



NETSHRED X READ ME

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About NetShred X

Ever wonder why your bank recommends you clear your browser cache after you've done your online banking? What your bank knows is that your web browser stores copies of the images and text that you see in the "cache" folder on your hard disk. Anyone with access to your computer can look through these files and see what information you have accessed on the web (in this case, your financial information). What your bank may not be aware of is that clearing your cache may not be enough.

Clearing your cache, throwing these files in the trash, or deleting them will not remove the *file contents* from the hard disk; it just removes the file name from the directory, leaving the data intact and recoverable. To erase internet tracks, you need an internet track eraser, like NetShred X to erase cache so it can't be recovered.

And it gets worse. There's many more internet tracks your browser and email program leave behind, including browser history, email trash, download cache, mail cache, junk mail and favicons. These files not only potentially compromise your privacy, they also take up disk space.

NetShred X is the easy-to-use internet track eraser that securely erases cached files your browser and email programs leave behind. It erases browser cache, browser history, email trash, download cache, mail cache, junk mail, cookies, and favicons for almost every browser and email program on every Mac. NetShred X is the internet privacy software that is easy, fast and cleaner.

- **Easy** because it runs automatically - you don't have to remember to use it.
- **Fast** because it runs in the background - you don't have to wait for it.
- **Cleaner** because it erases, not just deletes all the internet tracks your browser and email programs leave behind

Take care of the problem once and for all time. In less than 15 minutes you'll have NetShred X up and running, automatically erasing *your* internet tracks for the rest of time.

System Requirements

To run NetShred X you need

- Mac OS X version 10.x

NetShred X works with the following web browsers:

- Camino 0.7, Camino 1
- Firefox 0.8, Firefox 1, Firefox 2, Firefox 3
- Flock 2.5
- iCab 1, iCab 2, iCab 3, iCab 4
- Internet Explorer 5
- Mozilla 1
- Netscape 7
- OmniWeb 4, OmniWeb 5
- Opera 5, Opera 6, Opera 7, Opera 8, Opera 9
- Safari 1, Safari 2, Safari 3, Safari 4
- SeaMonkey 1
- Shiira 1, Shiira 2

NetShred X works with the following email programs:

- Apple Mail 1, Apple Mail 2
- Eudora 5, Eudora 6
- Mailsmith 2
- Mozilla 1
- Netscape 7
- Thunderbird 1, Thunderbird 2

Installing/Uninstalling NetShred X

If you want to install and run the Demo, see the “Appendix A – About the Demo” section of this document.

How to Install NetShred X

1. Drag the NetShred X folder to wherever you keep application software.
2. Double click the NetShred X icon. The Registration dialog will appear when you launch the program, displaying four buttons:



Figure 1: Registration Dialog

Quit – to quit the program, click the “Quit” button

Run Demo – (Downloaded version only). For further information, refer to the “Appendix A – About the Demo” section of this document.

Buy Now – (Downloaded version only) If you wish to purchase this program now online, click the “Buy Now” button and follow the instructions.

Register – To register the program now, follow the instructions below.

3. Register NetShred X

The Registration dialog will appear when you launch the program.

- Enter the License Type, Purchaser’s Email Address and Registration Key supplied when you bought the product.

If you purchased online, the easiest way to do this is to copy (Apple C) and paste (Apple V) the information from the email we sent you.

If you purchased a CD, the Registration Key / Serial Number will also be printed on the CD jacket.

- Click the “Register” Button

If you have entered the Registration information correctly, the “Registered” message will be displayed.

If there is a problem with the registration information, the “Invalid Registration

Information” dialog will appear. To correct the problem, refer to the “NetShred X FAQ” in the documentation folder.

4. To control what Internet track NetShred X erases, configure the NetShred X “Shred” preferences.

From the NetShred X menu, select “Preferences”.
Select the “**Shred**” Tab, and configure the following items:

Web Browser:

Cache – Tick this box to shred your web browser cache. The default is “On”.

Download Cache – Tick this box to shred the cache created when you download a file. The default is “Off”.

History – Tick this box to shred your web browser history. The default is “Off”.

Favicons – Tick this box to shred icons (favicons) that show up in the navigation bar of the browser when you visit a site. Shredding Icons will result in your Bookmarks not showing the site icon. The default is “Off”.

Cookies – Tick this box to shred cookies that are set by servers when you visit a site. Shredding Cookies will result in all your cookies being shredded so be sure this is what you want prior to enabling this option. The default is “Off”.

Passwords – Tick this box to shred passwords that are set by the Firefox browser when you enter them. Shredding Passwords will result in all your passwords being shredded so be sure this is what you want prior to enabling this option. If you enable this option you will need to remember and re-enter your passwords each time you visit a web site. The default is “Off”.

Mail:

Cache – Tick this box to shred your web browser cache and your email cache. The default is “Off”.

Trash – Tick this box to shred your email program trash. The default is “On”. To have NetShred shred your email trash instead of having your email program delete your trash, configure your email program to not delete email trash.

Mail, Eudora 6 and Thunderbird 1.5 Junk – Tick this box to shred the contents of the Junk Folder. The default is “Off”.

Mailsmith 2.1 Spam – Tick this box to shred your Mailsmith 2.1 (spam) mailbox. The default is “Off”.

To shred Mailsmith spam, you must also create a Mailsmith empty mailbox called “(netshredx)” for NetShred X to use. Don’t put any items in to this mailbox.

To create the empty (netshredx) mailbox in Mailsmith, follow these steps:

- Launch Mailsmith
- Select File->New->Mailbox
- Type “(netshredx)”
- Click the “Create” button

- Quit Mailsmith

This option is not enabled in NetShred X until after the (netshredx) mailbox has been created in Mailsmith. If you delete the (netshredx) mailbox in Mailsmith, this option will be disabled.

Due to changes made by Bare Bones Software, this feature only works with Mailsmith 2.1. If you need junk shredding beyond Mailsmith 2.1 we recommend you switch to the Apple Mail, Eudora, or Thunderbird email client.

Quicktime:

When user selects Logout, Shutdown, or Restart then shred Quicktime Cache –

Tick this box to shred your Quicktime Cache when using the "Shred and Logout", "Shred and Shutdown" or "Shred and Restart" options. The default is "Off".

5. To control how NetShred X is run, configure the NetShred X "Control" preferences

From the NetShred X menu, select "Preferences".

Select the "Control" Tab, and configure the following items:

Automatic Actions:

Browser Watch™ – Tick this box to have NetShred monitor running programs and automatically shred when you quit from your browser and email programs. The default is "On".

Hide After Shredding – Tick this box to hide the NetShred dialog in the dock after shredding has run. The default is "Off".

Confirm Shredding – Tick this box to be prompted before NetShred shreds files. The default is "On".

Activity Log – Tick this box to enable the NetShred activity log for debugging. Do this only if requested by a Mireth Technology Support Analyst. The default is "Off".

Government Standards: (If you set both standards on, the shred will comply to both standards)

DoD 5220 Clear – This is the minimum level specified by DoD 5220. Any settings you specify will always comply with this standard and so it is not possible to disable Clear compliance. Default value is "On"

DoD 5220 Sanitize – Tick this box to enable the US Department of Defense 5220 "Sanitize" standard compliant feature. Default value is "Off".

NSA – Tick this box to enable the new NSA Standard compliant feature. Default value is "Off".

Override Options:

Number of Writes – Set this popup menu to the number of times you wish to overwrite the original data. This popup includes the option to select the "Gutmann voodoo standard" number of overwrites (35).

Pattern – Set this popup menu to the pattern that you wish to overwrite the

original data with.

6. To manage which browsers and email program NetShred X erases the Internet tracks for, configure the NetShred X "Enable" preferences.

From the NetShred X menu, select "Preferences".
Select the "**Enable**" tab.

To disable shredding for a web browser or email program untick the programs you don't want to shred for. It's okay to leave a program ticked, even if you don't use that browser or email program.

7. To manage any custom applications, refer to the "How to configure Custom Applications" section of this document.
8. If your browser or email program supports multiple user profiles, configure the profiles menu.

Select the "Profiles" Menu on the menu bar, and choose the profile(s) you want NetShred to shred. (If your browser doesn't support profiles, skip this step.)

9. Close the Preferences Menu, and hide NetShred X.

How to configure Custom Applications

If the browser or email application you use is not supported in the Enable tab, you can configure NetShred to shred for it using the "Custom Tab."

If you use this feature, ensure that you know what you are doing before continuing. You are responsible for finding the applicable files that need to be shredded. If you shred the wrong files, you could cause yourself a problem. Ensure you know what you are doing before continuing.

1. From the NetShred X menu, select "Preferences".
Select the "**Custom**" tab.
2. Add the application that items are to be shredded for.

To add an application, click the [+] button under the Applications list and navigate to find the application file.

For most applications, the navigation path is the following:
From the application file, select the "Contents folder", then select the "MacOS folder", and then pick the program from within the MacOS folder

3. Add the items for that application that are to be shredded (e.g. cache).

To add items to shred, click on the application name, click on the [+] button under the Item(s) to shred list, choose files or folders to shred

If you use the Custom feature with a browser/email program supported by the **Enable** tab, unclick the browser/email program on the Enable tab. Otherwise you'd be trying to shred the same files twice.

4. Close the Preferences Menu, and hide NetShred X.

How to uninstall NetShred X

1. Drag the preferences files to the Trash
"\$HOME/Library/Preferences/com.mireth.netshred.plist"
2. Move the NetShred X folder from wherever you keep application software to the Trash.
3. If you've created an alias to NetShred X, move it to the Trash. If you are running NetShred X from the Dock, drag it out of the Dock.
4. If you have configured NetShred X to run automatically, remove it from the Login items.

Running under OS X 10.2 or earlier

Open the System Preferences, click Login, Single click to select NetShred X icon and click the Remove button.

Running under OS X 10.3 or later

Open the System Preferences, click Accounts, click the Startup Items tab, Single click to select the NetShred X icon and click the "-" button.

5. Empty the Trash.

How to upgrade NetShred X

1. If you've created an alias to the previous version of the program, move the alias to the Trash. Empty the trash. If you're running the program from the dock, move the program icon off the dock.
2. To install the upgrade, follow the instructions in the "How to Install NetShred X" section of this document.

How to Run NetShred X

How to run NetShred X right out of the box	How to run NetShred X fully Automatically	How to run NetShred X Manually
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you don't have NetShred X running, double-click the NetShred X icon • Quit from the browsers and/or email programs you want to shred for. • The "Confirmation" Dialog will be displayed. Click "Yes" to continue. (To stop this prompt, turn off "Confirm Shredding" in the NetShred X preferences). • NetShred X will now automatically shred the browser cache and email trash. The Main Dialog Box will be displayed, showing the status as the files are shredded . (To shred more types of internet tracks, change the "Shred" options in the NetShred X preferences) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set Up NetShred X to re-start automatically See the "How to configure NetShred X to start automatically every time you log in" section of this document • If you don't have NetShred X running, double-click the NetShred X icon • In NetShred X Preferences, turn "Confirm Shredding" Off "Hide After Shredding" On "Browser Watch" On • Quit from the browsers and/or email programs you want to shred for. • NetShred X will now automatically shred the cache and email trash. (To shred more types of internet tracks, change the "Shred" options in the NetShred X preferences) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you don't have NetShred X running, double-click the NetShred X icon • In NetShred X Preferences, turn "Browser Watch" off. • Quit from the browsers and/or email programs you want to shred for. • On the NetShred X main dialog, click the "Shred" button • On the NetShred X main dialog, click "Hide" to hide NetShred X (To have this step done automatically, turn on "Hide after Shredding" in the NetShred X preferences)

When deciding on the best way to run NetShred X, there are 3 things to consider:

1. When using NetShred X to erase internet tracks, do you want to run NetShred X manually, or have it run itself automatically when you quit from your browser or email program?
 - To run NetShred X manually, follow the "How to run NetShred X Manually" instructions at the beginning of this section.
 - To run NetShred X automatically, follow the "How to run NetShred X right out of the box" instructions at the beginning of this section. Out of the box, NetShred X will automatically shred the browser cache and email trash.

If you logout or shutdown your computer, you will have to re-start NetShred X manually. To re-start NetShred X manually, computer, follow the instructions in the section "How to re-start NetShred X manually" below.
2. If you want to have NetShred X run itself automatically, do you also want it to start itself automatically?
 - To have NetShred X both run automatically and restart itself automatically, follow the "How to run NetShred X Fully Automatically" instructions at the beginning of this section.

3. If you want to have NetShred X run itself automatically, will you be using NetShred X just before you log off or shutdown your computer?

NetShred X can take a long time to run if you have a lot of internet tracks to shred. If you usually just shut down your computer or logout without quitting from your email program or browser, this can cause your logout or shutdown command to fail because the operating system gets tired of waiting for NetShred X to finish. There are several NetShred X shutdown features you can use to solve this.

- One easy solution is to quit from your browser or email program first, and then to logout or shutdown after NetShred X has finished running, but you'll have to wait for NetShred X to finish.
- To have NetShred X run and log you out, follow the instructions in the section "How to Shred and Logout" below.
- To have NetShred X run and shut down your computer, follow the instructions in the section "How to Shred and Shutdown" below.
- To have NetShred X run and restart your computer, follow the instructions in the section "How to Shred and Restart" below.

How to configure NetShred X to start automatically every time you log in

Whether you want to have NetShred X erase automatically when you quit from your internet programs, or whether you want to erase manually, it has to be running to work. To avoid having to re-start NetShred X manually every time you log in, we recommend you configure it as a Login item, so that the operating system will re-start it for you every time you login.

Ensure that Browser Watch has been enabled. For further information, refer to Step 4 of the "How to Install NetShred X" procedure.

Configure NetShred X as a Login Item.

Running under OS X 10.2 or earlier

- From the Dock, select System Preferences and select "Login".
- Select the "Login Items" Dialog Box.
- Drag the NetShred X icon into the "These items will open automatically when you login" list, and click the "Hide" checkbox.

Running under OS X 10.3

- From the Dock, select System Preferences and select "Accounts".
- Select the "Startup Items" tab.
- Drag the NetShred X icon into the "StartUp Items" window and click the "Hide" checkbox.

Running under OS X 10.4 or later

- From the Dock, select System Preferences and select "Accounts".

- Select the “Login Items” tab.
- Drag the NetShred X icon into the “Login Items” window and click the “Hide” check.

How to re-start NetShred X manually

If you have not configured the NetShred X as a Login item or if you accidentally quit NetShred X, you need to start it manually. To do this, follow these instructions:

1. Double-click the NetShred X icon.
2. Move NetShred X to the background by selecting “hide” from the NetShred X menu (NetShred X>Hide) or from the Dialog Box.

If you are going to run NetShred X manually every time you login, we recommend that you put it in a convenient spot.

To put NetShred X on the desktop,

- Select the NetShred X program by single-clicking the NetShred X Icon.
- From the File menu, select Make Alias. Drag the Alias to the Desktop.

To put NetShred X in the dock,

- If you prefer to run NetShred X from the Dock, drag the NetShred X icon to the Dock instead of making an alias.

How to check the current status of the NetShred X

1. To check on the current status of the NetShred X, follow these instructions:
2. Click on the NetShred X icon in the dock. This will bring it to the foreground so you can see the status.

How to Shred Right Now

To shred your internet files right now, follow these instructions:

1. Quit from all your email and browser programs.
2. If NetShred X is not running, double-click the NetShred X icon.
3. Click the “Shred” button on the Main Dialog Box, or choose “Shred” from the File menu.
4. As soon as shredding has started, you can re-start your email or browser program.

How to Shred and Logout

If you don't want to wait for NetShred to finish before you log out, use this option. NetShred will quit from all running programs, shred the internet files and log you out.

1. From the File menu, choose "Shred and Logout" or click the "Logout" button on the NetShred X Main Dialog.

How to Shred and Shutdown

If you don't want to wait for NetShred to finish before you Shut Down, use this option. NetShred will quit from all running programs, shred the internet files and shut down your computer.

1. From the File menu, choose "Shred and Shutdown" or click the "Shutdown" button on the NetShred X Main Dialog.

How to Shred and Restart

If you don't want to wait for NetShred to finish before you Restart, use this option. NetShred will quit from all running programs, shred the internet files and restart your computer.

1. From the File menu, choose "Shred and Restart" or click the "Restart" button on the NetShred X Main Dialog.

Help

Troubleshooting Guide

If you have a problem with the software, please do the following:

1. Refer to the “Known Problems” section of this document for the latest information on existing problems.
2. Refer to the FAQ included in the documentation folder. It answers the most commonly asked questions about the software.
3. Check the Technical Support page of our site to see if any of the available FAQs answers your question:

http://www.mireth.com/text/technical_support.html

4. If your question is not answered, please contact Product Support at support@mireth.com. Please include the following information:
 - Problem description.
 - If you are having problems with a particular product, please include the following information as well:
 - What product and version you are having problems with.
To find the version number,
Mac: single click the product icon and Get Info (OS 8/9- File:Get Info) (OSX- File:Show Info)
Windows: single click the product icon and show properties (File:Properties:Version tab)
 - What OS version you are running.
To find the version number,
Mac: OS 8/9: (Apple Menu>About this Computer)
OS X: (Apple Menu>About this Mac)
Windows: (Start Menu:My Computer:Help>About Windows)
 - Whether you are using the demo version or the registered version of the product

Known Problems

There are no known problems with NetShred X.

Version History

2002-09-04	3.0.1	Initial Release
2003-01-13	3.1	Added support for Safari
2003-6-01	3.2	Added (1) support for Netscape 7, (2) support for Mozilla 1.x, (3) support for Opera 6.x, (4) NSA standard shredding, (5) increased number of overwrites maximum from 10 to 35, (6) shredding if a single application quits (NetShred no longer waits for all applications to quit) while skipping applications that are running, (7) display status of running applications in Browser Watch™ area of main dialog, (8) online help to Help menu, (9) support email to Help menu, (10) eSellerate wizard.
2004-02-24	3.3.0	Added Mailsmith support.
2004-03-28	3.4.0	Added Firefox and Camino support.
2004-04-19	3.5.0	Added Safari Icon support.
2004-06-09	3.6.0	Add Camino 0.8 support
2004-10-15	3.7.0	Add Firefox 1.0, Omniweb 5, Apple Mail cache support
2004-11-28	3.8.0	Add Opera 7 support
2005-01-27	3.9.0	Add Omniweb 5.1 favicon support
2005-02-09	3.10.0	Remove buy now button on CD versions in register dialog for retail partners
2005-02-27	3.11.0	Add Enable tab in preferences to allow users to enable/disable shredding for each browser and email program
2005-03-14	3.12.0	Add support for Firefox profiles
2005-08-02	3.13.0	Add support for Mail 2, Safari 2, Tiger compatibility, Add NetShred & Logout, NetShred & Restart, NetShred & Shutdown options
2005-10-15	3.14.0	Add "Hide NetShred" feature
2005-11-30	3.15.0	Add support for Eudora 6
2005-12-12	3.16.0	Add support for Firefox 1.5, Add support for Quicktime Download cache shredding, clarified Apple Mail cache preference. Build as Universal Binary to provide native performance on Intel Macintosh.
2006-05-28	3.17.0	Add support for Thunderbird 1.5, Opera 8 & 9, and Camino 1.x, Shiira 1.0 Add support for Cookie shredding. Modify preferences layout.
2007-06-11	4.0	Add support for Firefox 2, iCab 3, Shiira 2, Thunderbird 2, erasing of site passwords (Firefox 2 only)
2007-11-01	4.1.1	Add support for Leopard (OS X 10.5). Add support for Safari 3. Improve Mail 2 Trash shredding. Add support for custom browser monitoring and shredding – now works with any browser that a user may choose to configure.
2008-08-01	4.2.1	Added support for Firefox 3, Camino 1.6, Omniweb 5.7, iCab 4.1, Opera 9.5, SeaMonkey 1.0
2009-06-10	4.3.0	Added support for Safari 4, Camino 1.6.7 and Flock 2.5

Appendix A – About the Demo

The NetShred X DEMO is NetShred X without a Registration Key. It is provided so that you can see how the program works. The demo looks and performs exactly like the full version of the software, but will only delete the internet tracks, not shred them.

Once you have purchased it, you can enable the fully functional version of the program by entering the registration information. (For further information on buying our products, see the “Buy Me FAQ” included in the documentation folder.)

How to install and run the NetShred X demo

1. To install, follow the “How to Install NetShred X” instructions in this document, omitting Step 3. (To run the demo, registration is not required.)
2. To run, follow the “How to Run NetShred X “ instructions in this document.

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