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About the Product

Webroot® Spy Sweeper™ lets you protect your privacy and your computer from a variety of spyware programs, from those that monitor all of your computer's activities (system monitors) to those that can steal or destroy data (Trojan horses). It also detects programs that pop-up ads on your computer when the program is running (adware) and cookies that may contain and may transmit personal information (tracking cookies).

Spy Sweeper continuously monitors your computer to block the installation of spyware programs. In addition, Spy Sweeper "sweeps" your computer looking for evidence of these programs, reports its findings, and lets you decide whether to quarantine and remove the program or keep it running on your system. Quarantining and removing programs will disable it until you decide to delete the program completely or restore it.

Software detected by Webroot Spy Sweeper

Adware

Adware is advertising-supported software that displays pop-up advertisements. Adware is usually available via free downloads from the Internet. Adware is often bundled with or embedded within freeware, utilitarian programs like filesharing applications, search utilities, information-providing programs (such as clocks, messengers, alerts, weather, and so on), and software such as screensavers, cartoon cursors, backgrounds, sounds, etc. Deleting adware may result in the deletion of the bundled freeware application. Although seemingly harmless, some adware programs may track your Web surfing habits and cause slowing of your Web browser as well as system performance issues.

System Monitor Software

System monitors may monitor all of your computer activity. They range in capabilities and may record some or all of the following: keystrokes, e-mails, chat room conversations, instant messages, Web sites visited, programs run, time spent, and even usernames and passwords. The information is gathered via remote access or sent by e-mail, and may then be stored for later retrieval. A third party may be able to view your personal conversations and may gain access to private information such as your usernames, passwords, credit card numbers, or your Social Security number.

Trojan Horse

A Trojan horse is a program that allows a hacker to make changes to your computer. Unlike a virus, a Trojan does not replicate itself. It is generally disguised as a harmless software program and distributed as an e-mail attachment. Once you open the attachment, the Trojan may install itself on your computer without your knowledge or consent. It has the ability to manage files on your computer, including creating, deleting, renaming, viewing, or transferring files to or from your computer. It may utilize a program manager that allows a hacker to install, execute, open, or close software programs. The hacker may gain remote control of your cursor and keyboard, and may even send spam by sending mass e-mails from your infected computer. Trojans have the ability to run in the background, hiding their presence. A third party may gain access to your computer and do whatever the author has designed it to do.

New in Spy Sweeper 5.0

- Powerful new blocking capability prevents the most highly-developed spyware programs from ever installing on your computer.

- A completely upgraded user interface makes it simple for new customers and users of all abilities to use Spy Sweeper and be protected from spyware.
- Spy Sweeper's behavior-based Keylogger Shield detects keystroke logging prevents the installation of new or unknown keylogger programs.
- Improved behavioral-based identification and removal techniques beat spyware's attempts to randomize to avoid exact detection.

System Requirements

Spy Sweeper

V5.0

Download size: 9.9MB

German: V5.0 Größe: 9.8MB

Dutch: V5.0 Groote: 9.8MB

Spanish: V5.0 Tamaño: 9.8MB

Italian: V5.0 Dimensione: 9.8MB

French: V5.0 Taille: 9.8Mo

Japanese: V5.0 サイズ: 10.6MB

Windows 2000 or XP (Professional, Home, Media Center)

350 MHz processor

15 MB hard drive space

256 MB RAM

Supports Internet Explorer

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About the Company

Mission

Foster peace-of-mind through leading privacy, performance and protection software solutions for individuals and enterprises around the globe.

Company Overview

Webroot Software, Inc., a privately held company based in Boulder, Colorado, with offices worldwide, creates innovative privacy, performance and protection products and services for millions of customers in 223 countries, ranging from enterprises to small businesses and home users.

Founded in 1997, the company provides best-of-breed anti-spyware solutions that protect personal information and corporate assets from online and internal threats. Webroot consistently receives top ratings and recommendations by respected third-party media and product reviewers. Webroot currently has 280 employees worldwide.

Webroot is a privately held company with a strong executive management team with several years of experience at leading security companies. In February 2005, the company accepted its first outside investment of \$108 million from a syndicate of leading technology venture capital firms, including [Technology Crossover Ventures \(TCV\)](#), [Accel Partners](#) and [Mayfield](#). Prior to February 2005, Webroot established and expanded its business through the reinvestment of cash generated from operations.