

# Synovative Technology

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### May 2010 Newsletter

#### **Avira Anti Virus**

Some of you may have read the review of free anti-virus programs in the June 2010 issue of Consumer Reports. Support for Avira, the top rated, free (for home users) anti-virus program has been added to SOUP. Microsoft Security Essentials ranked second and AVG was a distant third. Norton Anti-virus remains the best choice for business environments.

We suggest that you have either Microsoft Security Essentials or Avira protecting your PC from viruses.

To use Avira anti-virus on your PC you should first remove (uninstall) all existing anti-virus, anti-spyware software from your system. Reboot your PC. Go to the download page at Synovative.com and click on the Avira entry to get to their download page. Carefully read all installation windows to make sure the options are the ones you want. A tech note on the installation of Avira is available at:

[http://www.synovative.com/Avira\\_Installation.pdf](http://www.synovative.com/Avira_Installation.pdf)

Similar installation instructions are available for Microsoft Security Essentials:

[http://www.synovative.com/Microsoft\\_Security\\_Essentials\\_Download\\_and\\_Installation.pdf](http://www.synovative.com/Microsoft_Security_Essentials_Download_and_Installation.pdf)

#### **What is the current version of SOUP?**

The current version, 9.5.38, of SOUP has been tested on Windows 7, Vista and XP without issue. Windows 7 and Vista users should use the TWEAKUAC utility (see web site download page) to minimize security messages at the launch of SOUP utilities. When you use TweakUAC, set it to "switch UAC to quite mode", the middle selection.

If you are not running version 9.5.38, we strongly suggest that you run the SOUP Web Update Utility to get it. If you have any issues getting this update, simply uninstall your

version of SOUP and download the current version from the Download page of the Synovative web site.

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Contact Tech Support, using the Request for Support program, if you have any issues.

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