

# How to turn on / off Self-Defense in Avast Antivirus

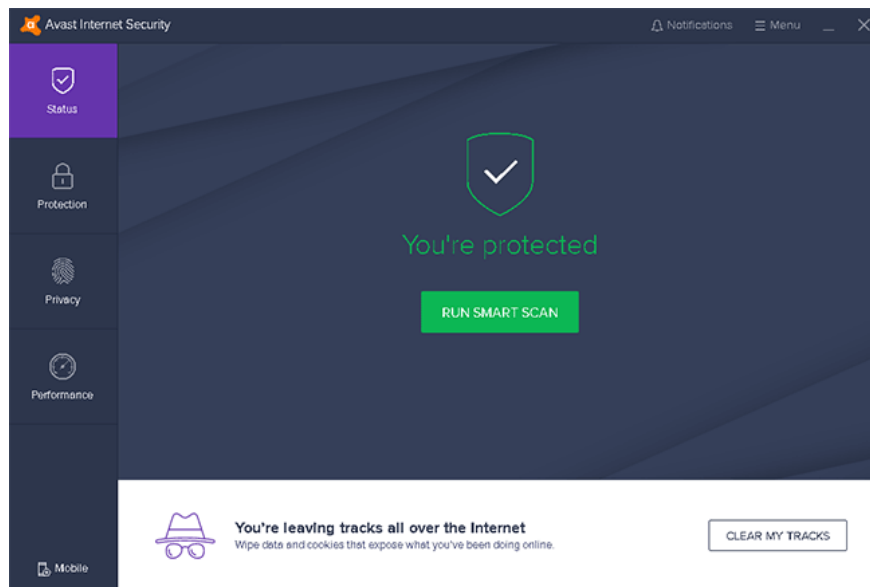
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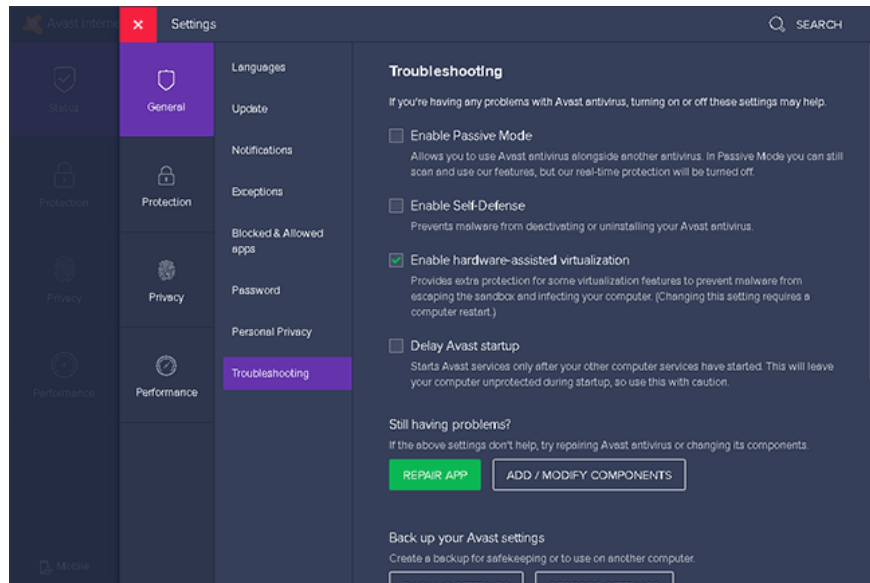
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## How to enable Self-defense feature in Avast

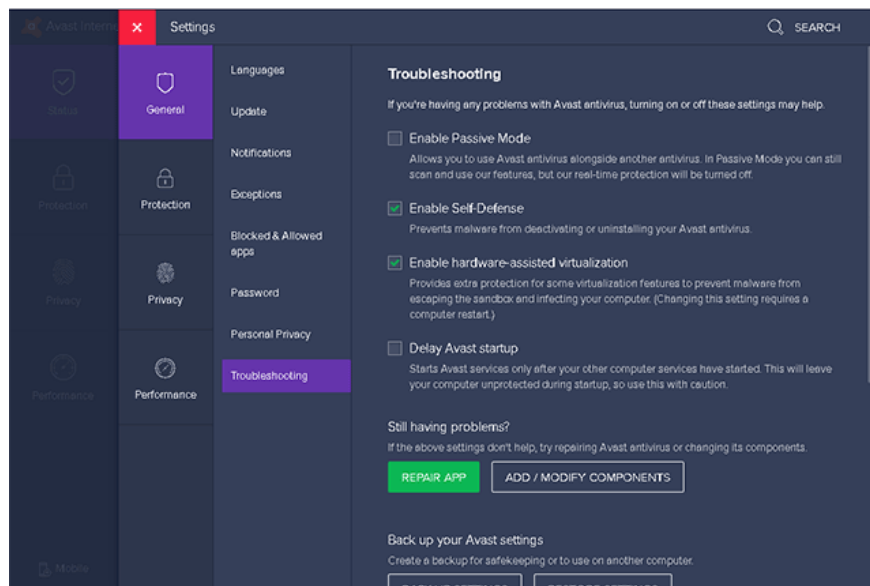
**Step 1:** Open the Avast software interface



**Step 2:** Go to Menu, then go to Setup Troubleshooting

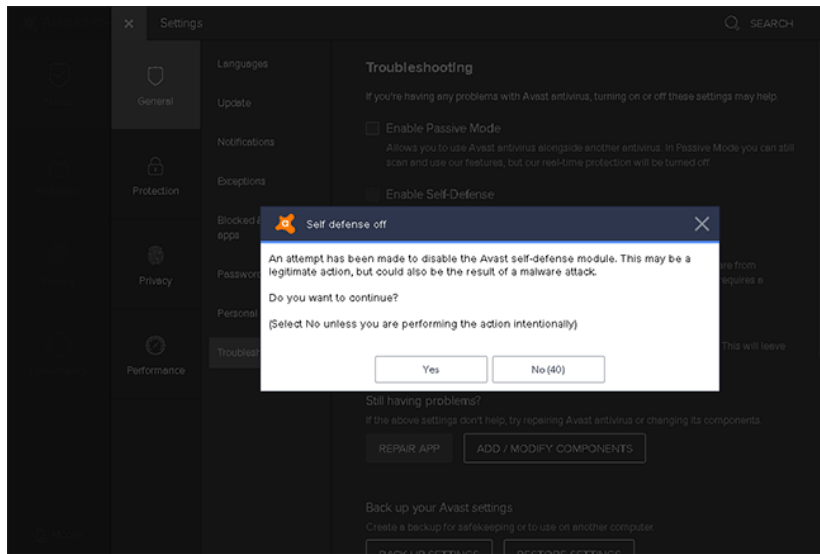


**Step 3:** You will see the Enable Self-defense option. Just click on that checkbox.



## How to turn off Self-defense mode

1. Do the same, open Avast, go to Menu -> Troubleshooting.
2. Disregard Enable Self-defense.
3. You will see the following warning dialog:



4. You choose Yes, and if you are using it, it will appear automatically, because it may be because the malware wants to turn off this mode.

Good luck!

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