

## Chapter 15 - Anti-Virus Protection is Free

Most new computers when newly purchased include Anti-Virus software either installed or ready to be installed. The software is either by Norton or McAfee and the first year is usually free. . . But renewals cost from \$30 to \$50. and are usually set up to renew automatically including a automatic charge to your credit card. You are tapped into subscribing to your software anti-virus program without knowing that such programs are FREE for the asking. Ant-Virus software is a MUST on any computer. Exposing yourself in today's cyberworld without such protection is foolhearty.

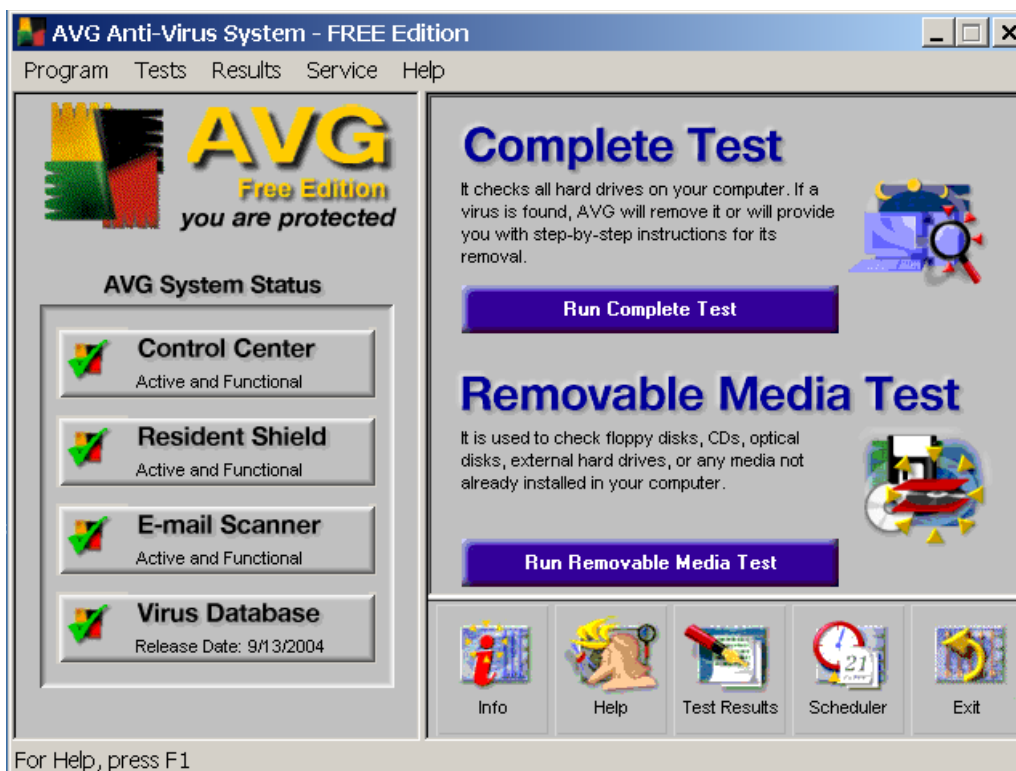
AVG (Ant-Virus by Grisoft) is a free program for seniors, students, non-profit organizations, and home computers that are not for commercial use. It is as good as any of the Anti-virus programs if not better depending on your viewpoint. It absolutely does the job and it updates itself automatically if you allow it.

The AVG installation program is included on the CyberSmart CD that comes with this manual. It can be downloaded and registered (free) from [www.grisoft.com](http://www.grisoft.com). Current installation file name: avg607fu\_free. It is over 6 MB in size and takes about 20 minutes to download to install unless you have highspeed Internet access it can be 10 times faster.

Once the file is on your computer all you have to do is double click on the file and it is self installing. You just have to follow the instruction and make a few decisions as prompted. You should also be on-line while you are installing it. It makes the installation quicker and easier.

You should NOT and in most cases CANNOT run two anti-virus programs at the same time on one computer. They interfere with one another and sometimes cause crashes. If you have another anti-virus already on your computer it should be uninstalled before you install AVG. The uninstalled installation program is OK to be stored on your computer.

To uninstall any program follow the following instructions on next page.



## Un-installing a program

There are two ways to un-install software programs from your computer. The un-install process is a complete un-install and does not put it in the recycle bin.

Many programs provide their own un-install program that they list on the programs menu along with the program listing. The “programs” menu is accessed from the first window shown when you click on the “Start” button on the left side of your desktop tray (at the bottom) or sometimes called the task manager.

A better and more complete way to un-install any program is to allow “Windows” and its procedure to do the un-installing.

Click on the “Start” button and choose “Settings” and then “Control Panel.” Select and click (from Pick A Category) on “Add or Remove Programs.”

The window shown will list all the programs installed in your computer. Select the program that you want to un-install or remove. When you click on the program to be un-installed it will become highlighted and will show instructions to remove the program. This shows in the lower right hand corner a button that says “Change/Remove.” Click here and follow the instructions. It will be removed. Some programs quickly uninstall with no prompting.

Often you will have to restart your computer for the removal to be effective. This is the best and most effective way to uninstall any program. Sometimes residual components get left behind such as an icon on your desk top. It is save to drag that icon from your desktop into the recycle bin.

Keep in mind that once a program is removed you must have the original installation disk or install program to re-install it. Removing the desktop icon does not remove or uninstall any programs. It only removes the desktop icon (shortcut).

