

## Internet Sweeper

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**Features**

- Will erase information stored in Windows about Internet sites visited!
- FREE and fully functional! Although donations are appreciated!
- Can Automatically run when computer boots, user logs in, or browsers are closed!
- Works with all 32-bit Windows, Internet Explorer, Netscape Navigator, & Opera!
- Erases the Cache, History, Cookies, Addresses, Messages, and Temporary Files!
- Now closes those annoying javascript browser popup windows!

## Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When I start Internet Sweeper it stops saying it needs VB40032.DLL or Error # 0.

A: Some download sites do not accept the runtime libraries in the ZIP file.

Please download the version WITH RUNTIME from [http://www.geocities.com/Internet\\_Sweeper](http://www.geocities.com/Internet_Sweeper)  
To reduce download times, some versions do not contain vb40032.dll.

Q: Why is there a nagging message?

A: Because Internet Sweeper is a nagware program. If you make a donation - I'll send a version that won't nag you. :)  
Make donations to [brettemery@attbi.com](mailto:brettemery@attbi.com) at <http://www.paypal.com>

Q: Why are some files not deleted?

A: Files that are in use cannot be deleted while Windows is running. Check the **Delete files that are in use when Windows restarts** option to remove these files upon Windows startup.

A: For safety, Internet Sweeper will only delete Netscape's cache files when located in a "Cache" subfolder. (e.g. Files in C:\temp\Cache would be deleted, C:\Cache\Files would not)  
Also files in root or Windows directories are not deleted in case they are accidentally set as temporary directories.

A: Internet Explorer 5 uses the C:\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5 folder to store files.  
The files in C:\Windows\Temporary Internet\Files could be from a previous version of Internet Explorer.

A: Netscape Navigator may need to be reinstalled.  
You may be running a version that was not properly installed so Internet Sweeper cannot properly find it.

Q: What is the [Popup Control](#) ?

A: It monitors both Internet Explorer and Netscape Navigator windows and closes ones you didn't open!

Every half second, the popup control scans for new browser windows.

When no browsers are running, this interval is automatically set at 5 seconds to reduce system load.

If new windows are detected since the previous scan, and the SHIFT or CTRL key is not held down, then those new windows are closed.

Press the CTRL key or SHIFT before clicking a new link to override (allows new windows to remain open).

However the SHIFT key while clicking a link is the Save As command in Netscape Navigator.

The Popup Control can also sweep when all browsers are closed.

You can quickly enable or disable the popup control by right clicking on the system tray icon.

**Internet Sweeper – Settings for Microsoft Windows**

Recent Documents: Check to clear the Recently Accessed Documents.

Passwords: Check to delete the Password Lists. Use this feature with the 'Show Prompts' option checked at least once to ensure correct operation.

Temp Directory: Check to delete files in the Temp directory.

Find Computers: Check to clear the Find Computer Names recent list.

Find Documents: Check to clear the Find Documents and Search Assistants.

Recycle Bin: Check to empty the recycle bin on all drives.

**Internet Sweeper – Settings for Internet Explorer**

Cache: Check to delete Temporary Internet Files. This includes the index.dat files. You must have the 'Delete files that are in use when Windows restart' option checked in order to delete index.dat files!

Cookies: Check to delete all Cookies saved with Internet Explorer.

History: Check to clear the sites visited in Internet Explorer.

Address: Check to clear the URL's you've typed in Internet Explorer.

Passwords: Check to clear the usernames and passwords saved in the Intelliforms

AutoComplete: Check to clear the saved forms in Internet Explorer. Use this feature with the 'Show Prompts' option checked at least once to ensure correct operation.

**Internet Sweeper – Settings for Netscape Navigator**

Cache: Check to delete files in the cache for all users.

Cookies: Check to delete the cookies file.

History: Check to remove visited URL entries.

Newsgroups: Check to remove all the newsgroup information.

**Opera**

Cache: Check to delete files in Opera's Cache directories.

Cookies: Check to delete cookies file in Opera.

Windows: Check to delete the saved windows in Opera.

Addresses: Check to delete addresses typed in Opera.

## **Internet Sweeper - Popup Control**

**Close Popups:** Check to enable automatic closing of those annoying javascript windows.

**Sweep Automatically:** Check to sweep when all browsers are closed and when exited.

Press the CTRL key before clicking a new link to override (allows new windows to remain open).

Holding down the the SHIFT key also works but it's the Save As command when clicking on a hyperlink in Netscape Navigator and the Full Screen command in Internet Explorer.



## Internet Sweeper - Settings

**Run Automatically at Windows Startup / User Login:** Check to run Internet Sweeper when Windows starts up or another user logs in. You must enable this option for the popup control and other startup options to work properly.

**Run Scan Disk or Norton Disk Doctor at Startup:** Scan hard drive for errors when bad shutdown detected. Upon startup of Internet Sweeper will tell Windows to force a scandisk next boot. Internet Sweeper restores the original settings when closed. Thereby if the computer crashes before Internet Sweeper closes properly, a scandisk (or Norton Disk Doctor if installed) will be run.

**Include Read-Only files:** Clears the read-only flag before attempting to delete a file

**Wipe (not just delete):** Overwrite files with random data to prevent viewing after deletion.

**Delete files that are in use when Windows Restarts:** Have Windows remove all the files that could not be deleted during sweeping upon computer startup. You must have this option checked in order to delete index.dat files!

**Prompts to Minimize on Exit & Reboot after Sweep:** Displays a message box when Internet Sweeper is exited or requires a reboot after Sweeping to remove files that were in use. Uncheck if you are familiar with Internet Sweeper and do not wish to be informed. Unchecking will Minimize on Exit and not Reboot after Sweep.

**System Tray Icon:** Show Internet Sweeper icon and right-click menu in System Tray if checked.

**Taskbar Icon:** Show Internet Sweeper icon in the Taskbar when checked while minimized.

If the System Tray Icon and Taskbar icon options are both unchecked, Internet Sweeper will become invisible when minimized. Hold down the **ALT, SHIFT, & Z** keys simultaneously for a few seconds to restore Internet Sweeper when hidden.

**Log:** Show log window for Internet Sweeper activity and windows monitored.

**Sweep**

Click to clear all the selected options now!

**About**

Show information about Internet Sweeper and view this help file.

**Uninstall**

Click this button to remove Internet Sweeper from your computer.

**Close**

Exits Internet Sweeper. You will be prompted to minimize if either the Close Popups or Scan Disk options are checked and the Prompts to Minimize option is checked.

## Revision History

- 05/01/2002 1.8.0 Added list of cookies to save in Netscape Navigator and Internet Explorer!  
UserData directories erased when Internet Explorer Cache option checked.
- 04/18/2002 1.7.9 Added Disk Cleanup option. Requires Windows 98 or later.
- 04/15/2002 INFO file is not deleted from Recycle bin (causes corrupted message on xp?)
- 04/13/2002 1.7.8 Added more AOL windows to the Popup Control known list to keep open.
- 04/09/2002 1.7.7 desktop.ini file is not deleted and is recreated if missing from recycled bin.
- 04/06/2002 1.7.6 Added Netscape support to setup for "Current User Only" option.
- 04/04/2002 1.7.5 Netscape 4 not being detected by Popup Control fixed.
- 04/01/2002 1.7.4 Favorites are not removed when checking 'America Online (AOL)'
- 03/31/2002 1.7.3 Popup control leaves Favorites and other user windows open in AOL.  
1.7.2 Fixed problem with Internet Sweeper always running on startup.
- 03/27/2002 1.7.1 Added Popup and Address deletions for (AOL) "America Online 7.0" !  
Added setup options for Current User or All Users.  
Added "Include Hidden files" deletion under new More Options.  
Added "Compatibility" option, check for troubleshooting.
- 03/24/2002 1.7.0 Fixed problem not recognizing temporary directory (from 1.3.9)  
Wipe option no longer will wipe index.dat files, causes lockups.  
Files in Recycle Bin will be wiped if option enabled.
- 03/22/2002 1.6.9 "Sweep Automatically" option will only sweep on exit if needed (was always sweeping on exit).  
Removed the "Run ScanDisk or Norton Disk Doctor at Startup" and "Favorites" options.  
Added empty "Recycle Bin" to Microsoft Windows.
- 03/18/2002 1.6.8 Fixed problem with "Run ScanDisk or NDD at Startup" option.
- 03/16/2002 1.6.7 Internet Sweeper exits without prompting when not the active window.  
Popup Control now uses classes instead of titles to identify browsers.  
No prompt to give access to registry when Internet Sweeper not the active window.  
Close button replaced with Help as users can click the 'X' in the upper-right corner.
- 03/09/2002 1.6.6 Popup Control now recognizes branded versions of Internet Explorer.
- 03/08/2002 1.6.5 Must hold down Alt-Shift-Z for a few seconds to restore from hidden state.
- 03/07/2002 1.6.4 Fixed Internet Sweeper not appearing when requested after rebooting.  
Right-Click menu on System Tray Icon now works when Internet Sweeper visible.  
"Delete files in use when Windows restarts" option no longer checked during Install.
- 03/06/2002 1.6.3 Fixed passwords being deleted when Internet Explorers "Cache" option checked in 1.6.1.  
Popup Control ("Close Popups" option) saves which keys are pressed for two seconds to allow wanted new windows to remain open.  
Default options are no longer reset when reinstalled (keeping previous settings).
- 03/03/2002 1.6.2 Popup Control ("Close Popups" option) checks for N key pressed and allows new windows to remain open.  
Files are queued for deletion on restart only once per program exit.
- 03/01/2002 1.6.1 Added deletions to the Internet Explorer Cache option.  
Added popup help when clicking on options with "Show Prompts and Help" option checked.  
Changed option to "Show Prompts and Help" from "Prompts to Minimize on Exit & Reboot after Sweep".
- 02/27/2002 1.6.0 Uninstall problem fixed when running from windows\system directory.
- 02/14/2002 1.5.9 Uninstall problem fixed when running from temporary directory.
- 02/11/2002 1.5.8 Added "Taskbar Icon" option to make invisible when unchecked while minimized.  
Internet Sweeper restored from hidden/minimized when ALT+SHIFT+Z held down.
- 02/10/2002 1.5.7 Popup Control allows windows opened with CTRL-N.
- 02/07/2002 1.5.6 Files queued for deletion when sweeper exits, or Sweep button clicked, instead of while sweeping.  
(internet explorer setup would not operate when files were queued for deletion at startup)  
Added deletion for Opera vlink4.dat file.  
Close button exits instead of minimizes when Prompts unchecked since minimize button exists now.
- 02/01/2002 1.5.5 Added Minimize button.
- 01/30/2002 1.5.4 Added deletion Windows Password List (\*.PWL).  
Added Files Not Deleted value in message after sweeping.
- 01/21/2002 1.5.3 Fixed deletion for Windows XP/IE6 AutoComplete.
- 01/19/2002 1.5.2 Added deletion for Netscape Newsgroups.  
Displays message when help file not found on install.

01/13/2002 1.5.1 Added deletion for Find Documents.  
 Added deletion for Internet Explorers AutoComplete Usernames and Passwords.  
 Temp Directory is only removed on manual sweeps, not automatic sweeps.

01/01/2002 1.5.0 Will stay running in background unless exited when Close Popups or Scan Disk is enabled.  
 Added right-click menu to system tray icon.  
 Added support for Windows 2000/XP Intelliforms.  
 "Include Read-Only files" checks for attribute first.

12/25/2001 1.4.9 Fixed WinHelp not working right after install.  
 Shortcut "Sweep & Reboot" renamed to "Sweep & Restart"  
 Shortcut "Sweep & Down" renamed to "Sweep & Turn Off"  
 All "advertisement" windows closed regardless if shift/ctrl key pressed.

12/09/2001 1.4.8 Temp Directory files are no longer removed when exiting Internet Sweeper or auto sweeping when browsers closed.

11/29/2001 1.4.7 Fixed Popup Control running when unchecked while Scan Disk is checked.  
 Fixed "Stop statement encountered" when couldn't Wipe files.  
 Removed nagging message when sweeping with "Sweep Automatically" option.

11/26/2001 1.4.6 Added support for Opera 6.  
 Autocheck used for NT with Run ScanDisk or NDD at Startup option.  
 Install closes currently running Internet Sweeper before attempting to copy files.  
 Removed the 'Run Internet Sweeper in dos when computer boots' option (sweepdos.exe was only for Windows 95/98 anyway).  
 Removed the 'Sweep & Logoff' shortcut as ineffective compared to 'Sweep & Reboot'.  
 Added option to reduce the number of message prompts (Minimize on Exit & Reboot after Sweep).  
 Added the Windows Help File (sweeper.hlp) and What's This Help support.

11/14/2001 1.4.5 Options saved when minimized in case of computer crash before closing.  
 Added support for Netscape 6.2.  
 Support for ICQ has been removed (unpopular, not updated since 99a).  
 This Readme.txt documentation file renamed to Sweeper.txt.

11/05/2001 1.4.4 Added support for Netscape 6, Window XP. Updated run ScanDisk/NDD option when computer crashes.

10/22/2001 Prompted to Minimize Internet Sweeper instead of Exiting when Close Popups is checked.

10/18/2001 1.4.3 Internet Sweeper and Popup Control now same (sweeper.exe) executable (sweepops.exe deleted).

08/29/2001 1.4.2 Force deletion of index.dat when computer reboots with "delete on restart" option checked.  
 Popup Control runs Internet Sweeper two seconds after browsers close (gives browser time to release files).

08/27/2001 1.4.1 Warning query when user checks to remove Favorites.

08/01/2001 Popup Control updates every 5 seconds when no browsers are running (decreases system load).

06/27/2001 Install may require reboot to ensure update from previous version.  
 Now using Windows Registry under HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Internet Sweeper

05/24/2001 1.4.0 Added "Popup Control" to prevent those annoying javascript popup windows!  
 Removed "Sweep Now!" shortcut from Desktop during installation.

05/16/2001 1.3.9 Does not run at startup from temporary directory (since temporary directory didn't exist after installation).  
 Ignored when autoexec does not exist (used to display error).

04/23/2001 1.3.8 Added more Internet Explorer AutoComplete removes to Addresses option.

04/12/2001 1.3.7 Command line parameters: /R = Restart, /D = Shut Down, /L = Logoff (and /Q = Sweep Now!), /U = Uninstall  
 Creates program group with shortcuts for all command line parameters upon installation.  
 Using autoexec.nt on Windows NT/2000 operating systems.  
 Added Uninstall option to Windows Add/Remove programs.  
 Changed Sweep Now! shortcuts to logoff (/L) instead of rebooting (/R) (faster).

03/13/2001 1.3.6 Added command line parameters for logoff (/R) and shut down (/D) during Sweep Now! (/Q) mode.  
 Added shortcuts to Programs in Start Menu during install.  
 Added logoff parameter (/R) to shortcuts created for Sweep Now!.

02/20/2001 1.3.5 Added support for Opera. Added nagging message to Sweep Now. Improved About screen display.

12/05/2000 1.3.4 Message for Unknown System Variable removed.

10/01/2000 1.3.3 Fixed bug when autoexec.bat doesn't exist.

09/22/2000 1.3.2 Added IE 5.0 Forms AutoComplete delete with Addresses.

08/13/2000 1.3.2 Removed sweepdos.exe during uninstall.

08/10/2000 1.3.1 Added SWEEPDOS.EXE to run before Windows 95/98 to remove index.dat files.

08/02/2000 1.3.0 Added icon for 'Sweep Now!' (/Q) and removed a warning message.

04/05/2000 1.2.9 Added support for Netscape 4.7. Also warns when Netscape files are in use and unable to delete (a common problem).

03/13/2000 1.2.8 Added support for Windows 2000.

03/12/2000 1.2.7 Still trying to find some Netscapes.

03/07/2000 1.2.6 Option to Include Read-Only files.

03/06/2000 1.2.5 Added support for multiple directories.

03/03/2000 1.2.4 Added support for Netscape user profile.

03/02/2000 1.2.3 Fixed not finding Netscape for some people.

02/02/2000 1.2.1 Added Wipe files option.

02/02/2000 1.2.0 Added Uninstall button.

01/24/2000 1.1.0 Started support for ICQ (upto but not including 99b).

01/21/2000 1.0.0



**Updates and Technical Support**

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You may also download immediately with RegNow: <https://www.regnow.com/softsell/nph-softsell.cgi?item=6374-1>

Homepage: [http://www.geocities.com/Internet\\_Sweeper](http://www.geocities.com/Internet_Sweeper)

**Minimize**

Runs Internet Sweeper in the background. An icon may appear in the Task Bar or System Tray based on [Settings](#). Hold down the ALT, SHIFT, & Z key for a few seconds to restore Internet Sweeper when hidden.

**Close Popups**

Check to automatically close new browser windows. Press the CTRL key or SHIFT before clicking a new link to override (allows new windows to remain open).

**Sweep Automatically**

Check to automatically Sweep when all browsers are closed and when Internet Sweeper is exited.

**Run Automatically**

Check to run Internet Sweeper when Windows starts up or another user logs in. You must enable this option for the [Popup Control](#) and other startup options to work properly.

**Run Scan Disk**

Scan hard drive for errors when bad shutdown detected.

**Include Read-Only files**

Uncheck to skip deleting files with the Read-Only attribute set.

**Wipe (not just delete)**

Overwrite files with random data before deleting to prevent viewing after deletion.



**System Tray Icon**

Show an Internet Sweeper icon with a right-click menu in System Tray if checked.

**Taskbar Icon**

Show Internet Sweeper icon in the Taskbar when checked while minimized, if the System Tray icon option is unchecked.

**Delete files that are in use when Windows restarts**

Tell Windows to remove the files that could not be deleted during Sweeping upon computer startup. You should have this option checked in order to delete index.dat files!

**Show Prompts and Help**

Novice users leave this box checked. Advanced users of Internet Sweeper uncheck this box to prevent information and error messages, along with popup help, from showing.

**Log Activity**

Show log window for Internet Sweeper activity and windows monitored. This is used for debugging only and should remain unchecked for normal operation.

**Cache**

Check this option to erase the cache files.

**Cache**

Checking this option erases the Temporary Internet Files and index.dat files when sweeping.

**Cookies**

Check this option to erase the cookies.



**Addresses**

Check to erase the addresses or URLs you have typed in.

**Newsgroups**

Check to remove all the newsgroups saved in Netscape.

**Windows**

Check to delete the saved windows in Opera.

**AutoComplete**

Check to delete the AutoComplete / Intelliforms saved in Internet Explorer. This includes the usernames and passwords in forms but not those saved as [network login passwords](#) .

**History**

Check to clear the history of sites (url's) visited.

**Recent Documents**

Check to clear the Recently Accessed Documents.

**Temp Directory**

Check to delete files in the Windows\Temp directory.

**Find Computers**

Check to clear the Find Computer Names recent list.



**Passwords**

Check to delete the Passwords saved on Internet Explorer AutoComplete / Intelliforms. Check the **AutoComplete** option to also remove Usernames.

**Find Documents**

Check to clear the Find Documents and Search Assistants.

**Password Lists**

Check to delete the Windows Password Lists (\*.pwl files). This includes your **network login passwords** and websites that use basic authentication.

**Help**

Click this button to view the help file.

**America Online**

Erases AOL information, including websites you've visited. AOL uses Internet Explorer as it's web browser. Therefore clear AOL's cache and cookies using the Internet Explorer options.

**Compatibility**

Click this option to disable the Windows Internet Extensions, which may cause Internet Sweeper to crash on XP.

**Disk Cleanup**

Check to run the Microsoft Disk Cleanup utility. When first checked, the Disk Cleanup settings window appears allowing you select which options Disk Cleanup will erase when the [Sweep button](#) is clicked.

