FindTheFiles - README

Overview

Welcome to **FindTheFiles** — a comprehensive utility designed to help you search for, analyze, and manage files, folders, programs, browser extensions, and Internet Explorer homepage overrides. The tool also includes a basic malware scanning feature, allowing users to check for potentially malicious files or processes on their system. **However, note that this malware scan is still in development and is not a professional-grade malware detection tool. Use it with caution.**

FindTheFiles is an all-in-one executable file (**FindTheFiles.exe**), which packages all necessary components into one convenient program. There's no need to install Python or any external dependencies, making it quick and easy to run on any Windows system.

This tool was proudly created by **Drew's Tools**.

Main Features

1. File/Folder Search & Management

- Search for files and folders on your system based on partial or exact matches to your specified keywords.
- Optionally include hidden files and folders in your search.
- Explore, delete, or scan individual files for specific content.
- Mass delete entire categories of files or folders at once.

2. Program Search & Uninstallation

- Search for installed programs on your system based on keywords.
- Explore all matching programs.
- Choose to uninstall selected programs or uninstall all matching programs at once.
- Uninstallation uses the native Windows uninstallation methods.

3. Browser Extension Search

- Search for browser extensions installed on Chrome, Firefox, and Internet Explorer.
- Explore, delete, or scan individual browser extensions.
- Mass delete all matching extensions at once.

4. Internet Explorer Homepage Override Removal

- Detect overrides to the homepage setting in Internet Explorer.
- Remove these overrides and reset the homepage back to its default state (about
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5. Basic Malware Scanner (Still in Development)

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- **WARNING: The malware scan feature is a basic, heuristic-based tool and is still under development. This is NOT a professional malware scanner! Be careful when using it and always double-check any suspicious results before acting on them.**
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- The malware scan checks for files and running processes that match common malware-related keywords (e.g., "trojan," "malware," "adware," "spyware," etc.).
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- You have the option to display only potentially malicious items or to see all items the tool scanned during its search.
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- **IMPORTANT: This feature is still in its early stages and should not be relied on as a primary malware detection tool.**
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Usage Instructions

Starting the Program

1st **Run the FindTheFiles.exe** by double-clicking the executable file. No installation or additional software is required.

2nd The main menu will appear, asking you if you'd like to perform:

- **Malware Scan**
- **File/Folder/App Scan**
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3rd Follow the on-screen instructions to search for, manage, and delete files, folders, programs, extensions, or homepage overrides.

Searching for Files, Folders, and Programs

1st After choosing the **File/Folder/App Scan** option:

- You will be asked whether to search using a **partial** or **specific** name match.
- You can choose whether to include **hidden files and folders** in your search.
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2nd Provide a keyword or phrase that represents the name or partial name of the item(s) you're looking for.

3rd You will be asked to enter the directory to search in. For example, you can search your entire C:\ drive or a specific folder.

4th The results will be displayed and categorized:

- Files/Folders
- Programs
- Browser Extensions
- Homepage Overrides
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File and Folder Management

- **Select a file or folder** from the results to:
- **Delete** the file or folder.
- **Scan** the file for specific keywords.
- **Delete all matching files and folders** in bulk.
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Uninstalling Programs

- **Select a program** from the results to:
- **Uninstall** a specific program.
- **Uninstall all matching programs** at once.
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Browser Extensions

- **Select a browser extension** from the results to:
- **Delete** the extension.
- **Delete all matching extensions** at once.
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Internet Explorer Homepage Overrides

- **Select a homepage override** from the results to:
- **Remove** the override and reset the homepage to its default.
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Basic Malware Scan

1st Select the **Malware Scan** option from the main menu.

2nd The scan will check commonly vulnerable directories and running processes for items that match known malware-related keywords.

3rd Once the scan completes, you will be prompted to choose between viewing:

- **Only suspicious items** (i.e., those that may be malicious).
- **All items** scanned during the process.
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4th After reviewing the results, you can decide whether to investigate further, remove files, or close the program.

IMPORTANT: Always verify any suspicious items flagged by this tool, as the malware detection is rudimentary and may produce false positives. This feature is still under development.

Features Coming in Future Releases

- Enhanced malware detection with more advanced heuristics.
- Additional search options and customization for program uninstallation.
- Expanded support for more types of browser extensions and web browsers.
- Detailed reporting for scanned files and folders.

DISCLAIMER

The FindTheFiles tool is intended for educational and personal use only. The built-in malware scanner is **NOT** a replacement for professional antivirus or anti-malware software and should not be relied upon for critical security operations.

By using this tool, you acknowledge that the developers of FindTheFiles are not responsible for any damage or data loss that may occur as a result of using this tool.

Be careful when deleting files or running the malware scanner. Always verify results before proceeding.

Contact and Support

If you have any questions, feedback, or issues with FindTheFiles, please reach out to **Drew's Tools** through our support channels or visit our official website for updates and troubleshooting information.