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This program is intended to be very thin. It simply finds cookies, shows them to you, and deletes them. To this end, the help file is very thin too.

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The program takes care of everything for you really. All you need to do is help it find any rogue cookies it may miss on its precursory search. You will want to do a thorough search for cookies and then select the settings in the "Cookie options" pull-down.

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Note: This program qualifies for a free offer.

Registration will:

1. Get rid of that splash screen which comes up when the program starts.
2. Remove the 50 cut limit.
3. Entitle you to free upgrades in the future.

Price: \$14.95

You can register by:

Visiting the AyeCor Software web site at: <http://www.ayecor.com>. There you will find several on-line registration methods, including credit card or 1-900 purchase, both through secure servers.

Or you may send a check or money order directly to:

AyeCor Software
2115 Pillsbury Ave. S.
Mpls., MN 55404

Please be sure to note which program you are purchasing. If you would like your registration data sent back via e-mail, please include your e-mail address with your order.

Whichever way you choose to register, your personal registration key and username will be sent to you as soon as the order is processed. For on-line registration methods, this will be only a matter of hours, for regular mail methods, this will be the amount of time to process your check.

How to register your copy of Cookie Cutter PC

Once you have received your personal registration key and username you may select the option entitled "Register Now" in the pull-down menu under "About". Then press the "Next" button and enter your information exactly as it appears in the letter or e-mail you received. Once you have done this, press OK and the program will be fully registered.

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AyeCor software is author of Cookie Cutter PC, which has been reviewed highly on-line and off. With registration of any of the qualifying titles from AyeCor Software, you will receive a copy of Cookie Cutter PC, free, gratis and for no charge, as our gift to you.

Please make sure that you mention it when ordering via mail, or send an e-mail message to CookieCutter@AyeCor.Com when you have completed you on-line order. Just mention this offer.

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Virtual Book

This innovative program gives you a comfortable method for reading books and large text files which you'll find on the internet. With it, you can take an entire bookshelf with you to the beach, on an airplane, or anywhere that you can bring a laptop. Imagine reading Treasure Island on a beach in Central America, as one user does, or storing, and perusing all the books of the bible, making notes on each page, as another user does.

For each book you can build a custom index at the click of a mouse button, and search through the entire book for words or strings of interest to you. This is perfect for students, and researchers alike. But aren't we all in those categories??

Registration: \$19.95

Global Diary

Success takes planning. Planning requires an understanding of where you are now. To understand fully where you are, you must first study where you've come from.

All of these sentences, taken together, say "keep a journal", and Global Diary offers itself for your use. It is meant to be comfortable to look at, easy-to-use, intuitive and useful. You may access your entries through several ways; searching for a string, via a calendar, a list of entry memos, and more. The controls are hidden in the background (a right mouse click brings them up) so you're not bothered with looking at them while you ponder the day. Your diary will be saved in an encrypted form if you wish.

Registration: \$17.95

The Cryptogram Challenge!

Do you like mental challenges? If I were to take a sentence and switch all the letters so that, say an "E" was represented by a "Y", and I did that with all of the letters... could you decipher it? Go ahead, take The Cryptogram Challenge!

The shareware version comes with over 70 challenging puzzles. The registered version has over 200, with your choice of themes; bible proverbs, chemistry, dictionary definitions.

Registration: \$14.95

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Any questions, comments or suggestions concerning this program may be directed to CookieCutter@AyeCor.Com. Additionally, you may visit the AyeCor Software web site at <http://ayecor.com> at any time for the most recent version. Your feedback is always welcome and encouraged.

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Help!

Some thoughts on cookies

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Cookies. The word brings to mind a tasty, crunchy snack that's good with milk. The name's a typical, scientist-chosen, name like so many other neat names. The names of quark types in physics for example, or informal names of heavenly bodies, or math concepts (ever heard of a google?). It suggests that the original intent of a cookie was as a handy way to keep track of visitors, innocently cataloging their moves for the sake of networking efficiency.

However, in the same way that people in power have misused great scientific discoveries such as the splitting of the atom or the exciting of atoms within a crystal to make the atom bomb and the X-ray laser, the marketers have gotten hold of this one. Now, when you check into a site you may be being relieved of information about yourself which you didn't even know you had. This, to the financial gain of the savvy site marketer. Where you went, what you did there, for how long...

Or perhaps your credit card number, username, or password have been stored in your cookies, and the encoding was not as strong as the original cookie savers had thought...

The internet is a wild place, no bad thing perhaps, yet when *this* author first got wind of the concept of "cookies", Cookie Cutter PC was conceived. Happy and safe surfing.

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Searching drives for cookies

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The program only needs to find cookie locations once and it will remember where they are. For some users, no search may be necessary. This is because the quick search done when the program first runs is enough. It is more probable that you will have to tell the program to do a thorough search of your hard drives, which takes a few minutes.

To initiate this search, you select "Search drives now" from the "File" pull-down menu. You will be shown a drive box, already pointed to the current drive. Hit the "Search selected drive" button and Cookie Cutter will be off. You will need to do this for any other drives you may have, including partitions.

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Auto-cutting cookies on startup

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Once you have determined which cookies, if any, to save, you may wish to set the auto-cut option to checked. This will delete all cookies as soon as the program starts. Of course, then you won't have the pleasure of clicking the "Cut" button yourself, but it a time saver.

Cutting
Scheduled cookie cutting

Cutting on a schedule

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Maybe you wish to have Cookie Cutter running in the background and cutting cookies periodically. This is the option for you. Select "Scheduled cutting" from the "Cutting options" pull-down and a box will come up asking for the period.

This can be tricky though, as the cookie may be being accessed at the time by the browser, which will result in an error and its not being cut.

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Refresh

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Cookie Cutter PC refreshes the cookies in the "Notes..." window every minute automatically, but you may wish to see for yourself whether or not there is something new on your drives after leaving a site. this is done by pressing the "Refresh" button.

[View cookies](#)

Viewing the information stored in your cookies

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Viewing a cookie is as easy as clicking on it. In the box entitled "Notes on where you've been" you will see any cookies that Cookie Cutter has found on your drives. To view a cookie's information you click on it. The information in the cookie will appear below the box. This information is often encoded, making it impossible for you to know what it says. This isn't to say that someone at another web site who reads it can't decode it by the way.

Saving cookies

Saving some cookies

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You may wish to keep some cookies. Keep in mind that a site that stores information which you may want to keep, such as passwords and usernames, may be precisely the one you should be deleting for security reasons. Further, there may be additional information which is stored in the same cookie with this information which you are asked to keep.

Having said this, you may choose a cookie to save by double-clicking on it in the window marked "Notes on where you've been". When you double-click a cookie a box will come up asking you if you wish to keep it, if it isn't already saved or if you'd like to cut it, if it has already been marked to be saved.

A saved cookie is marked in two ways; If you have selected a saved cookie, it will be displayed along with "saved" printed in red next to it. It also will have "[saved]" printed next to it in the cookie display box.

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When the program starts...

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What the program does

When Cookie Cutter starts, it looks for a file in the program's directory called "paths.txt". The existence of this file tells the program whether it's running for the first time, or some time thereafter.

First run...

If this file isn't found, the program assumes that this is it's first run, and it will have to prompt you a bit to get started. The program will first take a peek in the registry or .ini files for pointers to locations where cookies may be stored, then check some standard locations. This may be enough, and it may display some cookies which it found this way. These cookies may be old ones from a previous browser installation however and you will want to do a [search](#). Once you have completed the [search](#), the program will have modified the paths file and you will not need to do this again.

Subsequent runs...

The file's existence tells the program that it has been run before and has found cookies to look for in the future. When the program starts it will always look in the places pointed to by this file and automatically display anything it finds there. The program starts, you look at the cookies, perhaps read some of the non-encoded ones... and delete them.

Help!
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Help! Something's wrong!

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There are basically two things that can go wrong with this whole scheme:

1. The program doesn't find the cookies you believe to be there.

In this case you should make sure that you (a) actually do have cookies and (b) have done the cookie search.

(a) You may wish to go to some well-known cookie locations or cookie test page to ensure that you have got cookies. If you don't know any, then send a note to CookieCutter@ayecor.com and a URL will be sent to you where you may get cookies.

2. The program is unable to cut the cookies that it has found.

You will get a notice from Cookie Cutter if this is the case. One thing a browser may do to make it hard to cut its cookies is to keep its files open the whole time the browser is running. It may even keep the file unavailable after it has been closed by not releasing it properly. If this is the case you will need to reboot your computer to have the file deleted or modified. If this is the case you will want to use Cookie Cutter PC *before* you begin a browsing session.

Any other difficulties with the program once it has been set up completely, should be reported to CookieCutter@ayecor.com.

How Cookie Cutter PC works

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Complete with setup

If you downloaded the program complete with setup and have unzipped the it, you will need to run the file called "setup.exe". This will install Cookie Cutter PC into a directory, make a program icon for you and install any other files that you may not have already.

Small file

If you have downloaded the small file, you will need to add your own program icon to run this from the desktop. In 32-bit version this is done with a right mouse click on the screen. Select "New" and point to the program's location. If you are using Win3.1 or workgroups you select the program group which you wish the icon to be in, then select "File" and "New" from the Windows' pull-down menu.

The small file downloads faster true, but it doesn't have the run-time libraries with it. You may have gotten this file because you are upgrading from a previous or the shareware version. This will work fine. However, if you aren't upgrading and you run into a problem with a missing file warning at run-time, you can get the files needed at many sites on-line. You'll need to do a search with keywords such as "Visual" and "Basic" and "Run-time" and "Libraries", download them, unzip them and put them into your Windows' system directory. It's not as hard as it may sound and if you have difficulties with this, feel free to drop a note for a bit of assistance.

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Cut cookies now

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There are two ways to cut any cookies which Cookie Cutter has found. The button on the interface which reads "Cut" will do this as well as the "Cut cookie now" under the "Cookie option" pull-down.

You may also have cookies cut automatically on starting up or periodically.

Scheduled cutting
Cutting on start-up

There has been an error

Sadly, you have experienced an error which wasn't completely expected or prepared for. Please send an e-mail off to CookieCutter@ayecor.com with the error code that is written in the message. This will help us make this product better, something that AyeCor Software is always striving for.

Open browser error

[See also](#)

If your browser is currently reading or writing to a cookie in an unshared fashion, Cookie Cutter PC will not be able to access it. In this case, the browser may need to be exited before the cookie can be cut.

The other concern is that a browser may close and not release the file properly, very nasty. In this case you will have to run Cookie Cutter PC before starting your browser, just after starting your computer to cut some of the cookies.

HELP FILE

Windows 95 and **Windows NT** are 32-bit platforms while **Windows 3.1** and **Windows for Workgroups** are 16-bit platforms.

The username and registration key are both case sensitive with respect to any letters they contain.

