

SlimCleaner User's Guide



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Foreword

SlimCleaner is a powerful, comprehensive utility combining the best of IT tools and utilities designed to assist computer users, technicians, and support personnel with the task of cleaning and optimizing a computer's operating system. SlimCleaner uses cloud technology to analyze the software configuration of a computer and make recommendations based on collective research from IT professionals, technicians, and computer users around the world. SlimCleaner is safe and easy to use, and can greatly improve the performance and security of Windows XP, Vista, and 7.

This user guide is designed to familiarize the user with basic functionality, and to illustrate the use of more advanced features for specific tasks. Use the linked table of contents to navigate to a specific section or proceed through the user guide sequentially. Its layout emulates the progression of tools in SlimCleaner and is organized top to bottom by the utility tabs on the left hand side of the program.

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SlimWare User Community – Rating Software

SlimCleaner is powered by the people that use it. The recommendations that SlimCleaner provides to guarantee you the best possible maintenance is made possible by the thousands of everyday computer users and technical experts that share their experience and knowledge. SlimCleaner enables users to share this information online in the SlimWare community and directly in the app by using a special rating tool that allows users to rate software based on necessity and provide additional information about new software and supplant it with a personal recommendation.

You can join in today by registering with us online. Register for a free SlimWare Utilities user account so you can submit ratings and comments for software items directly within SlimCleaner. SlimCleaner provides options for you to rate software items and provide descriptions and comments. Your input is fed directly into our dynamic database where it is stored and made available for others to see. Your participation gives you a say in how our programs work. To do this, all you have to do is register for a free user account at http://www.slimwareutilities.com/register_step1.php

Rating Software & Providing Descriptions

SlimWare Utilities applications like SlimCleaner incorporate our powerful cloud technology to deliver the best recommendations for computer optimization. Using community feedback from users like you, we can deliver real-time details about the software that users everywhere identify with SlimCleaner.

SlimCleaner allows you to rate software items using a color-coded system that makes it easy for others users to recognize the GOOD from the BAD. You can contribute your own descriptions for software items and supplant the information you provide with a personal reason why you gave it. These submissions help others make more educated decisions in the future.

Whenever you see the color-coded rating bar, you may provide a rating, description and reason for the software item listed next to it. The more software items that you rate, the stronger SlimCleaner becomes.



Rate the software based first on its legitimacy as useful software (**green**) or malware (**red**) and then with considerations to its necessity to your computer's operation or its importance to your personal uses.

▼ Your Rating:

1 You have not yet rated NetWorx

Unwanted Optional Good

2 What type of software: Why did you give it this rating:

3

SAVE

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▼ Community Feedback:

Peer Review Votes: **18**

Remove Unwanted Optional Good Keep

DESCRIPTION:
NetWorx allows the user to collect bandwidth usage data to measure connection speeds.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?
Keep It - You should keep NetWorx in startup because it automatically launches the NetWorx application when you log into Windows.

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Once you've rated the software item, put it in a category that best describes its purpose and then write a description that explains what the software is and what it does. You can then provide a reason that explains why you gave it the rating and description you provided. This will help others to judge whether or not the information you provided is relevant to them.

After you've completed the rating form, click the **Save** button to finish and return to SlimCleaner.



Cleaner Utility

The first tool on the SlimCleaner Dashboard is the **Cleaner Utility**. This utility will automatically scan a computer and isolate non-personal files that are unnecessary to computer functions. These include...

- Log files
- Temporary files
- History files
- Installation Packages

The Cleaner Utility will reclaim disk space by permanently deleting unnecessary files. This process is safe, improves overall computer performance and stability, and also protects user privacy by erasing cookies, browsing history, and other information.

The deletion process is permanent because it doesn't simply remove the reference to a given file (which is what a normal delete does). Instead, it overwrites the data in order to make sure it is unrecoverable. This guarantees security and privacy, and speeds up defragmentation procedures.

When open, the **Cleaner Utility** shows three tabs: Windows, Applications, and Browsers. Each tab



corresponds to one of the four main categories of unwanted files:

- **Windows** – unnecessary files left behind by the operating system
- **Applications** – temporary files, log files, and other items generated by programs
- **Browsers** – files generated by web browsers such as cookies and browsing history
- **Advanced** - file caches produced by the operating system and orphaned registry keys

Inside each tab you'll see a **Sections Bar**. Below the sections bar you will find individual file types organized into sections, with an option to select / unselect each item for removal. SlimCleaner will remove unnecessary files associated with each selected item. By default, SlimCleaner selects all but a few items for removal. You can customize the cleaning search by removing checks. The same process can be used to customize the file-types in the other three tabs **Applications**, **Browsers**, **Advanced** and **Registry**.

When you've made your selection and you're ready to analyze how much data SlimCleaner can clean from the system, click **Analyze**. You can abort the scan at any time by clicking the **Abort** button. SlimCleaner will then raise the **Results Bar** and display scan progress. When the scan is complete, the results of the scan are shown. The summary appears at the top, followed by a list of

file types indicating the type of item that can be removed, how much space can be recovered by removing those items, and how many items were found.



After the scan has finished, the results will be displayed in the categories that they belong to. To view detailed information on the files found by the scan, **double-click** the category you are interested in browsing. For example, to view cookies found by SlimCleaner, view the **Google Chrome\Cookies** category. If you find a particular file that you do not want removed and should be excluded from all future scans, you may **right-click** the file in question and select **Ignore This File**. SlimCleaner is context sensitive to certain files. If you attempt to ignore a cookie from future scans, SlimCleaner will add it to a special exclusion list for cookies so that you may preserve the cookies you want to keep while removing other unwanted cookies such as ad cookies and flash cookies. You can manage your excluded cookies in the *Settings* menu.

| Category | Size | Items |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Google Chrome\Browser History | 261.6 MB | 6 items |
| Google Chrome\Cache | 373.0 MB | 1742 items |
| Google Chrome\Cookies | 0 bytes | 3871 items |
| Google Chrome\Session | 540.9 KB | 2 items |
| Internet Explorer\Browser History | 321.0 KB | 13 items |
| Internet Explorer\Cache | 20.7 MB | 1077 items |
| Internet Explorer\Cookies | 28.7 KB | 96 items |
| Internet Explorer\Index.dat files | 1.9 MB | 6 items |
| Multimedia\Adobe Flash Player | 51.3 KB | 222 items |
| Multimedia\Microsoft Silverlight | 5.9 KB | 19 items |
| Productivity\MS Office 2007 | 3.2 KB | 4 items |
| Productivity\OpenOffice | 852 bytes | 1 items |
| System\Log Files | 5.1 MB | 12 items |

To go back to the list of categories, click the **Back** button. If you want to re-analyze before cleaning, you can click the **Back** button again to return to the Sections blade. You can reconfigure your scan settings or simply click **Analyze** to re-assess the system.



When you are ready to delete the unwanted files, click **Clean**.



Optimize Utility

The second tool on the SlimCleaner Dashboard is the **Optimize Utility**. This utility will automatically scan the computer and look for ways to increase the computer's performance. At the top of the Optimize Utility windows are three tabs: **Startup**, **Services**, and **Restore List**



The Startup tab

The **Startup** tab lists all of the programs set to run when Windows starts. Beside each startup entry is a checkbox. By placing a check in the box, you tell SlimCleaner to remove that item's startup entry. This will not remove the program; it just stops it from running automatically.

| Entry | Rating | Cloud AV | Public |
|--|---------|-------------------------|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> avast5 | Good | MORE INFO UPLOAD | AVAS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BatteryLifeExtender | Good | MORE INFO UPLOAD | Sams |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ChkWiz4VistaWin7 | Unrated | MORE INFO | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DAEMON Tools Lite | Good | MORE INFO UPLOAD | DT Sc |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dropbox.Ink | Good | MORE INFO VIEW RESULTS | Dropl |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EasyBatteryManager | Good | MORE INFO | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EasyDisplayMgr | Good | MORE INFO | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EasySpeedUpManager | Good | MORE INFO | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HotKeysCmds | Good | MORE INFO UPLOAD | Intel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IgfxTray | Good | MORE INFO UPLOAD | Intel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IPRemove | Good | MORE INFO VIEW RESULTS | Micro |

SlimCleaner uses an active cloud-based ratings system to determine which items are useful and which are typically not needed. Next to each startup item is a ratings bar with five different colors (one for each rating), and a status indicator which will identify the startup entry as **unwanted (red)**, **optional (yellow)**, or **good (green)**.



SlimCleaner only selects items that are non-vital to system functions and have a rating of yellow, orange, or red. These startup entries are not typically important to the operation of a computer, and they often cause slow boot-up times and other performance issues. To learn more about a specific item, click the **More Information** button for more information. If you are uncertain about the legitimacy of a particular startup process, you can upload the file to our Cloud Anti-Virus scanner to analyze the contents of the startup process' executable. This online scanner is not a substitute for real-time anti-malware protection. Make sure you keep your primary protection up-to-date and

perform regular scans to maintain proper security. To submit a rating, click the ratings bar and click a position on the slider that corresponds with your rating for that item.

When you've finished making your selections, click **Remove Selected**. This will disable the startup entries and move them to the **Restore List**.



If you wish to restore a startup entry, you can find the disabled entry listed in the **Restore List** tab. To re-enable a startup entry, place a check by the entry you wish to restore and click **Restore**.

The Services tab

The **Services** tab lists the services that are currently running on the computer. Services are programs that run in the background of a PC. Some are critical to the operation of a computer, while some add support for applications, and others perform system functions like executing scheduled tasks or resolving URLs in a web browser.

| Service Name | Community Rating | Cloud AV | Path |
|---|------------------|----------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adobe Acrobat Update Service | Good | | c:\pr |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Windows Audio | Good | | c:\w |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Windows Audio Endpoint Builder | Good | | c:\w |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TCP/IP NetBIOS Helper | Good | | c:\w |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VMware DHCP Service | Good | | c:\w |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VMware USB Arbitration Service | Good | | c:\pr |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VMware NAT Service | Good | | c:\w |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Windows Management Instrumentation | Good | | c:\w |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WLAN AutoConfig | Good | | c:\w |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Windows Live ID Sign-in Assistant | Good | | c:\pr |
| <input type="checkbox"/> @C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Mo | Good | | c:\p |

To get more information for a particular service, click the **MORE INFO** button. If you are uncertain of the legitimacy of a particular service, you can upload the file to our Cloud Anti-Virus scanner to analyze the contents of the startup process' executable by clicking the **UPLOAD** button next to the More Info button. Once the online scanner has finished analyzing the file, you can click the **VIEW RESULTS** button that takes the place of the UPLOAD button to view a web page containing details of the scan results. This online scanner is not a substitute for real-time anti-malware protection. Make sure you keep your primary protection up-to-date and perform regular scans to maintain proper security. To provide a rating for a given service, click on the Community Rating slider.



You can disable services by checking the box next to the services you want to disable and then clicking the **Remove Selected** button.

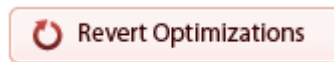


You can reinstate any services you've disabled by visiting the **Restore List** tab. Check the box next to items that you want to restore and click the **Restore** button to re-enable removed services.

If you're experiencing problems after disabling services, restore any services you've removed. If you are still experiencing problems, consult us at the community forum:
www.slimcleaner.com/forum/index.php.

The Restore tab

The **Restore** tab enables you to reinstate any startup processes or services that you have removed. You can selectively restore items by checking the box next to its entry and clicking the **Restore** button or you can undo all optimizations by clicking the **Revert Optimizations** button. You will be prompted to confirm all restorations you attempt to process.





Software Utility

The third tool on the SlimCleaner Dashboard is the **Software Utility**, which lists all of the programs installed on the computer and allows you to uninstall them. Like the Startup Tab in the optimizer utility, the Uninstaller uses a cloud-based rating system to determine what programs are safe for removal and which programs should remain on the computer. You are given recommendations for which programs you should consider removing, based on ratings collected from other computer users and technicians around the world. To rate an application, click the rating bar and click the position on the slider that corresponds to the rating you choose.

| Application | Community Rating | Publisher |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| GIMP 2.6.11 | Good | MORE INFO The GIMP Team |
| GOM Player | Good | MORE INFO Gretech Corporation |
| Google Chrome | Good | MORE INFO Google Inc. |
| Google Chrome Canary | Good | MORE INFO Google Inc. |
| Google Earth | Good | MORE INFO Google |
| Google Talk Plugin | Good | MORE INFO Google |
| Google Translator | Good | MORE INFO Dimox |
| Graboid Video 3.05 | Good | MORE INFO Graboid Inc. |
| Half-Life | Good | MORE INFO Valve |
| HashCheck Shell Extension (x86-64) | Good | MORE INFO Kai Liu |
| HEM NET 0.6.1.251 | Good | MORE INFO barlam357 |

If you find unfamiliar software while browsing the list, you may click on the MORE INFO button to be taken to a page on the SlimWare Utilities website dedicated to the particular software in question where you can view the known information for the alien software as well as additional information provided by the SlimWare community.

To uninstall a program, simply click on the name of the program, highlighting its entry in the list, then click **Uninstall**. Once the program's uninstaller has launched, follow the on-screen prompts to finalize the installation. If you are asked to **modify** or **remove** the program, select **remove**. If you encounter any problems, visit our forum at www.slimwareutilities.com/forum/index.php.

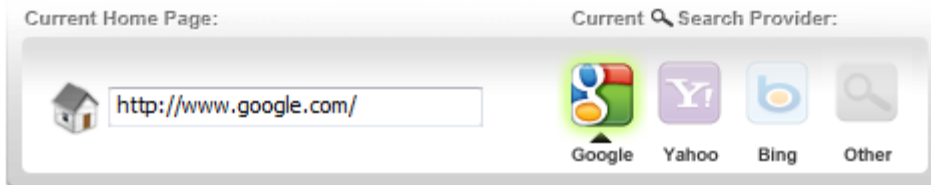


Note: Windows Updates are not shown by default. To view Windows Updates in the software list, check the box next to **Show Windows Updates**. It is advised that you do not uninstall any Windows Updates unless you are experiencing a problem with an update for which uninstallation is a known solution.

Browsers Utility



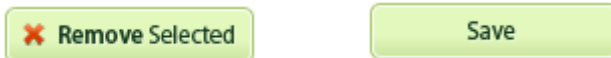
The fourth tool on the SlimCleaner Dashboard is the **Browsers Utility**. This tool enables the user to configure browser home-page and search provider for Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Opera, and Safari. The user can select the installed browser that they want to configure by clicking on the browser's icon in the **Browsers Utility** control panel.



To set the home-page, type the URL of the desired web page into the text box next to the house icon. You can also set the search provider by clicking on the icon of the desired search provider. If you want to use a provider other than the three major one's provided, click on the **Other** button to view other installed search providers.



You can also manage your browser's installed toolbars and extensions with this tool. In the box below, you will find a list similar to the Optimize utility's Startup and Services tabs. For Internet Explorer, you can browse **Toolbars**, **BHO's** and **ActiveX Objects**. For all other browsers, items are divided into **Extensions** or **Plugins**. To remove an item from your browser, check the box next to it and click the **Remove Selected** button. Make sure you click **Save** after making changes in the Browser Utility to apply all changes made. Some changes require the browser to be restarted to take effect.



You can reinstate an item that you have removed previously by restoring it from the **Restore** tab. To restore an item, check the box next to it and click the **Restore** button. It will be available after you restart the browser.



Hijack Log Utility

The fifth tool on the SlimCleaner Dashboard is the **Hijack Log** utility. When you click **Hijack Log**, SlimCleaner begins scanning your computer and creates a list of all of the active elements found on the computer, including startup entries, toolbars, browser helper objects, protocols, services, and other items. Support technicians can use this list to find what's active on the computer and make necessary modifications to increase the performance, stability, and security of a computer. The Hijack Log will display results in two sets: **Novice** and **Expert**.

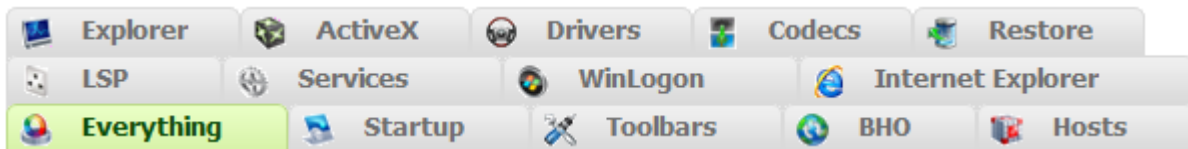
Novice



The **Novice** result set displays only some objects from the Hijack Log scan. It contains information about all active elements found on the computer, with the exception of items published by Microsoft, which are typically regarded as safe and not recommended for removal. The format of the list resembles the **Optimize** and **Uninstaller** lists, and the Hijack Log tool also uses the cloud-based ratings system to provide up-to-date information about each entry in the list. You are given the option to select items for removal based on each item's rating and status (good, optional, and unwanted.) For more information about a specific item, click the 'i' button located to the right of the status indicator.

You can select or deselect groups of items by right-clicking on a specific item and choosing an option from a context menu. For example, to select all Browser Helper Objects, right click on any item listed as 'BHO' and click '**Select all in this section**'. When you have finished selecting all items you wish to remove and you are ready to proceed, click **Remove Selected** in the bottom-right corner of the window.

Expert



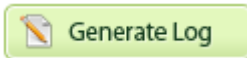
The Expert result set displays all active objects registered on your computer. This setting reveals all items enumerated by the scan. This mode is designed for IT specialists and not for novice users. Removing items from this list without knowing their function or purpose can potentially cause damage to your computer. If in doubt, leave it alone.

Restore Tab

The Restore Tab contains a list of items which have been deactivated and will no longer run automatically when the computer starts up or when their associated program is launched, as in the case of a web browser activating a BHO or toolbar. To re-activate one or more items, simply select them using the checkboxes then click the Restore button in the bottom-right corner of the window.

Generating a Hijack Log

In addition to using the Hijack Tool to deactivate objects found on the system, a text file version can be generated by clicking the **Generate Log** button found just below the Hijack log list. This log can be used by support professionals to provide technical assistance to a computer user.



In general, removing items using the **Hijack Log** a task for an IT professional, but **SlimCleaner** provides you with a way to automatically select entries based on their known status as dangerous or problematic. By assessing the computer with the cloud, **SlimCleaner** can find the most up-to-the-minute optimizations.



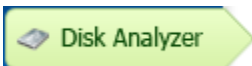
Disk Tools

The sixth tool on the SlimCleaner Dashboard is a collection of Disk Tools for optimizing your computer's hard disk drives. These tools will enhance the performance of your hard disks and maximize the efficiency with which you delete sensitive files and other personal data. SlimCleaner's Disk Tools include the Shredder, Disk Analyzer and Disk Wiper. Clicking the Disk Tools button on the Dashboard will open the Disk Tools in a new window.



Disk Summary

This is the default Disk Tool. The Disk Summary gives you a brief look at the disk drives connected to your computer. From here, you may select a hard drive, optical drive or floppy drive from the list and analyze it in the Disk Analyzer by clicking the disk of your choice and then clicking the Analyze button.

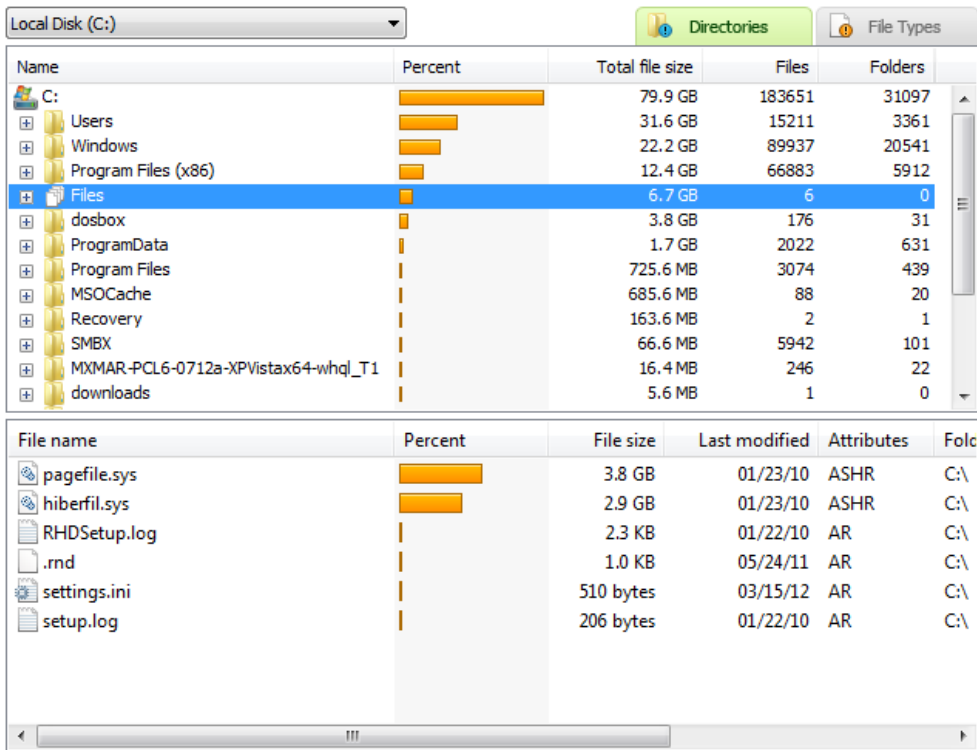


Disk Analyzer

The Disk Analyzer is an advanced file explorer that enables you to view information about the various files stored on all installed hard disks. The Disk Analyzer will display the largest files found on your computer so you can identify which files are taking up the most space on your computer and determine if they can be removed to regain disk space and improve performance. The Disk

Analyzer allows you to view all installed hard disks. To select a disk to view, click the drop-down menu at the top of the Disk Tools window and click the disk you wish to view. You can also choose to limit your selection to a specific folder and its sub-folders.

Navigating through your computer's files is similar to the file navigation of Windows Explorer. Simply click on the plus (+) sign next to a folder to expand it, thus revealing its additional contents. You can collapse an expanded sub-folder by clicking on the subtract (-) sign next to it. You can view the files on your disk by **Directories** or by **File Types**. You can filter the viewing results by clicking either of these tabs above the viewing window.



You can open the folder or file you are currently viewing by right-clicking and selecting Open Explorer here from the context menu. You can also view file properties and open the command line to the file you are viewing from the context menu. You can open the file from the context menu as well if it is a file that there is an installed program for handling its file type by default.

Disk Wiper

The Disk Wiper enables you to completely and safely wipe all of the data from your system's hard disk drives and removable storage devices. This is a useful tool if you want to completely remove any possibility of recovering data from a storage medium. You can use the Disk Wiper to wipe hard drives, CD's, DVD's, flash drives and other storage devices. The Disk Wiper can be set to wipe the entire storage device or just the free space on the storage medium. Wiping free space will prevent data that was previously written to that space from being recovered. This gives you added security when removing extra sensitive data. The wiper can be configured to wipe the disk over a single pass or multiple passes for greater effect. The more times the disk is overwritten by the wiper, the more unlikely it is that the data can be recovered.


To wipe a hard disk or other storage device, check the box next to the devices available in the selection field that you wish to wipe. Next, select the level of wipe security that you wish to employ and whether you wish to wipe only free space or all the data. When you are ready to wipe, click the big, red **Wipe** button at the bottom of the Disk Tools window.

A red, rounded rectangular button with the word "Wipe" in white text.

Shredder Utility

The Shredder is a powerful disk tool for erasing data from your computer. This utility allows you to permanently delete a selected file or all of the files in a selected folder. Unlike the Cleaner utility which removes known system and browser files that are unnecessary, the Shredder utility allows you to select specific files saved on the computer that have been created by a program or the user.

To select a file for permanent deletion, click **Add File**. This will open a browsing window where you can navigate to the file you wish to remove. If you want to remove all of the files in a given folder, select **Add Folder**. This will open the same browsing window as before but will allow you to select a whole file directory instead of a single file. You can also drag files and folders from anywhere on the computer and drop them in the shred list. If you decide you want to remove an item from the shred list, select it and click **Remove Selected**.

A green button with a white plus sign icon and the text "Add File".A green button with a white plus sign icon and the text "Add Folder".A green button with a white 'X' icon and the text "Remove Selected".

When you are finished compiling a list of files and folders you wish to permanently remove, next choose the level of data-overwriting. The more passes of overwriting are applied, the more garbled the data becomes, and the more difficult it will be to recover the contents of that file. Shred levels with a higher number of passes take longer to apply, but enact a more secure deletion.

Once you've selected the files/folders you wish to shred, click **Shred**.



Remember that this process does not utilize a recycle bin and the files will be destroyed. Be absolutely sure that you know the files you are about to shred are safe for destruction, because this operation cannot be undone.

It's a good idea to double-check the data you are about to destroy, making sure that it's either completely unnecessary or you have safe backups of the data. Once the data is destroyed, it's gone forever.



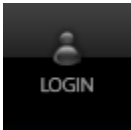
Windows Tools

The sixth tool on the SlimCleaner Dashboard is the **Windows Tools menu**. This menu supplies users and technicians with a comprehensive toolbox for assessing the current state of a computer, its processes, internal components, programs and drivers.

The **Windows Tools** pops out as a separate window so that it can be held independently from the other utilities. In the top right are two speed gauges. The first gauge shows CPU usage. The number on this gauge corresponds to the percentage of the central processing unit that is actively engaged by the system. The higher the number, the more of the CPUs resources are being dedicated to different programs and services.

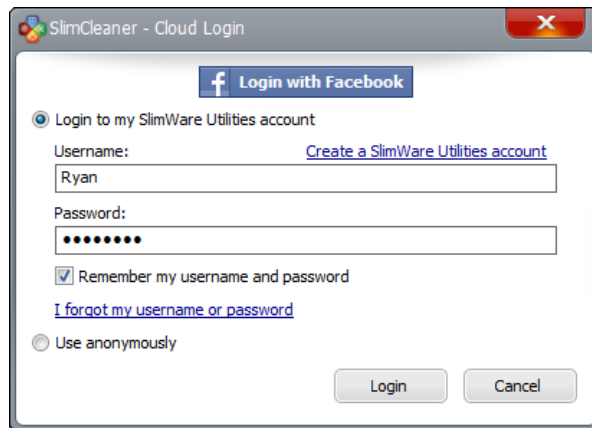
The second gauge shows RAM usage. The number on this gauge corresponds to the percentage of the computer's **Virtual Memory** that is actively used up by the system. The higher the number, the more of the **Random Access Memory** that is being dedicated to different programs and services.

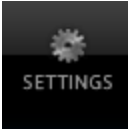
The tools listed in the **Windows Tools** menu are quick links to different diagnostic controls inside of Windows. Instead of accessing each control individually, you can click a quick-link and open that control directly.



Login

To earn badges achieved for rating software and providing your personal descriptions for software using SlimCleaner, sign up for a free SlimWare Utilities account and login when you use SlimCleaner. You can register by clicking the link in the login dialog box. To login, simply enter the user information you used to register and click Login. Alternatively, you may login using your Facebook account.





SlimCleaner Settings

You can adjust specific elements of all of SlimCleaner's utilities by clicking on the **Settings** button. You must click the **Save** button at the bottom of the window to apply any changes you've made in settings. You can undo all changes made by clicking the **Default Settings** button.

To view log files created by SlimCleaner, click the **Show Logs...** button visible in all settings windows.

General Settings

From here you can control whether or not SlimCleaner will run automatically when Windows starts, and instruct SlimCleaner to check for updates each time you launch it.

SlimCleaner does not create log files by default. To create log files during operation, enable logging in general settings.

The General settings contain controls for disabling certain warnings that appear before cleaning and when removing highly rated items.

You can also install a portable USB version of SlimCleaner for use on other computers, and view the log files generated by each scan.

Scheduler

From here you can schedule a daily or weekly scan. To schedule a scan, first select the **Schedule** menu in the left window pane of the Settings dialog. Then, check the box next to **Schedule a scan**. The scheduling form will then be available for you to configure. You can schedule scans on a weekly or daily basis under the **Schedule task** drop-down menu. Make sure to set the schedule time to a time when you will not be using your computer so the scan does not interfere with your computer use.

Cleaner

From here you can control whether SlimCleaner displays a warning when you select Clean from the Cleaner utility. You can also remove items from the Ignore List by selecting an item then clicking the Remove button located near the bottom of the window.

Cookies

SlimCleaner enables you to exclude cookies from scans so that they are not removed during cleaning. This is helpful for certain websites that you want to remember login information. The cookies that SlimCleaner has identified are visible in the **Known Cookies** list. To exclude a cookie from being cleaned, select it by clicking it once and then clicking the **Add >** button to move it to the

Excluded Cookies list. Cookies in the Excluded Cookies list will not be removed during cleaning. You can remove a cookie from the Excluded Cookies list by clicking the **< Remove** button to move it back to the Known Cookies list.

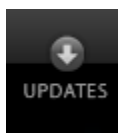
You can also add domains not listed in the Known Cookies list by adding it via the **Custom Domain** text box. To preserve all cookies from the domain *facebook.com*, you would type **facebook.com** into the Custom Domain text box and then click the **Add Custom** button. The custom domain will appear in the list of **Excluded Cookies**. Make sure to click **Save** to finalize all changes made.

Cloud AV

The **Cloud AV** scanner in the **Optimize** utility can be configured to use a custom set of anti-virus engines if you do not want to use the default scanners provided. To do this, you will have to sign up for a public API key from VirusTotal. SlimWare Utilities does not handle this process and cannot assign you a public API key.

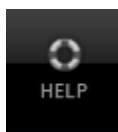
Registry

Here you can manage registry backups created whenever you clean the Windows registry using SlimCleaner. If you ever experience undesirable effects from removing registry components using SlimCleaner, you can restore the registry objects deleted using the backups in the Registry Settings window. You can also remove Ignores you have added from the Scan Results by selecting a Key Path and then clicking the **Delete** button. Removing an Ignore from the Registry Settings will cause it to be included in all future scans.



Updates

The SlimWare Utilities development team is constantly working to improve the feature set and usability of SlimCleaner. Check for updates frequently to ensure you have the latest version. By clicking **Updates** you authorize SlimCleaner to contact the update server at SlimCleaner.com and check for updates.



Help

Use **SlimCleaner Help** to get further assistance with using SlimCleaner. Here you can access **Online Help** by visiting the SlimCleaner **Forums**. The forums host our staff of around-the-clock moderators, each one trained in assessing computer problems and optimizing PC systems.

You can also view **Online Tutorials** that walk you through SlimCleaner's essential functions, and learn about other products from SlimWare Utilities.

If this user guide has not been of adequate assistance, there are other ways to find out what you need to know. Visit our Video Tutorials to see the various utilities in action and watch sample cleanings. You can also visit our FAQ page, which answers many questions that people often have concerning SlimCleaner's specific abilities and limitations. You can also e-mail us at info@slimwareutilities.com.