

Administration Console, beta 1

Release Notes

This is an early beta release of the new avast Business Protection central administration tool.

Known Issues:

Platforms

We are working on making the product available on all Windows XP, SP3 and later operating systems, however currently, the server components cannot be installed on Windows XP 64-bit edition or Windows 2003 Server 64-bit editions.

Installation

Installation takes a long time and actually appears to hang in one phase. This is caused by the fact that during the installation, the files necessary for the local "update server" components are also downloaded. These files account for about 30 or 40MB, so it will take a while for everything to download. Please be patient. We'll have a better progress indicator in the final version.

There may be some issues with the installation on certain platforms and OS language versions. These may be related to the regional settings. If you run into trouble, please create a post on the appropriate avast forum, specifying your OS language/regional settings and we'll look into the issue.

Repeat installations

It may not be possible to directly upgrade from early beta versions to a later version and for the time being, a complete reinstall will be needed. However in later releases this will be possible.

Trial request fails

The button to "Request trial" in the Subscription part of the Admin screen does not work at the moment. Please use the test license which can be downloaded from the avast beta forum.

Jobs

- Occasionally, the update job freezes with progress at around 90%. Restarting the administration console windows service should fix this.
- In some cases, the client job settings appear not be propagated to the client when the target is a group. To see the updated settings on the client computers, it is necessary to restart the administration console service.

Unattended deployment

- This does not work in windows workgroups, only in ActiveDirectory domains.
- The unattended deployment job always finishes with success status, even if it was not completely successful.
- The unattended un-installation job does not work in this version
- The e-mail deployment job also does not work in this version

Reporting

- Only two report types work at the moment:
 - Top 10 Viruses
 - Network Computers - Simple Overview
- HTML reports do not contain graphs and other images when sent using the e-mail job.

Logging

You may see the operational logs become quite large. This is because the product is not yet 100% stable and we're creating more logs than usual in order to troubleshoot problems. You can delete the log files anytime you wish, or just wait for the cleanup job to delete them.

Localization

This early beta release is available only in English. The console has been partially translated into other languages and by the final release will be fully translated into French, Italian, German, Spanish, Polish, Brazilian Portuguese, Czech, and Traditional Chinese.