

## AnswersThatWork's recommended configuration for AVG Antivirus 2009

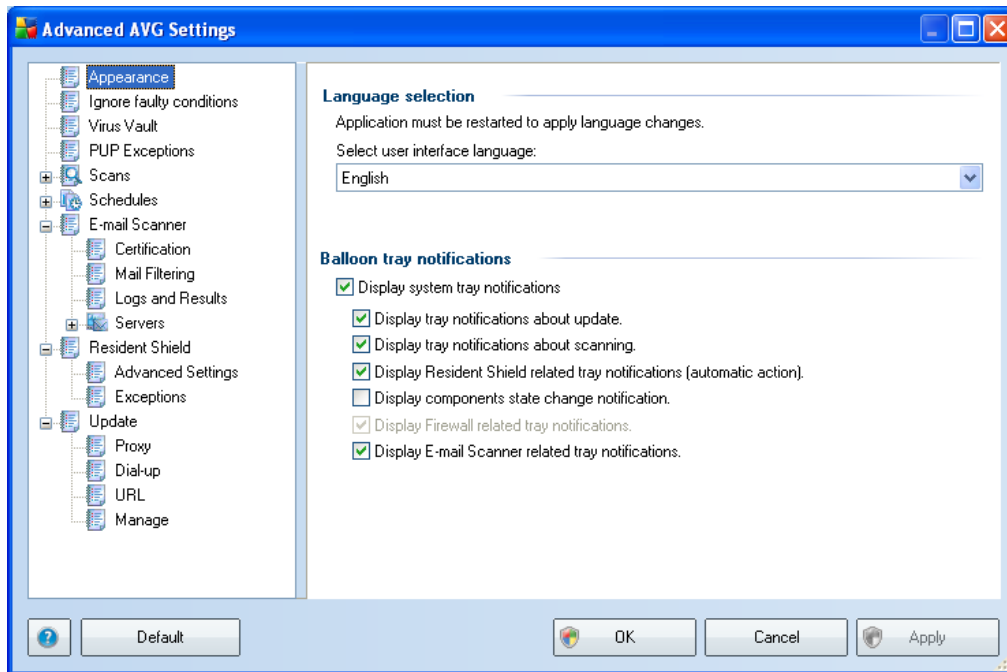
### What you will achieve

The screenshots which follow will guide you through our recommended configuration settings (the best configuration for AVG, we believe) for your **AVG 8.5** antivirus program. If you follow this well tested configuration, your PC will be configured in a way such that :

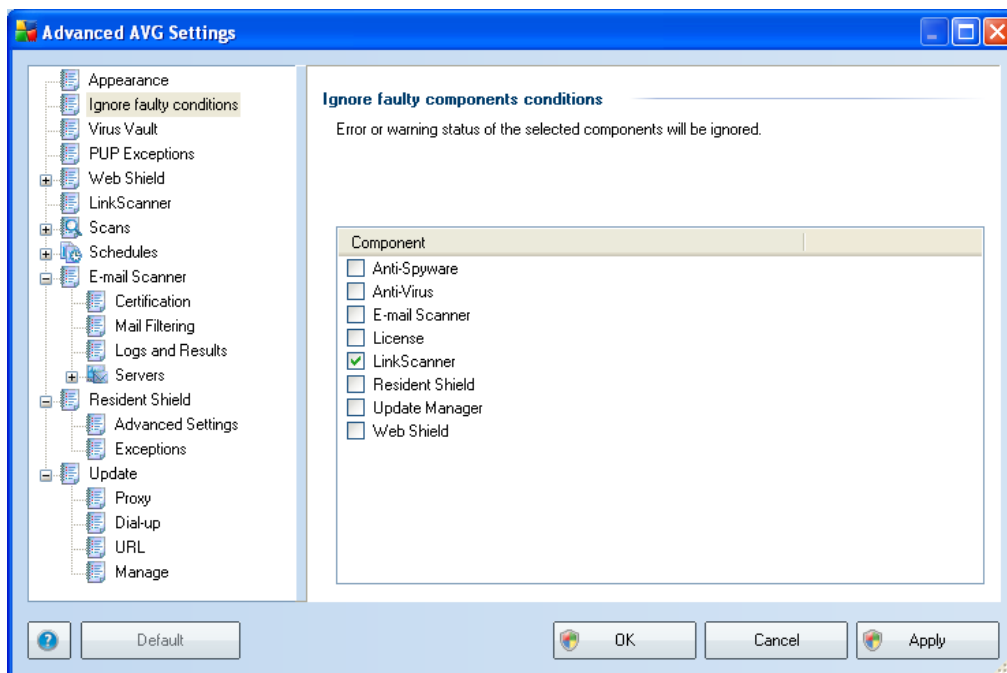
- AVG will take care of all virus alerts automatically, unobtrusively, allowing you to concentrate on your work while protecting you in the background.
- Using the safe but conservative configuration settings below, AVG will protect you comprehensively without being so strict that you end up with *false positives* (files incorrectly identified as viruses by "*Heuristics Analysis*"), or with problems sending emails, or with a significantly slowed down PC.
- AVG AntiVirus will protect you effectively from viruses coming through instant messaging services such as MSN Messenger, Yahoo Messenger, ICQ, and AOL Messenger, and while you are browsing sites like Facebook and MySpace, automatically without prompting you with potentially confusing screens.
- Lastly, the configuration below also applies to the free version of AVG's antivirus program, **AVG Free**. The only difference is that some of the screenshots in this document are not available in **AVG Free**.

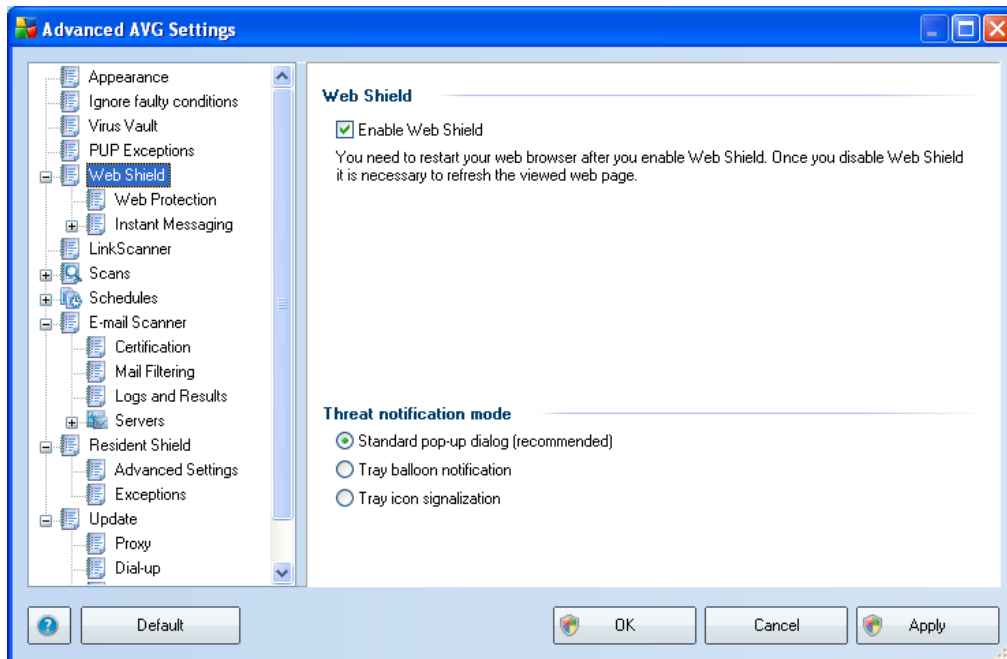
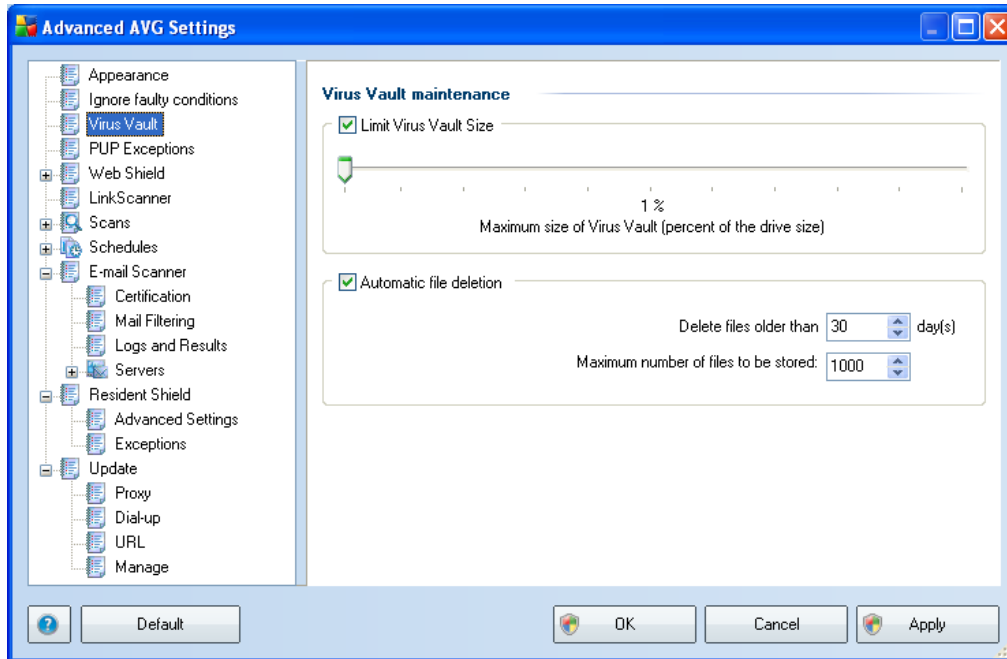
### Configuring AVG 8.5

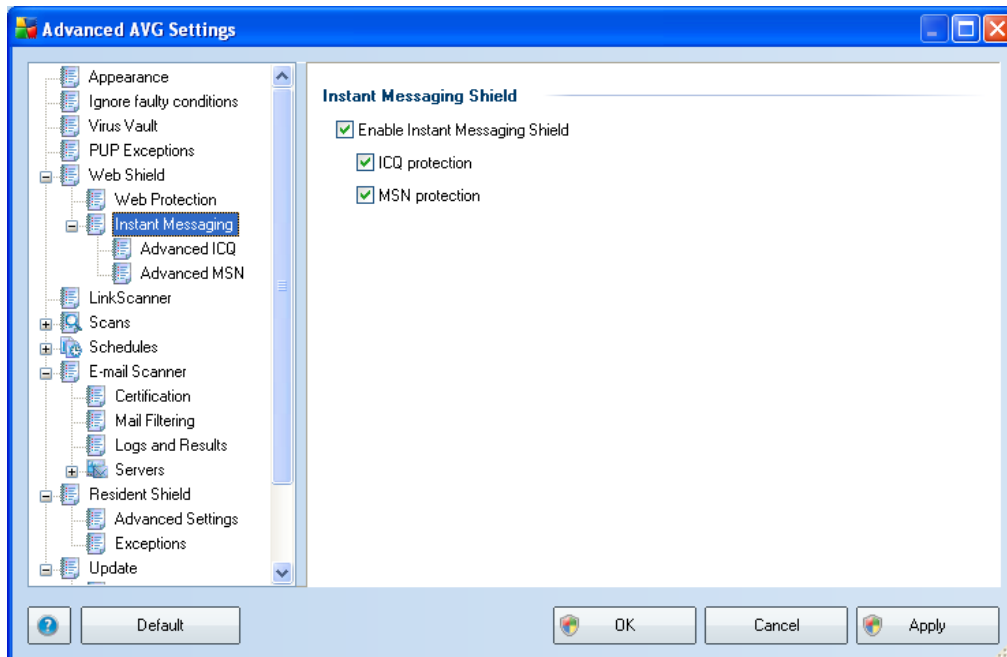
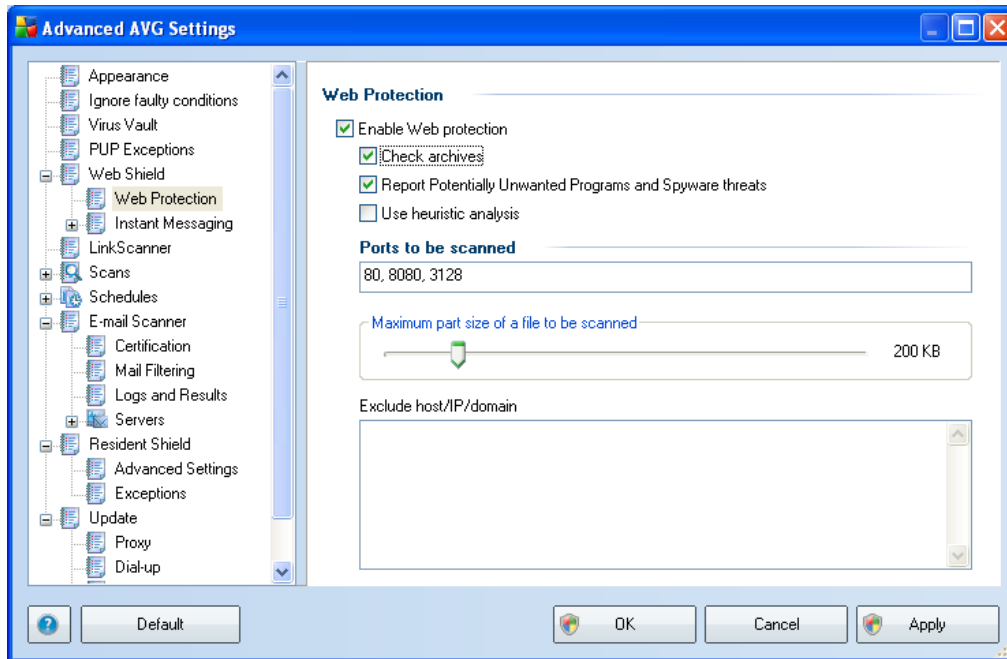
Open AVG AntiVirus 8.5 by double-clicking the icon in the System Tray, and then choose the **Tools \ Advanced Settings** menu option, and then configure each screen as per the following screenshots :

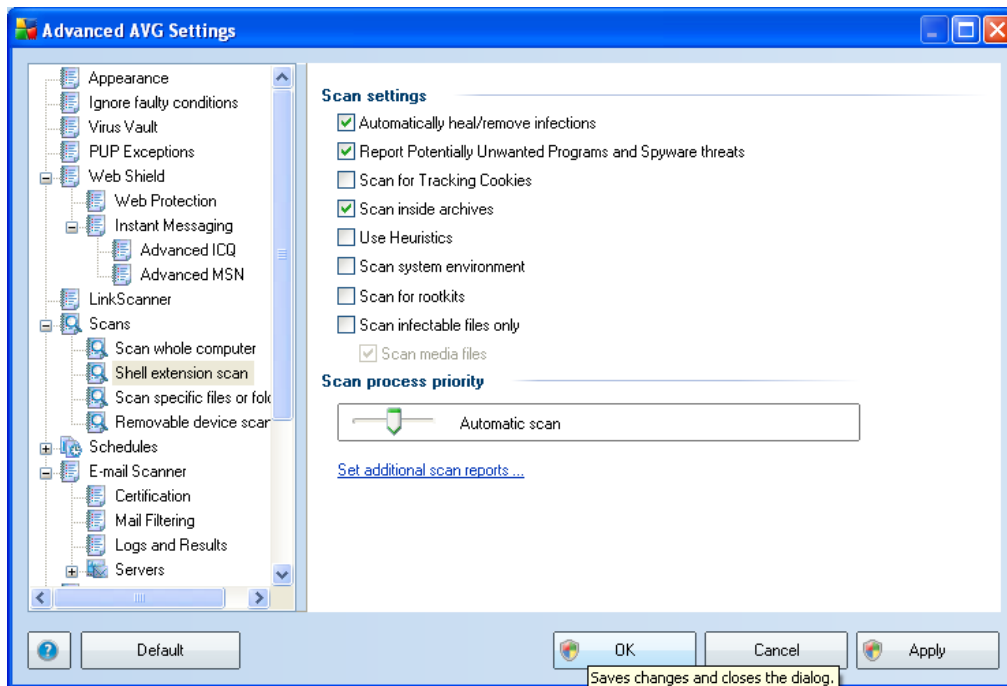
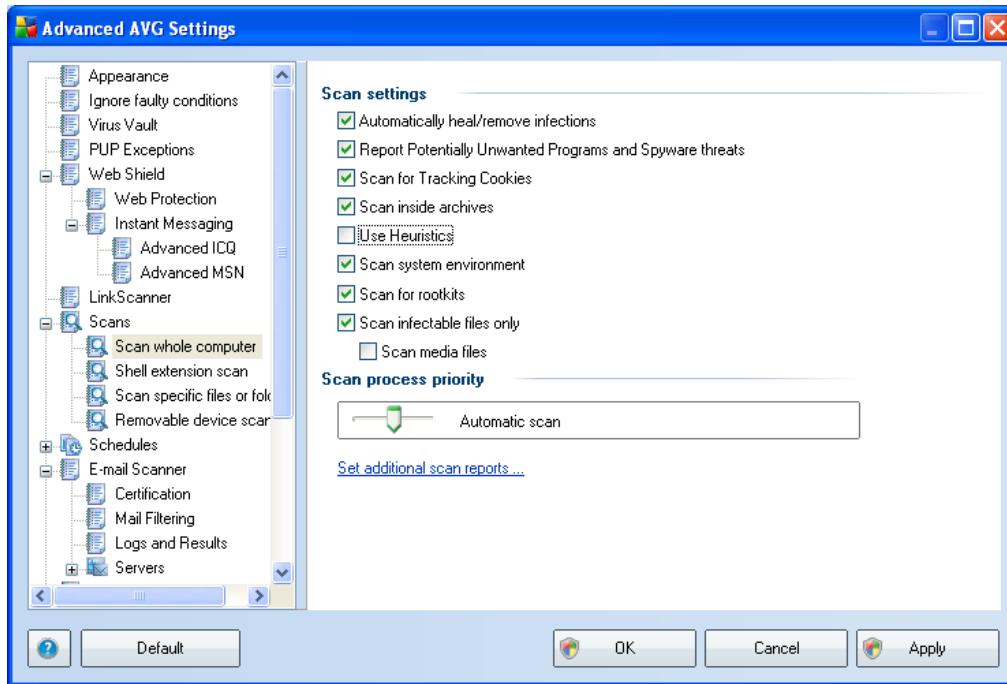


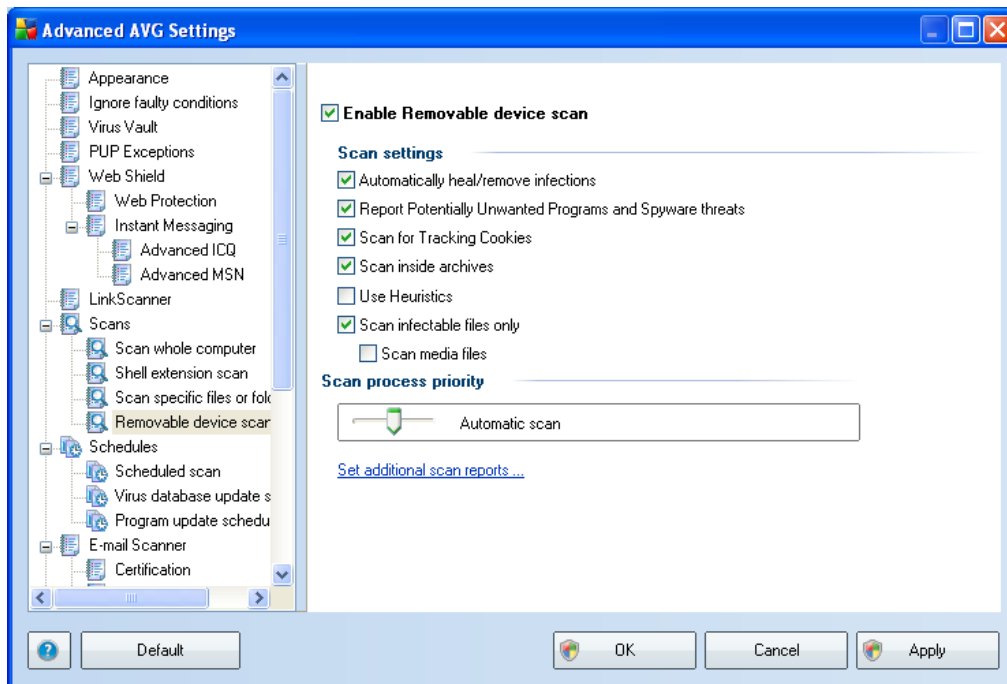
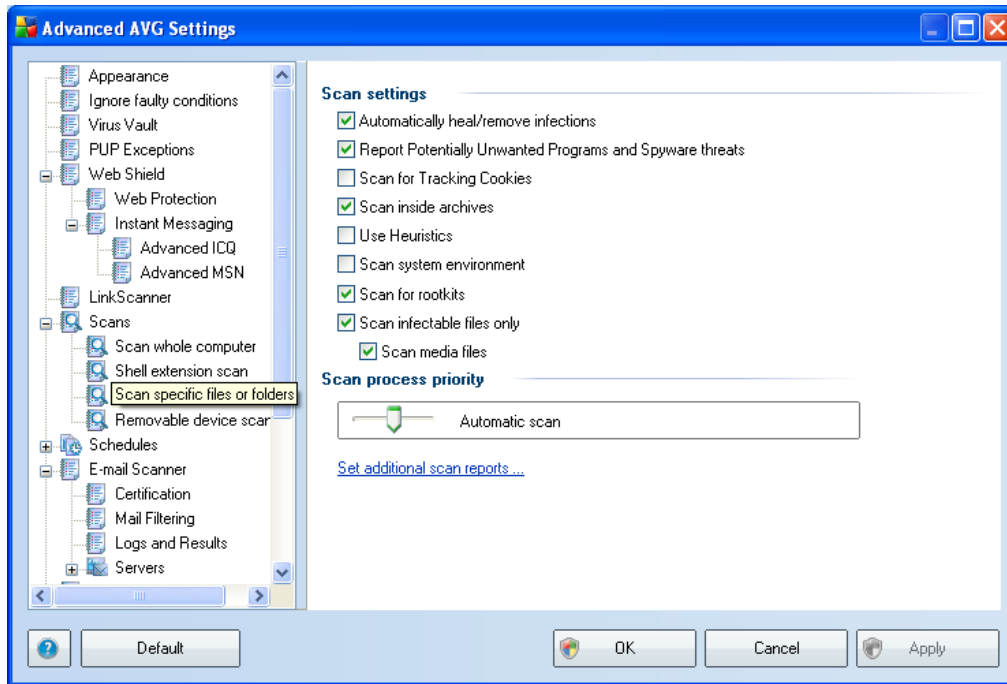
**Check “LinkScanner” in *Ignore faulty conditions* – we will explain why later**





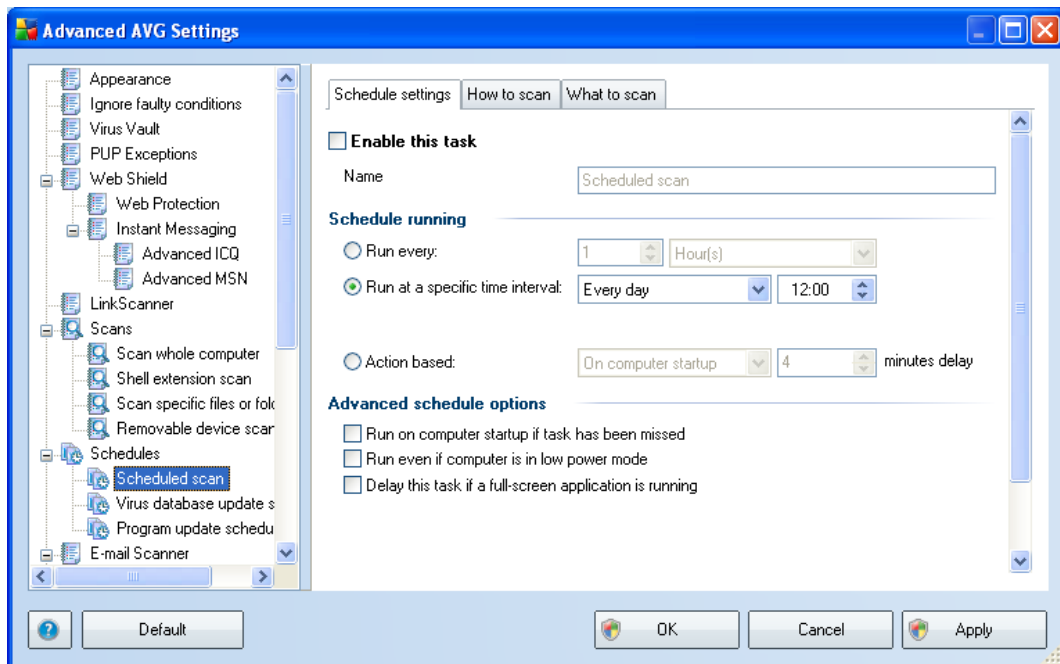


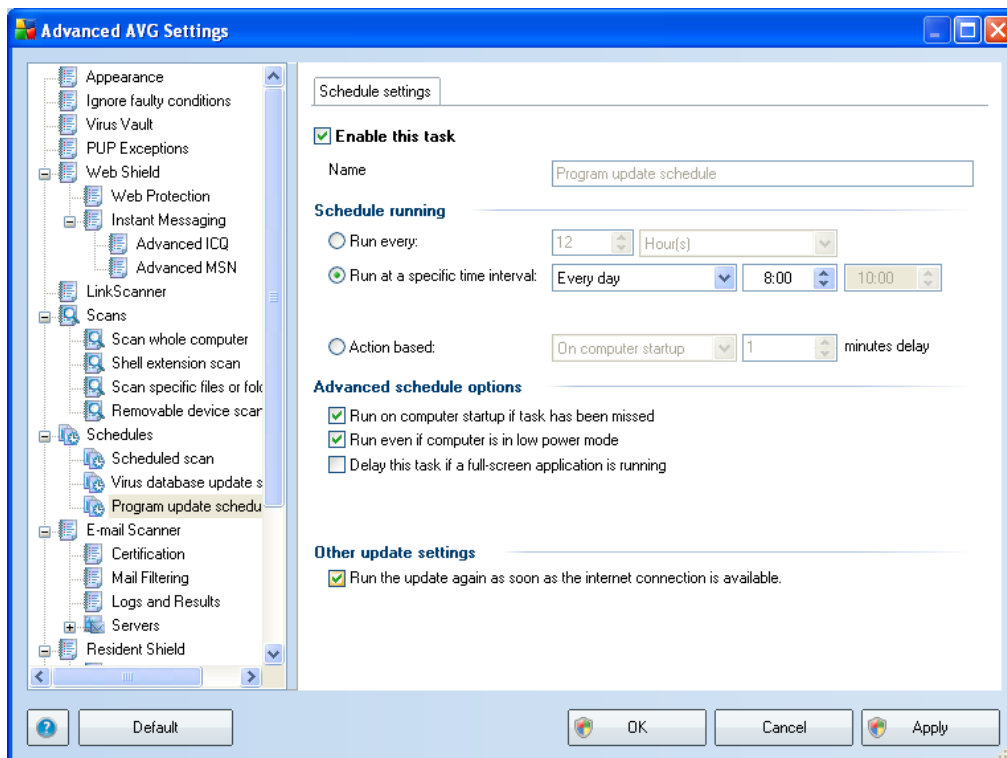
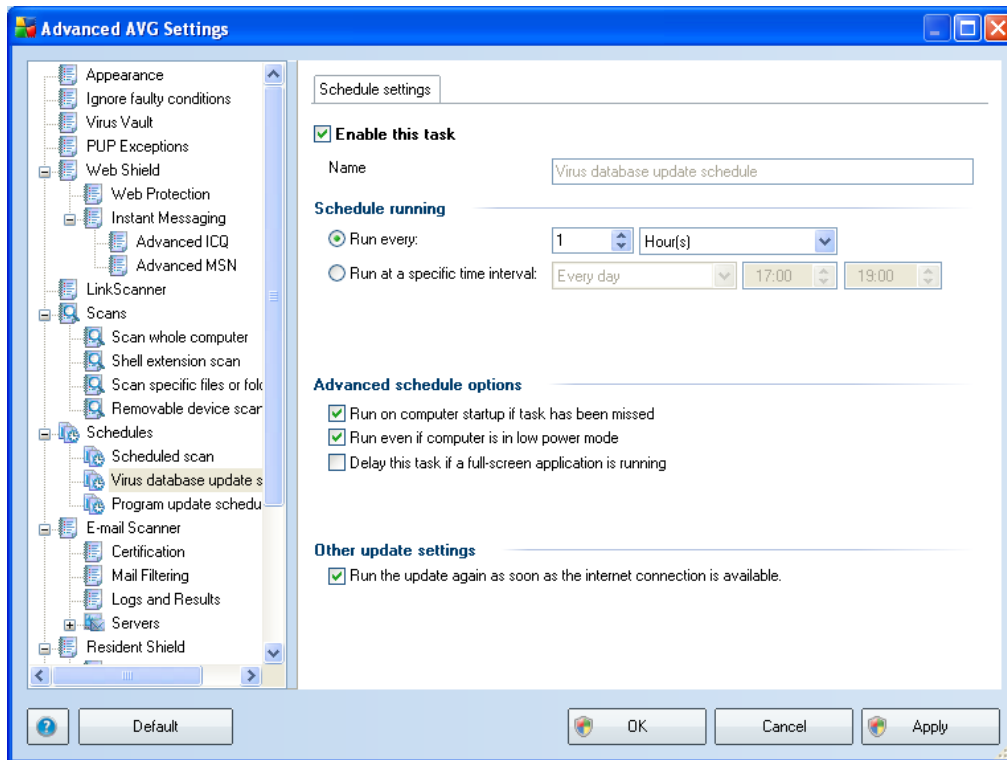




## Scheduled Scan

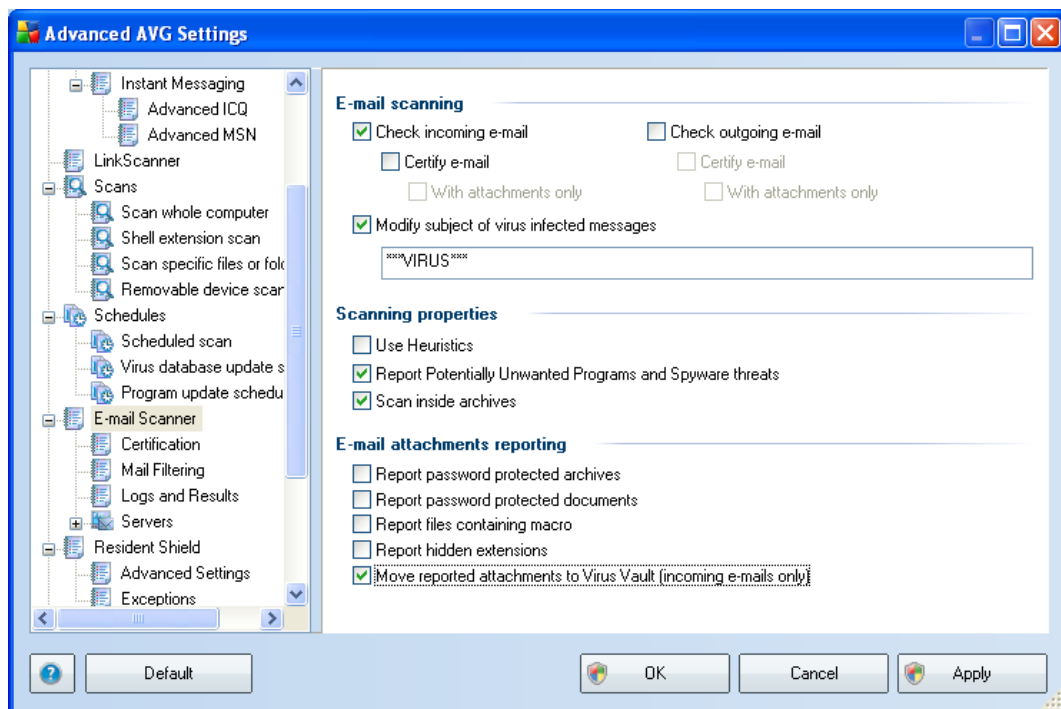
We do not normally enable **Scheduled Scans** because if you configure AVG as detailed in this document you will find that your PC never gets infected with viruses.





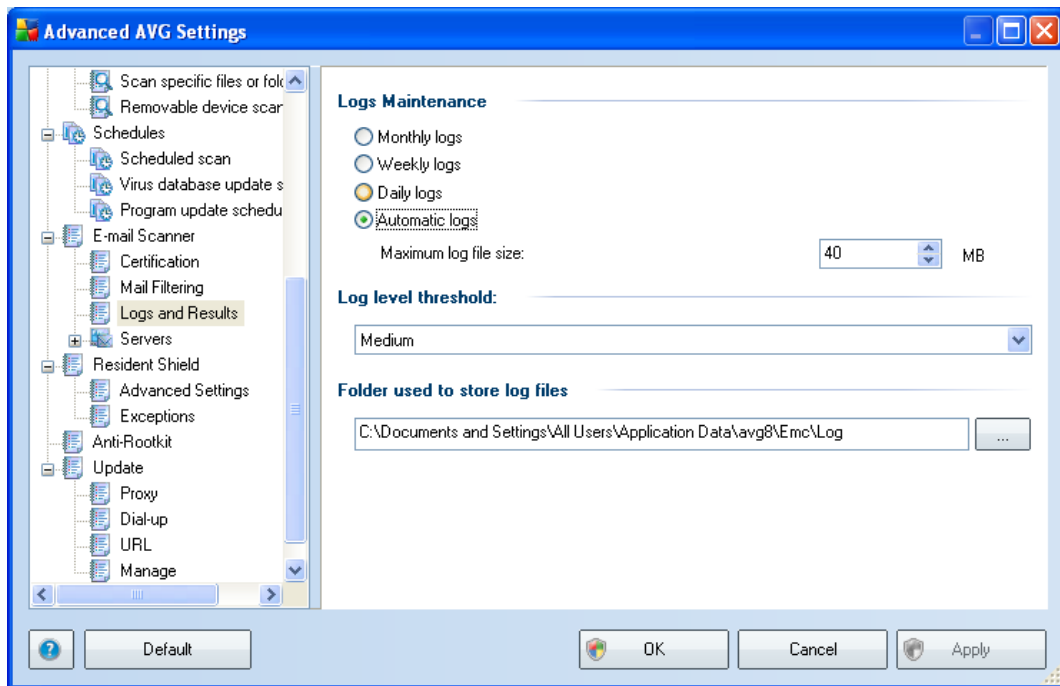
## E-mail Scanner

We **strongly** recommend that you do not enable virus scanning of Outgoing emails as virus scanning of Outgoing emails is the most common cause of outgoing email problems (emails not leaving your Outbox, etc..). If AVG is correctly configured, as per the instructions in this document, it will protect you against infected downloads, viruses in incoming emails, and viruses imported via USB devices; you won't get infected and therefore your PC or laptop will not be sending infected outgoing emails.



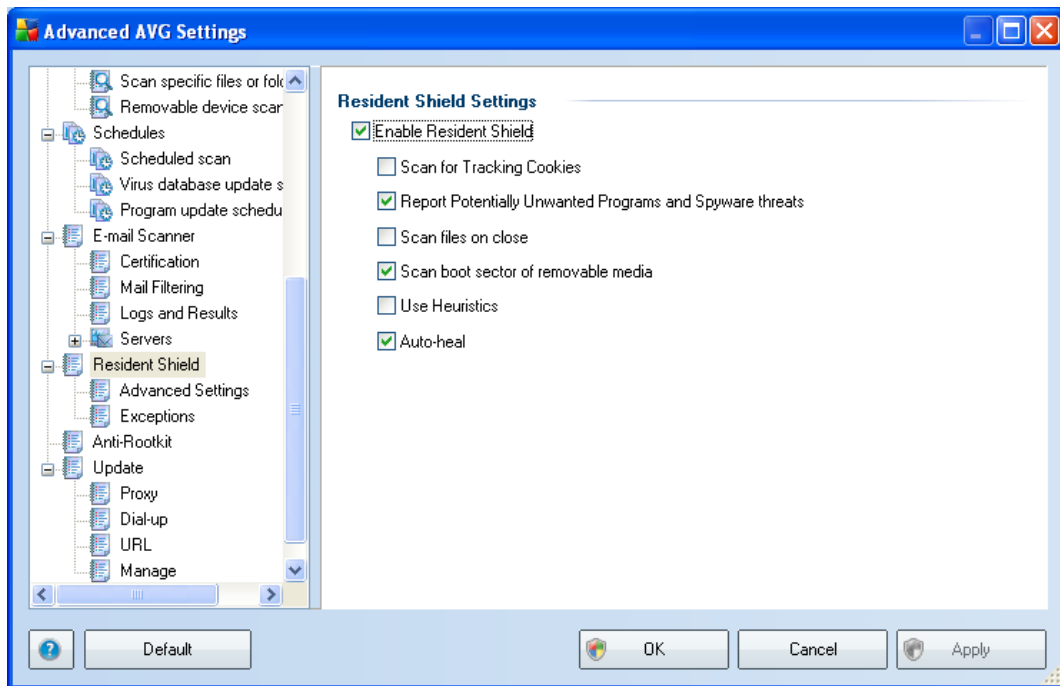
## Logs and Results

If you do not limit the size of the AVG log file, it will grow **forever** ! We once came across a PC where the AVG log file was 5Gb big !!!



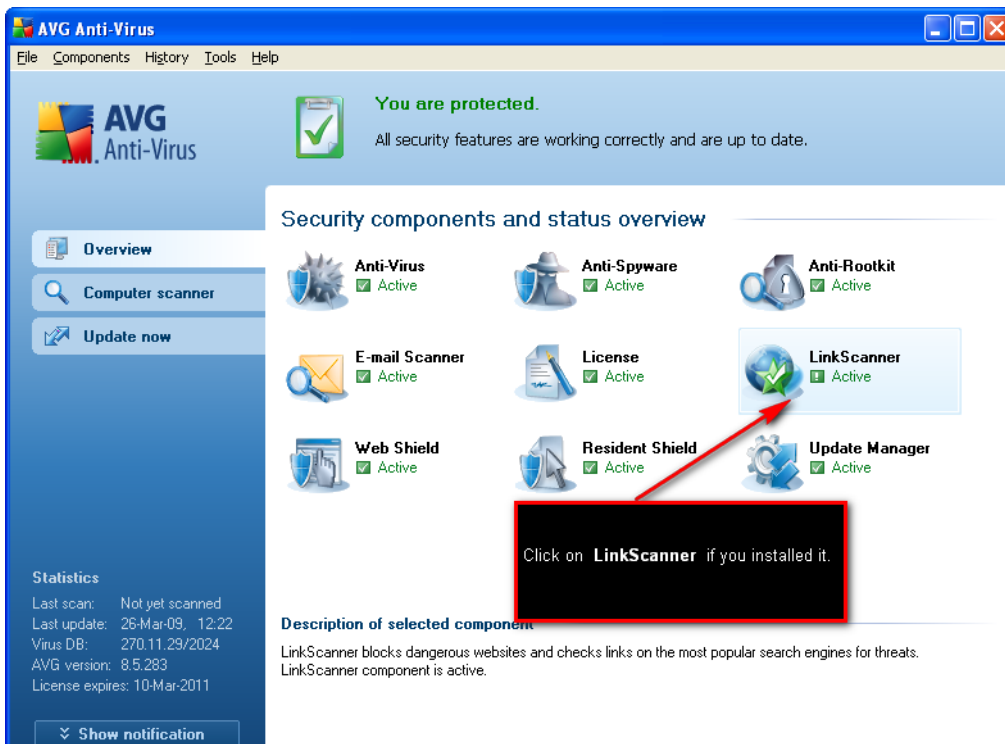
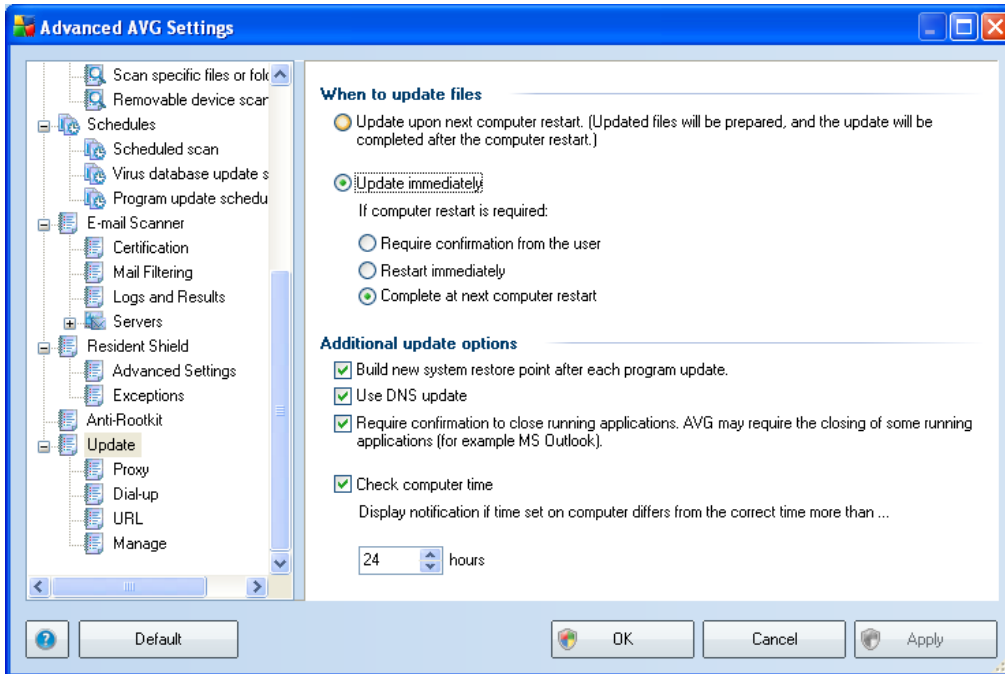
## Resident Shield

This is the most important configuration screen of AVG, **so make sure you do configure it!**



## Update

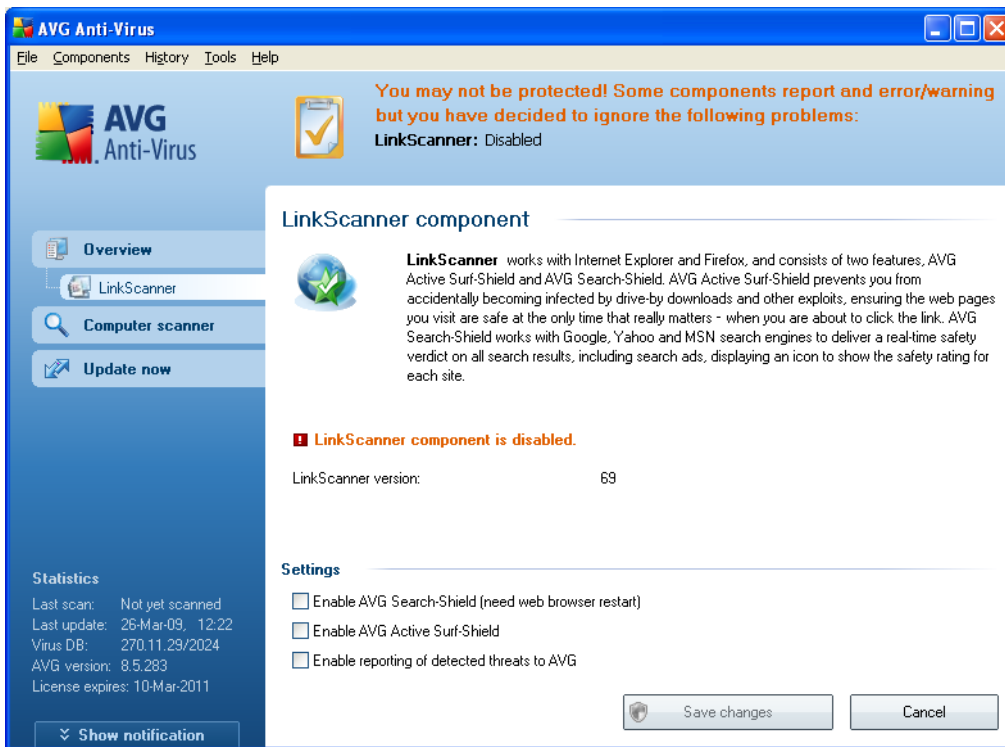
Configure the screen below and then remember to click **APPLY** to apply all the configuration changes you made above and on this screen.

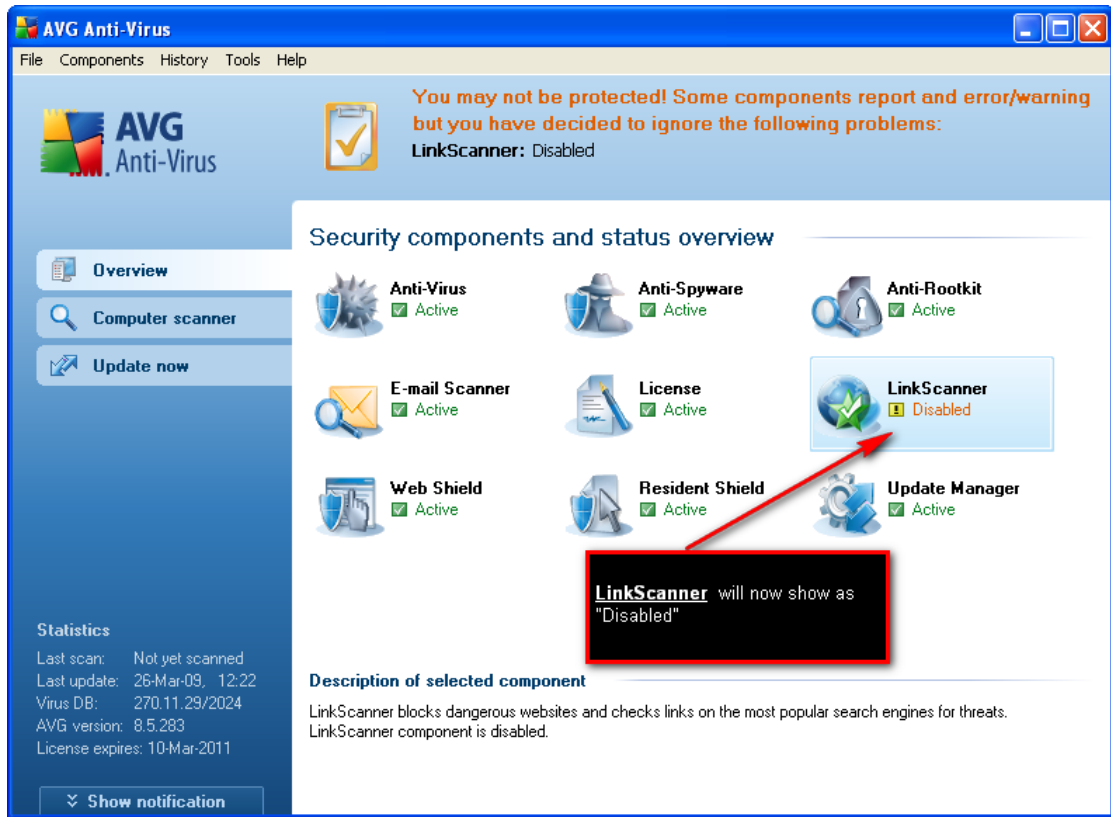


## LinkScanner component

Once in the **LinkScanner component** disable it as shown in the screenshot below. Across the entire antivirus industry, the *LinkScanner* component of antivirus programs is usually the one component which causes the most problems to end-users. *LinkScanner* scans links that you click on web pages, and reports problems if the web page or website you are about to access, is known as a malicious website.

In our view, while *LinkScanner* provides additional protection while surfing the web, safety is usually an end-user issue. If a user is determined to go onto sites that might infect his/her PC, then LinkScanner won't protect that user, and given that it so often causes problems our view is that it is best to turn it off.





**That's it – You're done !**

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