Start Clean v1.2
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Start Clean is a program which removes unnecessary clutter from the Start Menu. Most applications add folders and links to the Start Menu. The problem is, when you delete the program itself, many times its folder and link remains in the Start Menu. Over time, this can create serious clutter in your Start Menu, making it somewhat messy. Many of the links could be pointing to programs and files which no longer exist. Start Clean scans all of the links in your Start Menu and removes the links which point to files that no longer exist. The result is a smaller, cleaner, more efficient Start Menu.

Start Clean was written using Microsoft Visual C++ 4.0. The code has been hand tuned for speed and efficiency, and then compiler optimized for speed.

Directions

- Start Start Clean
- Select your options:
  - Removable drives - Check links which point to files located on CD, floppy disk, or any other removable media supported by Windows
  - Network drives - Check links which point to files located on other computers on the network
  - Nonexistent / Disconnected net drives - Removes links which point to drives that cannot be found or don't exist
  - Windows Desktop - Check links located on the Windows desktop
  - Delete empty folders - After removing lost links, many folders will be empty, and should be deleted. The only folder that won't be deleted with this option is the Startup group.
  - Minimize while cleaning - Minimizes the program while it is cleaning the Start Menu.
  - Exit after cleaning - Exits Start Clean after it cleans the Start Menu.
- If you want the options to remain permanent, click on the Save Settings button
- Click on Clean Now to begin cleaning
- It is recommended that a link to Start Clean be put in the Startup folder so that it can clean the Start Menu every time Windows starts.
- **You can have Start Clean automatically clean when it's run by adding a "/s" as a command line option. For instance, "startcln.exe /s" will tell Start Clean to automatically clean the Start Menu immediately without needing user intervention.

Registration

Start Clean is a shareware program. The user is allowed 30 days to use Start Clean at no charge. If the user wishes to use Start Clean beyond the 30 day trial period, they must pay a registration fee of $10 U.S. Payments must be in the form of a check or money order. Make payments payable to Firas El-Hasan. Upon receiving payment, a registration code will be sent out to the user. ***Note: The registration code for Start Clean will also register Hot Corners and visa-versa, like getting 2 programs for the price of 1.*** Include with the payment, on a separate piece of paper, your name, address, phone number, and *e-mail address*. Mail payments to the following address:

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You may also register through Compuserve. Just GO SWREG, and register with the program ID: 9774.

Once the user enters the proper name and code in Start Clean, Start Clean will self-register itself. The registration "nag" screen will not appear in this registered version, and the main screen will show that Start Clean is registered. Distribution of the shareware version is encouraged.

WWW Site

The latest versions of all my shareware and freeware programs can be found at the following site:

http://users.aol.com/felhasan/index.htm

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If you encounter any bugs with Start Clean, please send me e-mail describing the bug, the version of Start Clean you are using, and how to reproduce the bug. If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions, please send them my way. My e-mail address is: FirasE@msn.com.

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