

There are a lot of PC users that know little about "Spyware", "Mal-ware", "hijackers", "Dialers" & many more. This will help you avoid pop-ups, spammers and all those baddies.

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What is spy-ware?

Spy-ware is Internet jargon for Advertising Supported software (Ad-ware). It is a way for shareware authors to make money from a product, other than by selling it to the users. There are several large media companies that offer them to place banner ads in their products in exchange for a portion of the revenue from banner sales. This way, you don't have to pay for the software and the developers are still getting paid. If you find the banners annoying, there is usually an option to remove them, by paying the regular licensing fee.

Known spywares

There are thousands out there, new ones are added to the list everyday. But here are a few:

Alexa, Aureate/Radiate, BargainBuddy, ClickTillUWin, Conducent Timesink, Cydoor, Comet Cursor, eZula/KaZaa Tiptext, Flashpoint/Flashtrack, Flyswat, Gator, GoHip, Hotbar, ISTbar, Lions Pride Enterprises/Blazing Logic/Trek Blue, Lop (C2Media), Mattel Broadcast, Morpheus, NewDotNet, Realplayer, Songspy, Xupiter, Web3000, WebHancer, Windows Messenger Service.

How to check if a program has spyware?

There is this Little site that keeps a database of programs that are known to install spyware.

Check Here: [http://www.spywareguide.com/product\\_search.php](http://www.spywareguide.com/product_search.php)

If you would like to block pop-ups (IE Pop-ups).

There tons of different types out there, but these are the 2 best, i think.

Try: Google Toolbar (<http://toolbar.google.com/>) This program is Free

Try: AdMuncher (<http://www.admuncher.com>) This program is Shareware

If you want to remove the "spyware" try these.

Try: Lavasoft Ad-Aware (<http://www.lavasoftusa.com/>) This program is Free

Info: Ad-aware is a multi spyware removal utility, that scans your memory, registry and hard drives for known spyware components and lets you remove them. The included backup-manager lets you reinstall a backup, offers and multi language support.

Try: Spybot-S&D (<http://www.safer-networking.org/>) This program is Free

Info: Detects and removes spyware of different kinds (dialers, loggers, trojans, user tracks) from your computer. Blocks ActiveX downloads, tracking cookies and other threats. Over 10,000 detection files and entries. Provides detailed information about found problems.

Try: BPS Spyware and Adware Remover (<http://www.bulletproofsoft.com/spyware-remover.html>) This program is Shareware

Info: Adware, spyware, trackware and big brotherware removal utility with multi-language support. It scans your memory, registry and drives for known spyware and lets you remove them. Displays a list and lets you select the items you'd like to remove.

Try: Spy Sweeper v2.2 (<http://www.webroot.com/wb/products/spysweeper/index.php>) This program is Shareware

Info: Detects and removes spyware of different kinds (dialers, loggers, trojans, user tracks) from your computer.

The best scanner out there, and updated all the time.

Try: HijackThis 1.97.7 (<http://www.spywareinfo.com/~merijn/downloads.html>) This program is Freeware  
Info: HijackThis is a tool, that lists all installed browser add-on, buttons, startup items and allows you to inspect them, and optionally remove selected items.

If you would like to prevent "spyware" being install.

Try: SpywareBlaster 2.6.1 (<http://www.wilderssecurity.net/spywareblaster.html>) This program is Free  
Info: SpywareBlaster doesn't scan and clean for so-called spyware, but prevents it from being installed in the first place. It achieves this by disabling the CLSIDs of popular spyware ActiveX controls, and also prevents the installation of any of them via a webpage.

Try: SpywareGuard 2.2 (<http://www.wilderssecurity.net/spywareguard.html>) This program is Free  
Info: SpywareGuard provides a real-time protection solution against so-called spyware. It works similar to an anti-virus program, by scanning EXE and CAB files on access and alerting you if known spyware is detected.

Try: XP-AntiSpy (<http://www.xp-antispy.org/>) This program is Free  
Info: XP-AntiSpy is a small utility to quickly disable some built-in update and authentication features in WindowsXP that may rise security or privacy concerns in some people.

Try: SpySites ([http://camtech2000.net/Pages/SpySites\\_Prog...ml#SpySitesFree](http://camtech2000.net/Pages/SpySites_Prog...ml#SpySitesFree)) This program is Free  
Info: SpySites allows you to manage the Internet Explorer Restricted Zone settings and easily add entries from a database of 1500+ sites that are known to use advertising tracking methods or attempt to install third party software.

If you would like more Information about "spyware".

Check these sites.

<http://www.spychecker.com/>

<http://www.spywareguide.com/>

<http://www.cexx.org/adware.htm>

<http://www.theinfomaniac.net/infomaniac/co...rsSpyware.shtml>

<http://www.thiefware.com/links/>

<http://simplythebest.net/info/spyware.html>

Usefull tools...

Try: Stop Windows Messenger Spam 1.10 (<http://www.jester2k.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/j...r2ksoftware.htm>) This program is Free

Info: "Stop Windows Messenger Spam" stops this Service from running and halts the spammers ability to send you these messages.

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All these softwares will help remove and prevent evil spammers and spywares attacking your PC. I myself recommend getting "spyblaster" "s&d spybot" "spy sweeper" & "admuncher" to protect your PC. A weekly scan is also recommended

Free Virus Scan

Scan for spyware, malware and keyloggers in addition to viruses, worms and trojans. New threats and annoyances are created faster than any individual can keep up with.

<http://defender.veloz.com//> - 15k

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