What is Start Menu Cleaner

Start Menu Cleaner is a **freeware** utility which cleans the start menu by removing unneeded shortcuts and folders. Most applications adds folders and shortcuts to the start menu. The problem is, when you remove the program, its folders and shortcuts sometimes remains in the start menu. This can make your start menu somewhat messy. Start Menu Cleaner scans all shortcuts in your start menu and removes empty folders and shortcuts which points to files that no longer exist. The result is a smaller, cleaner, more efficient start menu.

Version History

Version 1.51 - February 19, 1998

- Eliminated the need of the SP2 version of MSVBVM50.DLL
- Fixed a problem with removing empty folders.

Version 1.5 - February 09, 1998

- Fixed a problem with the background that occured when using large fonts in Windows.
- If the desktop only featured the 'My Computer' and 'Recycle Bin' icons and the 'Delete Empty Folders' option was selected, Start Menu Cleaner would remove the desktop!

Version 1.4 - February 01, 1998

- The program does now ignore all virtual folders.

Version 1.3 - October 11, 1997

- Changed the interface slightly.
- Wrote a help file.
- There is no longer need to run the program twice to remove empty folders.

Version 1.2 - August 15, 1997

- Added option to disregard shortcuts pointing to files on removable drives and/or network drives.
- Start Menu Cleaner does now ignore shortcuts pointing directly to a drive.
- Added the Visit Home Page command to the System Menu.
- The program can now be minimized.

Version 1.1 - August 07, 1997

- Start Menu Cleaner thought a folder was empty if it didn't contain any shortcuts.
- Added a background image, the program doesn't look so gloomy anymore.

Version 1.0 - August 04, 1997

- Initial release.

Options

Delete Empty Folders
  If selected, empty folders in the start menu will be deleted.

Delete to Recycle Bin
  If this option is selected, shortcuts and empty folders will be deleted to the recycle bin. If not, they will be deleted permanently.

Confirm Delete
  Check this if you want Start Menu Cleaner to ask for confirmation before deleting shortcuts.

Scan Desktop
  If checked, the desktop will be scanned as well.

Start Scan on Startup
  Check this to start the scan when the program is launched.

Exit After Cleaning
  Whether to close the program automatically after the start menu has been cleaned.

Removable Drives
  Whether Start Menu Cleaner should ignore shortcuts pointing to files on removable drives (CDs and floppy disks).

Network Drives
  Whether Start Menu Cleaner should ignore shortcuts pointing to files on network drives.

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