

# Allume Internet Cleanup **Review**

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According to the manual, "Internet Cleanup is a quick and easy way to protect your privacy by blocking unauthorized data transmission and cleaning files left over from Internet

browsing. Internet Cleanup blocks cookies, pop-ups and ad's, cleans out Instant Message Logs, web cache files, Internet history files, manages browser cookies, detects spyware and can securely delete files or folders so that they cannot be recovered. With Internet Cleanup only applications you approve can send data to other servers on the Internet. Internet Cleanup can recover megabytes of disk space and remove traces of where you visited on the web. Internet Cleanup will also tell you how many megabytes you will save prior to removing the files."

## System Requirements

The minimum operating system requirement for Internet Cleanup 2.0 is Mac OS 10.2. The minimum hardware requirement is a PowerPC processor, 8 MB of installed RAM, and 13 MB of free hard disk space. It costs \$29.99.

## Internet Cleanup Basics

Internet Cleanup is basically a set of programs designed to protect you in four ways.

1. When you are connected to the net, it can stop unauthorized transmissions. It supports Safari, Microsoft Internet Explorer/America Online, Netscape Navigator or Communicator, iCab, Opera, and Sherlock.

ALWAYS PROTECTED:	
When you're connected to the Net	✓
Stops unauthorized transmissions	•
Supports Safari, IE, Netscape and Opera	•
When you're surfing the web	✓
Blocks ALL pop-ups & ad banners	•
Selectively blocks pop-ups & ad banners	•
Selectively blocks cookies	•
Removes browser cache and history files	•
After you've finished using the Net	✓
Removes Spyware	•
Removes Instant Messenger chat logs	•
When you're offline	✓
Secure Delete™ shreds your files & folders!	•
Protects your desired cookies	•

2. When you are surfing the net, it can block pop-ups and ad banners, and block cookies (for browsers Safari, Microsoft Internet Explorer/America Online, Netscape Navigator or Communicator, iCab, Opera, and Sherlock).

3. When you are finished surfing the net, it can remove spyware, IM chat logs for Apple's iChat 2.x, Fire 0.32.x, Adium 1.6.2 (and 2.x previews), AOL Instant Messenger 4.7, ICQ 3.4, MSN Messenger 3.5, Proteus 3.0.6, and Yahoo! Messenger 2.5.3, and remove browser cache and history files.

4. When you have finished using the net and are offline, it can delete your files and folders securely, manage and protect your cookies, and clean up your email attachments in Entourage, Eudora, and Outlook Express.

Version 2.0 was on the CD, so the first thing I did was to go to the web site and see if there were any new updates. I have a fast cable connection, and the web site was very slow to open. I found version 2.03 and used that to install the program. That too, seemed to take a long time. I guess it was looking for something on the hard drive.

The spinning beach ball seemed to be there forever so I checked the icon in the dock which said the install application was not responding. I force quit the installer and tried again. And again. Finally, on the third time a window came up and asked me where to save it, and proceeded to save the program.

The manual that came with the CD is very skimpy.

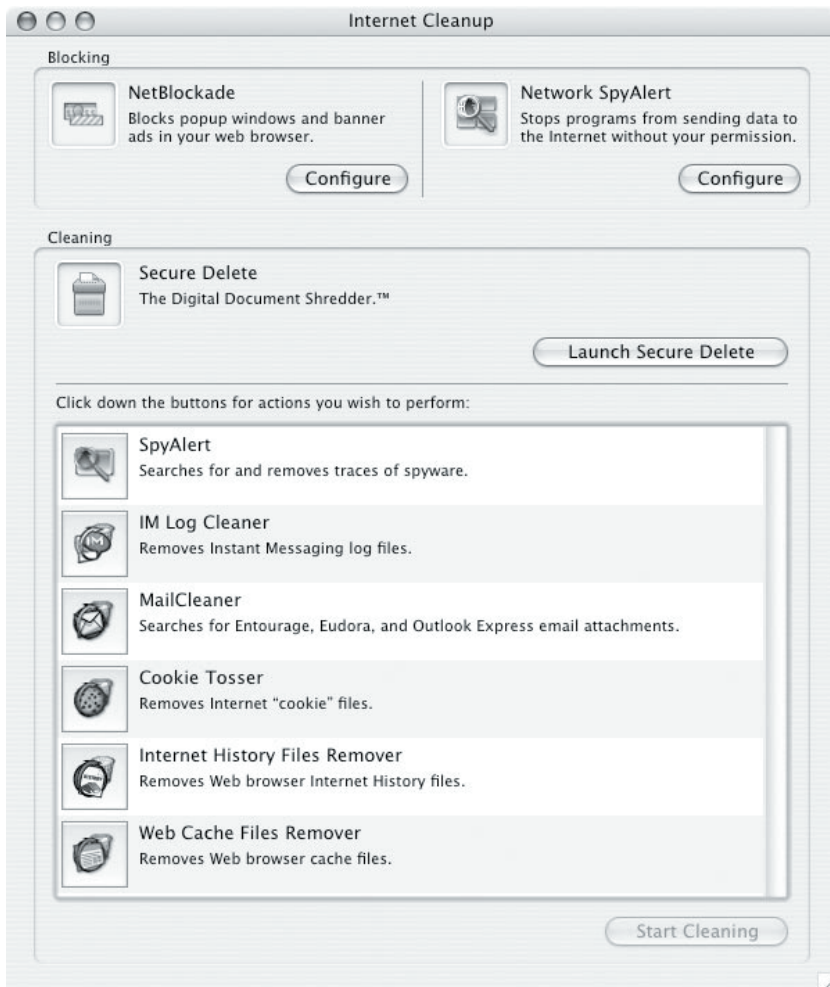
Luckily, a much better pdf version is included on the CD. It includes screen shots and is much better organized. However, it does not always correlate with the files on the disk.

The manual refers to two ways of launching the program, by double clicking on application icon, or via the Internet Cleanup System Menu. I looked for that, but could not find it. Perhaps they meant the application ICleanupMenu that was installed. I double clicked that, and indeed, it put a menu on the menu bar. That seemed handy. (This menu also allows you to quit the Internet Cleanup Menu, not the ICCleanupMenu nor the Internet Cleanup System Menu. This different nomenclature was very confusing.)

The main application window has a set of icons for each function to be performed. Some functions need to be configured, some you can just choose to work. Above 6 of the icons was the state-

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ment “click down the buttons for actions you wish to perform:.” I didn’t really know what that meant, but finally realized it meant to select the buttons.

There is a separate application called Internet Cleanup Super Access, IC Super Access, which lets you launch Internet cleanup with root privileges for those files that can only be accessed by the system’s super user or “root” user.

It would take time to set up and use these applications to get it to work the way I would want it to. However, it doesn’t support Apple Mail. I use Little Snitch to monitor transmission of my data. (<http://www.obdev.at/products/lit->

[tlesnitch/index.html](http://www.obdev.at/products/lit-tlesnitch/index.html)) Safari blocks pop ups and allows cookies only from sites I navigate to and not from advertisers on those sites. I like to have a history of web sites that I visit. I can remove the history and cache files myself. Spyware is not prevalent on the Mac (yet). Nobody else uses my computer so I don’t have to worry about that. Reviews on MacUpdate and Version Tracker are not very positive about the program.

So for now, I am uninstalling the program. When I sell my computer, and want to remove all traces of my existence from the hard drive, then I will use it again. 🍏

