



XoftSpySE Anti-Spyware 7.0

Product Backgrounder

XoftSpySE Anti-Spyware 7.0 is an industry leader in advanced detection and removal of spyware. XoftSpySE Anti-Spyware 7.0 is designed to scan the user's computer to detect and quarantine malicious code for immediate protection. Fast, powerful and easy to use, XoftSpySE Anti-Spyware 7.0 protects your privacy and your PC with one of the industry's largest spyware definition databases.

About Spyware

Spyware is broadly defined as software that takes advantage of a user's computer to benefit a third party. The name spyware comes from the surveillance characteristics of many spyware programs, which often record information about a user's computer and transmit it to a remote server or intruder. Spyware can cause computer slowdown, crashes, virus and worm infection, and even hard drive erasure, as well as collecting sensitive information like passwords, logins and banking/credit card details.

Spyware is often associated with Adware and browser hijackers, which display advertisements and secretly change browser settings, respectively. An example of Adware is a pop-up generator, which opens advertisements in pop-up browser windows, even when the user isn't searching the Web. Pop-up generators are often difficult to manually locate and remove. More malicious spyware, in the form of Trojans and Keyloggers, can be deployed to capture screen shots and keystrokes which can then be transmitted to third parties without the user's knowledge.

Is Your Computer Infected with Spyware?

If your computer is doing any of the following most likely you have spyware on your system.

- You are noticing unexplained slowdowns and crashes, particularly when searching the Web or operating a security or anti-virus program.
- Your Web browser opens to a strange homepage, returns unexpected search results, or directs you to unsolicited websites.
- You find that your mouse, keyboard, monitor, or CD/DVD drive is unresponsive or performing erratically.
- Pop-up or pop-under browser windows are opening when you are not surfing the Web, or are opening so often as to be distracting.
- Your security or anti-virus programs are not working, and/or you cannot visit security-related websites (e.g. www.paretologic.com).
- A program or application that you have attempted to uninstall reappears when you restart your computer.
- Your PC seems to "have a mind of its own" and is difficult to control.



Spyware Online Threats

According to the Anti-spyware Coalition,

“spyware has quickly evolved from an online nuisance to one of the most dire threats facing the Internet. As users struggle to maintain control over their computers, many find themselves trapped in a cyclical battle against programs that install themselves without warning, open dangerous security holes and reinstall themselves after they've been deleted. The worst of these programs allow online criminals to hijack users' sensitive personal information at will. As the threat has grown, so has the need to mount a coordinated defense against these unwanted programs and their adverse effects.”¹

Of large concern is the ability for spyware to infiltrate a system and monitor the user's actions through keystroke loggers or screen captures whereby user information and identity are at high risk. System Monitors range in capabilities but may record some or all of the following: keystrokes, screen captures, e-mails, chat room conversations, instant messages, Web sites visited, programs run, time spent on Web sites or using programs, or usernames, passwords or other types of data in transit. The information is typically either stored for later retrieval or transmitted to the remote process or person employing the monitor.

Unfortunately, spyware – software that installs surreptitiously without the user's knowledge that may capture keystrokes, personal information, and marketing data and then report that information to a third party – is far more likely to intercept information that could steal your identity than viruses. While viruses and other malware caught by anti-virus software are usually intended to replicate and “take over” computers for use by the virus writer, spyware and keystroke loggers (typically called “keyloggers”) operate silently in the background, reporting the information to a third party.

Keyloggers have existed in some form for many years. The growth of spyware in this decade has resulted in a mass propagation of the technology. In an article on the spread of spyware infections via the Internet, the respected Internet research firm Gartner Group reported. “At mid-2004, Gartner customers are seeing a surge in manifestations of ‘spyware,’ invasive methods to steal user privacy

Evolution of Online Threats Requires Spyware Protection that is Comprehensive, Reliable and Fast.

In today's world of technology anti-virus software does not protect Internet users from spyware. ParetoLogic has responded to the need for anti-spyware software that is both comprehensive and reliable by developing XoftSpySE Anti-Spyware 7.0. XoftSpySE Anti-Spyware 7.0 includes state-of-the-art detection and removal of known keyloggers and spyware aimed at identity theft. XoftSpySE Anti-Spyware 7.0 is fast and has one of the largest detection and removal databases in the industry.

Regular use of XoftSpySE Anti-Spyware 7.0 will provide ongoing protection against spyware, keyloggers and other forms of malware. XoftSpySE Anti-Spyware 7.0 is designed to scan the user's complete computer system to detect spyware parasites and quarantine the infected files for immediate protection.

¹ Anti-Spyware Coalition Definitions and Supporting Documents, www.antispywarecoalition.org/documents/definitions.htm



Reliable Detection and Removal of Online Threats

XoftSpySE Anti-Spyware 7.0 will provide you with an accurate and reliable diagnosis of your computer system by providing you with scan results of the online threats including the vendor, type of threat (e.g., file, folder or registry key), category of threat (e.g., Trojan, monitoring tool, adware, etc.), the location of the threat on your system, as well as the severity of the threat. All files are removed and quarantined until you decide to delete them.

Comprehensive Protection that is Customizable

XoftSpySE Anti-Spyware 7.0 will check for updates online upon startup to ensure you have the most comprehensive and up-to-date online threat protection. These updates are provided free of charge for the life of your XoftSpySE Anti-Spyware 7.0 subscription.

XoftSpySE Anti-Spyware 7.0 with its state-of-the-art detection and removal will allow you to control when to scan your system and what threats XoftSpySE Anti-Spyware 7.0 scans for. At anytime you can conduct a manual scan of your system or you can automate the scan to suit your personal security needs. You can also customize your scan to scan all or some of the following: browser hijackers, registry, active processes, host files, system folders and selected folders.

XoftSpySE Anti-Spyware 7.0 Key Features and Benefits:

- Complete PC scanning of registry entries, files and folders for online threats.
- Customize your scan to scan all or some of the following: browser hijackers, registry, active processes, host files, system folders and selected folders. You can also easily schedule your scans.
- Detect and remove: Adware, Spyware, Pop-Up Generators, Keyloggers, Trojans, Hijackers, and Malware and other malicious software from your computer.
- Free updates for the life of your XoftSpySE Anti-Spyware 7.0 subscription.
- BHO (Browser Helper Object) Editor removes unwanted add-ons to your Internet browser
- Startup Editor allows you to disable unwanted programs from launching at start-up
- Provides comprehensive scan results that include the vendor, type of threat, category of threat, the location of the threat, as well as the severity of the threat. All files are removed and quarantined until you decide to delete them.
- Ability to backup and restore quarantine files in case you have removed an important file by mistake.
- Ability to specify certain objects to be ignored in future scans.