

SPYBOT SEARCH & DESTROY

Welcome to this introduction to “Spybot” for your new PC. What is “Spybot?” Why do you need it? To understand why you WANT Spybot, you need to know about spy ware.

In short, spyware consists of small programs on your computer that reports your personal information back to someone else. Most spyware captures just your surfing habits (web pages you look at, used to present you with more targeted unsolicited commercial email, or spam), but more malicious (unethical) people could write spyware that reports other information, such as passwords, credit card numbers, home addresses, e-mail addresses of friends, etc. Essentially, spyware can be used to capture anything you type on a keyboard.

You don't want that happening any more than we do.

So, we ask that you download, install, and run SpyBot – a free tool that removes spyware from your computer.

SpyBot can be downloaded from www.spybot.com and with the most recent identification updates, will identify almost twelve thousand different forms of spyware).

Select “Download” from the menu on the left side of the webpage.
Scroll down to reach the download link for Spybot – Search and Destroy
Click on that link.

Pick a mirror site to download from (preferably one in English!)

Download Spybot from the mirror to someplace where you know where it is on your computer.

Once it's downloaded, run the install program.

Once it's installed, go to Start; Programs; Spybot – Search and Destroy; Spybot S&D (easy mode)

After the disclaimers, you have three buttons.

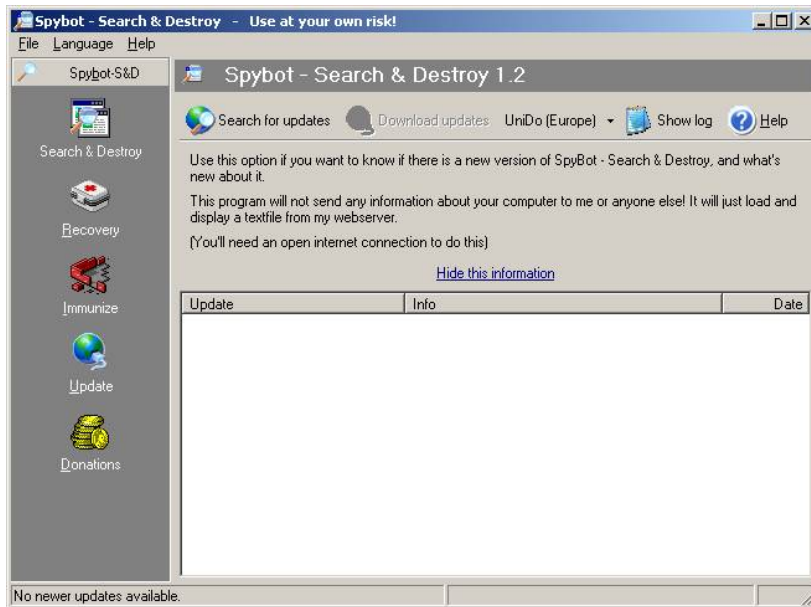
Check for Problems

Recovery

Search for Updates



Click on Search for Updates first, and wait for the computer to check for updates. If it finds any (and it's quite possible it will), then you'll want to make sure that you're downloading that update from the closest possible server. Do this by clicking on the small arrow just to the right of the server name, under the “Search for Updates” button. Once you've selected the server (Europe probably isn't as close as you can get), click on the “Download updates” button. Spyware will then download the update and automatically install it.



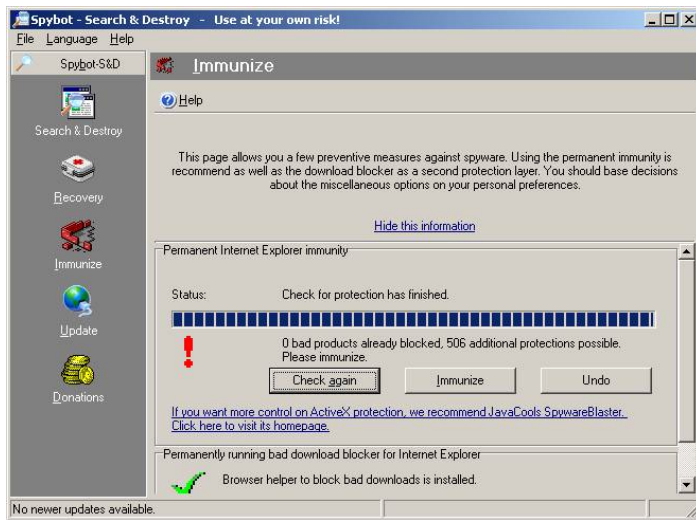
Once that's done, click on the "Search & Destroy" button in the left toolbar



At the bottom of the main window, click on "Check for problems". Spybot will now check for spyware, and make a list. If you have anything listed, simply click on "fix selected problems" at the bottom of the main window to remove the spyware. Be aware that some "free" programs you download off the 'net are free because the spyware is providing information to someone. Remove the spyware, and you may lose the ability to use those programs. Also, remember that the box in the window must be checked for the spyware to be removed.

You can also use SpyBot to "immunize" your computer. This means that the computer will identify incoming spyware, and prevent its download to your system.

Just click on the "Immunize" option in that toolbar on the left, and select "Immunize" at the bottom. Scroll down further, and you'll have an option to block spyware that automatically loads when you reach certain web pages.



Congratulations, you've removed spyware from your system, and you've prevented yourself from being re-infected. You'll want to re-run Spy-bot from time to time – once every week or two. Make sure that you check for updates first, and then check for problems every time you run it.