Free History Eraser Overview.

While you are browsing the Internet your browser leaves a lot of tracks about the addresses you visit.   The most important tracks are: Internet Explorer History, the corresponding index.dat files and AutoComplete Typed URLs. They can give a chance to other people who use your computer to spy on you. Thus they can obtain valuable information from your computer, which may be used against you. The objective of this program is to protect your privacy by removing these tracks. Furthermore it can erase these tracks automatically on Windows startup and on close of the last opened Internet Explorer.

While browsing the Web, Internet Explorer leaves other tracks besides History. They are: cookies, temporary Internet files, all index.dat files, home page, and files in the recycle bin and your recent documents list. To clean all these tracks you should upgrade to Smart Protector or Smart Protector Pro.

Auto-erase History.

An advanced feature of Free History Eraser is the automatic erasing of History. It is done on every Windows startup and every time you close all your Internet explorers. You can switch on auto-erase mode by clicking the button 'AutoErase is OFF' and it will toggle to 'AutoErase is ON'. Then you can forget all the worries about all the history that you leave while browsing the Internet.

How does Smart Protector work?

Smart Protector is an easy to use software with a simple user interface with only seven buttons. Here is what each button does:

    1. **'Erase'** - performs the actual erasing of your Internet tracks. By default it erases all kinds of tracks on your computer. If you want to keep some of these tracks please use first 'Settings' and 'Erase' or 'Save State' and 'Restore State'.

    2. **'Test'** – shows a preview what tracks and files on your computer will be deleted without actually deleting them. If you want to keep some of these tracks please use first 'Settings' or 'Save State' and 'Restore State'.

    3. **'Settings'** – this feature allows you to choose what tracks to remove by simply checking them in the list. The categories of tracks are:
- Cookies.
- History.
- Temporary Internet files.
- Index.dat files.
- Home page.
- Recycle bin.
- Recent documents.

From settings you can also set if your opened Internet Explorers will be closed or not before the operations Erase, Save State and Restore State.

    4. **'Save state'** – saves all tracks at this moment. You can use this feature if you think there isn't anything compromising at this moment on your computer.   After finishing your job with the computer you can use the 'Restore State' button to restore everything to the state it was before.

    5. **'Restore State'** – restores the state of the tracks previously stored by the button 'Store State'. The reason for this action is that previously stored tracks facilitate your browsing by autocompleting the addresses you type in the address bar or using your history for direct navigation.
This is really useful, for people who use your computer will not wonder where all their history, cookies, recent files etc have gone.

    6. **'Help'** – shows this file.

    7. **'Close'** – closes this program, of course.

Support.

If you have any problems, questions or suggestions about Free History Eraser or about the more advanced program Smart Protector please don't hesitate to contact us at support@smartprotector.com .

For new versions and news about Smart Protector please visit our site at www.smartprotector.com/eraser/ .

Cookies.

Cookies are very small text files left on your computer by different web pages that you have visited. Their name and content carry information, which may compromise you.

History.

The history contains the Internet addresses you have visited. By using history other people who use your computer can visit the same web pages you have visited.

Temporary Internet files.

The temporary Internet files are local copies on your computer of web pages visited by you and pictures you have seen there. These copies are used for faster loading of pages and pictures. But other people can use them to see the content of the pages you have visited.

Index.dat files.

These files contain names of cookies, visited URLs and temporary Internet files. These names may contain compromising information. That is why the information in these files should be destroyed by filling these files with zeros. They can not be deleted because they are system files and Windows doesn't allow they to be deleted.

Home page.

This is the page, which is initially loaded when you start the Internet Explorer. Some pages that you visit can modify it to point to them. These pages may have some compromising content so they create a potential danger for your privacy.

Recycle bin.

The Recycle bin contains files, already deleted by you. These files may contain compromising information.

Recent Documents.

The recent documents are shortcuts to documents you have recently used. You can see it in the Start/Documents menu. These documents may contain compromising information so we suggest the shortcuts to them to be deleted.

Internet Explorers closing.

This feature sets if your opened Internet Explorers will be closed before the operations Erase, Save State and Restore State. If you don't close the Internet Explorers few temporary files which are currently in use by your explorers may remain undeleted.
The available options are:

      1) 'Always' – Smart Protector will close all your opened Interned Explorers before operations 'Erase', 'Save State' and 'Restore State'.

      2) 'Never' – Smart Protector will not close your opened Interned Explorers before operations 'Erase', 'Save State' and 'Restore State'.

      3) 'Prompt' – each time you start the above operations a dialog will ask you to close or not your Internet Explorers.

Additional Features

Smart Protector also gives you additional abilities:

    1.To choose exactly what tracks to remove.

    2. To save the state of all tracks at a certain moment and to restore them later erasing only the tracks left by you but not by the people who have used the computer before you.
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How to Upgrade?

You can upgrade yourself by getting Smart Protector or Smart Protector(Pro) from our site: www.smartprotector.com/eraser/ . You can do this by clicking the button 'Upgrade'.

Both versions of Smart Protector optionally clean all the tracks of your Internet activity(not only the History). The Pro version has some advanced functionality:

      - Auto-erase - performs optional auto-erase in the background (without showing) at the following moments:
          - On windows startup.
          - On windows shutdown.
          - At the end of a browsing session(when you close all Internet Explorer Windows)

      - Emergency Key – Press Ctrl+Alt+Z to close all Internet Explorer Windows and starts a background erasing. The default value of this custom keyboard shortcut combination can be changed in the 'Emergency Key' tab of the 'Settings' dialog.

      - Cookie Keeper – gives the ability to keep some cookies when erasing cookies.

      - Protect Home Page – some malicious sites change your home page to their own page, which is quite annoying. So you can restore your original home page or use blank when 'Smart Protector' erases the tracks.

      - Erasing the tracks of commonly used programs – Smart Protector Pro can optionally erase the tracks of the following popular programs - ACDSee, Media Player, Google Toolbar, Divx Player, PowerDVD Player, Real Player/RealOne Player, Winamp 2.7, MS Office 97/2000/XP, Acrobat Reader 3.x/4.x/5.0, Download Accelerator (DAP), GetRight 3.x/4.x, Go! Zilla, Net Vampire, WinRar 2x/3x, WinZip.

For more information about Smart Protector(Pro) please visit our site: www.smartprotector.com/eraser/