

Window Washer Help File

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1 – Overview

Window Washer is a very useful program for cleaning up the history of your activities on a computer. When using a computer, many people do not realize that Windows and other software programs store information about what they have done, what documents they have used, what websites they have visited, and various other activities they have performed. This causes two problems. The first is that anyone else can see what you have been doing on your computer, this raises many privacy concerns. The second is that much of your activity information takes up valuable disk space, recovering this space can be very beneficial.

Cleaning up the history of your activities can be a tedious chore of manually going through each place a

history file or entry is stored and removing it. If privacy and disk space are to be maintained, this must be done every time you use your computer. Window Washer automates this process for you! It will automatically run in the background and clean up your tracks, when you want, and which ones you want. You can have it automatically clean when Windows is started or shutdown and you can also schedule timed cleanings. Window Washer integrates with the standard Microsoft Windows places that your tracks are kept, like the document menu and the Recycle Bin. It also integrates with popular programs like Netscape and ICQ. And, with the flexible "Custom Items" feature, you can specify other files, folders, or registry entries that you would like automatically cleaned!

The shareware version will expire 30 days after the installation. Please read the next section on how to register.

1a - Quick Start

After installing Window Washer, every time Window Washer is run there will be a little squeegee icon next to your clock on the Windows Taskbar. If you click once on the squeegee icon a menu will appear. Select "WASH NOW" from the menu to wash all your items. Select "SETTINGS" from the menu to configure your wash items and other features of Window Washer. Select "QUIT" to close the Window Washer program.

2 – How To Register

Window Washer costs \$29.95.

There are a few ways you can register:

Register by secure online Web Page visit:

<http://www.webroot.com/order1.htm>

For phone orders the Window Washer product # is: 4060

Register by calling Toll-Free (within the US): 1 888 734-4880

Or outside of the US: 1 (770) 497-9126

Register by Check or Money order - Mail to:

Webroot Software
4969 Archdale Ln
Columbus, OH 43214

3 – Automatic Wash Options

3a – Wash on Windows Startup

Checking this box will cause Window Washer to automatically clean up your selected items every time Microsoft Windows is started.

3b – Wash on Windows Shutup

Checking this box will cause Window Washer to automatically clean up your selected items every time Microsoft Windows is shutdown.

3c – Timed Washing

After checking this box the pull down menu to the left of it will become active. Using the pull down menu you can select the time interval that you would like Window Washer to clean your items. Time intervals range from every 15 minutes to once a month. Once you have selected a time, Window Washer will clean your items automatically when the time is reached.

4 - Default Items

These are items that are automatically integrated into Window Washer.

4a – Windows Document History

This cleans the history of recent documents that you have opened. This document history is stored under the Microsoft Windows Start Button under the DOCUMENTS menu item.

4b – Windows Find History

This cleans the history of files you have searched for using the FIND program. The FIND history is stored under the Microsoft Windows Start Button under FIND then FILE/FOLDERS menu item.

4c – Windows Run History

This cleans the history of files you have run using the RUN command. The RUN history is stored under the Microsoft Windows Start Button under the RUN menu item.

4d – Recycle Bin

This cleans the out all of the files you have delete into the Recycle Bin.

4e – ICQ Event History

If you have ICQ installed on your system, you can use this option to clean up the entire Event History of ICQ. This cleans all messages, urls, etc. that all users have sent you.

4f – Netscape 4.x

If you have Netscape installed on your system, you can use this option to clean up Netscape cookies, cache, history, and trash mailbox. Checking this checkbox will bring up a sub menu allowing you to select which Netscape items you would like cleaned: cookies, cache, history, and/or trash mailbox. NOTE: You must close Netscape before Window Washer will be able to clean the Netscape HISTORY item.

4g – Internet Explorer 4.x

If you have Internet Explorer installed on your system (of course you do! –grin-), you can use this option to clean up Internet Explorer cookies, cache, and history. Checking this checkbox will bring up a sub menu allowing you to select which Internet Explorer items you would like cleaned: cookies, cache, and/or history.

5 - Custom Items

Custom Items allows you the flexibility to add files, folders, and registry entries to be automatically cleaned for you.

5a – Adding or Editing

Click the ADD button if you wish to add a new custom item. If you wish to EDIT a current item, highlight the item on the CUSTOM ITEMS menu and then click the EDIT button.

Files and Folders

Check this box to clean files or folders. Then click on the SELECT button to the right. You will see the ADD files and folders screen. Browse through the directories by clicking on the directory box.

ADD FOLDER - Select an entire folder to be cleaned by highlighting the folder in the directory list box (top left) and then clicking on the "ADD FOLDER" button.

INCLUDE SUBDIRECTORIES - Check the "INCLUDE SUBDIRECTORIES" check box to include cleaning of all folders below your selected folders.

ADD FILES - Select files to be cleaned by highlighting them in the file list box (top right) and then clicking on the "ADD FILES" button.

REMOVE FROM LIST - To remove files or directories from your cleaning list, highlight the files and/or directories in your Cleaning List (bottom middle) and then click on the REMOVE FROM LIST button.

DONE - Click "DONE" when finished.

Registry Entries

WARNING: THIS IS INTENDED FOR ADVANCED WINDOWS USERS ONLY. IF YOU ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH EDITING AND CHANGING REGISTRY KEYS DO NOT USE THIS FEATURE. YOU COULD RISK DAMAGING YOUR WINDOWS INSTALLATION.

ADD – Adds an entry to your list of registry entries to be cleaned, brings up the ADD REGISTRY ENTRY Window (see below).

REMOVE – Removes an entry from your registry entries list. Highlight the entry you wish to remove and click on the REMOVE button.

DONE - Click "DONE" when finished.

Add Registry Entry Window

How to add a registry entry:

Example: Let's say we want to remove the value "THISONE" from the registry entry Hkey_Current_User\Software\Washer\Example1

First select the TOP LEVEL KEY OF REGISTRY ENTRY TO BE ERASED at the top of the Window. For our example we would click on Hkey_Current_User.

Next type the sub key path in the edit box at the middle of the window. For our example we would type Software\Washer\Example1.

Next select whether Window Washer should delete the entire sub key (EXAMPLE1) or if it should erase a specific value contained within that sub key. For our example we want to remove a specific value, not the entire key, so check ERASE VALUE WITHIN SUBKEY.

(If you are erasing an entire subkey and not a specific value, just click on DONE to save your entry.)

Next type the value that you would like to erase within the the SUBKEY. For our example, the value is

"THISONE".

Click on DONE button to save your entry.

5b – Deleting

To delete a CUSTOM ITEM from your list click on the item you wish to delete and then click on the DELETE button.

6 – Washing

Click on the WASH NOW button at the bottom left of the main window.
You will see the status window as Washer cleans through your selected items.

Note: You will not see the status window while Window Washer is washing during a timed wash or during a Windows startup wash.

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