🧹 CleanSweep Automation Guide

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💡 Purpose

CleanSweep is a lightweight Windows tool designed to automatically delete old files from a specified folder based on their type and age — while keeping the most recent file safe.

This guide explains how to set up CleanSweep to run automatically using **Windows Task Scheduler**.

⚙️ Step 1: Install CleanSweep

1. Run the `CleanSweep Installer.exe`.

2. The default installation folder is:
   `C:\Program Files (x86)\Dev-PP\CleanSweep\`

3. After installation, you'll find the following files:

   - `CleanSweep.exe`

   - `settings.json`

🧱 .NET Framework Requirement

Some PCs may require the **.NET Framework 4.8** to run CleanSweep.

- If needed, install NDP48-x86-x64-AllOS-ENU.exe included in this folder

- Or download the official installer from Microsoft:

  https://dotnet.microsoft.com/en-us/download/dotnet-framework/thank-you/net48-web-installer

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📝 Step 2: Edit Your Configuration

1. Open `settings.json` in a text editor.

2. Set your cleanup preferences:
   ```
   {

     "FolderDirectory": "C:\\DatabaseBackup",

     "FileExtensions": [".bak", ".log"],

     "RetentionDays": 7

   }
   ```

   - `FolderDirectory`: Folder to monitor

   - `FileExtensions`: File types to delete

   - `RetentionDays`: Files older than this (in days) will be deleted

   - The **newest file** will always be skipped

💡 *Do not move the `settings.json` file from the install folder.*

📅 Step 3: Schedule CleanSweep (Windows Task Scheduler)

1. Press `Win + S`, search for **Task Scheduler**, and open it.

2. In the right panel, click **Create Basic Task**.

3. Give your task a name (e.g., `CleanSweep Daily`).

4. Choose how often to run (e.g., **Daily**, **Weekly**, etc.)

5. Set the time (e.g., 10:00 PM every day).

6. Choose **Start a Program**.

7. Browse to this path:
   `C:\Program Files (x86)\Dev-PP\CleanSweep\CleanSweep.exe`

8. Click **Finish** to save.

✅ CleanSweep will now run automatically based on your schedule.

📒 Logs

- All activity and errors are recorded in a log file:

  C:\Logs\AutoDeteFile\Log.txt

❗ Tips

- Always run Task Scheduler as an administrator when testing.

- Make sure the user running the task has permission to access the target folder.

- Test your `settings.json` manually before scheduling.

- To stop or pause, just disable the task in Task Scheduler.

🙌 Final Note

CleanSweep was built to solve a real-world problem in a simple way — with no background processes, no bloat, and no ads.

Enjoy using it, and feel free to share it if it helps others.

— **Dev-PP**