

Introduction

Removing files from your system is a lot harder than installing them. Megabytes of junk files on your hard disk waste space, slowdown your system, and conflict with software. The solution to this overcrowded mess is Uninstall Manager. Uninstall Manager is the program that lets you safely remove unwanted software and return your system to its original state.

This tutorial will guide you through the process of using Uninstall Manager :

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Understanding Uninstall Manager

When installing a new program or running a current program on your system.

It can :

- 1 - Add new files to your drives.
- 2 - Add new entries to your system files. (win.ini , system.ini , registry files...)
- 3 - Change windows settings. (Colours, dial up settings, fonts...)
- 4 - Overwrite windows files. (.dll , .ocx...)

1 - Adding too many files to your drives consumes disk space. To prevent this you need a program to monitor every new file written to your disk.

2 - Adding too many entries to your system files makes them larger. Increasing system files also slows down your system. To prevent this you need a program that can backup and restore these files when needed.

3 - Changing windows settings can cause problems. Imagine your little brother have used your computer and accidentally changed your dial-up settings. When you returned to your home and try to connect to the Internet and windows returns an error message. It is hard to find the problem and takes even more time to fix it. To prevent this you need a program that can backup windows settings, so that when something goes wrong you can restore windows settings easily and your system will be returned to its former state in a few minutes.

4 - Overwriting windows files can cause your system to not work properly. Sometimes a very well working system can start having problems after a new software installation. Possibly, a new installation overwrites a windows .dll with an older version. Other programs that are using the same .dll stop working or even cause system crashes. To prevent this you need a program that can check these files to see what changes may have been made so you may restore those changed files with the original ones.

Yes, Uninstall Manager is the program that you need for all these situations. If you can understand the working principle of U.M. you can easily control your system. (Aren't you tired of reinstalling windows again and again.)

Managing files on your drives : (for situation 1)



Snapshot: First you need to take a Snapshot of your drives. (Later this snapshot will used to detect any new files.) Remember! When you click the snapshot button you are accepting all the files on the drive, they will not be reported to you as new files again.



Check New Additions: U.M. will compare the current state of your file structure with the snapshot file structure taken earlier and it will list all newly added files and folders. So there will be no files or folders created on your drives without your knowledge.

Storing and Restoring windows settings : (for situations 2 - 3)



Backup windows settings: Windows has many system settings like colours , sizes , options... and many more. (You can compare this to your TV's volume, contrast, brightness... settings) All these settings

are essential for windows. You need to back them up .



Restore windows settings: When you uninstall software or when your system settings have changed. (accidentally or without your knowledge) You can restore them to exactly the same state as when you last backed them up.

Checking Overwrite : (for situation 4)

You can use "Check Overwrite" or "System File Checker" to ensure that your windows files have not been overwritten.

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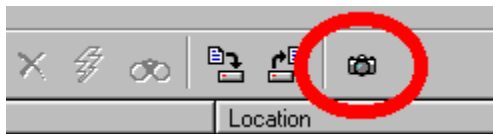
Step By Step How To Use

Many computer users like to install new software (sharewares , trialwares... from CDs or internet) to their systems. But every new installation is a risk for your very well working windows environment.

For a safe installation and uninstallation follow the steps below.

Before installation :

Step 1: Start Uninstall Manager and take a snapshot of your drive(s) with "Snapshot" button. This is necessary to detect changes later during a comparison.



Step 2: Backup your windows settings with "Backup Windows Settings" button. Now your system is ready for new installations.



Installation :

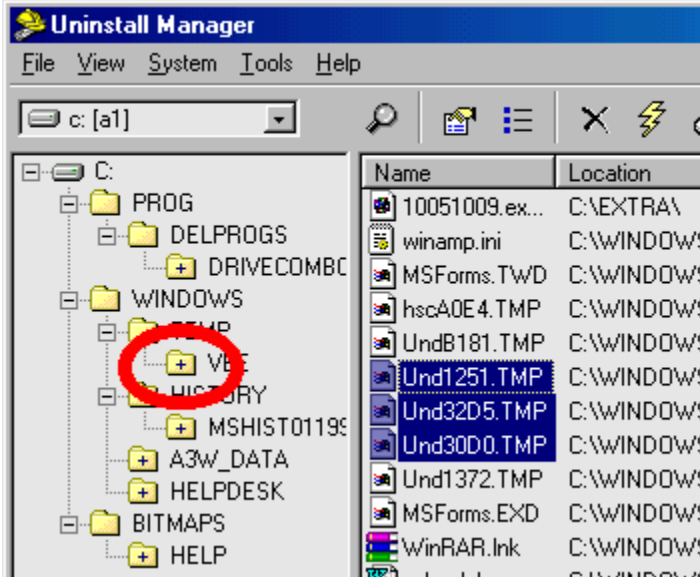
Step 3: Close Uninstall Manager then install or run any program that you wish.

After installation :

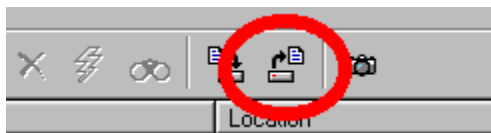
Step 4: To see new files and folders that have been added to your system since your last snapshot, simply start Uninstall Manager and click the "Find New Additions" button.



Step 5: There will be a panel on the left that shows all new folders (these folders are shown with a plus sign on them) and a panel on the right that shows all new files that have been added to your system. You can now choose to delete individual files or folders that you select or all files and folders newly added.



Step 6: Finally from "System" menu you can choose "Restore Windows Settings" (or click it's button) to return your windows to its settings before the installation.



It is that simple.

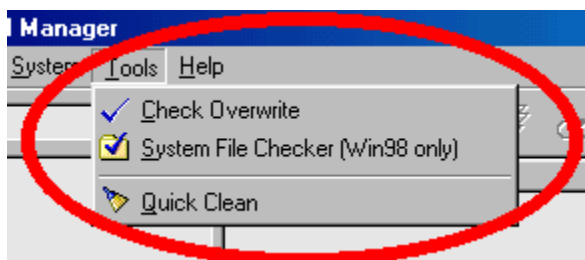
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Tools To Keep Your Drive Tidy

Check Overwrite : Some installations can overwrite windows system files without notification. This can cause your system to not work correctly. With the " Check Overwrite " tool (in tools menu) you can check these files to see if any changes have been made. Both this tool and system file checker is for expert users. Do not use them if you don't understand windows dlls.

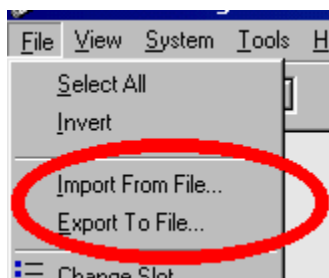
System File Checker : This tools is coming with Windows 98. It can be used to find and restore overwritten system files. Before using !!!, be sure that you checked the options "Check for changed files" and "Check for deleted files" from the settings section in the program otherwise it cannot report any changes.

Quick Clean : With this command you can delete temporary files to save hard disk space.



Import From File : Import the list, (that you previously exported) into right panel so you can select and delete files.

Export To File : Use this tool to save the file names that are listed in the right panel for future reference. If you load the exported textfile into notepad (or another wordprocessor), you are able to print the file.



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Configuring U.M.

You can configure U.M. by clicking the "Options" button.



Send deleted files to recycle bin :

Recommended if you are not sure about the files you delete. Later, if necessary, you can use the recycle bin to restore deleted files.

Automatic compare at startup :

If checked, program will automatically start scanning for new additions whenever you start Uninstall Manager.

Show file icons :

Check this option to see icons of files that are listed.(uncheck if you want a faster scanning)

Mouse pointer automatically selects files :

If activated, the entries of the file list are selected automatically if the mouse pointer is positioned over them for a short while.

Full row select :

If checked, the cursor bar marks the whole row and not only the file name.

Enable context help :

If checked, context help will be displayed on status bar.

Full expand :

After scanning, all folders listed in folder panel will be expanded.

Autoexpand :

After scanning, folders will be expanded or not depending on fitting the panel.

No expand :

After scanning, all folders will stay collapsed.

Select initial drive :

Select the drive that will be in use at startup of the program.(default is bootdrive)

Exclude folder:

Add folders that you want to exclude. Any changes in these folders won't be listed. (Tip: If the folder that you want to add is not listed then you need to enable "show all files" from the windows explorer's folder options.)

Color:

You can change the color settings of U.M. from this section.

Don't list msie (or netscape) caches :

We recommend that you check this option. When this option is checked msie and netscape caches won't

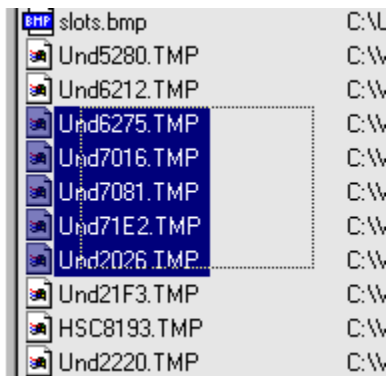
be listed. These caches are controlled and managed by the browsers. To delete these caches could cause a slow down in your internet surfing. However, if you want to delete these caches to save hard drive space (another benefit to having U.M.), don't check this option and the files will be listed.

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Keyboard Reference

Keys	: Operation
Delete	: To delete files.
F1	: To show help file.
F3	: To view files.
Esc	: To close view panel.
Ctrl , Shift	: To select multiple files.

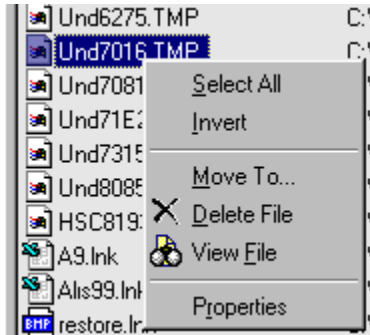
Note: The selection of multiple files in Uninstall Manager is same as with the windows explorer. Hold down the left mouse button and drag to make a box that selects multiple files. Or you can hold the ctrl or shift key while pressing the up or down arrow key.



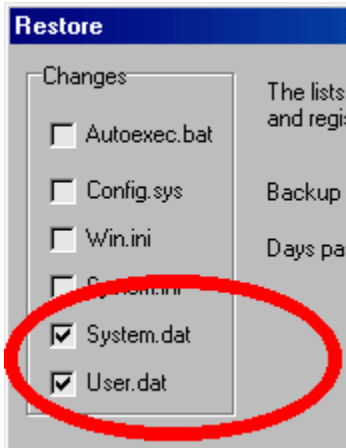
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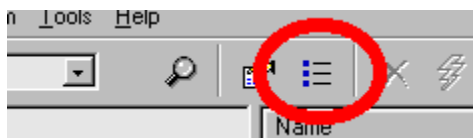
- You can use popup menus in the file or folder panel by right clicking the mouse button.



- Generally in the changes panel you will see that user.dat and system.dat are checked, without having installed anything. This is because Windows 95 uses and changes these files frequently.



- If you can't delete a file, this means the file is in use by windows. To delete this file, first restore your system files then try to delete file again.
- Use slots for multiple snapshots and backups. Slot usage is like game saves. You can save the last position of your system to any slot. You can also write a description for it.



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Registration

As a registered user you will receive:

- A registration key for unlocking this software. (Reminder screen will disappear)
- Lifetime FREE upgrades to new releases of the program (register now and do not be affected by future price changes.)
- Free technical support and information on new products.
- And a warm feeling knowing that you did the right thing.

How to register :

1 - You can register online with a credit card. Click the below link to register now.

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Order Form

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U.M. licenses at 12.95 US\$ each = _____

Total payment _____

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City,State,Zip: _____

Country: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email (required): _____

Payment: Cash Credit Card

Date,Signature: _____

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- v3.20 30-Sep-00** Now supports Windows Me.
View panel changed.
System restore (WinMe only) added.
Files per drive extended to 500.000 files.
Minor bug fixes.
- v3.10 25-Feb-00** Include subfolders for exclude added.
Context help now available.
New list options added.
Quick Clean enhanced.
- v3.00 30-Apr-99** New tree style folder panel.
Import and export to file functions added.
System file checker added.
Colour settings option added.
Now supports 100,000 files per drive.
Move to... function added.
Properties function added.
Help file enhanced.
- v2.70 10-Mar-99** Exclude function added.
Selection of initial drive now possible.
Folders list changed.
Cancel scanning added.
Slots are increased to 5.
QuickClean enhanced.
- v2.60 15-Oct-98** Wizards added for easy use.
Delete folder & all its contents function added.
File info function added.
Some visual enhancements have been made.
New .hlp file added.
- v2.50 20-Jun-98** Send to file function added.
Multiple snapshot and backup support available.
Toolbar has been changed.
- v2.10 05-Apr-98** Don't list Netscape cache option added.
Now supports 60,000 files per drive.
Check,list,update much faster.
Show file icons now works fine.
- v2.00 21-Mar-98** Check Overwrite and Quick Clean tools added.
User interface has been changed.
Online Registration now available.

Show file icons option added.

v1.21 08-Dec-97 Problems with send deleted files to recycle bin fixed.

v1.20 21-Nov-97 Automatic compare at startup option added.
Don't list msie caches option added.
Checking new files performance improved.

v1.10 11-Aug-97 Send deleted files to recycle bin option added.
Executing selected file with doubleclick.
Invert selection added.

v1.00 07-Jun-97 First public release.

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