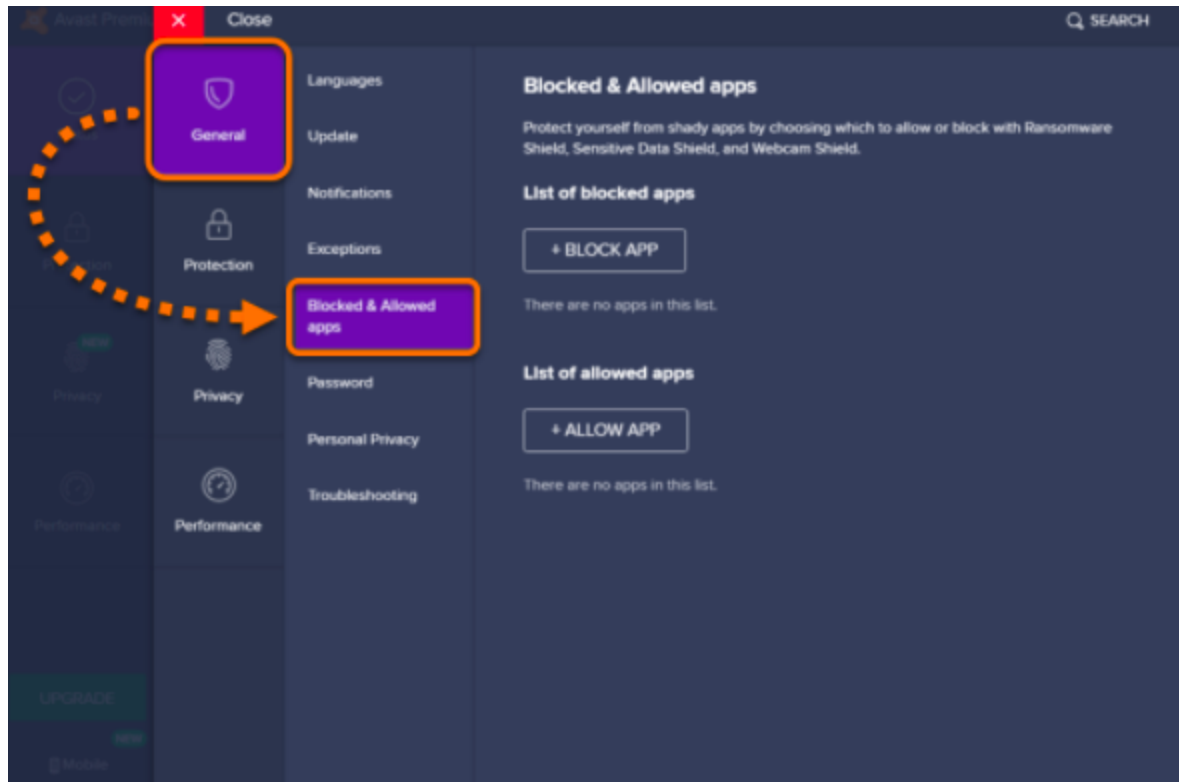


Below these three primary options, you have a couple of more selections for fine-tuning. You can check or uncheck "Enable CyberCapture Technology," which will analyze unknown types of files and decide whether to block them. "Enable Hardened Mode" is an advanced protection option that will tighten the security measures around your system with extreme prejudice. The "Enable Rootkit detection" and "Enable Exploit detection" options will search for malicious threats and block their system memory processes in case they detect some.

Even if you know **how to disable Avast's service,** these options will give you more control. You can also configure every Core Shield separately, for example, to block suspicious websites and downloads or monitor and block malicious email attachments.

Stop Avast From Messing With Your Programs

If you want Avast to protect your machine but not touch specific files and apps, there's an option for that too.



When you open Avast's main menu, go to Settings, and click on the General option. The Exceptions and Blocked & Allowed apps toolkits allow you to choose either location URLs for specific files or apps you already have installed. This will effectively **pause Avast** for these selections, i.e., the antivirus will whitelist them, not scanning or touching them from that point on.

Turn Avast Off on a Mac

Shutting the **Avast Antivirus** down on macOS devices couldn't be simpler: Activate the Avast app, click the Preferences option and choose "Disable" for one or all Avast Shields to deactivate them.

Eliminate Avast's Email Signature and Popups

In a dubious advertising move, Avast leaves a signature on every email sent from a protected device, confirming that the mail is safe. Unfortunately, this can be very disruptive for business

correspondence. In this case, it would be good to know how to **turn off the Avast** email signature.

Let's not keep you in the dark anymore on **how to stop this Avast service**. First, open Avast's main window, and click on the button with a gear icon to go to Settings. From here, under the General tab, toggle the "Enable Avast Email Signature" option off. Next time you use your email client, Avast's Signature will be a thing of the past.

One last thing to learn is how to disable pop-up notifications that quickly overstay their welcome. In the Settings menu, select the General option, and here choose Performance. Click on the Software Updater, and toggle off the "Notifications about new updates" button to prevent future Avast messages.

Enable Smooth Avast Sailing

There's no need to focus on **how to completely disable Avast** Antivirus, since it's very robust and effective, and generally considered one of the [best antivirus options](#) out there. The tricks and hints mentioned here will make your Avast app work the way you want and turn this antivirus program into your closest ally for staying safe on the internet.

FAQ

How to uninstall Avast?

Close the Avast app, then right-click the Start button. Select "Apps and Features," find Avast antivirus, click on it and select

How do I permanently **disable the Avast** Antivirus?

To shut it down permanently, go to the system tray and right-click on the **Avast Antivirus** icon. Hover your mouse button over the Avast Shield control option and click on the "Disable Permanently" option.

How do I turn off Avast?

If you're asking how to turn off Avast completely, here's the answer: Go to the system tray and right-click on the Avast Antivirus icon. Hover your mouse button over the Avast shield control option and select how long you want Avast to be turned off.

What are the 5 ways to disable the Avast Antivirus?

Avast offers enough options to users to customize its behavior the way you want, and among these are multiple ways to reduce - or even completely stop - its activity. The most-used option is to shut down or pause the antivirus shield control. You can also disable either some or all of the Core Shields to shut down Avast's activity. Another way to go is by lowering the Core Shields' sensitivity to pause the majority of Avast's antivirus capabilities. Please check our "How to disable Avast" article for a detailed walkthrough on the five best ways to disable this antivirus.