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Thread: [What Programs Remove Malicious Items the Best?](#)

Orchid - February 15, 2015, 1:44 pm

Have you ever infected yourself with malicious content?

This thread will help you remove all those bad and ugly files!

I am not guaranteeing that your machine will be spick and span but it will be more than likely, clean. Most people in the [White Hat Malware, Virus, and Rat Removal Help](#) need simple programs to remove their problems.

After ever summary you will see a download link where you can download the program from.

If you need any help additional help with using these programs, [PM](#) me.

Trust me on this one, these programs will make your life a lot easier.

[AdwCleaner](#)

[AdwareMedic](#)

[Malwarebytes](#)

[RogueKiller](#)

[RKill](#)

[Junkware Removal Tool](#)

Orchid - February 15, 2015, 1:49 pm

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<http://www.bleepingcomputer.com/download/adwcleaner/> is where you can download AdwCleaner from.

Orchid - February 15, 2015, 1:50 pm

AdwareMedic is the sister program to AdwCleaner.

People use AdwareMedic to remover adware that pop up while surfing the internet.

The main reason this is still in accumulation is because it only works on Mac and not Windows.

AdwCleaner only works on Windows and AdwareMedic only works on Mac.
I prefer AdwareMedic over AdwCleaner because it gets the scans done in about 3-6 seconds, as AdwCleaner takes 1-2 minutes.
AdwareMedic is a free download and does not require a paid subscription.
<http://www.adwaremedic.com> is where you can download AdwareMedic from.

Orchid - February 15, 2015, 1:51 pm

Malwarebytes also known as "MBAM" is a program that removes a lot or most of the malicious items on your machine.
Malwarebytes is not an anti-virus.
The only downside I have discovered with Malwarebytes is that if you have a program installed that is safe it spams you saying it isn't safe.
Anti-Viruses sometimes miss malware deeply hidden in your machine so don't fully trust them but Malwarebytes will most likely not miss anything.
Malwarebytes is free for a trial time but can be bought for \$24.95.
<http://www.malwarebytes.org/> is where you can download Malwarebytes from.

Orchid - February 15, 2015, 1:51 pm

Roguekiller is one of the best free to use programs right next to AdwCleaner.
I really like the GUI and it has so many extra features to insure you're clean.
You can check host files and fix them with a click of a button, it also has an Anti-RootKit option which is awesome.
This program is self-explanatory, it kills the "Rogue" files in your machine.
This program is free to use and you do not need anything extra.
<http://www.bleepingcomputer.com/download/roguekiller/> is where you can download RogueKiller from.

Orchid - February 15, 2015, 1:52 pm

RKill is one of the most simplistic but sophisticated programs I have ever seen.
Traditional anti-virus scans won't terminate all of the malware inside of your computer.
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Junkware Removal Tool is a highly recommended program.
It is a cousin to AdwCleaner because it removes so much Adware and deletes things such as Conduit and Babylon search engine.
Junkware Removal Tool has a feature where it auto-updates in the program.
Auto-Updating is good because you don't have to re-download the program again.
I also like how this program is ran with a command prompt window so it doesn't over complicate things.
Junkware Removal Tool is free to use and is worth downloading.
<http://www.bleepingcomputer.com/download/junkware-removal-tool/> is where you can download Junkware Removal Tool from.

OffCode - February 15, 2015, 2:11 pm

Nice thread man! This is helpful thread need stick! :)

10/10*

HoshHash - February 15, 2015, 2:12 pm

It is a great guide except for the one error that he fixed with RKill. Keep Up the good work!

Ta-kun - February 15, 2015, 2:17 pm

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I don't see any spelling errors, PM me the ones you see.

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I changed it a bit, I have rarely worked with RKill to be honest.

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(Feb 15, 2015 03:27 PM)Farfar Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I already told him that in PM on what it does :P.
Yeah, I used it like once just to test, never really got the hang of RKill.

GenericSkid - February 15, 2015, 2:35 pm

Rkill link is down. You need the / at the end of the URL.

Orchid - February 15, 2015, 2:38 pm

Update 1.0.0: Updated RKill definition and fixed the RKill link.

Nick Burkhardt - February 15, 2015, 5:09 pm

This deserves a pin to be honest :)

Orchid - February 15, 2015, 5:18 pm

(Feb 15, 2015 06:09 PM)JonasDK Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This deserves a pin to be honest :)
You're so thoughtful, I didn't even think this would be qualified for a sticky.

I this threads helps anyone post here so I can know if I did something right.

Microrobot - February 15, 2015, 7:07 pm

Nice thread this should help new members I can personally vouch for these programs absolutely HQ.

Ienaos - February 15, 2015, 7:22 pm

Great guide Orchid, hopefully it gets stickied.

Herbert - February 16, 2015, 8:25 am

helped me checkup my computer this guy knows what he's doing, appreciate it bud! hope this get stickied so everyone gets helped!

Be?tray?ed - February 16, 2015, 10:00 am

This thread is so useful, hopefully it gets stickied.

Oblitius - February 16, 2015, 10:17 am

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well then - February 16, 2015, 8:43 pm

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Programming - February 16, 2015, 9:15 pm

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Orchid - February 17, 2015, 12:41 pm

(Feb 16, 2015 09:43 PM)?????Appa?? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Both of these programs are good for removing Adware.I know, AdwCleaner does it a bit better though.

(Feb 16, 2015 10:15 PM)Programming Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Orchid paid me to this.

jk love you baeDo you think you're funny or something?

WebShark_anon - February 17, 2015, 5:14 pm

Thank you! I am still having some issues getting rid of some PUM.Dns in the registry. Roguekill is getton error [5] when trying to delete.

Orchid - February 17, 2015, 5:20 pm

(Feb 17, 2015 06:14 PM)WebShark_anon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thank you! I am still having some issues getting rid of some PUM.Dns in the registry. Roguekill is getton error [5] when trying to delete.

Did you run roguekiller as an admin?

You can also try Junkware Removal Tool.

FRANKIE - February 17, 2015, 5:52 pm

This thread was probably one of the most helpful threads I have ever come across on the forum. I was able to finally fix up one of my old laptops because of this thread. Thank you Orchid

Dex? - February 17, 2015, 5:55 pm

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Orchid - February 17, 2015, 6:00 pm

(Feb 17, 2015 06:55 PM)Dex? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) idk dude

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lean - February 17, 2015, 6:03 pm

Nice share Orchid. Thanks for the HQ post

Orchid - February 17, 2015, 6:05 pm

(Feb 17, 2015 07:01 PM)Simply™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I have four unencrypted rats on my computer, this didn't detect one..

Did I make the program, no.

Go complain somewhere else and not on my thread.

Bull™ - February 18, 2015, 4:31 am

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Orchid - February 18, 2015, 11:33 am

(Feb 18, 2015 05:31 AM)Bull™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I can say this is a great informational Thread :P
Thanks Bull, really means a lot coming from you.

Dorrance - February 18, 2015, 2:32 pm

So what do you think about Malwarebytes Anti-Exploit.

Orchid - February 18, 2015, 4:11 pm

(Feb 18, 2015 03:32 PM)Dorrance Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) So what do you think about Malwarebytes Anti-Exploit. I think there are way to many exploits thus far in 2015.

Zink - February 18, 2015, 8:37 pm

This is a very nice thread, very informational.

EndGamE - February 19, 2015, 1:57 pm

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Orchid - February 21, 2015, 2:22 pm

(Feb 19, 2015 02:57 PM)EndGamE Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This is pretty useful. I've never used adwcleaner before. Great post. Probably should be a sticky.

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VRUMM - February 21, 2015, 2:23 pm

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Orchid - February 21, 2015, 2:27 pm

(Feb 21, 2015 03:23 PM)Sh1eld Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) who made those animations. looks dope
Renium, I paid him \$15 for them, quite cheap.

EndGamE - February 21, 2015, 2:30 pm

(Feb 21, 2015 03:22 PM)Orchid Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks, if this thread got stickied and people cared about it I would update it 24/7.

Yeah, personally I think it should be a sticky.

Income. - February 22, 2015, 3:56 pm

Some Adware been messing my PC for the last couple of days and it seems like adwcleaner did a great job.

Thanks.

Realizm - February 23, 2015, 4:06 pm

This is a really great guide. I plan on applying for TBH's WhiteHat classes in late March so that I can

help a few members out and whatnot. Nice thread :)

Fix Yo Bottles - February 23, 2015, 6:37 pm

another great thread coming from orchid.

Ulysses S Grant™ - February 28, 2015, 5:53 am

Orchid is the man still waiting for him to wakeup tho

SIM-1676753 - March 4, 2015, 6:15 pm

(Feb 15, 2015 02:51 PM)Orchid Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The only downside I have discovered with Malwarebytes is that if you have a program installed that is safe it spams you saying it isn't safe. You can easily add them to the exclusions list, though it is probably marked as malicious for a specific reason.

Orchid - March 4, 2015, 6:29 pm

(Mar 4, 2015 07:15 PM)Mr. Trvp Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You can easily add them to the exclusions list, though it is probably marked as malicious for a specific reason.
?, I mean that if you don't have them on the list.

HoshHash - March 5, 2015, 12:26 pm

(Mar 5, 2015 01:17 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Orchid is love, Orchid is life.Omni we know that already!, Alright?

Null Byte - March 5, 2015, 5:34 pm

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EDIT: oh, I see now.

Retribute - March 5, 2015, 7:24 pm

(Mar 5, 2015 06:34 PM)Null Byte Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How the hell did this thread get stickied?

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It's funny because that was my initial reaction as well ?

NoScript - March 6, 2015, 8:30 am

(Mar 5, 2015 06:34 PM)Null Byte Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How the hell did this thread get stickied?

EDIT: oh, I see now.

I was wondering the exact same thing ?

Orchid - April 8, 2015, 6:07 am

This is still available to anyone who needs it.

TazzyOpz - April 8, 2015, 7:03 am

(Mar 5, 2015 06:34 PM)Null Byte Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How the hell did this thread get stickied?

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Maybe not? I can't tell but Omni had posted that it was paid sticky about a month ago. It's helpful however didn't aura make a list of something like this? None the less. Thanks Orchid.

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I seen that I didn't read the date until later. I edited my post. sorry. ?

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I know it's not really needed but I do have a lot of junk on my PC such as pictures and I hate having them in different folders, I have to have easy access to them hence why my desktop is always full. So to save the effort and time off going through my PC to delete them I just choose to reinstall windows because if I do have any malicious stuff on my PC which has gone through my security then I know it'll be gone. But that's going a little off-topic now ?

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Wait, I'll check that for you mr.Orchid.

Edit: I take my words back, anyway, if you're interessted in malware hit me up.

Orchid - June 1, 2015, 8:04 pm

Here we go guys, reviving this m9s

sharkboy6745 - June 4, 2015, 4:00 pm

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Knautschtabak - June 5, 2015, 12:23 am

(Jun 4, 2015 04:00 PM)sharkboy6745 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) 10/10 great thread. The only problem I have with Rogue Killer, is that it gives off a lot of false positives. Other than that, it's a great tool!

Yes, Roguekiller is only meant to be used by experts who can analyse the output and decide whether it is legitimate.

No one should use it without being supervised or trained.

G????????f????s? - June 5, 2015, 12:28 am

Orchid tryna be part of hfnt. not work

farux - *June 5, 2015, 9:50 am*

awesome list, thanks a lot!

Orchid - *May 31, 2016, 5:54 am*

I try so hard and I fall down in the end it doesn't even matter

Orchid - *September 21, 2017, 7:55 am*

Still think this thread is somewhat relevant, this is when I had half the knowledge I have now.

BrBi - *September 23, 2017, 7:57 am*

I think avast, is one of the best... but it can be bypassed too...

So the best way is to have a sandbox software and test the file with it