



System Requirements

To run Internet Cleanup, you need the following:

- A 486 or faster PC (Pentium).
- Windows 98, ME, Windows 98 SE, 2000, Server or XP (Home or Professional).
- 8 Megabytes RAM (16 Megabytes for Windows 2000/XP).
- At least 50 Megabytes of free space on your disk drive.
- At least one Web browser: Internet Explorer 5.01 or later, and/or the current versions of the America Online browser 7.0 or 8.0 and/or MSN Explorer, Netscape, and Mozilla.

See Also

[Starting Internet Cleanup](#)

[Cleaning Your Internet Files Automatically](#)

[Changing Auto Clean Settings](#)

[Manually Cleaning Up Internet Items and Files](#)



Installing Internet Cleanup

Follow these steps to install Internet Cleanup:

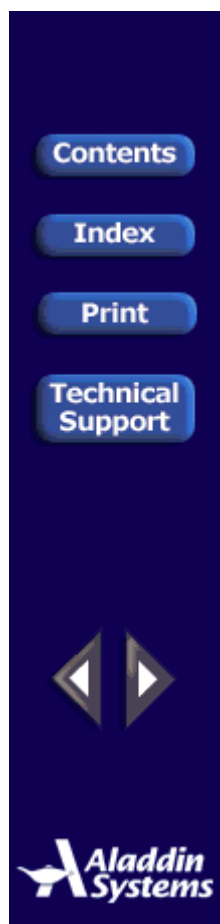
1. If you are upgrading from an earlier version of Internet Cleanup, the Installer will remove this version automatically. You will need to reset your Scheduler settings and identify protected cookies again.
2. Turn off any disk utilities or antivirus programs you may be running.
3. Insert the Internet Cleanup compact disc into your CD-ROM drive (or double-click the setup file if you downloaded Internet Cleanup). The installation program will start automatically. If the program installation does not automatically begin, click the **Start** menu and select **Run**. Type *D:\setup.exe* (where *D:* is the letter of your CD-ROM drive) in the box, and click **OK**.
4. Follow the on-screen instructions. After you specify an installation directory, Internet Cleanup copies its files to your disk drive.
5. We recommend running [EasyUpdate](#) as soon as you install Internet Cleanup just in case there is a program update available after this CD was released.

See Also

[Starting Internet Cleanup](#)

[Cleaning Your Internet Files Automatically](#)

[Manually cleaning up Internet Items and Files](#)



Updating Your Software (EasyUpdate™)

We periodically improve Internet Cleanup--adding features, making changes based on customer requests, and fixing problems. If there are multiple components for updating, EasyUpdate provides you with a list of these--you can update everything at once, or select only the ones you want.

To run EasyUpdate:

1. Make sure you are connected to the Internet. If you access the Internet using a modem, log in first, or set your browser to automatically dial in.
2. Start EasyUpdate by selecting **StartàProgramsàInternet CleanupàEasyUpdate** (or start Internet Cleanup and click **HelpàEasyUpdate** in the upper right corner).
3. Follow the instructions to install the update. When finished, click **Done** to exit EasyUpdate. You may be prompted to restart Windows to complete the update.



Removing Internet Cleanup

To remove Internet Cleanup:

1. Make sure the program is closed.
2. From Windows, select
**StartàSettingsàControl Panelà
Add/Remove Programs.**
3. Click **Internet Cleanup 4.0**, and then click
the **Add/Remove** button.
4. Click **Remove**, then **Next**.
5. Follow the onscreen instructions to remove
Internet Cleanup.



Technical Support

Online help: If you are reading this, then you are already familiar with at least part of the online help system. You can browse the index to look for help on individual topics, or start from the Internet Cleanup Contents to open different categories of help.

User Guide: The Internet Cleanup User Guide, provided as an Adobe Acrobat (PDF) file on the CD or with the download, will get you started with Internet Cleanup. It provides an introduction and explanation of each of the Internet Cleanup tools and describes how to use each one.

Technical support. We would be pleased to hear from you if you have suggestions or special requests regarding any of our products.

The online site provides a constantly updated system of FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions). The chances are that someone else has already reported the same issue, and we've posted information about it. Our Technical Support web site:

<http://www.aladdinsys.com/support/techsupport/index.php>

Our Support site also offers an easy three-step process for finding all the FAQ's related to your version of the software:

<http://www.aladdinsys.com/support/techsupport/gateway1.php?>

Or if you prefer, use the new intuitive Search Engine, which allows you to search all the FAQ's and then search within your results:

<http://www.aladdinsys.com/support/techsupport/search.php?>

The Support site also offers a public Forum where you can post your question and have it answered online by the Forum's resident experts and/or Aladdin Support Specialists. Finally, if you still haven't found the answer, after reviewing the pertinent FAQ's, you can submit a form to our Support crew, which they will respond to by email. Support requests are answered in the order they are received and response time varies depending on the number of pending requests. Therefore we recommend checking the FAQ's and using the public Forum.

When asking your question on the forum or submitting a Support request, you will need to

know the following information:

- The exact version of the product you are using.
- The exact version of the Operating System you are using.
- If you have a Registration Number, you will have the opportunity to enter it when submitting a Support Request.
Registration Numbers should not be posted to the public Forum.

A Few Definitions

As you work with your Web [browser](#), several types of files are downloaded and stored on your disk drive. What kind of files are they, and how do they affect your privacy? Here are some answers.

[Cookies](#)

[Cache files](#)

[Browser History](#)

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Cookies

Have you ever registered at a web site, or personalized some settings at a site like My.Yahoo.com? The next time you visited the site, it greeted you by name and remembered your settings. You've got a cookie! Cookies are very small files that a web site sends to your browser when you visit. They might contain login or registration data, items in your electronic shopping cart, preferences, etc.

Cookies can offer convenience and cool stuff, but it is the way a site gathers valuable information on you, your habits, interests and spending patterns. Web sites often sell that information to advertisers and other companies, who then target ads directly to you, based on the information you gave up.

Cookies can also follow you as you surf, generating--and storing--information on where you visit after you leave the site that left the cookie.

You can easily remove unwanted cookies with Internet Cleanup.

See Also

[Manually removing cookies](#)

[Cookie Blocker](#)

[Protecting Cookies](#)

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History Items

When you view a web page, your [browser](#) stores the location (also called the URL or Internet address) on your disk drive. Anyone clicking on your browser's History button can see where you have been recently.

You can usually set your browser to delete your history after a certain period of time. With Internet Cleanup, you can remove any URLs that you no longer want on your system before that period ends.

See Also

[Manually Removing History Items](#)

[A Few Definitions](#)

[More Internet Safety Tips](#)

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Cache Files

As you surf the web, your browser stores (caches) the contents of the pages you visit on your disk drive, including the graphics and text. Without this caching feature, when you click on the **Back** button, the browser would have to check the web page for the placement of text and graphics, then reload these images and pages every time as you navigate from page to page. If you have a slow connection to the Internet, this caching can be helpful, but consider this: when you step away from your computer, *anyone* (your boss, your kids and everyone in between) can sit down, open Windows Explorer and view every image and web page you've seen in the last few weeks.

Besides the security concerns, these cache files can occupy a significant amount of space on your disk drive. If Windows has ever warned you that you were running out of disk space, one of the things it offers to clear out is the cache folders (also known as Temporary Internet Files). You can set a maximum size for the Internet cache in your browser settings, but you may want to protect yourself and free up space by removing unwanted cache pages. This is a snap with Internet Cleanup.

See Also

[Manually Removing Cache Files](#)

[A Few Definitions](#)

[More Internet Safety Tips](#)

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ActiveX Controls

ActiveX controls can be wondrous things, but they can also be dangerous. ActiveX can make web pages look and behave like other programs, rather than static pages. With ActiveX, you can view animations and movies, use drop-down menus, push buttons, and interact with a web site in many other ways.

Unfortunately, malicious programmers can also create ActiveX controls that take advantage of your computer's security weaknesses. These controls can steal passwords, damage or delete files on your computer, and even make your computer inoperable. The worst thing is that ActiveX controls can be automatically downloaded onto your system's disk drive without even notifying you, if your security options allow it.

ActiveX controls can also take up large amounts of disk space. If you're running low on disk space, removing unnecessary ActiveX controls can recover this space. Internet Cleanup will quickly remove any unwanted ActiveX controls.

See Also

[Manually Removing ActiveX Controls](#)

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Plug-ins

Plug-ins are accessory programs that add specific features or services to your browser, such as the ability to display different types of audio or video messages. Plug-ins are generally installed along with the browser, and the web site hosts the most popular plug-ins. Occasionally, when trying to access content (like a Macromedia Flash presentation or a particular audio file type) on a web site you may get a message asking whether you want to install the appropriate plug-in. Plug-ins load a small piece of software into your browser. When you close the browser, the plug-ins remain on your disk drive. While plug-ins are rarely malicious, removing them can free disk space. Internet Cleanup pulls the plug on unwanted plug-ins.

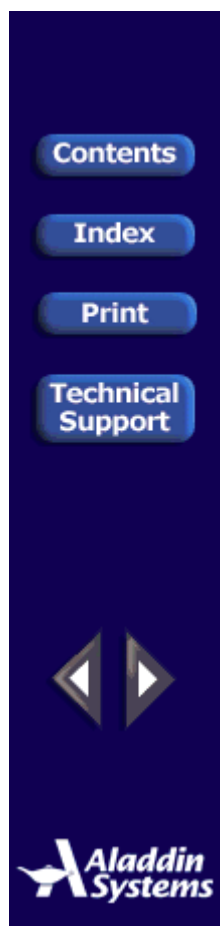
See Also

[Manually Removing Plug-ins](#)

[A Few Definitions](#)

[More Internet Safety Tips](#)

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More Internet Safety Tips

- 1 **Make sure your browser has strong encryption.** Particularly when you're making a financial transaction, you want to ensure that only you and the people you're doing business with have your credit card information. In Internet Explorer, check **About** from the **Help** menu. The **Cipher Strength** line will tell you if you have 128-bit encryption.
- 2 **Read a Web site's privacy policies.** A growing number of sites have specific policies telling you how they use information they collect from you, including whether they share that information with others. This lets you make an informed decision about what information you want to give them.
- 3 **Avoid spam.** These annoying unsolicited commercial email messages, usually sent in bulk from untraceable email accounts offering get-rich-quick schemes and other worthless garbage, will wind up in your email box sooner or later, but there are things you can do to limit it. Don't ever respond—even to tell them to take your name off! A reply verifies your valid email address and will be sold to other spammers. If you choose to fill out any of the Identity sections in your browser, don't use your real email address. Set up and use a free email account to post messages to newsgroups and register with Web sites. Try fooling spammers' address harvesters by including NOSPAM (or some other characters) in your address (mynameNOSPAM@myserver.com). Some email providers have spam controls installed that will automatically delete unauthorized mail.
 - § Advanced users can configure [AutoEmailClean](#) to function as a spam filter by specifying senders and sites to remove messages from.
- 4 **If you have an always-on connection, turn your computer off when you're not using it.** With DSL and cable modems becoming commonplace, those folks looking for computers to invade can find your computer live on the Internet. Your machine could even be used in a Distributed Denial of Service attack on other Web servers. Shutting down your

computer, or using personal firewall software will enhance your security.

- 5 **Don't connect to the Internet with shared drives or folders enabled.** If you have a home network, you can share files and folders with other computers on the network. When you log in to your Internet Service Provider, those shares are now available to other computers on *that* network. Web sites can also access those shares if they wish.
- 6 **Don't give your Social Security number to anyone online!** An address and Social Security number is all anyone needs to steal your identity. If asked for this (or any information you don't want to offer) in an online form, leave it blank. Tell the Web site that this information belongs to you.
- 7 **Chat safely!** Use your free email account to identify yourself. Don't install any software that you don't know what it does. Turn off your instant messenger when you're not using it. Use the [Instant Messenger cleaner](#) to remove message logs and downloaded files.

See Also

[Privacy Information on the World Wide Web](#)
[Adding Names and Domains to AutoEmailClean](#)



Starting Internet Cleanup

- 1 Start Internet Cleanup by clicking on the desktop icon or selecting **StartàProgramsàInternet CleanupàInternet Cleanup**.
- 2 When Internet Cleanup starts, the program scans the hard drive(s) on your system to locate your Web browser(s) and their cache, history, plug-in and cookie files. A clock animation displays at the lower left corner of the screen showing the progress of the scan. When the scan is complete, you'll see this information on the screen:
 - A list of browsers supported on the system
 - The number of cached files and the amount of space they're taking
 - The number of History items, unprotected Cookies, ActiveX controls and plug-ins on your system
 - The number of files, folders and Recent list entries identified as removable in your Settings
 - The number of spyware categories Internet Cleanup has located
 - Information on the space used and remaining on your hard drive(s)
- 3 From the Internet Cleanup home window, click either **Manual Clean** or **Auto Clean** to clean up your system.

See Also

[Cleaning Your Files Automatically with Auto Clean](#)

[Changing Auto Clean Settings](#)

[Scheduling Internet Cleanup Tools](#)

[Manual Clean](#)



Cleaning Your Files Automatically with Auto Clean

This is the easiest way to clean out your files. Auto Clean can work with all categories of files:

- Cache files
- History items
- Cookies
- Files and folders on your hard drive
- Recent lists
- Instant Messenger files
- Email messages

Before running Auto Clean the first time, click the [Settings](#) button at the top of the Internet Cleanup home window and decide what categories you want Auto Clean to handle. Then fine-tune each category's settings (cache, history and cookies are located in the [Internet Tools](#) section of the Settings screen).

Once you have your categories chosen and settings set, you can run Auto Clean.

- 1 Start Internet Cleanup.
- 2 Click the **Auto Clean** button.
- 3 The first time you run Auto Clean, it will remind you what categories of files it will remove. You can choose to not see this reminder by checking the **Don't Show This Confirm Dialog Again** box. Click **Yes** to confirm.
- 4 Auto Clean will show you what's happening as it cleans the requested files. Press **Done** when it is complete. You will return to the home window. Depending on your settings, you may be asked to restart your computer.

Using the Clean Now! Icon

There's an even faster and easier way to run Auto Clean. Double-click the **Clean Now!** icon on your desktop. This icon is optionally installed with Internet Cleanup. If it isn't there, go to [Auto Clean Settings](#) to put it there.

You can also run **Clean Now!** from the Start Menu: **Start**→**Programs**→**Internet Cleanup**→**Clean Now!**

Clean Now! runs Auto Clean without starting the full Internet Cleanup application.



Changing Auto Clean Settings

You have control over how Auto Clean works. Auto Clean can work with all categories of files:

- Cache
- History
- Cookies
- Files and folders on your hard drive
- Recent lists
- Instant Messenger files
- Email messages

Check the appropriate box(es) to have Auto Clean check for and remove the category of files listed. Auto Clean will follow the rules defined in the Settings for each tool.

NOTE: If you run Auto Clean before setting up the [Instant Messenger cleaner](#), Auto Clean will (if you have checked Instant Messenger here) clean files associated with any Instant Messenger client it locates in its original scan. Cleaned files will go into the Recycle Bin by default.

Many cookies are helpful. If you check the **Cookies** box, make sure to click the [Protect Cookies](#) button next to it to exclude your favorite sites from accidentally being cleaned.

You can also [restore accidentally deleted cookies](#) by clicking the **Restore Cookies** button here.

Create Clean Now Desktop Shortcut: If you would like to run Auto Clean without opening Internet Cleanup, put this icon on your Desktop by clicking this button. You have the option to create this shortcut when you install Internet Cleanup.

See Also

[Cleaning Your Files Automatically with Auto Clean](#)

[Manually Cleaning Up Internet Items And Files](#)

[Changing Internet Tool Settings](#)

[Changing File & Folder Settings](#)

[Changing Recent Lists Settings](#)

[Instant Messengers Settings](#)

[AutoEmailClean Settings](#)

[Scheduling Internet Cleanup Tools](#)



Securely Deleting files

Internet Cleanup normally cleans out your Internet and other files so that those files bypass the Recycle Bin, but they haven't actually disappeared from the drive. New data must overwrite them first. Some commercial Undelete utilities and other data recovery methods can retrieve them until they are overwritten. In most cases, this level of removal is enough, but occasionally you may need more protection.

Internet Cleanup's Secure Delete tool completely removes all your cache or history files from your drive by writing over the files repeatedly, rendering them unrecoverable by even the most sophisticated data recovery tools. To have any of the Internet Cleanup tools Securely Delete files, check the **Secure Delete** box in the Settings for that tool.

NOTE: The Secure Delete process takes considerably longer to complete than a standard Clean. How much longer depends on the number and size of the files and the speed of your computer.

See Also

[Scheduling Internet Cleanup Tools](#)

[Manually Cleaning Up Internet Items and Files](#)



Scheduling Internet Cleanup Tools

Most Internet Cleanup tools can be automated to run as often as you want without you having to lift a finger. Click the **Schedule** button at the top of the home window to specify when you want to clean:

- Cache files
- Cookies
- History
- Recent Lists
- Files and Folders
- Instant Messenger items
- Email messages

Immediately schedule window is displayed with two options-

- Local Cleanup
- Remote Cleanup

To get help in using the options of Scheduling Internet Cleanup tools, click on the appropriate link below:

See Also

[Local Cleanup](#)

[Remote Cleanup](#)

[Manually Cleaning Up Internet Items and Files](#)

[Changing Internet Cleanup Settings](#)



Local Cleanup

Local cleanup enables you to schedule cleanup of your machine periodically from unwanted files. Using this option you cannot clean the machine located on the network.

1. Start Internet Cleaner 4.0. When Internet Cleaner starts, the home window is displayed. Click **Schedule** button.
2. Immediately, Local Cleanup screen appears with system. Click any (or all) of the tabs on the Local Cleanup screen to run specified tools at:
 - **System Startup:** Check the **Enable scheduling at system startup** box, then select tools to run every time you start your computer.
 - **System Shutdown:** Check the **Enable scheduling at system shutdown** box, then select tools to run every time you shut down (or restart) your computer. In addition to the standard tools listed above, you can also clean hidden cache files at shutdown.
 - **Application Exit:** Check the **Enable scheduling at Application Exit** box, then select tools to run when you close Internet Explorer, Outlook. Use the **Add** button in the Application selection area on the right to specify any other application on your computer to trigger the cleanup.
 - **Time Interval:** Check the **Enable scheduling at the following time interval** box, then select tools to run at a specific interval. Two hours is the default, but you can select any combination of hours and minutes.
 - **Daily:** Check the **Enable scheduling on a daily basis** box, select tools to run every day, and select a time. Your computer must be running at the scheduled time.

When a tool is scheduled, it will clean files exactly as set up to do in Internet Cleanup Settings.

NOTE: If you have tools scheduled to run

during a specific process (application exit, startup or shutdown), this will add some time to whatever process you check. Depending on how much material is being cleaned, it could be up to a minute. If you have any of the tools configured to use Secure Delete, this will add considerable time. For this reason, we don't recommend scheduling any tool to run at System Shutdown if you are Securely Deleting files.

See Also

[Scheduling Internet Cleanup Tools](#)

[Remote Cleanup](#)

[Manually Cleaning Up Internet Items and Files](#)

[Changing Internet Cleanup Settings](#)

Remote Cleanup

Unlike local cleanup, remote cleanup enables you to schedule cleaning process on other machines on the network. Remote cleanup facilitates the network administrator to schedule the cleanup of machines on the network without installing any software on the target machine.

To start Remote Cleanup-

1. Start Internet Cleaner 4.0. When Internet Cleaner starts, the home window is displayed. Click **Schedule** button.
2. Click **Remote Cleanup** button. The remote cleanup window will be displayed. This window lists the tasks and machines on which cleanup has already been scheduled.
Each task has an indicative icon in front of each task. Red icon means remote machine is not available now so server is not able to connect this client. The blue icon refers to a particular machine that cannot be set as a remote scheduler client now. The yellow icon refers to a particular machine that can be connected but either the task is removed or renamed on that machine. The green icon depicts the ideal condition where you can modify the task.
3. You can **add, remove, modify**, and view



last result of tasks using different options.

NOTE: Remote Cleanup feature does not works on Windows 98, ME and XP Home.

To add Remote Cleanup task-

1. Open **Internet Cleanup**. From Internet Cleanup home window, click **Schedule** button. Click **Remote Cleanup** button.
2. Click **Add** button to add a task. **Enter** relevant information pertaining to the task.
3. Click **Remote Schedule** button.

To modify Remote Cleanup task-

1. Open **Internet Cleanup**. From Internet Cleanup home window, click **Schedule** button. Click **Remote Cleanup** button.
2. Select **any task**, which you want to modify, from the task list. Click **Modify** button. Next, update the changes in Cleanup Items, Time Interval, and Advanced tabs. Click **Apply** to confirm.

To remove Remote Cleanup task-

1. Open **Internet Cleanup**. From Internet Cleanup home window, click **schedule** button. Click **Remote Cleanup** button.
2. Select any task from the task list. Click **Remove** button.

To view last result of cleanup task-

1. Open **Internet Cleanup**. From Internet Cleanup home window, click **Schedule** button. Click **Remote Cleanup** button.
2. Select any **task** in the task list with green icon.
3. Click **Last Result** option. Immediately, a message box is displayed with date and time information about the task.

To get help in using the Remote Cleanup tools, click on the appropriate link below:



See Also

[Add Remote Cleanup Task](#)
[Schedule Cleanup Task](#)
[Scheduling Internet Cleanup Tools](#)
[Local Cleanup](#)
[Manually Cleaning Up Internet Items and Files](#)
[Changing Internet Cleanup Settings](#)

Add Remote Cleanup Task

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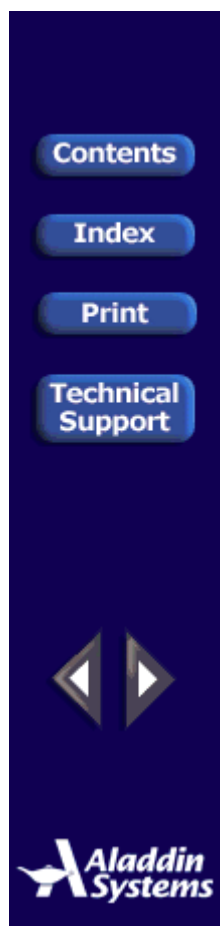
To add Remote Cleanup task-

1. Click **Add** button to add a task. **Enter** relevant information such as remote task name, machine name, administrator name, password and server name in following fields-
 - Target Name
 - Task Machine
 - Administrator
 - Password
 - Server Address
2. Click **Remote Schedule** button.

NOTE: To schedule cleanup on remote machines, all network machines should have same administrator name and password. Information in Administrator and Server Address field are automatically displayed and remain disabled.

See Also

[Schedule Cleanup Task](#)
[Remote Cleanup](#)



Schedule Cleanup Task

Once cleanup tasks are added, you need to schedule these tasks accordingly. You should specify the cleanup items on which scheduled task is to be performed.

To schedule Cleanup Task-

1. Open **Internet Cleanup**. From Internet Cleanup home window, click **schedule** button. Click **Remote Cleanup** button.
2. Click **Add** button to add a task and then Click **Remote Schedule** button.
3. Click **Cleanup Items** tab to specify the items, which are to be cleaned. Select one or more of the following items-
 - Cookies
 - History
 - Cache
 - Active-X
 - Plugins
4. Check **Perform cleanup for all users** check box to enable cleanup for all users or specify username in the **User Name** field to enable cleanup for all users in the **User Name** List box. You can add or remove user names from the list with help of Add or remove buttons respectively.

NOTE: If you click Apply without specifying items to be cleaned, an error message is displayed. Please select options in cleanup items.

5. Next, click the **Time Interval** tab. Select any time event from specified list in the drop-down box.
 - Daily
 - Weekly
 - Monthly
 - Once
 - User Logon
6. To schedule cleaning task **Daily**, specify time in the Run daily at box. To schedule cleaning task **Weekly**, select the **Day of the week** and the **Start date and time**.
7. To schedule cleaning task **Monthly**, select the **Day of the month** and the **Start date and time**. To schedule cleaning process **once**, set the time in the **Start date and Time** option.
8. To schedule cleaning process at the user

logon, select **User Logon** radio button.

9. Next, click the **Advanced** tab. You can check **Delete the task if not scheduled to run again** check box to delete a scheduled task once completed and is not scheduled to run again.
10. You can check **Stop the task if runs for specified hours and minutes** check box to stop a scheduled task if it is running for more time than specified in hours and minutes.
11. Click **Apply** after selecting at least one item for cleanup.

See Also

[Add Remote Cleanup Task](#)

[Remote Cleanup](#)

Manually Cleaning Up Internet Items and Files

For the most control over what files you want to keep or delete, use Internet Cleanup's Manual Clean tools. You'll be able to view each file, page or image before sending it into oblivion.

To use the manual tools, click the **Manual Clean** button then click on the button for the tool you want.

To get help in using the manual tools, click on the appropriate link below:

[Cache Cleaner](#)

[Cookie Cleaner](#)

[History Cleaner](#)

[ActiveX Cleaner](#)

[Plug-In Cleaner](#)

[Cleaning Files & Folders](#)

[Cleaning Recent Lists](#)

[Spyware Cleaner](#)

[Cleaning Instant Messenger Items](#)





Cleaning Cookies

Use the Cookie cleaner to view and remove the [cookies](#) installed on your computer.

- 1 From the Internet Cleanup home window, click the **Manual Clean** button. Click on **Cookies**. Internet Cleanup will scan your disk for cookies.
- 2 You'll see a large window giving you some information on each cookie. This includes the size of the cookie, the site that installed it on your computer, and the date it was last accessed. Cookies usually have an expiration date, ranging from a few hours to well past the life of your computer. This date is also listed here. All of the columns are resizable. To resize a column, point your mouse to one edge of the column heading and drag. To display more technical details about the highlighted cookie, select **Show Details Window** from the drop-down list box. These will appear in the bottom view pane. Select **Show File Window** to view the file's contents. Select **Hide Details Window** to close the view pane.
- 3 Check the box at the left of any item you want to remove. You can select multiple items by clicking while holding down the Shift key (Shift-click) if the items are next to each other, or by holding down the Ctrl key (Ctrl-click) if they are non-contiguous. After making your selections, press the space bar to mark the items. The **Select All** button will check everything.
- 4 (Optional) If there is a particular cookie that you want to remove from your system, and don't see it immediately on the list, use the **Search** button. Type in the name (or any part) of the file you're seeking and click **Find Next**. Your item will be highlighted.

NOTE: Any cookie you have [protected](#) should not appear in the cookie list. Click the **Protect Cookies** button at the top of the screen to have the cookie cleaner ignore valuable cookies.

- 5 Click **Apply** to permanently remove these items from your computer. As the cleaner does its job, a progress clock appears in the lower left corner. When the task is complete, you'll get a report showing the files deleted and your space savings. You

can print this report or save it to a text file on your hard drive. Click the **Done** button to return to the Manual Clean main page, or click **Exit** in the upper right corner to close Internet Cleanup.

See Also

[Cookies defined](#)

[Manually Cleaning Up Internet Items and Files](#)

[Changing Auto Clean Settings](#)

[Scheduling Internet Cleanup Tools](#)

[Protecting Cookies](#)

[Cookie Blocker](#)

[Changing Internet Tool Settings](#)



Cleaning ActiveX Controls

Use the ActiveX cleaner to view all your [ActiveX controls](#) and remove those you don't want any longer.

- 1 From the Internet Cleanup home window, click the **Manual Clean** program button. Click on **ActiveX**. Internet Cleanup will scan your disk for ActiveX controls.
- 2 You'll see a large window giving you some information on each control. This includes the size and location (path) of the control, the site that installed it on your computer, and the date it was last accessed. All of the columns are resizable. To resize a column, point your mouse to one edge of the column heading and drag. To display more details about the highlighted control, select **Show Details Window** from the drop-down list box. These will appear in the bottom view pane. Select **Show File Window** to get some technical information about the file. Select **Hide Details Window** to close the view pane.
- 3 Check the box at the left of any item you want to remove. You can select multiple items by clicking while holding down the Shift key (Shift-click) if the items are next to each other, or by holding down the Ctrl key (Ctrl-click) if they are non-contiguous. After making your selections, press the space bar to mark the items. The **Select All** button will check everything.
- 4 (Optional) If there is a particular control that you want to remove from your system, and don't see it immediately on the list, use the **Search** button. Type in the name (or

any part) of the file you're seeking and click **Find Next**. Your item will be highlighted.

- 5 Click **Apply** to permanently remove the selected controls from your computer.
- 6 As the cleaner does its job, a progress clock appears in the lower left corner. When the task is complete, you'll get a report showing the files deleted and your space savings. You can print this report or save it to a text file on your hard drive. Click the **Done** button to return to the Manual Clean main page, or click **Exit** in the upper right corner to close Internet Cleanup.

NOTE: If you are running the Windows Active Desktop, some ActiveX controls cannot be cleaned. We recommend turning off Active Desktop before running Internet Cleanup.

See Also

[ActiveX Controls defined](#)

[Manually Cleaning Up Internet Items and Files](#)
[Changing Auto Clean Settings](#)

[Changing Internet Tool Settings](#)



Cleaning the Cache

Use the Cache cleaner to see what's in your [browser cache](#) and remove unwanted items.

- 1 From the Internet Cleanup home window, click the **Manual Clean** button. Click on **Cache**. Internet Cleanup will scan your disk for files your browser has cached. A progress clock will appear in the lower left corner as the cleaner locates the files.
- 2 You'll see a large window giving you some information on each cached file. This includes the size and location (path) of the file, the site that it came from and the date it was last accessed. All of the columns are resizable. To resize a column, point your mouse to one edge of the column heading and drag. To display more details about the highlighted file, select **Show Details Window** from the drop-down list box. These will appear in the bottom view pane. Select **Show File Window** to view the file's contents. Select **Hide Details Window** to close the view pane.
- 3 Check the box at the left of any item you want to remove. You can select multiple items by clicking while holding down the Shift key (Shift-click) if the items are next to each other, or by holding down the Ctrl key (Ctrl-click) if they are non-contiguous. After making your selections, press the space bar to mark the items. The **Select All** button will check everything.
- 4 (Optional) If there is a particular item that you want to remove from your cache, use the **Search** button. Type in the name (or any part) of the file you're seeking and click **Find Next**. Your item will be highlighted.
- 5 Click **Apply** when you've selected all the files you want to delete. The cleaner will then permanently remove these items from your computer.
- 6 As the cleaner does its job, a progress clock appears in the lower left corner. When the task is complete, you'll get a report showing the files deleted and your space savings. You can print this report or save it to a text file on your hard drive. Click the **Done** button to return to the Manual Clean main page, or click **Exit** in the upper right corner to close Internet Cleanup.

NOTE: If you have a large number of items

here, the report will not show the item list.

See Also

[Cache defined](#)

[Manually Cleaning Up Internet Items and Files](#)

[Scheduling Internet Cleanup Tools](#)

[Changing Auto Clean Settings](#)

[Changing Internet Tool Settings](#)



Cleaning History Items

Use the History cleaner to view items in your [browser history](#) and remove the unwanted ones.

- 1 From the Internet Cleanup home window, click the **Manual Clean** button. Click on **History**. Internet Cleanup will scan your disk for history items.
- 2 You'll see a large window giving you the site address (URL) the date it was last accessed, and when it's due to expire. All of the columns are resizable. To resize a column, point your mouse to one edge of the column heading and drag. To display some technical details about the highlighted history item, select **Show Details Window** from the drop-down list box. These will appear in the bottom view pane. Select **Hide Details Window** to close the view pane.
- 3 Check the box at the left of any item you want to remove. You can select multiple items by clicking while holding down the Shift key (Shift-click) if the items are next to each other, or by holding down the Ctrl key (Ctrl-click) if they are non-contiguous. After making your selections, press the space bar to mark the items. The **Select All** button will check everything.
- 4 (Optional) If there is a particular item that you want to remove from your browser history, use the **Search** button. Type in the name (or any part) of the file you're seeking and click **Find Next**. Your item will be highlighted.
- 5 When you've selected the history items you want, click **Apply** to permanently remove these items from your computer.
- 6 As the cleaner does its job, a progress clock appears in the lower left corner. When the task is complete, you'll get a report showing the files deleted and your space savings. You can print this report or save it to a text file on your hard drive. Click the **Done** button to return to the Manual Clean main page, or click **Exit** in the upper right corner to close Internet Cleanup.

NOTE: If you have a large number of items here, the report will not show the item list.

NOTE: If you are running the Windows Active Desktop, some history items cannot be cleaned. We recommend turning off Active Desktop before running Internet Cleanup.

See Also

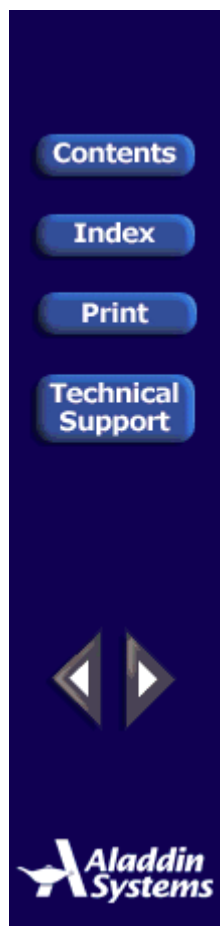
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Cleaning Browser Plug-ins

Use the Plug-in cleaner to see what browser [plug-ins](#) you have installed, and remove the unwanted ones.

- 1 From the Internet Cleanup home window, click the **Manual Clean** program button. Click on **Plug-ins**. Internet Cleanup will scan your disk for plug-ins.
- 2 You'll see a large window giving you some information on each plug-in. This includes the size and location (path) of the plug-in and the date it was last accessed. All of the columns are resizable. To resize a column, point your mouse to one edge of the column heading and drag. To display more details about the highlighted plug-in, select **Show Details Window** from the drop-down list box. These will appear in the bottom view pane. Select **Show File Window** to get some technical information about the file. Select **Hide Details Window** to close the view pane.
- 3 Check the box at the left of any item you want to remove. You can select multiple items by clicking while holding down the Shift key (Shift-click) if the items are next to each other, or by holding down the Ctrl key (Ctrl-click) if they are non-contiguous. After making your selections, press the space bar to mark the items. The **Select All** button will check everything.
- 4 (Optional) If there is a particular plug-in that you want to remove, and do not see in the window, use the **Search** button. Type in the name (or any part) of the file you're seeking and click **Find Next**. Your item will be highlighted.
- 5 Click **Apply** to permanently remove these items from your computer.
- 6 As the cleaner does its job, a progress clock appears in the lower left corner. When the task is complete, you'll get a report showing the files deleted and your space savings. You can print this report or save it to a text file on your hard drive. Click the **Done** button to return to the Manual Clean main page, or click **Exit** in the upper right corner to close Internet Cleanup.

NOTE: If you are running the Windows Active Desktop, some plug-ins cannot be cleaned. We

recommend turning off Active Desktop before running Internet Cleanup.

See Also

[Plug-ins defined](#)

[Manually Cleaning Up Internet Items and Files](#)

[Changing Auto Clean Settings](#)

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Privacy Information on the World Wide Web

For the most current information on the state of Internet privacy, check out these sites. (We are not responsible for the content of these independent Web sites.)

- **Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC):** www.epic.org. News, other tools to protect your privacy and excellent links.
- **Privacy Rights Clearinghouse:** www.privacyrights.org. A California-based group dealing with electronic privacy, identity theft, and grocery-card privacy issues.
- **Electronic Frontier Foundation: Privacy Now!:** www.eff.org/privnow. Good information and excellent links from this group at the forefront of online civil-liberties protection.
- **Fight Spam on the Internet:** spam.abuse.net. Frequently Asked Questions, current news about spam, help for users, sysadmins—and marketers.
- **Privacy.net:** www.privacy.net. See how much information on you and your computer can be gathered by a web site. Get other tools to protect yourself.
- **Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility Privacy Rights Working Group:** www.cpsr.org/program/privacy/privacy.html. A group of industry workers concerned with the social impact of technology. A co-sponsor of the annual Computers, Freedom and Privacy conferences.
- **Gibson Research OptOut Page:** grc.com/optout.htm. Steve Gibson was among the first to identify problems with spyware. There is much information on various spyware applications here, and a tool similar to Internet Cleanup's Spyware cleaner.
- **Privacy Foundation:** www.privacyfoundation.org. Hot on the trail of web bugs and other issues.

Web Browser

The software that shows you the contents of pages on the World Wide Web, like Internet Explorer and Netscape Navigator.

Web Portal

A gateway site to the Internet, offering search options and often news, weather and sports scores. Like Yahoo, AOL.com, Netscape Netcenter, MSN.com and AltaVista Live.

Domain Name

The unique name of each computer on the Internet, like imsisoft.com, stanford.edu, and w3c.org

Web bugs

Web bugs (also called web beacons) are similar to cookies, in that they are designed to track the behavior of a web site's visitors. These bugs (which are different from what computer users usually call bugs: problems with computer programs) are tiny graphics (no larger than 1 pixel square) placed on an HTML page.



Removing Spyware

Internet Cleanup can identify many of the more common types of [spyware](#) programs and delete them.

NOTE: Spyware developers frequently release new versions of their applications. For this reason, it is often better to use the application's own uninstall programs when possible. After you have uninstalled the spyware, run Internet Cleanup again to clean up any files or registry items left behind by the uninstaller.

- 1 When you open Internet Cleanup, the program will locate any spyware applications as part of the initial scan. You'll see the number in the home window.
- 2 To clean out your spyware applications, click on **Manual Clean**, then **Spyware**.
- 3 The cleaner will show you the number and type of spyware present on your system. The viewer pane displays details and descriptions of each spyware application. Look this over, as it may have special instructions for removing the application. Check the appropriate box(es) to clean out the spyware. You can select multiple items by clicking while holding down the Shift key (Shift-click) if the items are next to each other, or by holding down the Ctrl key (Ctrl-click) if they are non-contiguous. After making your selections, press the space bar to mark the items. Use the **Select All** button to remove all spyware from your system.
- 4 (optional) Clicking the **Thorough Scan** button will ask Internet Cleanup to re-scan your system to look for other possible spyware applications. These applications could be stored in different folders or have different file names than we expect.
- 5 Click **Apply** to remove the selected spyware. You'll get a report on its success, which you can print or save as a text file.
- 6 Click **Done** to return to the Manual Clean window.

WARNING: When you remove spyware applications, the program it was attached to may not function as expected. Unfortunately, to restore full functionality, you have to reinstall the software (with the spyware attached). You may want to check for a newer version of the

software, as occasionally the spyware is removed.

See Also

[Monitoring Spyware](#)

[Spyware Settings](#)

[Spyware](#)

[Updating Spyware Signatures](#)

[Manually Cleaning Up Internet Items and Files](#)

Spyware

Some free software includes another application that can track your habits, interests and even keystrokes and clicks on your computer. These applications occasionally don't even tell you they are present. These piggybacking applications are what we call spyware.

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Getting Started with Internet Cleanup™

Surfing the Internet exposes the tell tale traces of your personal information over the Internet. While Internet Surfing, your computer stores information about everything you do such as all the websites you have visited, your chat information in log files, ad pictures you have seen, your personal information you have filled in the web forms, and your user name and passwords. This is all private information that you may not want disclosed.

Malicious users, web advertisers, and web site owners tend to use your personal information to hone messages and advertisements to you. Protect your privacy with Internet Cleanup 4.0, by removing log files, spyware, Active X controls, cookies, temporary Internet files plus block access to your personal information. Internet Cleanup 4.0 functions in two ways. It wipes and cleans your system and it blocks the flow of your personal information to other unauthorized Internet users.

Internet Cleanup will help protect your privacy on the Internet by removing:

- [Cookies](#) used by web site owners to track your preferences, interests and information requests.
- Browser [cache](#) and [history](#) files that document where you've been on the World Wide Web.
- [ActiveX](#) controls and browser [plug-ins](#) that take up space on your drive, and can offer those who want to invade your computer a way to damage your computer's files.
- [Spyware](#) programs that collect information on you and your computer usage for sale to advertisers who pay for the program.
- Message logs and files downloaded through popular [instant messaging](#) applications.
- Blocks transmission of your [personal information](#) by spywares or other malicious programs to undesired Internet users
- [Stores personal information](#) in password protected environment.
- [Monitors](#) transmission of your personal information out over the internet.

Internet Cleanup will also help you control clutter on your hard drive by cleaning [unwanted files and folders](#), old [email messages](#) and various [Recently Used Document lists](#) that take up space.

Use the manual [wizards](#) to see what is on your system and delete material, or use [Auto Clean](#) to just clean things out. [Schedule](#) your cleanups, and keep the things you want--it's your choice!

See Also

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Changing Internet Cleanup Settings

Customize Internet Cleanup to run the way you want it to in these screens.

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Surfing with NetBlockade

You can make your Web browsing experience less annoying with NetBlockade:

- Block popup and pop-under windows
- Block [Web bugs](#)
- Block advertisements
- Block cookies
- Block personal information

To start NetBlockade:

1. From the home window, click **NetBlockade** button.
2. Check **Enable NetBlockade** to enable functionality of NetBlockade.

To get help in using the NetBlockade tools, click on the appropriate link below:

See Also

[Ad Blocker](#)

[Popup Blocker](#)

[Cookie Blocker](#)

[Personal Info Blocker](#)



Instant Messengers Settings

The Instant Messengers settings dialog is almost identical to the [Instant Messengers manual cleaner](#). Use these settings to have Auto Clean dispose of your IM logs and files.

The main window in this dialog is a list of supported Instant Messenger clients. Installed client(s) should have an empty box to its left. If Internet Cleanup does not find an IM client, it will be grayed out of the window.

- 1 Check the box(es) next to the client(s) you want to use the IM cleaner with.

NOTE: If you run Auto Clean before setting up the Instant Messenger cleaner, Auto Clean will (if you have checked Instant Messenger in the [Auto Clean settings](#)) clean files associated with any Instant Messenger client it locates in its original scan. Cleaned files will go into the Recycle Bin by default.

- 2 If you have installed an IM client that the Internet Cleanup scan did not locate, click the **Search for installed IM's** button. Internet Cleanup will re-scan your system to locate additional IM clients.
- 3 The boxes on the right tell the Instant Messengers cleaner what to do when it cleans IM items. Check the **Delete to Recycle Bin** box to be able to easily retrieve items removed by the Instant Messengers cleaner. Check the **Secure Delete** box to bypass the Recycle Bin and use the **Secure Delete** tool to permanently delete removed items. If neither box is checked, the IM cleaner will bypass the Recycle Bin (regaining lost hard drive space), but items may be retrievable by other Undelete utilities.



AutoEmailClean Settings

To use [AutoEmailClean](#), configure its settings in this dialog.

Internet Cleanup does not turn AutoEmailClean on when you install it. To be able to run AutoEmailClean, check **Enable Auto-Email Deletion**. When you do this, the other options become available. These include:

- **Email Profiles:** Email profiles are created in the Windows Control Panel (under **Mail**) or Outlook (in **ToolsàServices**) to handle multiple email "identities" (more than one user on the computer, several email accounts to check). Click this button to select any or all of your profiles to clean.
- **Delete all Emails from the 'Deleted Items' Folder:** When you delete an email message in Outlook, the message actually goes into the Deleted Items folder (much like deleted files go to the Recycle Bin). Check this box to empty this folder and remove the messages from your system each time you run AutoEmailClean.
- **Delete all Emails from the 'Inbox' that are older than this date:** Check this box to remove outdated Inbox messages from your system. Select a cutoff date with the drop-down menu. If you select, for example, January 1, 2002 as your cutoff date, AutoEmailClean will remove all messages from December 31, 2001 and older. By default, AutoEmailClean will remove messages older than one year.
- **Delete all Emails from the 'Inbox' with the following Names/Domains:** Check this box to permanently remove messages from certain senders. Click **Add** to specify senders to remove. Internet Cleanup will scan your Inbox for all names and [domains](#) included in the Inbox. Select names in each column with the mouse. If there is a name or domain you want to exclude that is not on the list, type the name or domain in the **New Name** or **New Domain** box and click **Add** to put that item on the list. When you have finished making selections, click **OK** to confirm your choices, or **Cancel** to return to the Settings dialog without adding.

To remove an existing name or domain from this list, select the item in the window and click

Remove.

WARNING: AutoEmailClean is a very powerful tool, and must be used with great care. When you delete messages with AutoEmailClean, messages are NOT sent to the Deleted Items folder, and cannot be easily retrieved. If you use AutoEmailClean as a spam filter, and select to filter out messages from, for example, *hotmail.com*, messages coming from legitimate Hotmail users will still be cleaned.



Cleaning Your Inbox with AutoEmailClean

Millions of email messages are sent out every month, and some days it can look like every one of them wound up in your Inbox.

AutoEmailClean can help you tame your Microsoft Outlook Inbox. Use AutoEmailClean to:

- Delete outdated messages when you run Auto Clean or Clean Now!
- Empty the Deleted Items box
- Combat spam by deleting all email messages from selected names and sites.

You can also use the Scheduler to clean out your Inbox on a regular basis.

Setting up AutoEmailClean

1. Open Internet Cleanup.
2. Click the **Settings** button at the top of the main screen.
3. Click AutoEmailClean at the bottom of the Settings dialog.
4. Check **Enable Auto-Email Deletion**.
5. Define how you want AutoEmailClean to work. [Click here](#) for a description of the settings.
6. Click **OK** to confirm your changes, or **Cancel** to return to the main screen without making changes.

Running AutoEmailClean

Click **Auto Clean** from the Internet Cleanup main screen.

Scheduling AutoEmailClean

See [Scheduling Internet Cleanup Tools](#).

WARNING: AutoEmailClean is a very powerful tool, and must be used with great care. When you delete messages with AutoEmailClean, messages are NOT sent to the Deleted Items folder, and cannot be easily retrieved. If you use

AutoEmailClean as a spam filter, and select to filter out messages from, for example, *hotmail.com*, messages coming from legitimate Hotmail users will still be cleaned.



Ad Blocker

Ad Blocker looks at a web page's HTML code for graphics that fit standard sizes for advertisements and removes the ad completely or displays a Notice label.

To set up Ad Blocker:

1. Click **NetBlockade** from the Internet Cleanup home window.
2. Check the **Enable NetBlockade** box on the first screen.
3. Click **Ad Blocker** to display the settings options.
4. Choose what to block. Check the **Block Advertisements** box to blank out banner ads on web pages. Check the **Block Web Bugs** box to prevent web bugs from tracking your movements on the web.
5. Choose what to replace ads with. Internet Cleanup can replace blocked ads with **Nothing** (the default) or a **Notice**.
6. (optional) Click [Manage URL Lists](#) to make exceptions to the general blocking rules
7. (optional) Click **Don't allow pages to be compressed** check box to prevent compression of web pages while downloading. Since some servers compress web pages, this disables the blocker to distinguish ads and web bugs. So, check this check box to allow ad blocker to block ads and web bugs.
8. Click **OK** to confirm your settings, or **Cancel** to return to the Internet Cleanup home window.

NOTE:

Ad blocker is effective for all browsers that support TCP/IP protocols (for example Netscape, Mozilla etc)

See Also

[Surfing with NetBlockade](#)

[Popup Blocker](#)

[Cookie Blocker](#)

[Personal Info Blocker](#)



Manage URL Lists

Ad Blocker looks at a web page's HTML code for graphics that fit standard sizes for advertisements and removes the ad completely or displays a Notice label.

To manage URL lists:

1. Click **NetBlockade** from the Internet Cleanup home window.
2. Check the **Enable NetBlockade** box on the first screen.
3. Click **Ad Blocker** to display the settings options.
4. Click **Manage URL Lists** to make exceptions to the general blocking rules using the **Always Block Images From** and **Never Block Images From** lists. Click **Add** to place a site on either of these lists.
 - Type the site address (URL) as complete as possible, starting with the **www**. Click **OK** to confirm the addresses. The URL should appear on the list.
 - You can share your exception lists with other Internet Cleanup users. Click **Save lists as** to save the contents of both lists as a Blocker List File (*.blf). Any other Internet Cleanup user can then use the **Import Saved List** button to use the BLF.
 - When you have completed making changes here, click **OK** to confirm the changes and return to the Ad Blocker settings window.
5. Click **OK** to confirm your settings, or **Cancel** to return to the Internet Cleanup home window.

See Also

[Surfing with NetBlockade](#)

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Popup Blocker

Popup Blocker monitors the creation of new windows for all browsers that support TCP/IP protocols (for example Netscape, Mozilla etc) and determines whether the new window is there because you asked it to. If not, it will prevent the popup window from loading.

To set up Popup Blocker:

1. Click **NetBlockade** from the Internet Cleanup home window.
2. Check the **Enable NetBlockade** box on the first screen.
3. Click **Popup Blocker** to display the settings options.
4. Check the **Enable Popup Ad Blocking** box to stop popups on web pages.
5. (optional) You can make exceptions to the general blocking rules with the **Never Block**
Popup Ads From list. Click **Add** to place a site on this list.
6. Type the site address (URL) as complete as possible, starting with the *www*. Click the appropriate button to **Disable Popup Ad blocking on all sites that begin with this address** (to see popups anywhere on this site) or **Disable Popup Ad blocking at this address only** (to see popups only on the address you type). Click **OK** to confirm the addresses. The URL should appear on the list.
7. Want to see a popup from a particular site? You can temporarily turn off Popup Blocker by holding down the *CTRL* key while opening a page. You can change this key to either the *ALT* or *SHIFT* keys (or turn this feature off altogether) with the menu at the bottom of this screen.
8. Click **OK** to confirm your settings, or **Cancel** to return to the Internet Cleanup home window.

See Also

[Surfing with NetBlockade](#)

[Ad Blocker](#)

[Cookie Blocker](#)

[Personal Info Blocker](#)



Cookie Blocker

Cookie Blocker acts to monitor and/or block new cookies from being placed on your system.

To set up Cookie Blocker:

1. Click **NetBlockade** from the Internet Cleanup home window.
2. Check the **Enable NetBlockade** box on the first screen.
3. Click **Cookie Blocker** to display the settings options.
4. You will have three choices in handling cookies with Cookie Blocker. Click the appropriate button:
 - **Block Cookies:** Always rejects new cookies. When a new cookie appears, it will display the contents of the cookie and the site where it came from.
 - **Monitor Cookies:** Tells you when a new cookie appears, what the cookie contains and the site where it came from. You will then have a way to delete the cookie if you wish.
 - **Do Not Monitor or Block Cookies:** turns off Cookie Blocker.
 - **Display Session Cookies:** When a new session cookie appears, it will display the contents of the cookie and the site where it came from. The session cookie is stored in temporary memory and is not retained after the browser is closed. Session cookies do not collect information from the user's computer. They typically will store information in the form of a session identification that does not personally identify the user.
5. Click **OK** to confirm your settings, or **Cancel** to return to the Internet Cleanup home window.

NOTE: None of the Cookie Blocker settings will affect protected cookies. [Protected cookies](#) will not be blocked, but the monitor will inform you when protected cookies appear.

See Also

[Cleaning Cookies](#)

[Protecting Cookies](#)

[Surfing with NetBlockade](#)

[Ad Blocker](#)

[Popup Blocker](#)

Personal Info Blocker



Cleaning Instant Messenger Items

Internet Cleanup makes light work of cleaning message logs and files downloaded with Instant Messenger clients.

To use Instant Messengers cleaner:

1. From the Internet Cleanup home window, click **Manual Clean**. Click **Instant Messengers**.
2. You will see a list of supported Instant Messenger clients. Installed client(s) should have an empty box to its left. If Internet Cleanup does not find an IM client, it will be grayed out of the window. Check the box(es) next to the client(s) you want to use the IM cleaner with.
3. If you have installed an IM client that the Internet Cleanup scan did not locate, click the **Search for installed IMs** button. Internet Cleanup will re-scan your system to locate additional IM clients. Click **Next**.
4. IM Cleaner will identify and show you the items that can be cleaned in a tree format. You will see items organized by client (AOL Instant Messenger, for example), then by type (log file or downloaded file). Check the box(es) next to the item(s) you want cleaned. Click **Select All** to mark all items for deletion. You can choose to **Delete to Recycle Bin** or [Secure Delete](#) the file(s) by checking the appropriate box. Click **Next** to run the cleaner.
5. When the task is complete, you'll get a report showing the files deleted and your space savings. Click **Done** to return to the Manual Clean main page, or click **Exit** in the upper right corner to close Internet Cleanup.



Web bugs

Web bugs (also called web beacons) are similar to cookies, in that they are designed to track the behavior of a web site's visitors. These bugs (which are different from what computer users usually call bugs: problems with computer programs) are tiny graphics (no larger than 1 pixel square) placed on an HTML page. These often transparent graphics can pick up information about the machine that retrieves it. This can include:

- The IP address of your computer
- The browser you are using
- The last page you visited
- The time you visited the page storing the web bug, and how long you stayed on that page
- Information about cookies on your machine

Web bugs are usually placed on a page not by the content provider, but by the ad agency. Information gathered by web bugs is then used to target ads to your interests.



FileSystemGuard

The FileSystemGuard feature enables you to protect your file/folder and applications. All the files, folders and applications are password protected with the help of FileSystemGuard feature of Internet Cleanup 4.0. To enable password protection of files/folders and applications, FileSystemGuard is embedded with three options-

- Protect Files & Folders
- Application Blocker
- Password Settings

To use the FileSystemGuard tools, click the FileSystemGuard button then click on the button for the tool you want.

To get help in using the FileSystemGuard tools, click on the appropriate link below:

See Also

[Using Internet Cleanup](#)

[Protect Files & Folders](#)

[Application Blocker](#)

[Password Settings](#)



Protect Files & Folders

Protect Files & Folders feature enables you to lock your files and folders from unauthorized users. Only exception to protect files & folders feature is that it does not allow you to lock Windows directory, system directory, profile directory, program files & folders and IC installation files. You can access Protect Files & Folders feature in two ways-

- Using Internet Cleanup
- Using Windows Explorer

Using Internet Cleanup

1. From the Internet Cleanup home window, click the FileSystemGuard button. You will see a list of files and folders.
2. You need to set a password to enable password protection for file or folder. Click the **Password Settings** button at the left side of the window. Enter the **Password** in the Password Settings field and confirm the Password again. Click **OK** to set the password to protect your file/folder.
3. To lock file or folder, Click **Protect Files & Folders** button to display list of files and folders. Select any file or folder, you want to lock. Click **Lock** button present at the bottom of the Screen. Immediately a password authentication dialog box pops up. Enter the password and click **OK** to confirm.
4. To unlock any file or folder, Click **Protect Files & Folders** button to display list of files and folders. Select any file or folder, you want to unlock. Click **Unlock** button present at the bottom of the Screen. Immediately a password authentication dialog box pops up. Enter the password and click OK to confirm. The Unlock All option unlocks all the files and folders.

Using Windows Explorer Shell-

1. Open Windows Explorer and Right Click on the file or folder you want to lock. Select FileSystemGuard and then Click **Lock** option. Immediately a password authentication dialog box pops up. Enter the password and click OK to confirm.
2. To unlock a file or folder, Right Click on the

file or folder you want to unlock. Select FileSystemGuard and then Click **Unlock** option. Immediately a password authentication dialog box pops up. Enter the password and click OK to confirm. The **Unlock All** option unlocks all the files and folders.

NOTE: In case of application files, you can either lock the application file or block the application. If you select to lock the application file, then any user can not perform operations such as Copy, Open, Delete, and Rename nor can these application files be executed. If you select to block the application, then any user cannot execute the application but can open, copy, rename, and delete these applications. But if you have locked an executable file, it cannot be blocked whereas if you have blocked an executable file, then it can be locked.

See Also

[FileSystemGuard](#)

[Application Blocker](#)

[Password Settings](#)



Application Blocker

Application Blocker feature of FileSystemGuard allows you to block and guard your system applications from unauthorized users. This feature is used only by administrator while for other users this feature remains disabled. Only exception to application blocker feature is that it does not allow you to block Windows directory, system directory, already locked applications and IC installation executable files.

Once the application is blocked, a password authentication is required to run the blocked application. Application blocker feature is similar to Protect Files & Folders feature but the only difference is that any unauthenticated user can perform operations such as copy, rename and delete on blocked application but is not allowed to execute the blocked application. The application blocker feature enables multiple selections of applications only using Internet Cleanup application. You can block any application in two ways-

- Using Internet Cleanup
- Using Windows Explorer

Using Internet Cleanup-

1. From the Internet Cleanup home window, click the FileSystemGuard button. Click Application Blocker button at the left side of window. You will see a list of options through which you can select the application to be blocked and unblocked.
2. You need to set password to enable password protection to file and folder. Click the **Password Settings** button at the left side of the window. Enter the **Password** in the Password Settings field and confirm the **Password** again. Click **OK** to set the password for Application blocker feature.
3. To block application using desktop option, Click the **Desktop** option to display list of desktop applications. Select the desktop application you want to block. Immediately password authentication dialog box pops up. Enter Password and click OK to confirm.
4. To block application using start menu option, Click the **Start Menu** option to display list of start menu applications. Select the application you want to block.

Immediately password authentication dialog box pops up. Enter Password and click OK to confirm.

5. To block application using Browse option, click the **Browse** option, which enables you to browse through the system for the application you want to block. Select the application and enter the password in password dialog box. Click **OK** to confirm.
6. To unblock already blocked applications, Click the **Unblock** option, it displays list of all the blocked applications. Select applications, and Click **OK**. Enter password in password dialog box. Click **OK** to unblock all the applications.

Using Windows Explorer-

1. To block an application, Right Click on the executable file you want to block. Select FileSystemGuard and Click **Block Application** option. Immediately a password authentication dialog box pops up. Enter the **password** and click **OK** to confirm.
2. To unblock an application, Right Click on the executable file you want to unblock. Select FileSystemGuard and Click **UnBlock All Application** option. Immediately a password authentication dialog box pops up. Enter the password and click OK to confirm. Click **UnBlock All** to unblock all blocked applications.

See Also

[FileSystemGuard](#)

[Protect Files & Folders](#)

[Password Settings](#)



Password Settings

The Password Settings feature of FileSystemGuard enables you to set passwords for authentication of files, folders, and applications. This feature also helps you to change your passwords at any point of time.

To set password for Protect Files & Folders

- § From the Internet Cleanup home window, click the FileSystemGuard button. Click the **Password Settings** button at left side of the window. Enter your new **Password** in the Set Password for the Protect Files & Folders. Again, enter **Password** in Confirm password field. Click **OK** to confirm.

To set password for Application Blocker

- § From the Internet Cleanup home window, click the FileSystemGuard button. Click **Password Settings** button at the left side of the window. Enter your new **Password** in the Set Password for Application Blocker. Again, enter **Password** in Confirm password field. Click **OK** to confirm.

To change the password for Protect Files & Folders

- § From the Internet Cleanup home window, click the FileSystemGuard button. Click the Password Settings button at left side of the window. Enter the existing **Password** in the Change Protect Files & Folders Password option. Enter your new password in **New Password** field. Again, enter **Password** in Confirm password field. Click **OK** to confirm.

To change the password for Application Blocker

- § From the Internet Cleanup home window, click the FileSystemGuard button. Click the **Password Settings** button at left side of the window. Enter the existing **Password** in the Change Application Blocker Password option. Enter a new password in **New Password** field. Again, enter your **Password** in Confirm password field. Click **OK** to confirm.

See Also

[Protect Files & Folders](#)

Application Blocker
FileSystemGuard



Personal Info Blocker

Personal info blocker has two functions. It enables secure storage of personal information and secondly, it blocks the transmission of your personal information over the Internet. Personal Info Blocker enables you:

- § To add personal information
- § To block unauthorized transmission
- § To modify the stored information
- § To remove the stored information.

To get help in using the Personal Info Blocker tools, click on the appropriate link below:

See Also

[Using Internet Cleanup](#)

[Storing Personal Information](#)

[Blocking Personal Information](#)

[Modifying Existing Information](#)

[Removing Existing Information](#)



Storing Personal Information

The Personal Info Blocker feature enables you to store your personal information in protected environment.

To store your personal information-

1. From the Internet Cleanup home window, Click the **NetBlockade** button. Then check the **Enable NetBlockade** check box to enable functionality of NetBlockade.
2. Click **Personal Info Blocker** and then check the **Enable Personal Info Blocker** check box to prevent unauthorized transmission of your information.
3. Click the **Add** button on the right side of window. Different options are available for you to enter information such as User Info, Personal Details, Block Info, and Protect.
4. Click the **User Info** tab. Enter information in First Name, Middle Name, Last Name, Address, Phone, Mobile and FAX fields.
5. Next, Click the **Personal Details** tab. Personal details screen illustrates different options such as E-mail, Chat, Credit Card, Bank Account, Programs, and Miscellaneous. Select any of these options to enter related information. For adding more information in any of the above mentioned options, Click the **Add** Button. For modifying existing information in any of the above mentioned options, Click the **Modify** button. For removing any existing profile Click the **Remove** button. Click **OK** to confirm.

See Also

[Personal Info Blocker](#)

[Blocking Personal Information](#)

[Modifying Existing Information](#)

[Removing Existing Information](#)



Blocking Personal Information

The Personal Info Blocker feature enables you to block unauthorized transmission of your personal information, which is stored in a protected environment.

To block and protect your stored information-

1. From the Internet Cleanup home window, Click the **NetBlockade** button. Then check **Enable NetBlockade** check box to enable functionality of NetBlockade.
2. Click the **Personal Info Blocker** and then check **Enable Personal Info Blocker** check box to prevent leakage of your information.
3. Click the **Add** button on the extreme right side of window and then Click **Block Info** tab. **Add** the information you want to block in **Blocked** list with the help of arrow keys. **Add** the information you do not want to block in **Not Blocked** list.

NOTE: By default, information in some fields such as Credit Card, Bank Account, Miscellaneous, Phone, and Mobile Number is blocked. Personal information less than 3 characters are not blocked. Also, Email Addresses are not blocked and attempt to block them might cause inconvenience.

4. Next, Click the **Protect** tab. Select either **Do not block the information from this profile** or **Warn me if the information from this profile is being sent out**.
5. If you check **Warn me if the information from this profile is sent out** check box then every time your protected profile information is transmitted out, a warning message appears on your desktop
6. Check the **Protect this profile from viewed by others** check box. Enter **Password** in the password field to enable password protection to the information you have added. Again enter the password in **Confirm password** field. Click **OK** to confirm.

See Also

[Personal Info Blocker](#)

[Storing Personal Information](#)

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Unauthorized Transmission Alert

Personal Info Blocker feature warns you whenever there is unauthorized transmission of your personal information, which is stored in a protected environment. Thus, a warning message is displayed stating **“Personal Information from the profile is being sent out on an Internet connection by a program”** during unauthorized transmission. For example, while entering a web form your personal information is transmitted out, which leads to emergence of this warning message.

The message box also states **“Do you want to continue”**. If you click Yes then transmission of personal information is allowed else instances of personal information are replaced with asterisk symbols.

Check **“Do not warn me on this connection again”** check box to prevent appearance of the message box on existing connection.

See Also

[Blocking Personal Information](#)



Modifying Existing Information

You can modify the existing personal information with the help of Personal Info Blocker.

To modify existing stored information-

1. From the Internet Cleanup home window, Click the **NetBlockade** button. Click **Personal Info Blocker**. Select a **profile** from the Personal information profiles list.
 2. Click the **Edit** button on the extreme right of window. Immediately the password authentication dialog box pops up. Enter your **Password**. Click **OK** to confirm.
- NOTE:** The system asks for password only if the selected profile is password protected.
3. Next, modify the contents in any of the tabs- **User Info, Personal Details, Block Info, and Protect**. Click OK to save the modified information.

See Also

[Personal Info Blocker](#)

[Storing Personal Information](#)

[Blocking Personal Information](#)

[Removing Existing Information](#)



Removing Existing Information

You can remove the existing personal information with the help of Personal Info Blocker.

To remove existing stored information-

1. From the Internet Cleanup home window, Click the **NetBlockade** button. Click the **Personal Info Blocker**.
2. Select a **profile** from the Personal information profiles list. Click the **Remove** button on the right of window. Immediately password authentication dialog box pops up.
3. Enter the **Password** in password authentication dialog box. Click **OK** to remove the existing profile.

See Also

[Personal Info Blocker](#)

[Storing Personal Information](#)

[Blocking Personal Information](#)

[Modifying Existing Information](#)



Easy Monitoring of Internet Activities

Whether you want to monitor, block or filter different activities, Internet Cleanup 4.0 has the solution for you. NetBlockade Monitor starts automatically and sits in the system tray on your desktop as an icon, once you enable NetBlockade. NetBlockade Monitor allows you-

- To gather quick information related to Internet activities such as number of cookies, pop-ups, and ads.
- To collect information related to activities of the various blockers.
- To enable different options by single clicking on NetBlockade monitor icon in the system tray.

To start NetBlockade Monitor, Click the **NetBlockade** button from the Internet Cleanup home window. Check the **Enable NetBlockade**. If you enable the Enable NetBlockade check box, then the NetBlockade functionality is turned on. You will see NetBlockade icon in the system tray.

Move your mouse cursor over the icon and quick basic information related to the activities of NetBlockade is displayed.

To get help in using the NetBlockade Monitor, click on the link below:

See Also

[Using Internet Cleanup](#)

[NetBlockade Monitor Options](#)



NetBlockade Monitor Options

Right click on NetBlockade icon in system tray. Immediately a pop-up menu displayed with various options.

Display Activity Window option- Provides information about cookies, pop-ups, ads, and scripts which are blocked. The [Display Activity Window](#) gives you access to information and choices on each page you visit:

1. Click Display Activity Window in the pop-up menu displayed.
2. A window appears with information related to various blockers.

Launch Internet Cleanup option- Enables you to launch Internet Cleanup.

1. Click Launch Internet Cleanup in the pop-up menu displayed.
2. Immediately Internet Cleanup is launched.

Setting option- Enables the Setting option for NetBlockade.

1. Click Settings in the pop-up menu displayed.
2. Immediately Settings dialog window of NetBlockade is displayed

Block Ads option- Enables blocking of ads in NetBlockade

1. Click Block Ads.
2. Enabling ad blocker puts a tick mark against the Block Ads menu option.

Block Popups option- Enables blocking of pop-ups in NetBlockade.

1. Click Block popups.
2. Enabling popup blocker puts a tick mark against the Block Popups menu option

Add Ad-URL to block option- Enables you to add ad-URL to block.

1. Click Add Ad-URL to Block in the pop-up menu displayed.
2. Immediately a window is displayed.

Enter the ad-URL you want to block.

3. Click OK to confirm.

Add Ad-URL to allow option- Enables you to add a ad-URL to allow or unblock.

1. Click Add Ad-URL to Allow in the pop-up menu displayed.
2. Immediately a window is displayed. Enter ad-URL you want to allow. Click OK to confirm.

Add Pop up URL to allow option- Enables you to add pop-up URL to allow or unblock.

1. Click Add Pop up URL to Allow in the pop-up menu displayed.
2. Immediately a window is displayed. Enter pop- up URL you want to allow. Click OK to confirm.

Disable NetBlockade option- Disables the NetBlockade feature of Internet Cleanup.

1. Click Disable NetBlockade in the pop-up menu displayed.
2. NetBlockade icon is removed from the system tray.

See Also

[Easy Monitoring of Internet Activities](#)



Display Activity Window option

Display Activity Window option provides information about cookies, pop-ups, ads, and scripts which are blocked. The Activity window gives you access to information and choices on each page you visit:

- The top of the Activity window tells you how many cookies, popups, Web bugs and ads are contained on the page, and how many of each these are blocked.
- The Details window shows the log. This log will only have items in it if you have a blocker or the Cookie Monitor running. As each blocker encounters an ad, cookie, popup or web bug, it logs information about that item. The details window also depicts URL and preview of blocked ads and cookies.

NOTE: When a user selects an ad/web-bug and clicks on Unblock, it will not be blocked the next time the user visits the same page again. It will be added to the list of items not to be blocked.

- Curious to see a blocked ad on a page? Click Unblock to see a list of blocked images; select the one(s) you want to see.
- Trace gives you public information about the owner of an item in the log. Select an item in Details and click Trace to see this information.
- Setting option opens Internet Cleanup and displays the NetBlockade Settings window.
- Clear button clears the activity log.

See Also

[Easy Monitoring of Internet Activities](#)

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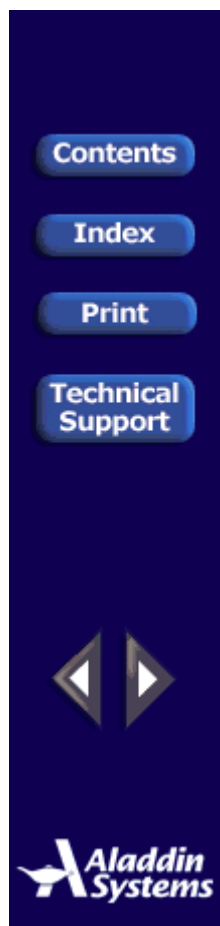
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Changing Internet Tool Settings

Click on each tab ([Cache](#), [History](#), [Cookies](#)) to configure each tool.

All three tools share these two settings:

- Check the **Shred** box to run the Internet Cleanup [Shredder](#) tool whenever you clean these items from your system.
- **Clean hidden references:** Microsoft Internet Explorer keeps some Internet information in hidden files. To clean these hidden files, you need to restart your computer. Checking this box means that after each cleaning of your cache and history files (whether through Auto Clean or Manual Clean), you will have to reboot.

NOTE: The Cache and History cleaners will only clear hidden references if all items are checked. The Cookie Cleaner will always clean hidden references.

Cookie Settings

In addition to the settings listed above, the Cookie Cleaner has these features that can be customized in the Settings window:

- Click the [Protect Cookies](#) button to select cookies from your favorite sites to be permanently overlooked when cleaning cookies. Use Protect Cookies especially if you plan to use Auto Clean as your primary cleaner, and/or you don't want to accidentally remove a cookie from a site where you've done extensive personalization. [Cookie Blocker](#) will also ignore any protected cookies.
- Check the **Backup deleted cookies** box to move deleted cookies to an encrypted folder. Only [Cookie Undo](#) can access this folder to restore accidentally deleted cookies.



Protecting Cookies

Many cookies are useful. They can remember passwords and other personalizations that we easily forget. When you customize a [portal](#) site with local news and weather, it's nice that you don't have to keep punching in your zip code to see what the temperature is outside.

Internet Cleanup recognizes this and lets you decide what cookies to get rid of and which ones to keep. Use Protect Cookies to have the cookie cleaner ignore valuable cookies. There are four columns in the Protect Cookies dialog.

- The first column tells you whether a



cookie is protected.

This red locked padlock shows that cookies from this site are protected, and will not be cleaned unless you unlock the site.

- The second column identifies the browser where a cookie is running.
- The third column identifies all sites ([domains](#)) that have left cookies on your computer. This list is organized

alphabetically.

- The fourth column tells you when the cookie was last accessed.

To protect a cookie: Locate a site you want to protect. Click in any column for the site you want to lock. The Lock symbol should immediately appear. When you've finished protecting all your desired cookies, click **OK** to confirm and return to the home window.

To unlock a protected cookie: Click in any column on any protected site. The Lock symbol should immediately disappear, leaving the column empty. Click **Unlock All** to remove all existing locks. Click **OK** to confirm the changes. This site's cookies will be cleaned the next time.

Add a domain: If you have accidentally removed a cookie that you wanted to save, you can make sure that it does not happen again by typing the [domain name](#) into this box. This spares you the trouble of having to revisit the site to add the lock.

NOTE: You will not restore the old cookie and its settings by adding the domain here. You will still have to reconfigure those at the site, unless you have [backed up your deleted cookies](#) in the Settings. You can then use [Cookie Undo](#) to restore your deleted cookies.

See Also

[Cookies](#)

[Cleaning Cookies](#)

[Cookie Blocker](#)



Changing Files & Folders Settings

Two settings can be changed in this area.

- Check the **Shred** box to turn on the [Shredder](#) tool for the Files and Folders cleaner.
- Click [Setup Files and Folders](#) to identify and choose the types of files and folders to be removed by Internet Cleanup.

WARNING! The Files & Folders cleaner is a very powerful tool. It will delete files on your system regardless of whether they are safe to delete, or are important to you or to programs on your system. Use this tool with caution.

See Also

[Cleaning Files and Folders](#)



Files & Folders Settings Dialog

To have Internet Cleanup delete your unwanted files and folders, you must first define what you want cleaned in this dialog. Some examples of how to use this dialog are in your User's Guide.

- **Select a folder from the tree.** To clean files from a particular folder, locate it in the tree (using the + signs on the left side to open branches), highlight the folder you want to clean, add any filters (see below), check the **Include subfolders** box if you wish, then click the **Add** button. The folder should appear on the right side. For safety reasons, some folders will be labeled *No Access* or *Protected*. These folders contain files that are critical to your computer's or an application's performance. The Program Files folder is labeled *Protected*. You cannot remove files from the first level down (these are usually the installation folders of your applications), but subfolders can be cleaned. For example, you cannot clean files from *C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office*, but you can clean files from *C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\Clipart*.
- **Folder filters** are the definitions of the file types you want to clean out. Use the drop down menu, or type in a [file extension](#) yourself. You must set a separate folder filter for each file type you want to clean.
- [Attribute filters](#) allow you to clean files marked with a System, Hidden or Read-Only attribute. Check the appropriate box to allow deletion of these file types.

WARNING! Removing Hidden, System and/or Read-Only files can damage your system, and may make it impossible for your computer to boot. Use the Attribute Filters only if you are certain there will be no damaging side effects!

Use the **Remove** button to remove any items from the to be deleted list on the right side. Click the item(s) you want to remove, then click **Remove**.

The three letters after the dot in a file name. The extension helps Windows identify the type of file (and often the program that should open it). Common extensions are .txt (text files), .xls (Microsoft Excel spreadsheets), .jpg (JPEG picture files) and .htm (for Web pages).



Changing Recent Lists Settings

The Recent Lists settings dialog is where you tell Internet Cleanup (both Auto Clean and the manual cleaner) what lists to scan. The manual cleaner then lets you decide which individual items on each list are removed.

This dialog will show you the applications on your system that Internet Cleanup can remove lists from. Check the box for each list you want to clean. Use the **Select All** button to scan all recent lists.

NOTE: If you use Auto Clean to remove Recent List items, it will remove all items from each selected list. If you prefer to remove only those items that are sensitive, you should use the manual cleaner instead.

Configure: The Customizable Registry Cleaner has additional configuration options. Click the **Configure** button in the lower right corner to specify registry keys for cleaning.

See Also

[Configuring the Registry Cleaner](#)
[Recent Lists Cleaner](#)



Spyware Settings

The Spyware settings dialog gives you the URLs for many of the producers of [spyware](#) products. If the Spyware cleaner shows you that spyware is installed on your system, read more about the spyware in the details window of the cleaner.

Click on any of the links here to visit that company's web site. You should be able to get some information on the product that appeared on your system.

Monitoring Spyware: You can protect yourself from spyware by having Internet Cleanup monitor your system for new spyware. Check the **Enable Spyware Monitoring** box to do this.

Internet Cleanup will now scan your system registry frequently for the presence of new spyware. If the monitor detects a spyware application, it will notify you and ask if you want to remove it.

See Also

[Removing Spyware](#)

[Monitoring Spyware](#)

[Updating Spyware Signatures](#)



Browser Settings

These settings handle some browser-specific issues.

Reset IE: In some cases, you may have trouble deleting cookies and history items from Internet Explorer. Clicking the **Reset IE** button deletes an index file that Internet Explorer uses to keep track of these items. You will be asked to restart your computer after the items are cleaned. You should only have to do this once; the regular cleaners should work consistently after the reset.



Cleaning Files and Folders

Before running this cleaner the first time, you need to define the types of files and folders you want to clean from your system. Open the [Files & Folders Settings](#) dialog to identify those files. Your User's Guide also has examples for using this cleaner.

If there are files to be cleaned

Internet Cleanup will show you the files matching the criteria described in the settings. You will see the file name, extension, where it is located, the category it matches, its size, attributes and the last time you accessed the file. Check the box to the left of each file to mark it for deletion. You can select multiple items by clicking while holding down the Shift key (Shift-click) if the items are next to each other, or by holding down the Ctrl key (Ctrl-click) if they are non-contiguous. After making your selections, press the space bar to mark the items. Click **Select All** to clean every listed file.

When you've selected all the files to be cleaned, click **Apply**. Internet Cleanup will delete the selected files, and you'll get a report describing what files were deleted.

Using the Search button

If you need to find a specific file (or set of files), and the list is particularly long, you can use the **Search** button to locate it. Enter the name of the file (or any part of the name) and click **Find Next**. Any file matching the string will be highlighted. Check the box to mark for deletion. Click **Find Next** again to locate another file with the same characteristics.



Recent Lists Cleaner

Before running this cleaner the first time, you need to define the types of Recently Used Document lists you want to clean from your system. Open the Recent Lists Settings dialog to identify those files. [Click here](#) for more information.

If there are lists to be cleaned

You'll get a list of every item on each specified list. You can choose to remove all items by clicking the **Select All** button, or just remove sensitive items by checking the box next to each item you want to remove. You can select multiple items by clicking while holding down the Shift key (Shift-click) if the items are next to each other, or by holding down the Ctrl key (Ctrl-click) if they are non-contiguous. After making your selections, press the space bar to mark the items.

Click **Apply** to remove the selected items. Internet Cleanup will delete the selected files, and you'll get a report describing what files were deleted.

Using the Search button

If you need to find a specific item on the list and the list is particularly long, use the **Search** button to locate it. Enter the file name (or any part) and click **Find Next**. Any item matching the string will be highlighted. Check the box to mark for deletion. If you've selected all the items, and want to save a particular item, unchecking the box will keep the item on the RUD list in that category. Click **Find Next** to confirm the item is not in another category.

NOTE: Items in the Run list will not be fully removed from your system until you restart your computer.



Spyware Cleaner Dialog

Use this dialog box to mark [spyware](#) applications for removal.

- 1 The cleaner will show you the number and type of spyware present on your system. The viewer pane displays details and descriptions of each spyware application. Check the appropriate box(es) to clean out the spyware. You can select multiple items by clicking while holding down the Shift key (Shift-click) if the items are next to each other, or by holding down the Ctrl key (Ctrl-click) if they are non-contiguous. After making your selections, press the space bar to mark the items. Use the **Select All** button to remove all identified spyware from your system.
- 2 (optional) Clicking the [Thorough Scan](#) button will ask Internet Cleanup to re-scan your system to look for other possible spyware applications. These applications could be stored in different folders or have different file names than we expect.
- 3 Click **Apply** to remove the selected spyware. You'll get a report on its success, which you can print or save as a text file.
- 4 Click **Done** to return to the Manual Clean window.

WARNING: When you remove spyware applications, the program it was attached to may not function as expected. Unfortunately, to restore full functionality, you have to reinstall the software (with the spyware attached). You may want to check for a newer version of the software, as occasionally the spyware is removed.

[Spyware & its Categories](#)



Spyware and Its Categories

The most common types of Spyware are applications that are installed on your computer without your knowledge, when you download software from the Internet. They allow companies and hackers to monitor your Internet browsing patterns, retrieve your account detail, your bank log-in details, your website password details, your credit card numbers and any of your personal and private details including your financial information, and even allow companies to inundate you with pop up ads and send you spam. There are basically two types of spyware.

- The most annoying type is the spyware that some unscrupulous businesses place on your computer to track your surfing habits and then that information is transferred or sold to marketers and other interested parties.
- The other type of spyware, sometimes known as surveillance software, is used to monitor or record all activities occurring on your personal computer. This information is gathered by taking screenshots automatically or recording keystrokes and then transmitting it to the individual who is spying on you specifically.

Categories of Spyware

Adware:

Adware is any software application in which advertising banners are displayed while the program is running. It is a program that creates advertisements on your PC. The authors of these applications include additional code that delivers the ads, which can be viewed through pop-up windows or through a bar that appears on a computer screen. Adware tracks a user's personal preferences, ad's viewed etc. and passes it on to third parties, without the user's authorization or knowledge.

Browser Hijacker/Hijacker/Search Hijacker:

Hijackers are programs that change some settings in your browser. Hijackers may reroute your info and address requests through an unseen site, capturing that info. In such hijacks, your browser may behave normally, but be slower. For example, it changes your "search" page to pass all searches to a certain pay-per-search site or changes your default home page

to the company page (most often pornography sites).

Commercial Keylogger:

Commercial Keylogger are programs designed to monitor user activity. Because it is sold commercially, most anti-virus vendors do not detect it. These applications are installed by someone who has access to your computer and is spying on you specifically. They record every keystroke and send it back via the Internet to the person spying on you.

Dialer:

Dialers are programs that (secretly) change your dialup connection setting so that instead of calling your local internet provider, your PC calls some very expensive 0900 or international phone number.

Remote Administration Tool (RAT):

RAT's are tools that are intended to be used by network administrators to remotely control a PC on the network, usually for support or inventory purposes. Due to the nature of the program, the possibility exists to be exploited for spying purposes.

Trojan:

A Trojan horse is a computer program which contains malicious programming code. This code is contained inside apparently harmless software or data and can unexpectedly seize control and often impose irreparable damage. A Trojan horse can be programmed to self replicate and may widely redistribute its harmful payload as part of a computer virus.

Worm:

A Worm is a virus-like program that spreads automatically to other computers, by sending itself out by email or by any other means. It is a program that propagates itself by attacking other machines and copying itself to them. Worms are self-replicating code that travels from machine to machine by various means.

Password Capture:

Password Capture tools are a variant of the Key Logger that captures passwords as they are entered or transmitted. Some password capture trojans impersonate the login prompt, asking

the user to provide their password.

Nuker:

A Nuker is a program that disables a machine through damage to the registry, key files, and file system.

Browser Helper Object(BHO):

BHO is a component that Internet Explorer will load whenever it starts, shares IE's memory context, can perform any action on the available windows and modules. A BHO can detect events, create windows to display additional information on a viewed page, monitor messages and actions.

Exploit:

Exploit is a way of misusing or breaking into a system by taking advantage of a weakness in it.

Surveillance:

Surveillance is any software designed to use a webcam, microphone, screen capture, or other approaches to monitor and capture information. Some such software will transmit this captured information to a remote source.

Virus Creation Tool:

A Virus Creation Tool is a program designed to generate viruses. Even early virus creation tools were able to generate hundreds or thousands of different, functioning viruses, which were initially undetectable by current scanners.

Annoyance:

An Annoyance is a trojan that does not cause damage other than to annoy a user, such as by turning the text on the screen upside down, or making mouse motions erratic.

AOL Exploit:

AOL Exploit is any password stealer, exploit, Denial of Service attack, or ICQ hack aimed at users of AOL.

Denial of Service Exploit:

Denial of Service Exploit is an exploit whose purpose is to deny somebody the use of the service, often by crashing or hanging or overloading a program or the entire system.



Configuring the Customizable Registry Cleaner

NOTE: This tool is for advanced users only.

If you are very familiar with the registry, you can use this cleaner to create a list of registry items to remove when you clean your Recent Lists. After you've created your list, the items will be deleted from the registry each time you run *Manual Clean* or *Auto Clean* (assuming that you've selected *Recent Lists* as one of the items to be cleaned, of course).

For safety reasons, you are restricted by default to cleaning values in the HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software and HKEY_LOCAL_USER\Software domains. You can modify the default domains by following the steps in [Overriding the Registry Cleaner Defaults](#).

To add a key, click the **Add** button in this dialog. Type the full path of the key (or paste it in from the Clipboard) in the top box. The registry key path must be in the format of the following example:

```
HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Acme  
Software Inc\History
```

Type the value name in the lower box. If the specified value is present when the cleaner runs, the value will be deleted without touching any other values in that key.

NOTE: If you leave the value box empty, ALL values found in the specified registry key will be removed.

Click **Add** once you've typed in the registry key and value name (if any). When you've specified all the items you want to clean, click **OK**. To leave this dialog box without saving changes and return to the Recent Lists Settings box, click **Cancel**.

To remove a key or value from the cleaning process, click **Delete**.



Attribute Filters

Windows and many applications protect important files by marking them with Hidden, System and/or Read-Only attributes. System files are essential for Windows to start your computer. Hidden files are usually important to either the operating system or a specific application. Read-Only are files that cannot be modified.

For safety's sake, the Files & Folders cleaner does not remove files with these attributes. This dialog allows you to override these default settings.

Before you check any of the Attribute Filter boxes, remember that the Files & Folder cleaner bypasses the Recycle Bin when it removes files. You will need a special undelete tool to recover files cleaned this way. Shredded files cannot be recovered by any method.

Check the appropriate box to allow deletion of Hidden, System and/or Read-Only files. Click **OK** to confirm your changes, or **Cancel** to return to the Files & Folder setup screen without saving changes.



Overriding the Registry Cleaner Defaults

The Customizable Registry Cleaner is a powerful tool designed for advanced users. Nonetheless, for safety reasons, you are restricted by default to cleaning values in the HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software and HKEY_LOCAL_USER\Software domains.

If you try adding a key or value outside these domains, you'll get a *Regkey Restricted* message. Internet Cleanup provides a tool to override these defaults. Follow these steps:

- 1 From the Internet Cleanup install folder (C:\Program Files\Aladdin Systems\Internet Cleanup is the default), run **ismagic.exe**. Select **Internet Cleanup.stg** as the file you want to open.
- 2 Navigate through the tree to the **RegKeyList** folder.
- 3 To modify the HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE setting, double-click on Entry 0. To modify the HKEY_CURRENT_USER setting, double-click on Entry 1.
- 4 Edit as desired, making sure that your entry ends with \.
- 5 For example, changing the string to *HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\.* will allow you to use the Registry Cleaner to remove ANY registry item under HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE.
- 6 Click **OK** to confirm changes.



Spyware Thorough Scan

Spyware Thorough Scan attempts to locate additional spyware components by searching for clues in file names and registry data. It rates the likelihood that an item it found is actually spyware as either **Possible** or **Confirmed**. An item marked **Possible** means the scan found some matching criteria, but could not confirm the match with a second matching criteria. For example, a file named `AlexandersPicture.jpg`

starts with the characters "alexa" which makes it match one criteria, but it is not really spyware and no second criteria confirms the match. Examine all items marked **Possible** and only select for cleaning those you know are associated with spyware.

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Email Profiles

Email profiles are created in the Windows Control Panel (under **Mail**) or Outlook (in **ToolsàServices**) to handle multiple email "identities" (more than one user on the computer, several email accounts to check). Check the appropriate box to select any or all of your profiles to run AutoEmailClean with this profile.



Adding Names and Domains to AutoEmailClean

This dialog box lets you specify senders to remove.

On the left side of the window is a list of names taken from your current Inbox. Locate the name of a person (or other entity) whose messages you want to clean out every time AutoEmailClean runs. Click each name with your mouse. If there is a name not on the list, you can type it in the **New Name** box and click **Add**.

On the right side of the window is a list of domains taken from your current Inbox. Select unwanted domain names with the mouse. If there is a domain you want to exclude that is not on the list, type the domain in the **New Domain** box and click **Add** to put that item on the list. Messages from *anyone* in the selected domains will be cleaned every time AutoEmailClean runs.

When you have finished making selections, click **OK** to confirm your choices, or **Cancel** to return to the Settings dialog without adding.

WARNING: AutoEmailClean is a very powerful tool, and must be used with great care. When you delete messages with AutoEmailClean, messages are NOT sent to the Deleted Items folder, and cannot be easily retrieved. If you use AutoEmailClean as a spam filter, and select to filter out messages from, for example, *hotmail.com*, messages coming from legitimate Hotmail users will still be cleaned.



Restoring Deleted Cookies with Cookie Undo

Even the most careful person makes mistakes. You have gone through the whole list of cookies on your system and protected the ones you wanted. You clean your cookies out. Then you visit a site you carefully personalized a few months ago -- and they're gone! You can now avoid this catastrophe. Cookie Undo lets you restore deleted cookies.

You can set up Internet Cleanup to backup all deleted cookies to an encrypted folder on your drive:

- 1 Click **Settings** from the Internet Cleanup home window.
- 2 Click **Internet Tools**.
- 3 Click the **Cookies** tab.
- 4 Check the **Backup deleted cookies** box.
- 5 Click **OK** to confirm.

Only Cookie Undo can access this folder to restore deleted cookies. Cookies stay in this folder until you delete them from the Cookie Cleaner.

To restore a deleted cookie:

- 1 Open Internet Cleanup.
- 2 Click **Manual Clean**.
- 3 Click **Cookies**.
- 4 Cookie Cleaner will scan your disk for cookies. When the main window comes up, click **Restore Cookies**.
- 5 A list of all deleted cookies will appear in a separate window. Check the box(es) for the cookie(s) you want to restore. Use the **Select All** button to restore all cookies to your system.
- 6 Click **OK** to restore the selected cookie(s). Cookie Undo will report on its success.

NOTE: You can also restore cookies from the Auto Clean Settings dialog box. Click **Settings** from the Internet Cleanup home window, then click **Restore Cookies** to launch the dialog box.

To permanently delete cookies from the backup folder:

- 1 Repeat Steps 1-4 above.
- 2 The list of cookies in the backup folder are

listed. Check the box(es) for the cookie(s) you want to permanently delete. Use the **Select All** button to remove all cookies in the folder.

- 3** Click Delete Selected Items to remove these cookies from your system. A dialog box will remind you that these files will be permanently removed from your system. Click **Yes** to confirm.

To turn off automatic backup of cookie files:

- 1** Click **Settings** from the Internet Cleanup home window.
- 2** Click **Internet Tools**.
- 3** Click the **Cookies** tab.
- 4** Uncheck the **Backup deleted cookies** box.
- 5** Click **OK** to confirm. You can still restore cookies that are still in the backup folder, but no new cookies will be backed up.



Updating Spyware Signatures

You can update spyware signatures periodically so as to protect your system from new spyware releases.

To use Internet Cleanup's spyware signature updates:

1. Click Settings from the Internet Cleanup home window.
2. Click Spyware from the buttons on the left side.
3. Click Update Spyware Signatures button. It connects you to Aladdin System Server and checks for spyware updates. If the update version on server is higher then validity of your registration key is checked. If registration key is valid then new spyware signatures are downloaded else different options such as Full Purchase, Renew, Register after Purchase/Renew are enabled.
4. Click Full Purchase button to purchase life time registration key for spyware updates or Click Renew button to purchase registration key for spyware updates for a specified period.
5. Once you have the registration key, click the Register after Purchase/Renew Button to register for spyware signature updates.

See Also

[Removing Spyware](#)

[Monitoring Spyware](#)



Monitoring Spyware

You can protect yourself from spyware by having Internet Cleanup monitor your system for new spyware.

To use Internet Cleanup's spyware monitoring:

1. Click **Settings** from the Internet Cleanup home window.
2. Click **Spyware** from the buttons on the left side.
3. Check the **Enable Spyware Monitoring** box.
4. Click **OK** to confirm the changes and return to the home window.

Internet Cleanup will now scan your system registry frequently for the presence of new spyware. If the monitor detects a spyware application, it will notify you and ask if you want to remove it. Click **Yes** to open Internet Cleanup. Then run the [Spyware cleaner](#) to remove the application.

See Also

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[Spyware Settings](#)

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