

# Enable / disable Periodic Scanning feature on Windows 10

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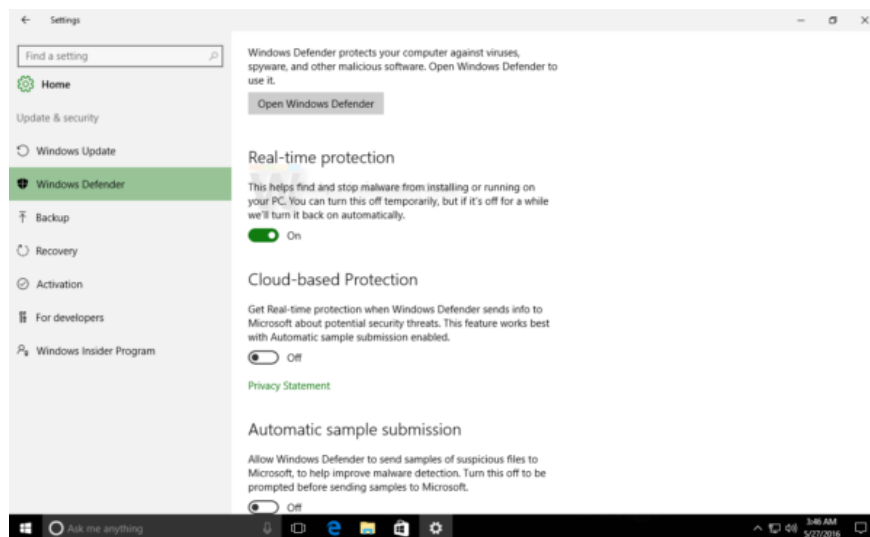
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Therefore, if you want users to install more programs, other antivirus software such as Avast, Kaspersky, Norton AntiVirus . to protect the system more safely.

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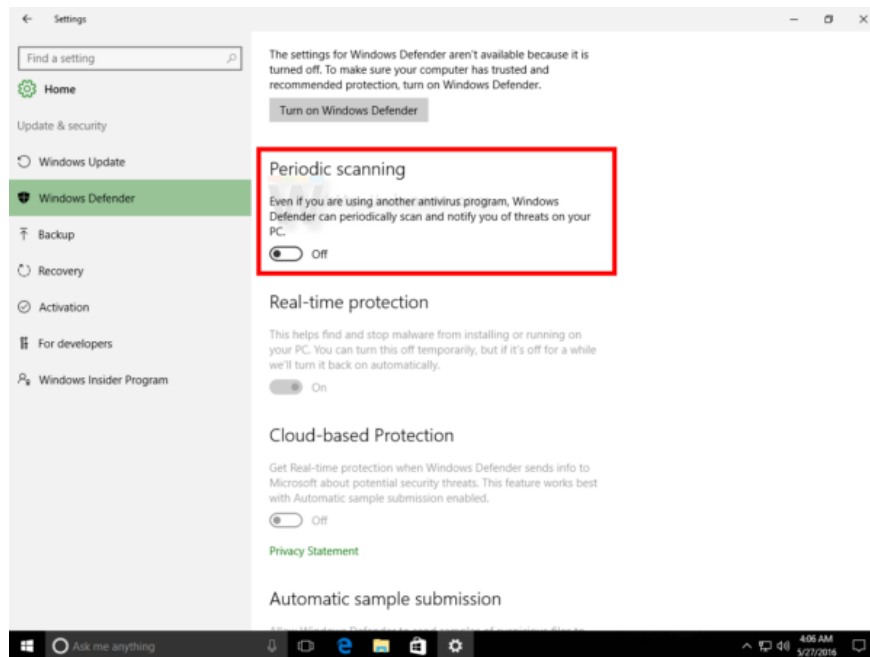
When installing Windows 10, the operating system will automatically select Windows Defender as the antivirus program for the system. By default Windows Defender is enabled, and it is difficult to disable this program.

In **Settings => Update & security => settings, Windows Defender** provides you with items to manage security options:



However, when users install other antivirus programs and software, Windows Defender will disable it automatically. All settings related to Windows Defender will be disabled and the **Real-time protection option**

will change to **Periodic Scanning** :

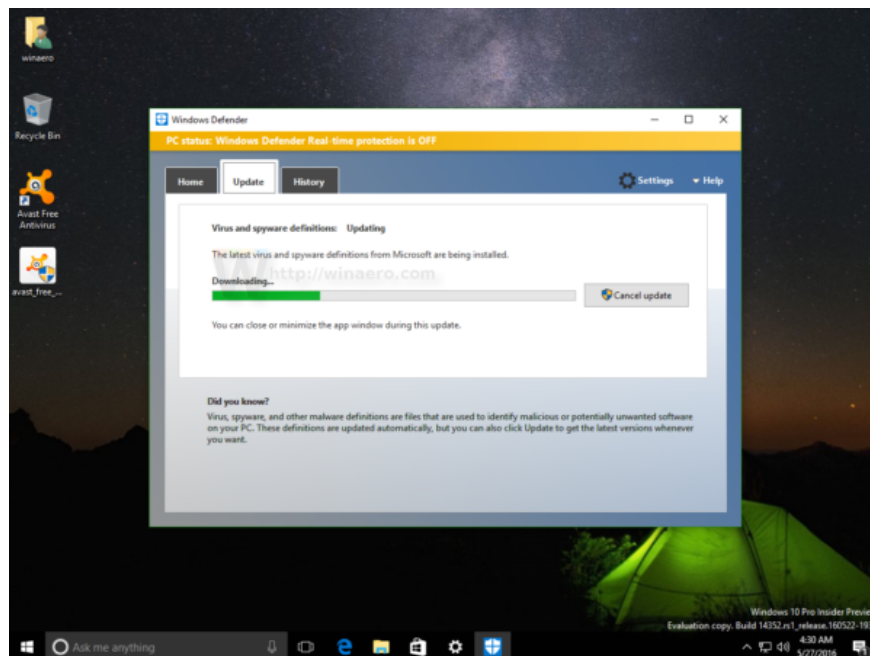
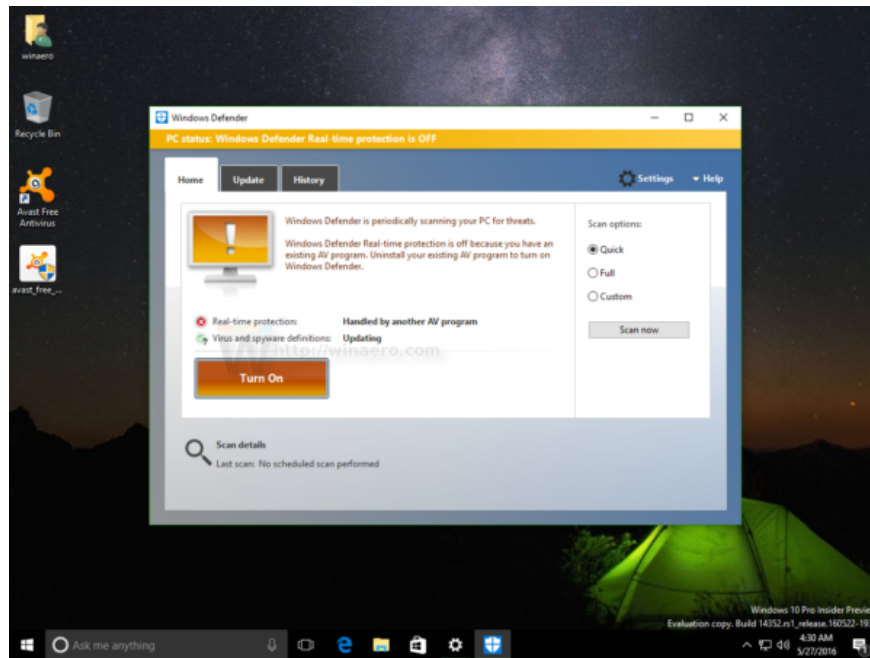


Note that this new option only appears if Windows 10 can detect antivirus programs and software that you have installed, which means that antivirus programs must be compatible with Windows 10.

By default, Periodic Scanning is disabled. When enabled, Windows Defender will act as a virus scanner next to the main antivirus programs on your system. This will improve the security and safety of the system.

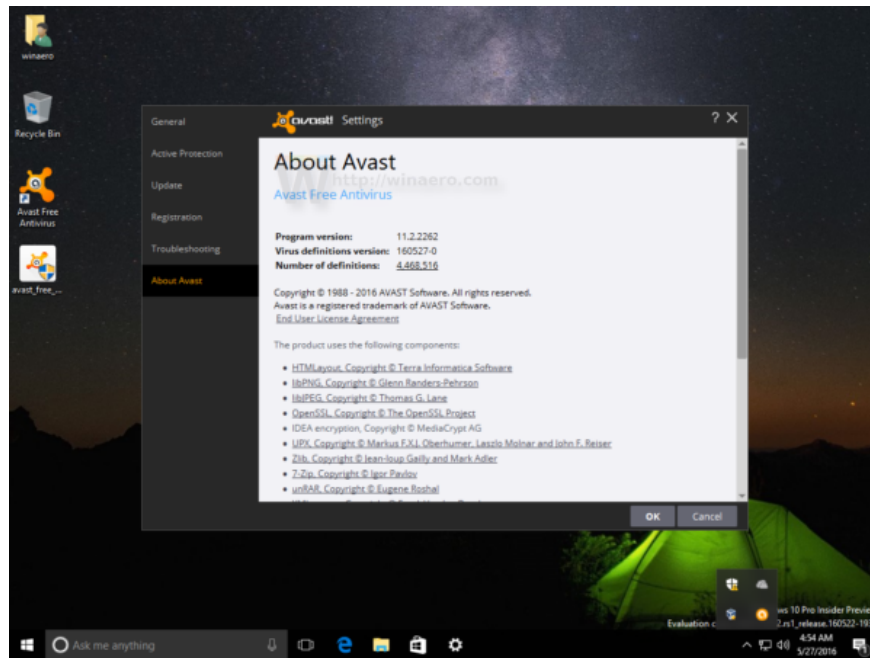
If Windows Defender detects threats, users will see a message appear on the screen.

When the Windows Defender application is disabled in the Periodic Scanning mode, the application's user interface is still active and the user can use it to view the update history, scan history and actions against threats threatening.

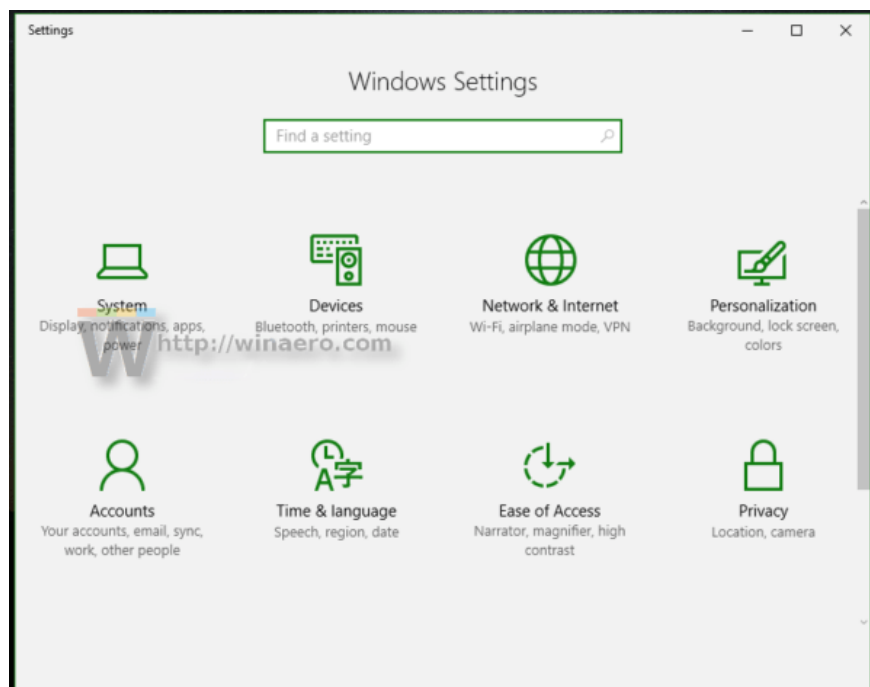


## 1. Enable / disable Periodic Scanning feature on Windows 10

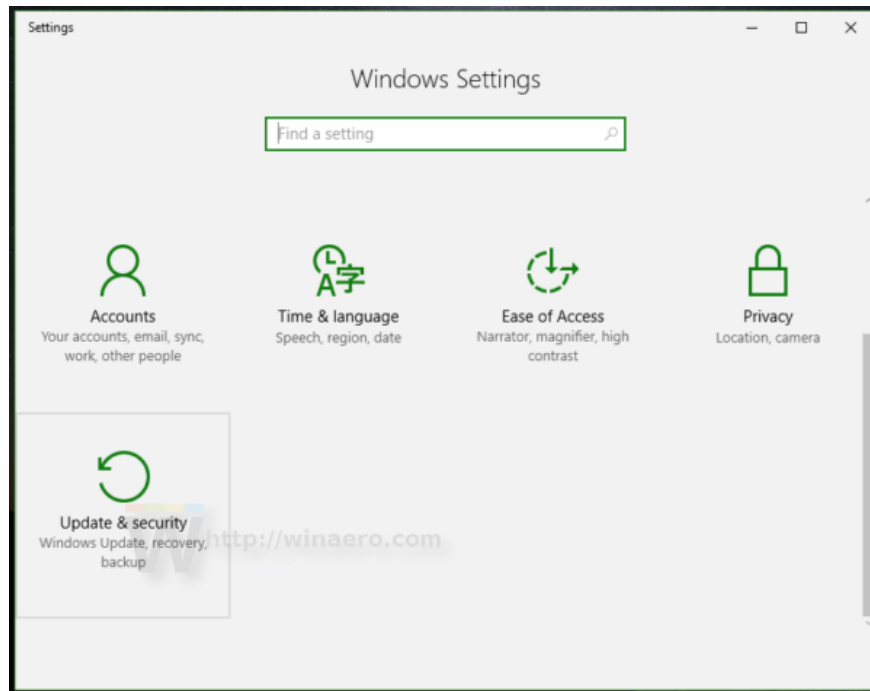
Suppose in this case you have installed the 3rd antivirus software. In the example below is Avast! Free.



1. Press the **Windows + I** key combination to open the Settings application on your Windows 10 computer.

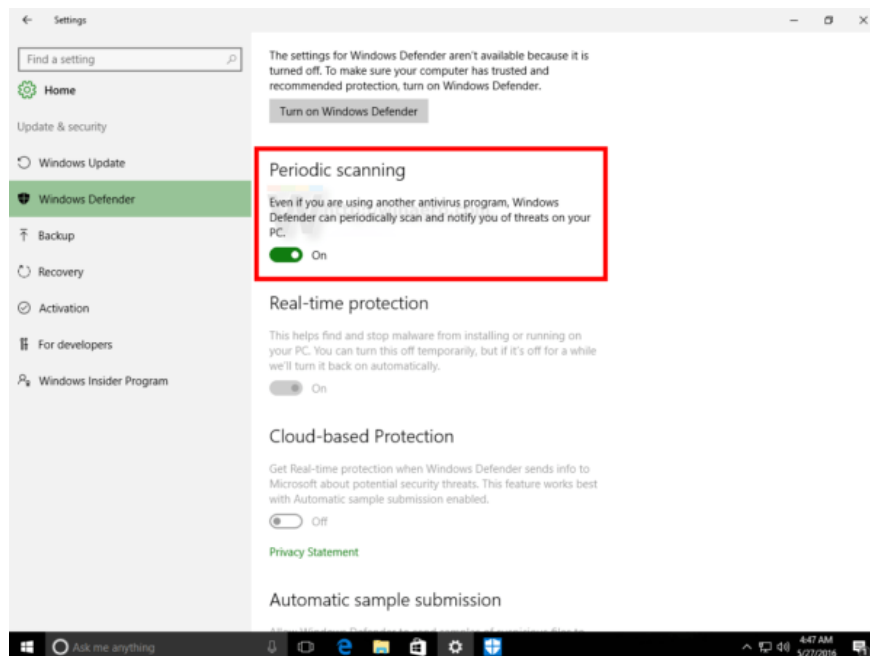


2. On the Settings window, click on **System - Update & security** .

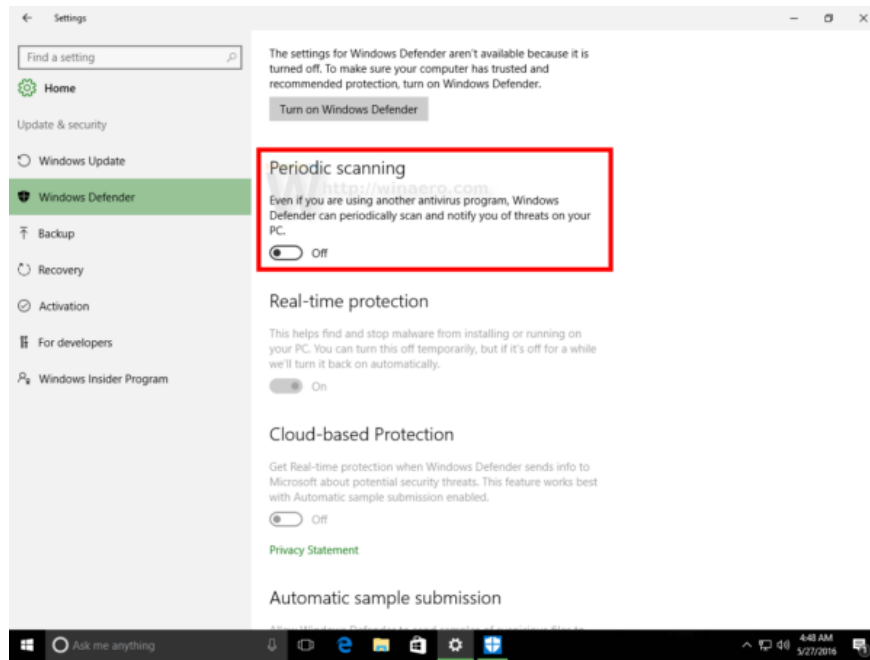


3. Next, select **Windows Defender** from the list of left frame options.

4. Enable Periodic Scanning on Windows 10 by activating **Periodic Scanning** option (switch the slider to ON):



If you want to disable Periodic Scanning on Windows 10, simply disable the **Periodic Scanning** option (switch the slider to OFF).



You can refer to the video tutorial of activation steps, disable Periodic Scanning feature on Windows 10 below:

### Refer to some of the following articles:

1. When and how to defragment hard drives on Windows 10?
1. If you want to master Windows, master these shortcuts
1. Clear the Windows 10 Update Cache to free up memory space

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