

REGI-page:

Click on this button to read more about how you do to register this program.

Click on this button to visit our www site. There you can find the latest version of this program. You can register it using an on-line registration service. Or you browse our catalogue of other software's!

Once you have obtained your registration code, click this button to enter it and register the program!

Click this button to continue evaluating the unregistered version.

You can only evaluate this software for a maximum of 30 days...

TYPE-page:

This list contains a number of search root paths. You can add or remove paths using the buttons next to it. All the paths that are 'checked', it will be search for candidate files. Double click on a path to check or uncheck it.

Click this button to add a new path (e.g. a network path) to the root path list.

Click this button to delete add a path from the root path list.

This is a list of all the search types that should be performed when searching for candidate files.
Use the add/remove buttons to move types to/from this and the adjoining 'reference' list.

This is a 'reference' list of search types. These are not used when searching for candidate files if they are not moved to the 'search list' first.

Use the add/remove buttons to move types from/to this and the adjoining 'search' list.

Use this button to move a type from the right 'reference' list to the left 'search' list.

Use this button to move a type back from the left 'search' list to the right 'reference' list.

Click this button to save the search list to disk.

Click this button to load the search list from disk.

Click this button to add a new search type to the 'reference' list.

Click this button to edit a search type in the 'reference' list.

Note: You can also double-click on a type in either of the two lists to edit it!

Click this button to delete a search type from the 'reference' list.

SCAN-page:

Candidate files will be added in this list as they are found...

Number of candidate files found so far.

Total size of all candidate files found so far.

Number of files scanned found so far.

Total size of all files scanned found so far.

Displays the current directory being scanned.

Name of the person the software is registered to!

DELE-page:

List of candidate files for deletion.

Select one or more files, and then use the buttons below to delete, recycle, move, view, or explore the file(s).

Double-clicking on a file is a shortcut to performing the 'last' operation again.

Click this button to permanently delete the selected file(s).
Note: This can't be undone.

Click this button to move the selected file(s) to the recycle bin.

Click this button to move the selected file(s) to a folder of your choice.

Click this button to view the contents of the selected file(s) in Windows NotePad.

Click this button to explore the folder(s) containing the selected file(s) in the Windows Explorer.

Here is displayed the number of files currently selected in the list.

Keeps track of how many files you have deleted, recycled, or moved.

EDIT-page:

Enter the name of the search type here.

Select this if you want to search for all files in a specific folder.

Select this if you want to search for files matching one or more patterns.

Enter the path for the folder here.

All files in this folder (and subfolder) will be considered as candidates for deletion. You can use two types of paths: either a full path (e.g. C:\Temp) or a path without a drive (e.g. \Temp). The latter kind will 'latch onto' all the search root paths specified in the search (e.g. C:\Temp, D:\Temp, \\MFC\FooBar\Temp, if the root paths are C:\, D:\, and \\MFC\FooBar\).

Click this button to browse for a folder path rather than type it in manually.

Enter one or more file search patterns here.

Patterns are specified using normal 'wildcards' where characters literally matches character, except: * which matches zero, one or more arbitrary characters and ? which matches one arbitrary character.

Multiple patterns are separated by commas.

Troubleshooting and Frequently Asked Questions



- Q** How do I register CleanDisk, what does it cost and how do I pay for it?
- A** Please refer to the REGISTER.TXT file that comes with the program. It contains detailed instructions. You can pay by credit card, by check, by bank transfer, or with cash.
- Q** I'm a registered user. How do I upgrade to a new version?
- A** Simply install the new shareware release on top of the old registered version and your registration should be 'remembered' by the new version!

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- Q** What is shareware?
- A** Shareware is a marketing method, not a type of software. Unlike software marketed through normal retail channels, where you are forced to pay for the product before you've even seen it, the shareware marketing method lets you try a program for a period of time before you buy it. Since you've tried a shareware program, you know whether it will meet your needs before you pay for it. Shareware programs are just like programs you find in major stores, catalogs, and other places where people purchase software -- except you get to use them, on your own computer, before paying for them.
- Q** What happens if I like a shareware program?
- A** You pay for it at the end of a trial period (typically 30 days) by sending the author a fee he or she has established for the program.
- Q** Why should I pay for and register a shareware program?
- A** The same reason you should pay for any program: because it is the honest thing to do. Shareware is commercial software, fully protected by copyright laws. Like other business owners, shareware authors expect to earn money for making their programs available. Paying for and registering a program also entitles you to support from the author and other benefits, as specified by the author. Moreover, the more consumers who pay an author to use a program, the more likely the author will continue to improve it and to offer new programs.
- Q** How do shareware programs compare with other kinds of software?
- A** Consumers who purchase shareware programs receive a level of product support that exceeds what traditional software manufacturers deliver. Shareware users who need support often speak directly to the actual developer of the program, who is intimately familiar with how it operates and therefore can provide excellent technical support. Shareware authors often fix bugs in programs and add features quickly, based on feedback from users. There is a wide price range for shareware, as there is with software distributed through other channels. In general, many shareware programs cost less than other kinds of software, while some programs cost about the same as retail counterparts.
- Q** What do I receive when I pay for a shareware program, besides the use of the program?
- A** Typically, the same things you receive when you pay for other software: support by telephone, fax, computer bulletin board, and/or through online services such as America Online, CompuServe, and Microsoft Network. Many authors also send manuals, reference cards, and other printed materials,

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Q What happens if I don't like a shareware program?

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User Manual



Welcome to *CleanDisk!*

In the following sections you will learn more about *CleanDisk*.

What Does it Do?

There exists many kinds of 'temporary' files that all have in common that they steadily increase in number and thus slowly eat up your hard disk space. Some programs use temporary files to hold intermediate data but do not delete them after program shutdown (e.g. just take a look in your Windows\Temp directory where many such files end up). Many setup programs are prime examples of this. Other programs keep producing lots of unwanted log files. Yet others automatically create backup files of edited documents. Internet browsers create a lot of cache files, 'cookie' files, history files, et c, et c.

The problem is that if you don't clean up such files periodically, your free disk space will slowly but steadily shrink and it will be more difficult to find the files that you do want because of all the junk littering it. If you are really unlucky, Windows may even crash because it hasn't got enough space for its virtual memory swap file.

The solution? *CleanDisk* will help you automate the task of removing most such unwanted files. Using a very easy-to-use three-step process it will quickly scan your hard disk(s) for unwanted files and assist you in deleting them! It's as easy as that!

How to Use it:

Start the program by running CleanDisk.Exe.

The first thing you see if you are running the unregistered trial version is a dialog with information about registering the software. Click *Next* to go past that or one of the other buttons to learn more about it... If you are registered you get directly to the next page:

Step 1: Select candidate file patterns...

It is in this page that you to specify exactly what kind of files to search for and where to search for them.

The topmost 'list' contains a list of disk drive root paths that can be checked or unchecked. This means that when a path is marked as checked, then that directory folder and all folders in the hierarchy below it will be scanned for files. You check or uncheck a path by double-clicking on it. You can also add new paths (e.g. a network path) or remove paths with the button to the right of the list. The paths you add will be remembered next time you run the program.

Next, there are two side-by-side lists of 'file types'. The left list contains those types of files that you want to search for as 'candidates' for cleaning. The right list contains a 'reference library' of additional types that can easily be added to or removed to the left 'candidates' list. You add or remove types by selecting one or more of them and hitting the [*<-*] or the [*->*] button respectively. You can also load or save the candidate file type list to disk using the buttons below the list. Under the right list is a set of buttons for

adding new types to 'reference', or editing, or deleting existing ones. You also edit a type by simply double-clicking on it (in either of the two lists).

This brings up the 'Edit search type' dialog. In this dialog you can:

- Give the type a name.
- Specify one or more search patterns, *or*,
- Specify a specific folder to clean.

When specifying a folder, all files in the folder (plus subfolders) will be considered as candidates for cleaning.

When specifying pattern(s), all files that match the pattern(s) will be considered as candidates. Patterns are of the common 'wildcard' variety, where * means 'zero, one or more characters' and '?' means 'one character'. Multiple patterns are separated by commas. E.g. "B*.TM?" would match the file "BACKUP.TMP".

Click *Next* to go on to the next step.

Step 2: Scanning disk for candidate files...

In this step there is not much for you but to watch.

CleanDisk will automatically search the specified root paths (plus subfolders) for the selected file types.

When done, it will play a beep, flash the window title once, and enable the 'Next' button.

You can interrupt a search by pressing the 'Cancel' or the 'Back' buttons (pressing 'Cancel' after it has finished, will exit the program – as it does during the other 'steps').

As candidate files are found, they will be presented in a list. To the right of this list you'll see some statistics about the found candidates and total number of scanned files.

Click *Next* to go on to the next step.

Step 3: Clean up files!

Now that the candidates have been found, it's up to you to delete them!

But *CleanDisk* will help ease this task for you. All the candidates are presented (with full path names) in an alphabetically sorted list. Simply select one or more files in the list and hit one of the buttons below to *Delete* (permanently – no undo), *Recycle* (move to the recycle bin, undo/restore is possible), *Move* (you'll be asked to select a destination folder), *View contents* (using the Windows NotePad), or *Explore folder* (open the directory containing the file in the Windows Explorer).

The reason that the deletion process can't be automatic is that the candidate search is not 100% secure.

There *may be files* listed as candidates *that you wish to keep* and absolutely not delete. It is up to your discretion. If you permanently delete a, for you vital file, then at least it is you that manually deleted it and you can't blame us for it :-). Normally there will never be any problem though – just be sure to take a look at the files before you delete them!

Tips: Double clicking on a file is a shortcut to perform the 'last' operation on that file. E.g. if you first *Recycle* a file, then you only have to double-click on one (or more) files to recycle those too!

When you are done, just hit *Finish*.

We sincerely hope that you will enjoy using *CleanDisk*!



Revision History



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This is the very first release!



