

Windows XP Performance Programs - Free

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*** Grisoft AVG Free Edition 7.1 [Antivirus Software]** **<http://Free.grisoft.com>**

AVG Free for Windows is a free anti-virus protection tool developed by Grisoft for home use. Some of the highlights of AVG Free for Windows include:

- Rapid virus database updates for the lifetime of the product
 - No system slow down
 - Automatic update functionality
 - The AVG Resident Shield, which provides real-time protection as files are opened and programs are run
 - The AVG E-mail Scanner, which protects your e-mail
 - The AVG On-Demand Scanner, which allows you to perform scheduled and manual tests
 - The AVG Virus Vault for safe isolation and handling of infected files
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*** Ad-Aware SE Personal Edition V1.06 [Spyware Removal]** **(Free: <http://www.lavasoftusa.com>)**

Ad-Aware Personal provides advanced protection from known data-mining, aggressive advertising, Trojans, dialers, malware, browser hijackers, and tracking components. This software is downloadable free of charge.

*** Spybot Search & Destroy V1.4 [Spyware Removal]** **(Free: <http://www.safer-networking.org>)**

This program detects and removes different kinds of spyware from your computer. If you see new toolbars in Internet Explorer that you didn't install, or you experience other problems, you may have spyware. This program prevents marketing companies from gathering information about your Web surfing and purchasing habits, and selling it to advertisers. Spybot also includes some immunization features, but you're better off using SpywareBlaster for prevention.

*** MS Windows Defender Beta 2 Free [Spyware Prevention & Removal]**
<http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/spyware/software/default.mspx>

Windows Defender (Beta 2) detects and removes known spyware from your computer, which helps make your Internet browsing safer.

Windows Defender (Beta 2) is a free program that helps protect your computer against pop-ups, slow performance, and security threats caused by spyware and other unwanted software. It features Real-Time Protection, a monitoring system that recommends actions against spyware when it's detected, and a new streamlined interface that minimizes interruptions and helps you stay productive.

*** SpywareBlaster V3.5.1 [Spyware Prevention]**
(Free: <http://www.javacoolsoftware.com>)

Ad-Aware and Spybot are adept at eliminating spyware, but they won't do much to prevent it from appearing on your computer: in fact, by the time you scan, any installed spyware might already have leaked information to a remote party. SpywareBlaster prevents the installation of ActiveX-based spyware (A loosely defined set of technologies developed by Microsoft for sharing information among different applications.) , adware, browser hijackers, dialers, and other intrusions, and it can block suspicious cookies via IE and Firefox browsers. One of the most appealing aspects of SpywareBlaster is that it doesn't hog system resources because it doesn't even need to be running in the background.

*** EasyCleaner V2.0.6.380 [Cleaner]**
(Free: <http://www.personal.inet.fi/business/toniarts>)

EasyCleaner is a small program which searches the Windows registry for entries that are pointing nowhere. **EasyCleaner** also lets you delete all kinds of unnecessary files such as temps and backups. You can search for duplicate files and you can view some interesting info about your disk space usage! You are also able to manage startup programs, invalid shortcuts and add/remove software list. ToniArts may not be held accountable in any way if **EasyCleaner** affects your computer in a negative way. List of some features:

- Very **nice interface!**
- Finds invalid registry entries ----> deleting them **speeds up your computer!**
- Finds duplicate files ----> deleting them will **free disk space!**
- Finds all unnecessary files like backups, temps etc. ----> deleting them will **free disk space!**
- Finds all invalid shortcuts ----> deleting them will **free disk space and increase usability!**
- Manage programs starting at Windows startup! ----> who knows, you might even **catch a virus before it gets serious!**

- Manage Windows **add/remove software** listing!
 - Easily remove Internet Explorer's **temporary Internet files, history and cookies!**
 - Very **user friendly!**
 - Shows some interesting info about your **disk space usage.**
 - Very **customizable.**
 - **Multi-language** support!
 - Uses only **little amount of resources** while running!
 - **Huge help file** which gives you every little detail about EasyCleaner!
 - And much more...
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*** CCleaner V1.28.277 [Cleaner]**
(Free: <http://www.ccleaner.com>)

CCleaner is a freeware system optimization and privacy tool. It removes unused files from your system - allowing Windows to run faster and freeing up valuable hard disk space. It also cleans traces of your online activities such as your Internet history. But the best part is that it's fast (normally taking less than a second to run) and contains NO Spyware or Adware! :)

*** AM-DeadLink V2.7 [Cleaner]**
(Free: <http://www.aignes.com/deadlink.htm>)

AM-DeadLink detects dead links and duplicates in your Browser Bookmarks. If a Bookmark has become unavailable you can verify it in the internal preview and delete it from your Browser. Additionally you can download FavIcons for all your Favorites and Bookmarks.

AM-Deadlink works with Internet Explorer, Opera, Mozilla and Firefox.

*** Microsoft Tweak UI [System Tweaking]**
(Free: <http://www.microsoft.com/ntworkstation/downloads/PowerToys/Networking/NTTweakUI.asp>)

This PowerToy gives you access to system settings that are not exposed in the Windows XP default user interface, including mouse settings, Explorer settings, taskbar settings, and more.

*** Belarc Advisor [System Information]**
(Free: http://www.belarc.com/free_download.html)

The **Belarc Advisor** builds a detailed profile of your installed software and hardware, missing Microsoft hotfixes, anti-virus status, CIS (Center for Internet Security) benchmarks, and displays the results in your Web browser. All of your PC profile information is kept private on your PC and is not sent to any web server.
