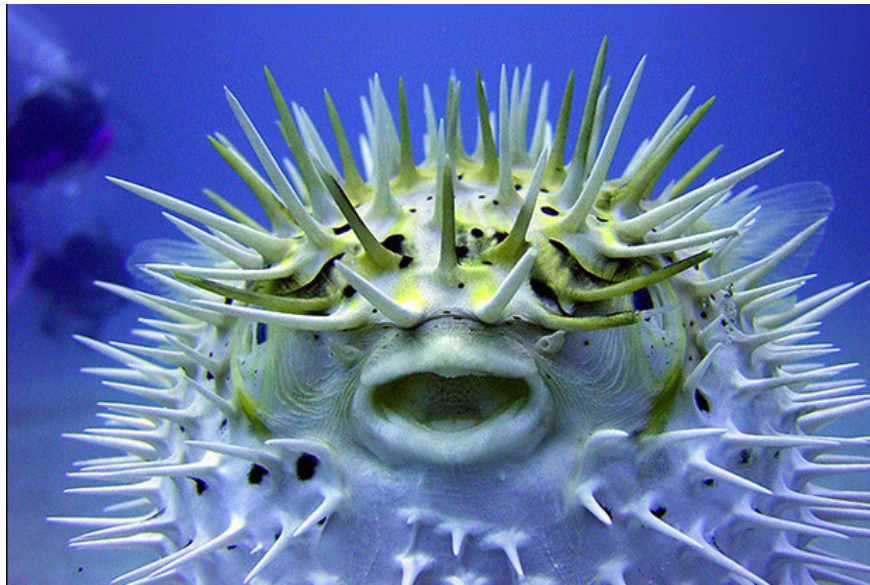


What is Bloatware? How to remove Bloatware?

What is Bloatware? Why remove Bloatware from the device? This article will provide you with the most basic knowledge about Bloatware and how to remove Bloatware from the system.

Bloatware are software, applications built by the manufacturer on the device, or built into the operating system that you cannot remove it in the usual way. The term Bloatware is used both on computers and mobile phones. Most Bloatware are rated as useless, resource-consuming (RAM, CPU, network), so many people have found ways to delete it from their device.

Usually Bloatware is utility software in the form of trial for a certain period of time or is free to use for a short period of time. After that, if you want to continue using, users will have to pay.



1. New computer = add-ons

Why do computer vendors add this software on new devices? Sometimes it is simply to provide tools to add functionality on the system.

Generally on Windows computers you will encounter two types of pre-installed software: Applications that run on the old desktop interface and applications that run in Tablet Mode.

In the above 2 types of software, there are some other types of software:

- Trialware:

Trialware is software that can be used for free for a certain period of time, usually within 30 days or 6 months. After expiration, if you want to continue using the software you will have to pay.

McAfee and Norton software are popular trialware software.

- Useful utilities and applications:

Manufacturers often integrate their software on computers they "market" to the market. For example, Lenovo often integrates Lenovo Solution Center - a maintenance program to check hardware problems and make sure to update your software.

In addition, computer vendors also regularly pre-install full versions of 3rd party software. For example, Cyberlink Media Suite - a popular add-on that contains tools for creating videos and editing photos, DVDs and other media devices, etc. Also Cyberlink also creates PowerDVD software that you sometimes find on Dell computers.

Nero, a tool to burn CDs and DVDs is also one of the third software preinstalled by computer vendors.

In some cases, you can completely uninstall these software, in some other cases it is not.

Note that in many cases, these utilities "overlap" with the functions available on the Windows operating system

- Adware:

Finally Adware. Adware is an adware that exists on websites or through popup windows.

Adware can cause your computer to slow down and also be one of the "tails" that tracks all your activities, and when Adware comes into contact with your operating system, it can cause many dangers. It's dangerous that even you can't predict it.

3. Uninstall Bloatware on the computer

What can you do with Bloatware integrated on your computer?

In some cases you can remove Bloatware by uninstalling the software. Before proceeding to install any new applications on the system, it is best to check the software and proceed to remove applications that you know you will no longer use.

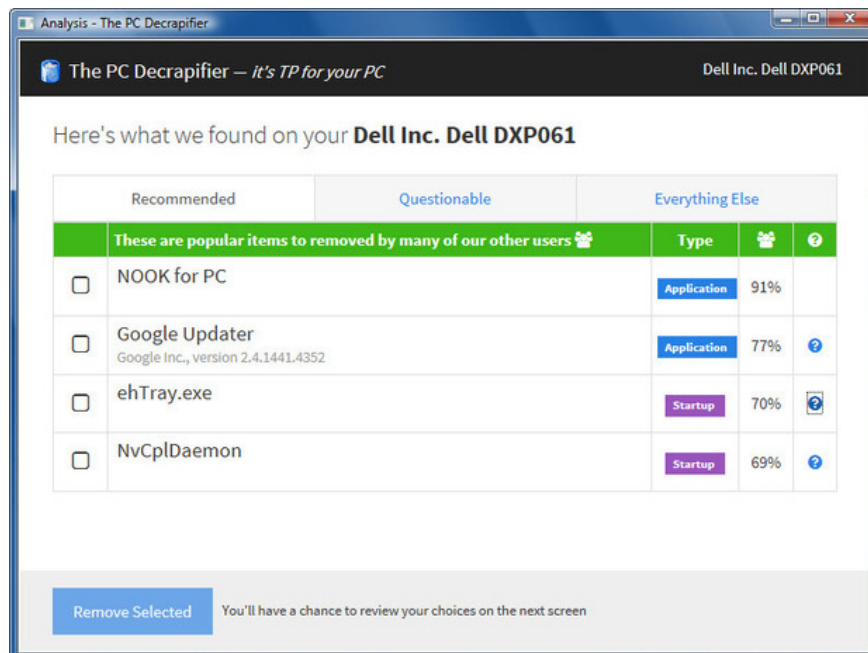
Conversely, for programs preinstalled on the operating system, users are almost unable to "intervene".

For example, Samsung pre-installs software called SW Update to update Windows, drivers and other related software. However, a small program in SW update called Disable_Windowsupdate.exe prevents Windows Updates from working "properly" - and the program cannot be removed.

On June 26, 2015, Samsung had to change the software to allow Windows Updates to work properly.

If you can't uninstall Bloatware on your system or if you suspect Bloatware is present on your system, you can use some of the tools below to remove bloatware.

3.1. The PC Decrapifier



The PC Decrapifier is a free application designed to detect popular bloatware installed on the system. The application runs as an exe file, so you can run the application from the USB drive if you want.

After running The PC Decrapifier, wait a few minutes for the application to analyze your system. After scanning and analysis, The PC Decrapifier will categorize the items it finds into 3 main categories: Recommended, Questionable and Everything Else.

The Recommended section is a list of software you should uninstall, the Questionable section is a list of software you "may" want to uninstall, and finally the Everything Else is a list of software with little information. or no information at all.

Each list will display the file names, file formats (applications or Startups) and the percentage of PC Decrapifier users that should uninstall.

The nature of PC Decrapifier is based on the "wisdom" of users to determine what software is bloatware and what software is not.

Just check the box next to each application you want to remove to uninstall those applications. However, the program cannot provide enough information for you to decide which individual program to remove.

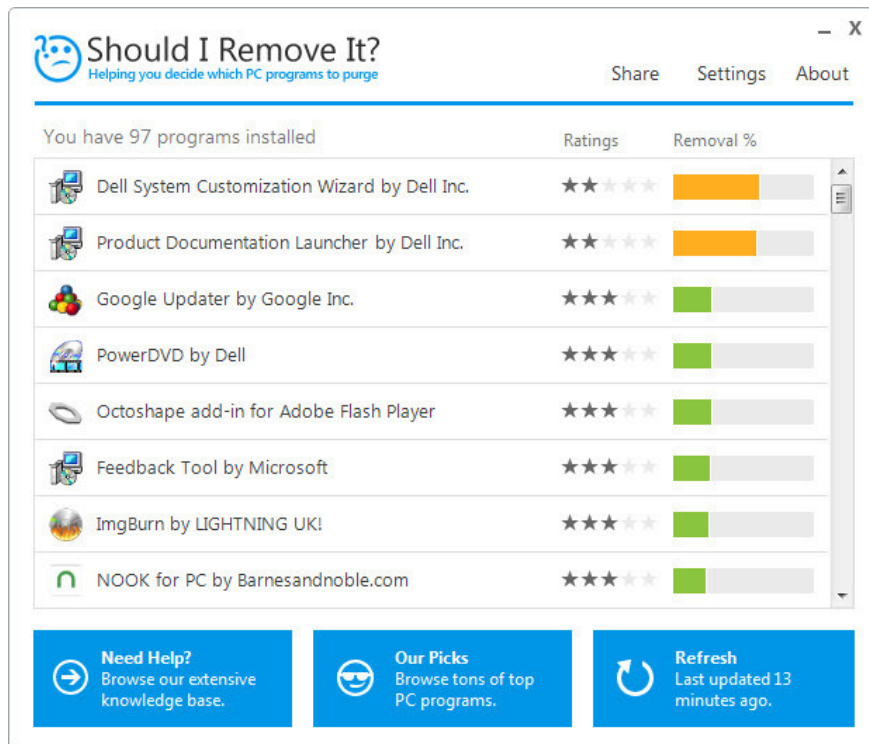
3.2. Should I Remove It?

Like PC Decrapifier, Should I Remove It? is also a free program that is used to determine which software should be removed and which software should not.

For each program or software that the application finds, Should I Remove It? will display the percentage that other users have removed, as well as evaluate the program, . This information is far more useful than the information provided by The PC Decrapifier application.

Should I Remove It? Displays all the programs that the application finds on your computer and displays the color code according to the uninstallation rate. The red color is displayed for a high uninstallation rate, the orange color shows a moderate to blue ratio, and shows a low scale.

In the example below, there are no programs in "red" level "alarm" status. There are only 2 programs Dell System Customization Wizard and Dell Documentation Launcher in moderate alarm condition - orange.



Should I Remove It? Google Updater and Nook PC app reviews in low alarm status - green. In addition, the application did not find any list of any Startup programs such as ehTray.exe and NvCplDaemon.

3.3. Slim Computer



Like The PC Decrapifier and Should I Remove It ?, Slim Computer is also a free application used to determine what software on your computer is Bloatware to uninstall the software.

However, Slim Computer's other point compared to the above two applications is that it can search and detect extensions on browsers, plugins, ActiveX and other "suspicious" add-ins that are Bloatware.

Before using the application to scan, it is best to use the **Settings => Advanced** interface on the application interface and change **Scanner Threshold** mode from **Default** (default) to **Aggressive** .

Default mode (default) is designed for low-level users. This mode is quite safe but it is impossible to find and detect "potential" programs that may be Bloatware.

The Aggressive mode detects and searches for programs that are considered Bloatware much better.

To start the scanning process, click **Scan** and wait for a few minutes for the application to scan and search. After scanning the programs, the software you want to delete will be displayed in four categories: Applications, Browsers, Startup Items and Shortcuts.

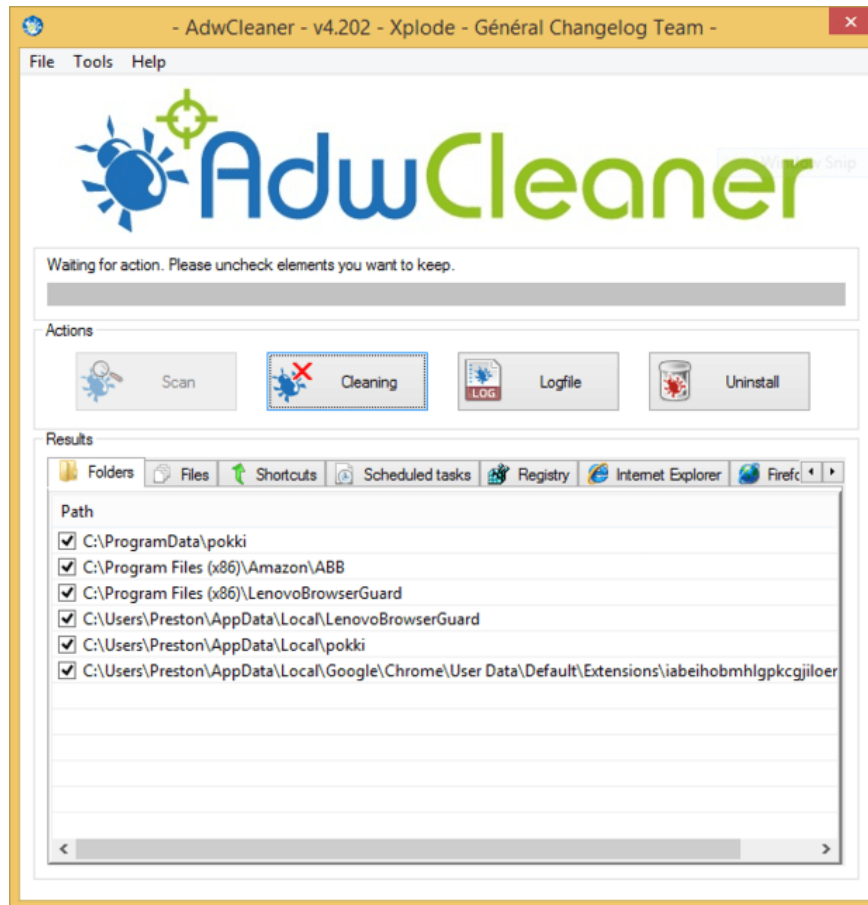
Each item list includes the name of each program, manufacturer (if available) and advice on whether or not to remove those programs or software based on the options that other Slim Computer users have made.

Slim Computer also provides information in each item. Click on the **More Info** link to see the software description and software functionality, the number of users recommending whether or not to remove the software and user comments. Is it a great idea to choose whether to remove the software on your computer?

For more information about extensions on the browser, plugin, ActiveX and other add-ins you want to remove, click **Browsers** in the left column, then click the Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Opera icons. or Safari. Now on the screen you will see a list of add-ins on each browser, reviews and the More Info button.

Near the top of the screen you will see the default search engine of each browser.

3.4. AdwCleaner



If you want to remove all toolbar and similar bloatware in your browser, you can use Slim Computer. However, if you want to make sure all the toolbar and bloatware are removed, you can use AdwCleaner.

All you need to do is run the application, then click **Scan** and wait for a few minutes for the application to complete the scan, then click on each browser list to see the types of toolbar and bloatware found on your browser.

Remove the items that you do not want to delete, then proceed to delete the items you have selected.

Note:

Before proceeding, make sure all programs running on your computer are closed. The reason is simply because when AdwCleaner deletes the items you have selected, it may lose your data.

After performing the cleaning of the items, AdwCleaner will restart and create a text file containing a list of programs, software . found by the application and programs, software . but AdwCleaner has "cleaned up".

3.5. Some other tools

In addition to some of the applications and tools above, you can search and install some other anti-adware tools to remove adware on your computer.

Some effective adware removal tools that you can refer to as Ultra Adware Killer. Ultra Adware Killer will check the system, identify adware and notify you to proceed to remove adware containing software.

In addition, some applications prevent both malware and spyware that you can use are Spybot and Malwarebytes Anti-Malware.

Refer to some of the following articles:

1. How to know if your computer is being "attacked" by a hacker?
1. How to identify a link is safe?
1. Summary of the most frightening "virus worms" on computer systems

Good luck!

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