How to Install and Use CCleaner

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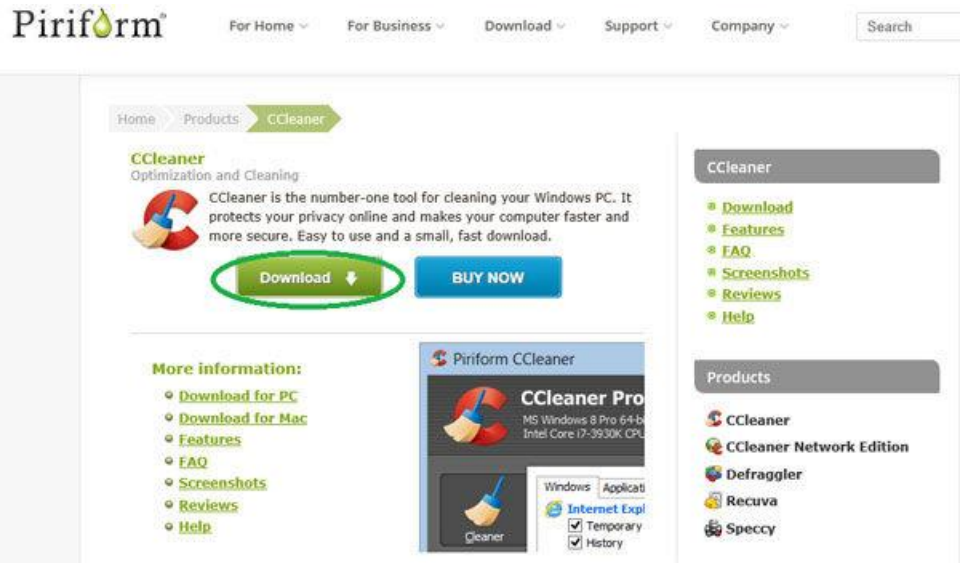
CCleaner, developed by London-based software maker Piriform, is a utility for computers running Microsoft Windows or Mac OS X or later. It can remove potentially unwanted programs from a computer, and clean out unnecessary or temporary benign files, freeing up hard disk space.

On Windows PCs, CCleaner also fixes problems in the Windows Registry, and can uninstall software and select Windows startup programs.

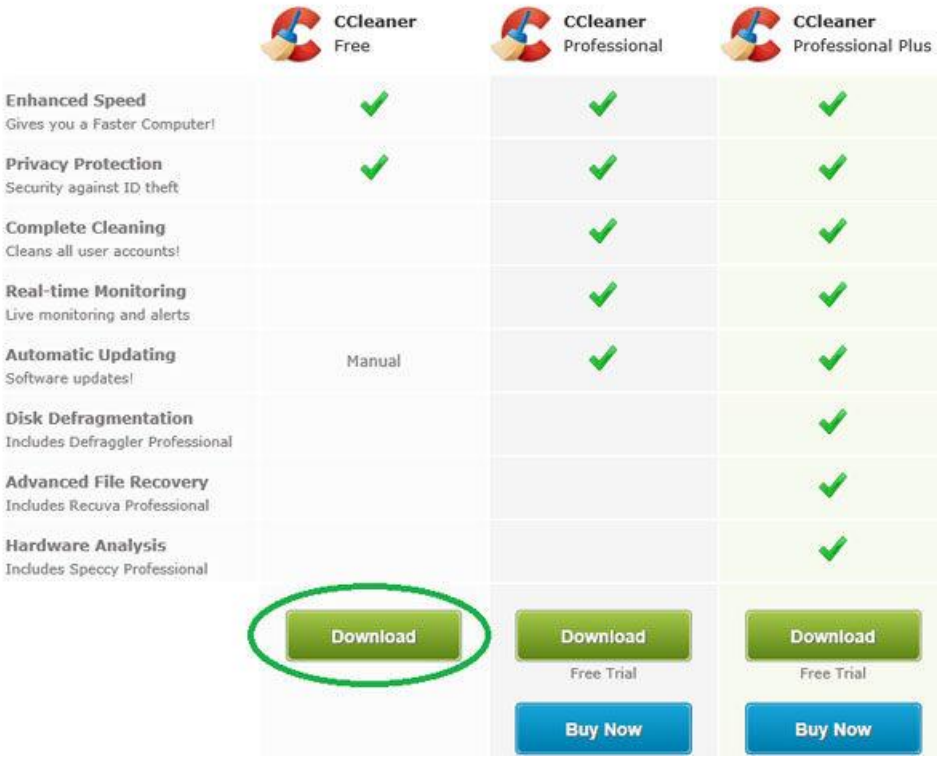
CCleaner will run on any Mac running OS X 10.5 Leopard or later (including PowerPC-based Macs), but we'll be showing how to install and use it on a Windows machine, which needs to be running Windows XP or later.

1. Navigate to https://www.piriform.com/ccleaner.

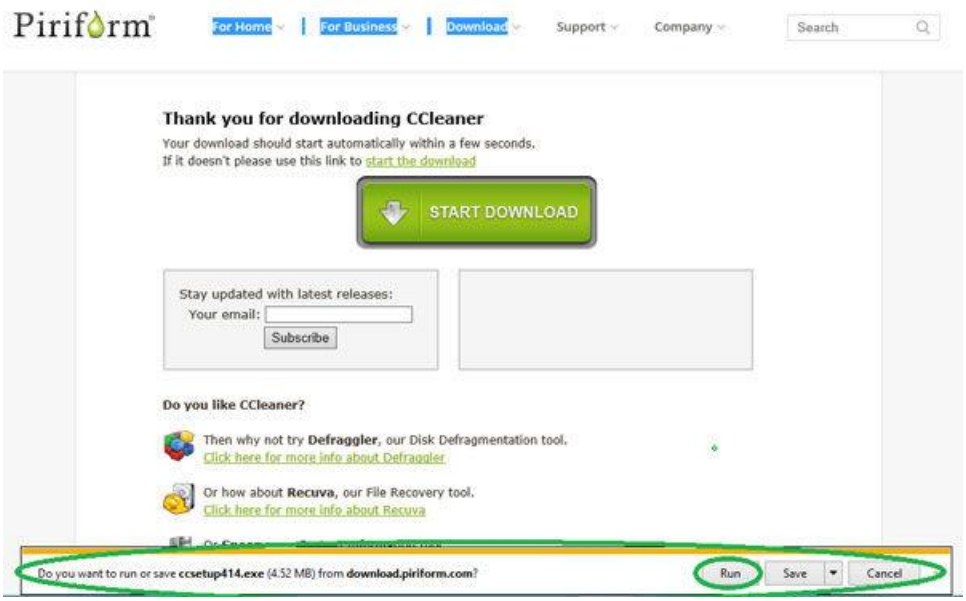
2. Click the Download button.



3. Click the Download button under the CCleaner Free column on the next Web page.

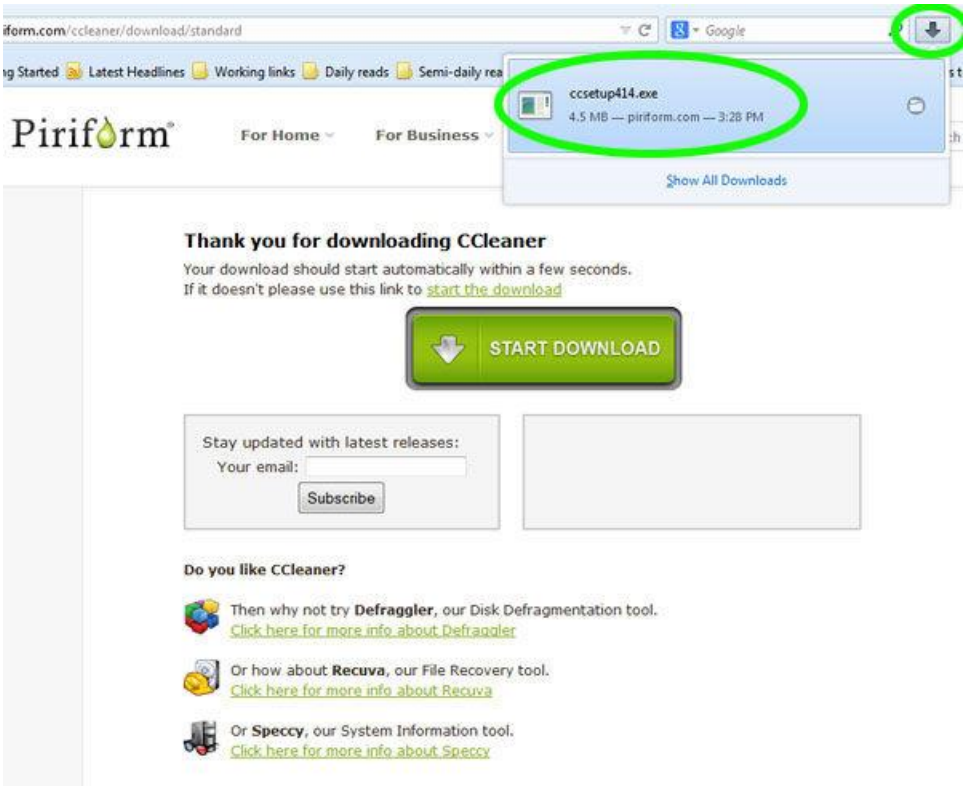


4a. If Internet Explorer is your browser, click "Run" in the gold-trimmed dialog box at the bottom of the next webpage.

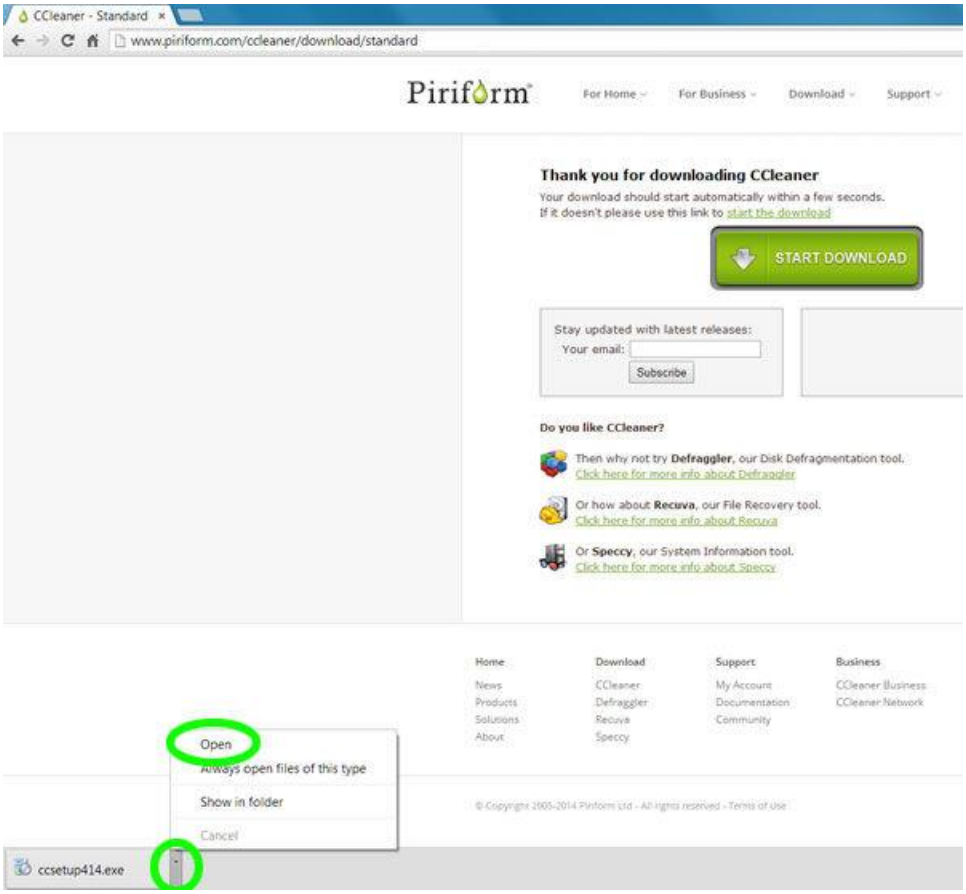


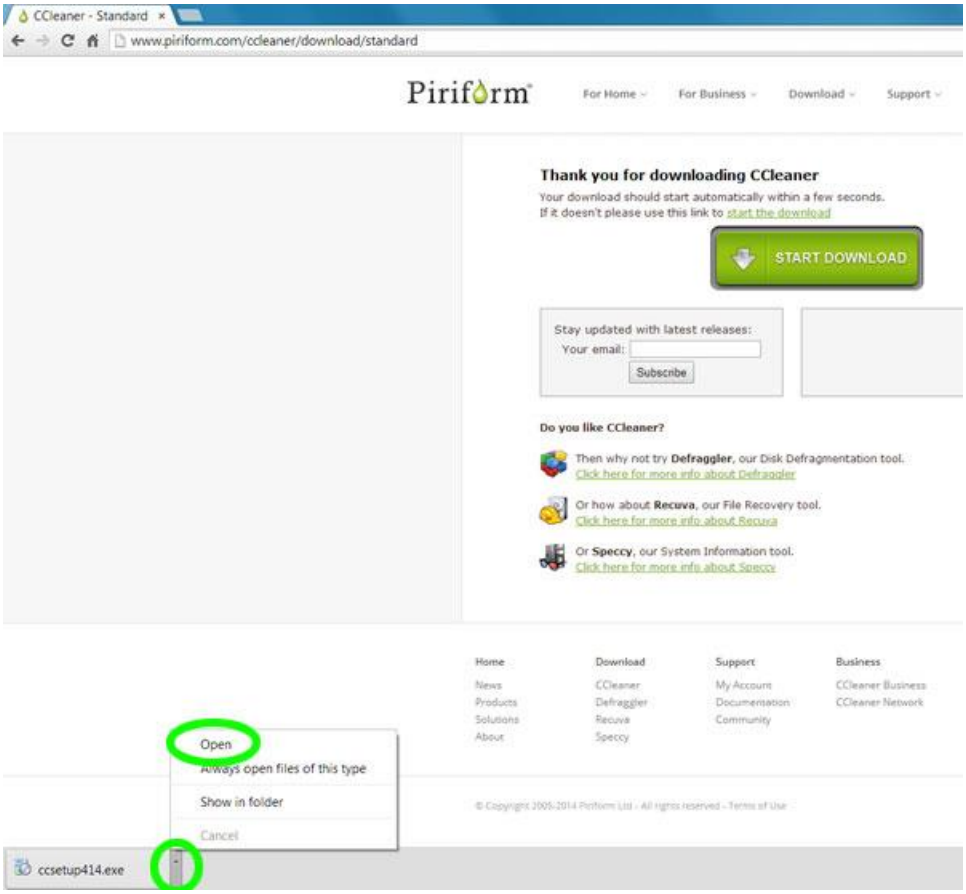
4b. If Mozilla Firefox is your browser, **click Save File** if a confirmation dialog box appears.

Then **click on the downward-pointing arrow** in the top right of the browser window, and **double-click on "ccsetup.exe."** (The numeral suffix to "ccsetup" will vary according to the version available.)



4c. If Google Chrome is your browser, **click on the downward-pointing caret** in the download box at the bottom left of the screen, then **click Open** in the dialog box that appears.

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Open
Always open files of this type
Show in folder
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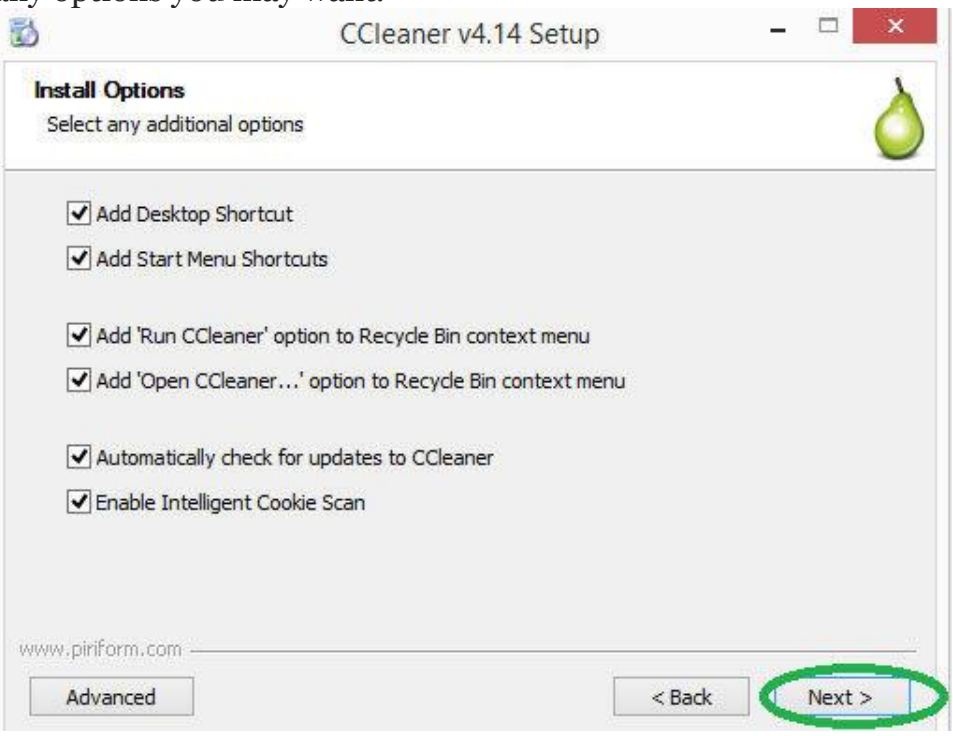
5. Click Next in the CCleaner Setup pop-up window to begin installation.

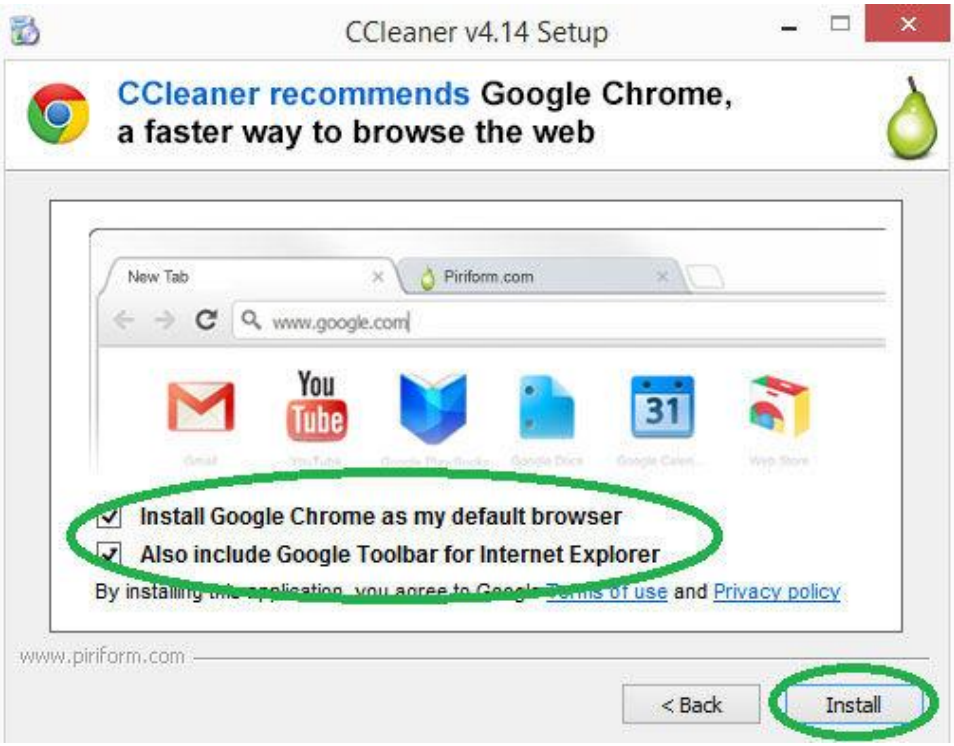
6. Click Next in the Install Options pop-up dialog box after selecting or deselecting any options you may want.



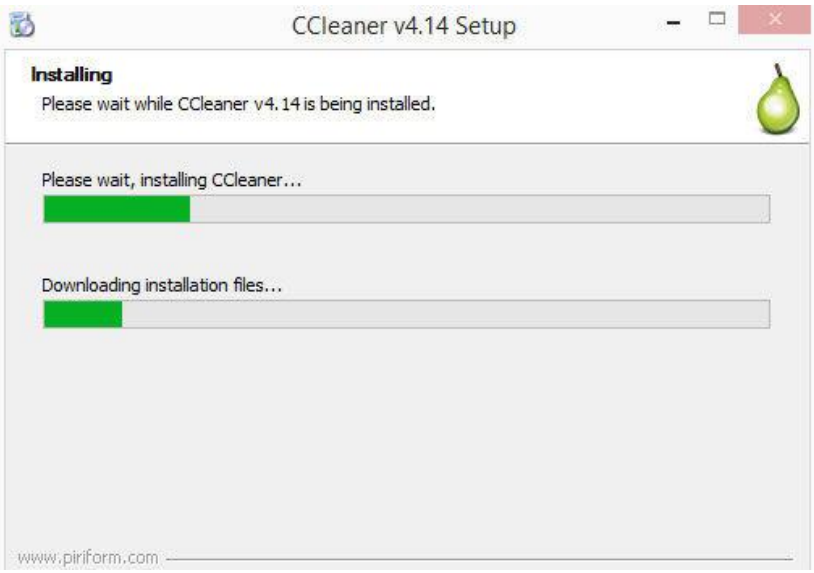
Note:

"UNCHECK" the last 4 options. Not really necessary, and may cause you some confusion.

7. The next dialog box will prompt you to install the Google Toolbar along with CCleaner, and possibly Google Chrome as well. **Uncheck both, then click Install.**



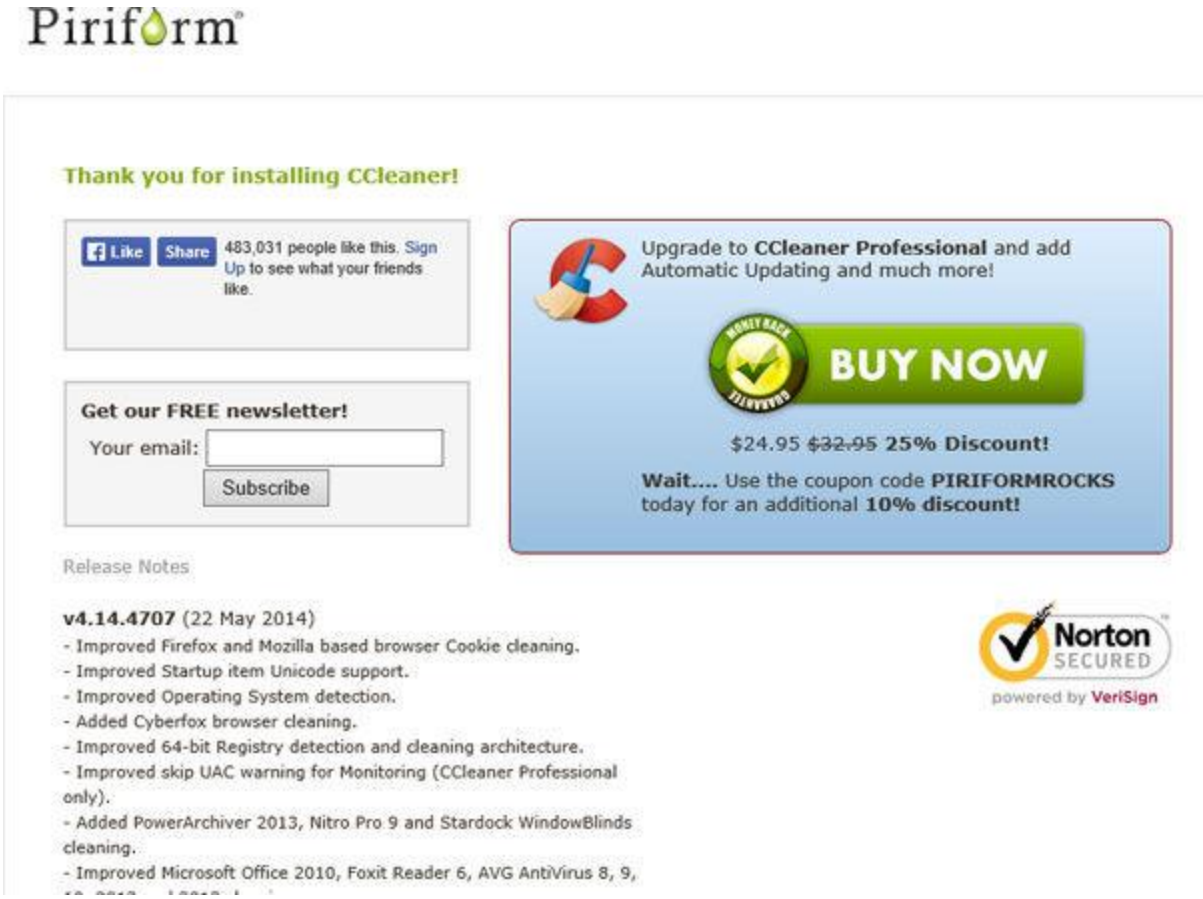
8. Wait while CCleaner is installed on your computer.



9. Click Finish when you see the Completing the CCleaner Setup dialog box.

"Uncheck" View Release Notes.

A browser window will open asking you to buy CCleaner Professional edition. You can safely ignore the sales pitch and close the window.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Release Notes
v4.14.4707 (22 May 2014)
- Improved Firefox and Mozilla based browser Cookie cleaning.
- Improved Startup item Unicode support.
- Improved Operating System detection.
- Added Cyberfox browser cleaning.
- Improved 64-bit Registry detection and cleaning architecture.
- Improved skip UAC warning for Monitoring (CCleaner Professional only).
- Added PowerArchiver 2013, Nitro Pro 9 and Stardock WindowBlinds cleaning.
- Improved Microsoft Office 2010, Foxit Reader 6, AVG AntiVirus 8, 9,
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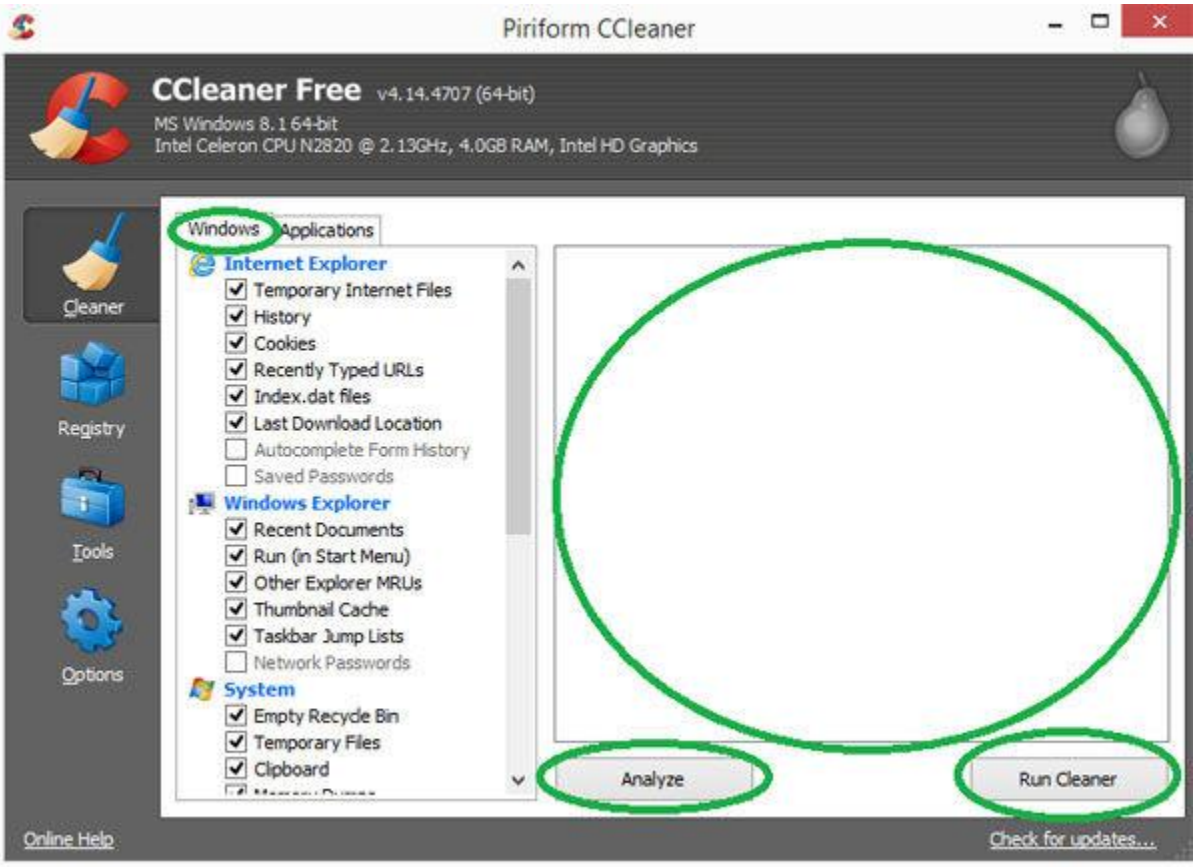
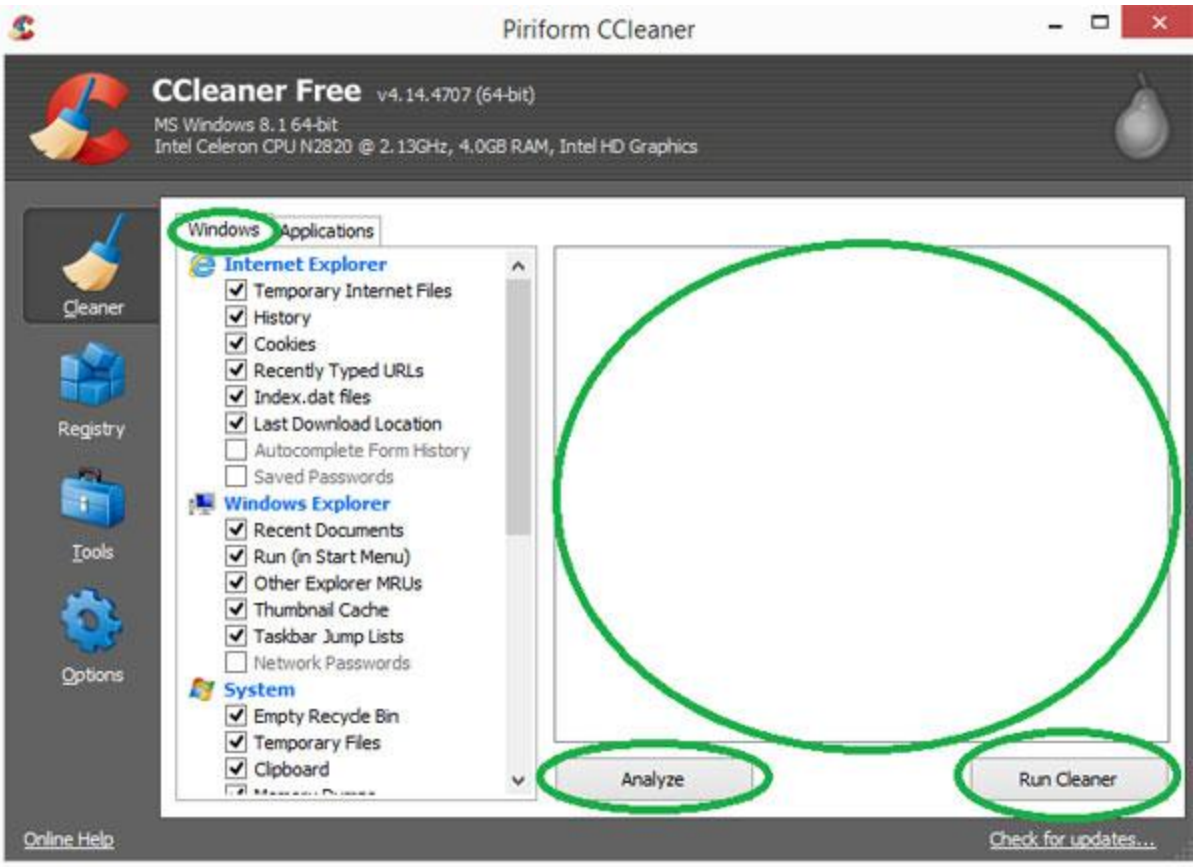
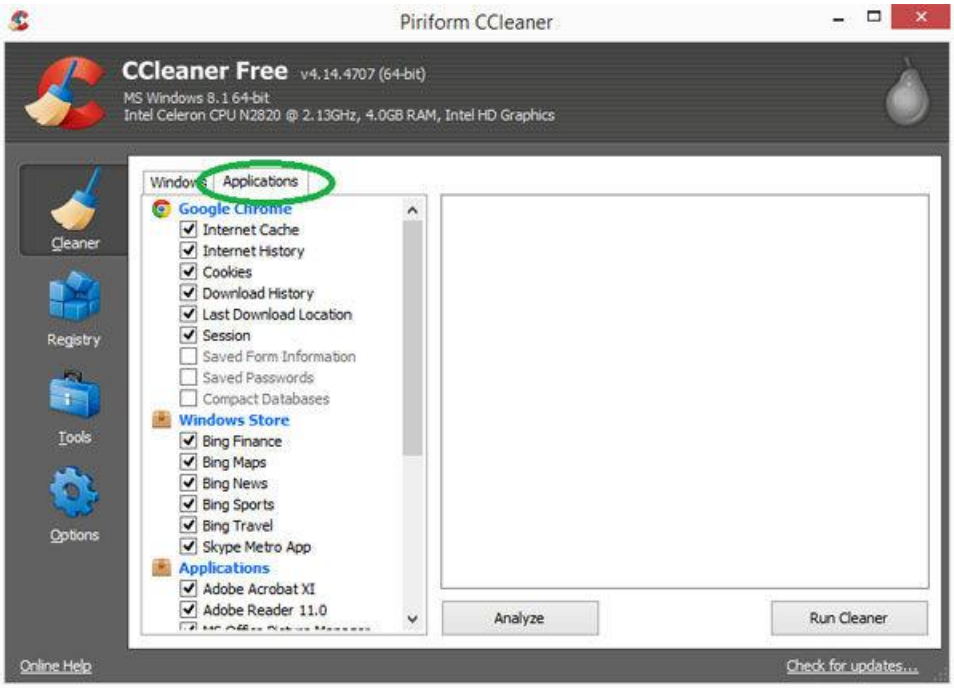
The CCleaner main console window is divided into Windows and Application tabs. On the right is where information or results from operations are displayed. Beneath that are the Analyze and Run Cleaner buttons.

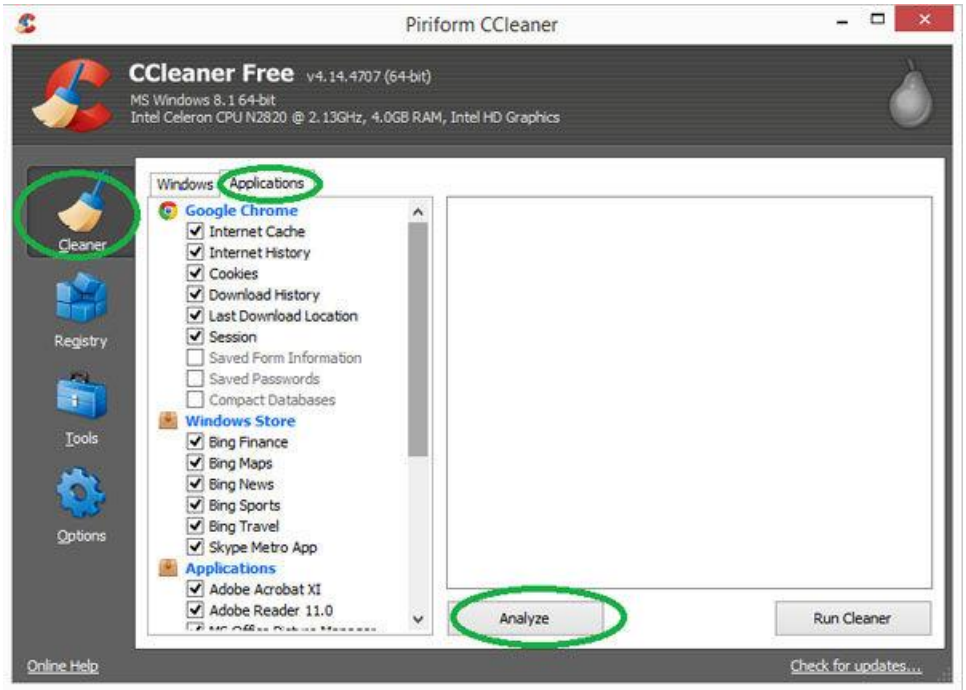




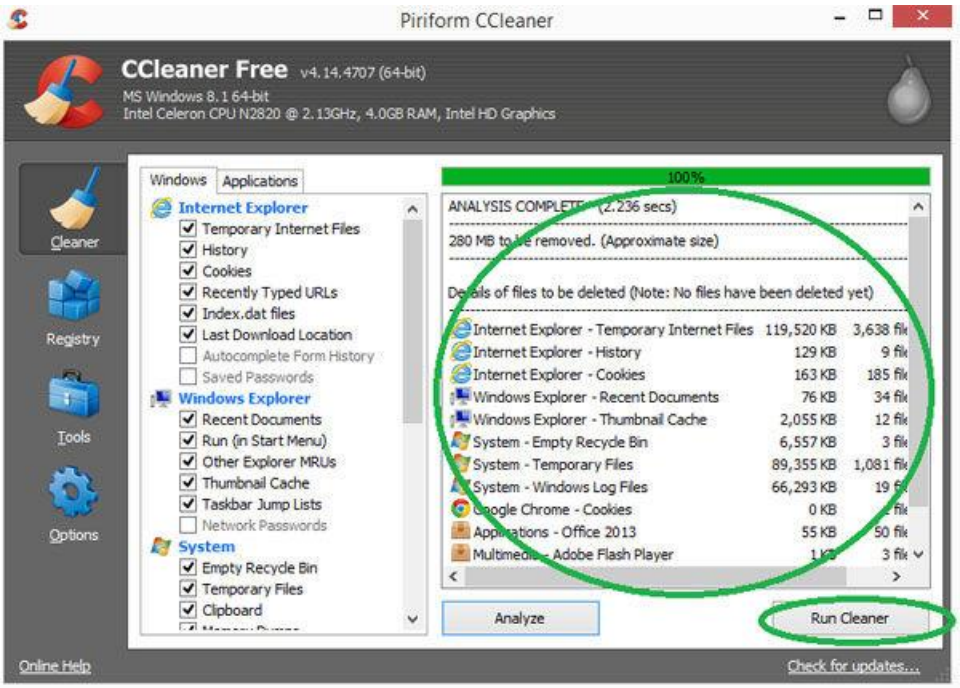
10. Scroll through the Window and Applications tabs, checking the options for files you want examined. **Make sure you "uncheck" cookies in all Window and Applications! Delete your cookies, and you will lose all your logins and associated passwords**



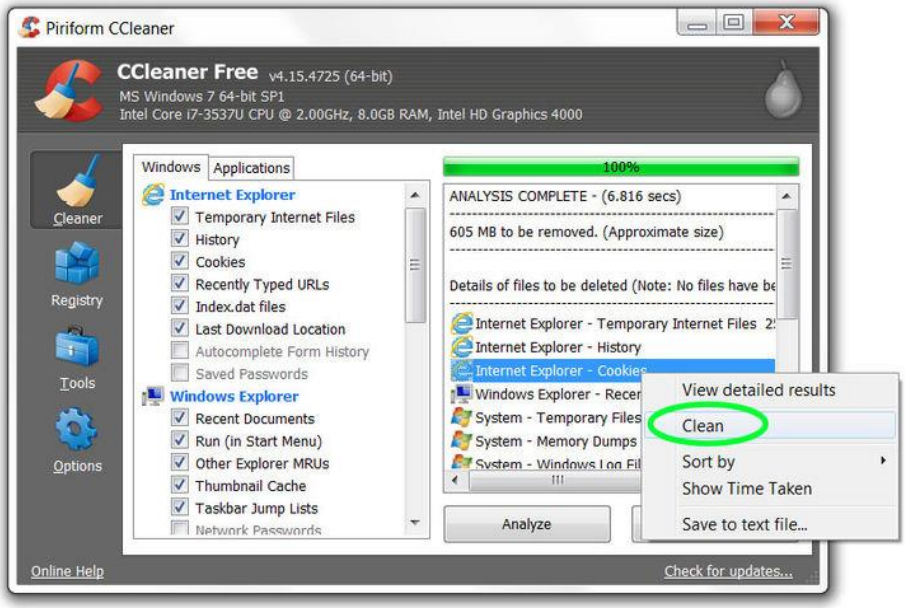
12. Click Analyze to generate a list of the temporary files that can be deleted.

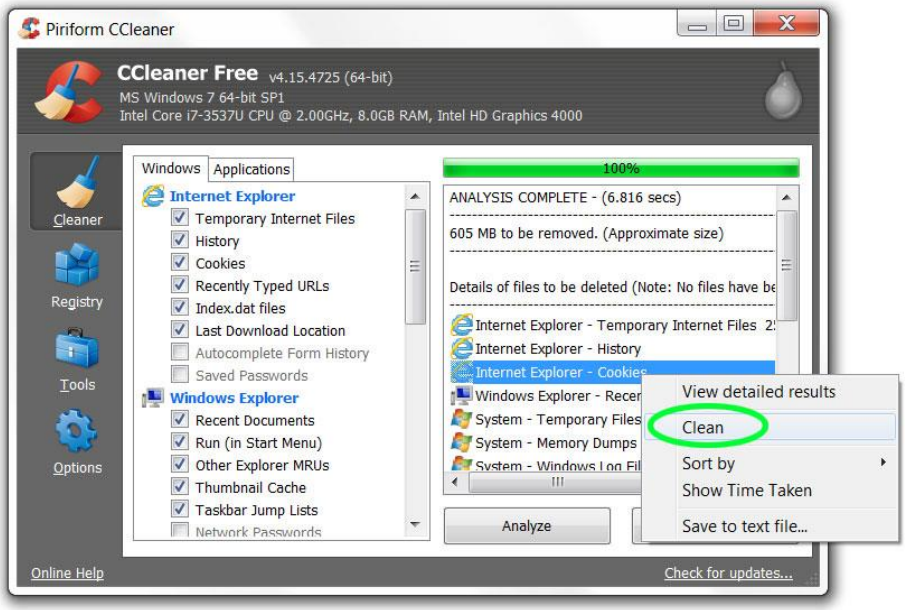


13a. If you'd like to delete everything CCleaner finds, **click Run Cleaner.**

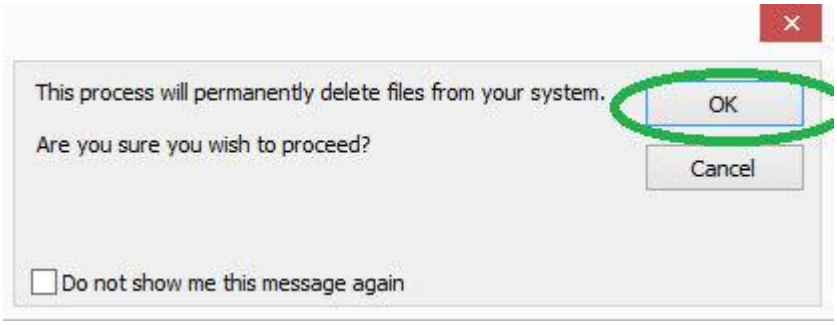


13b. If you don't want to delete them all, then **select each individual item you want to remove**, then **right-click and select "Clean.**



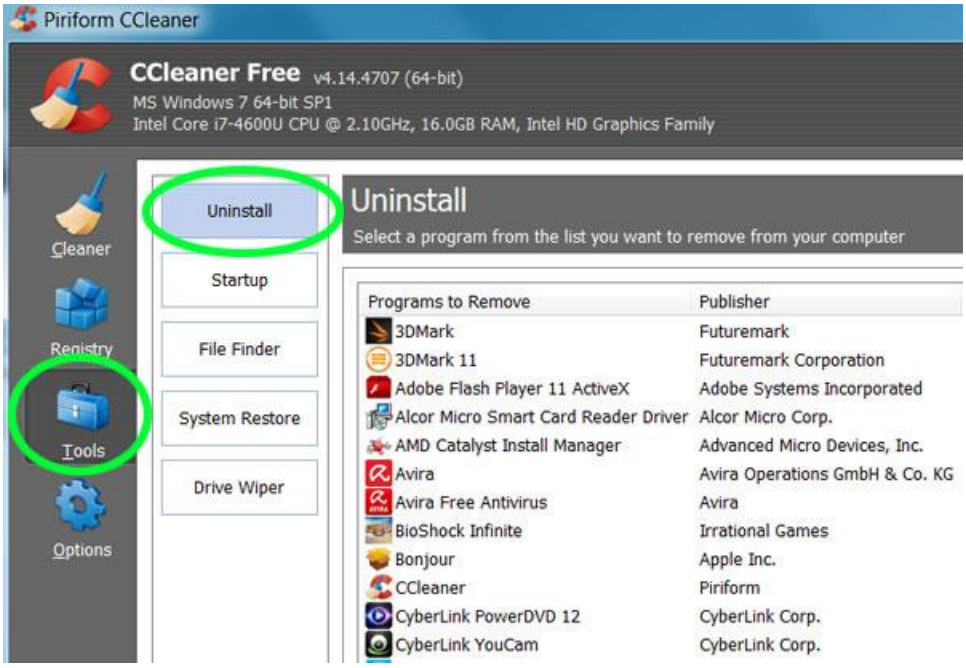


14. Click OK in the confirmation pop-up window to delete the files.

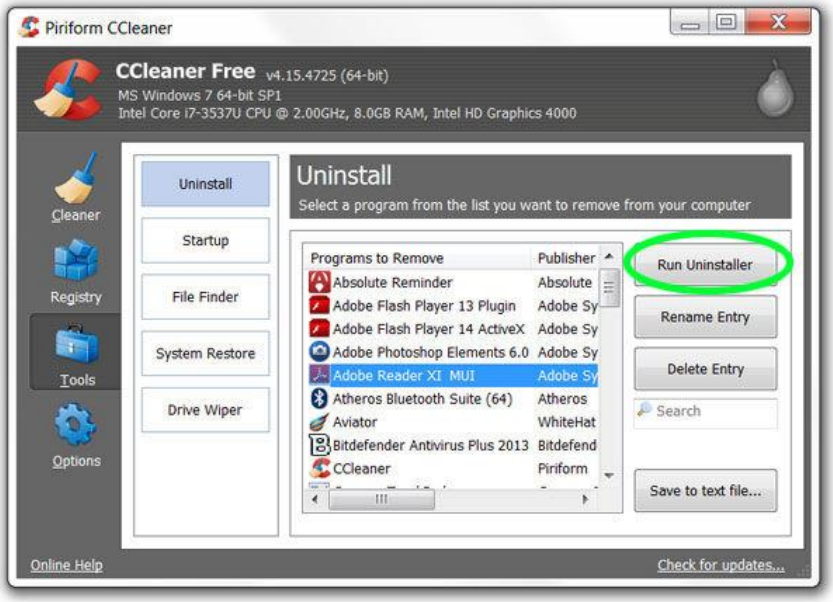


CCleaner can also correct Registry errors, uninstall software and determine which programs launch upon Windows startup. We can't recommend that you alter the Registry, but here's how to use the other features.

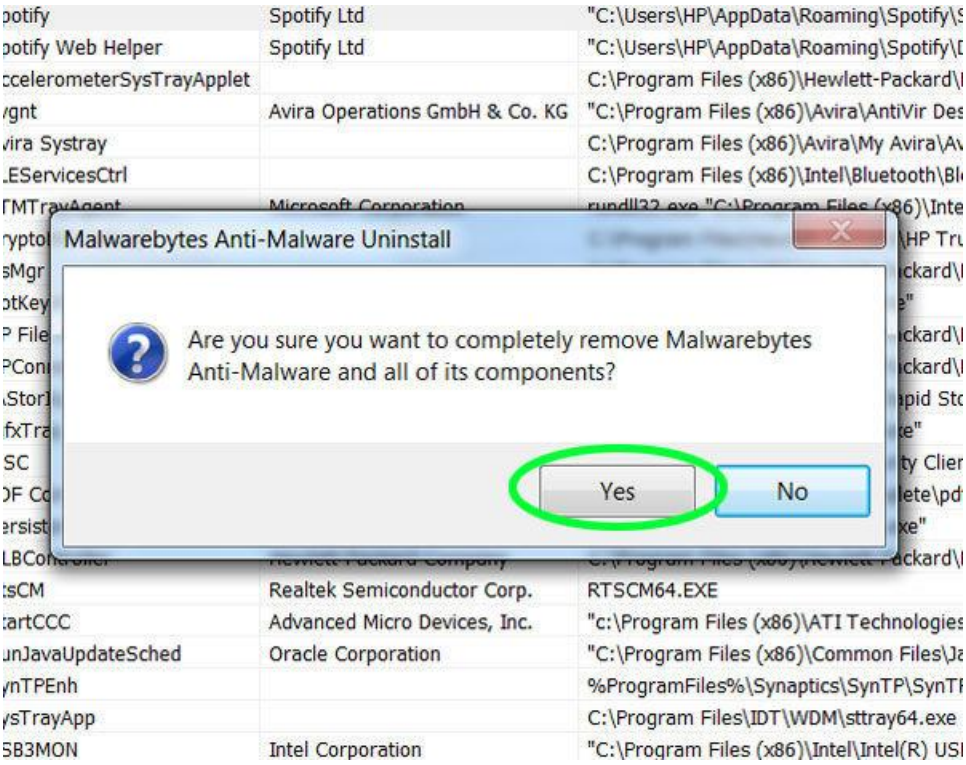
15. Click Tools and Uninstall in the CCleaner main screen to generate a list of installed applications.



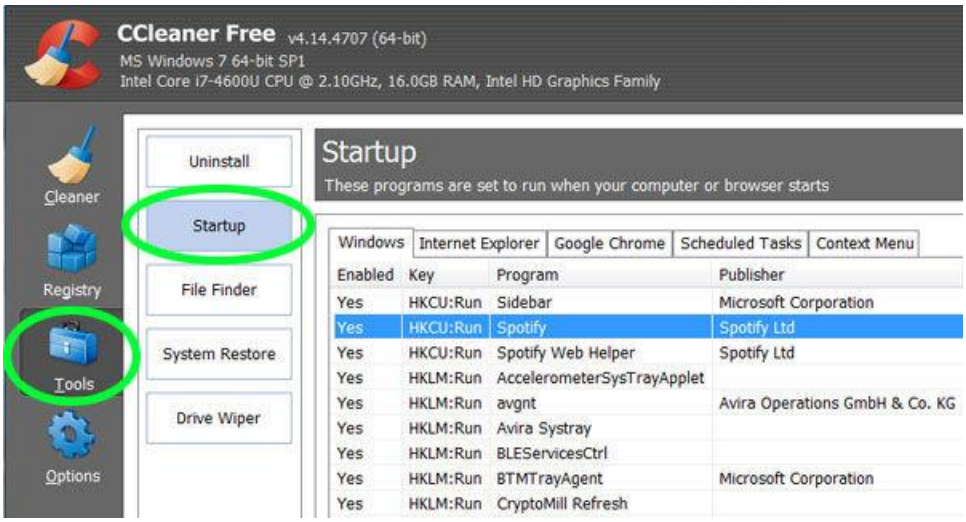
16. Select the application you'd like to remove, then **click Run Uninstaller** in the top right of the CCleaner screen.

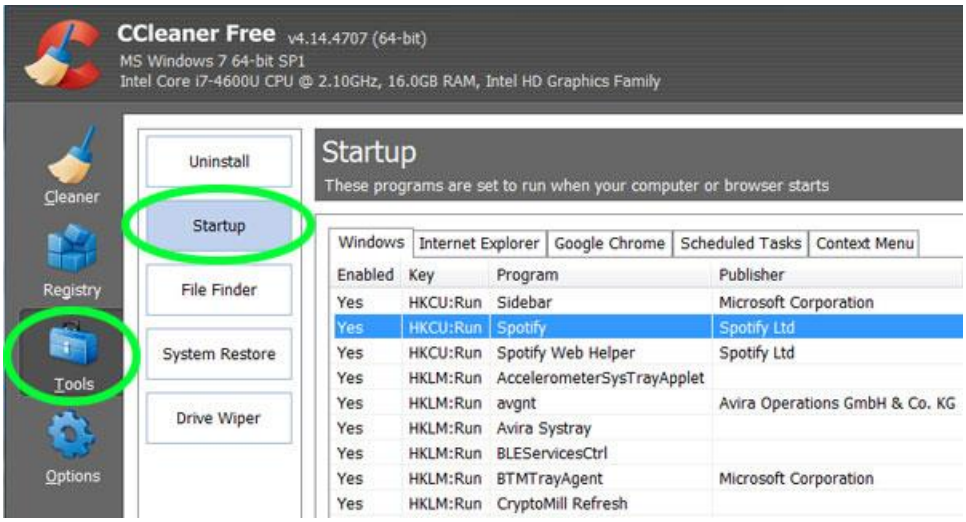
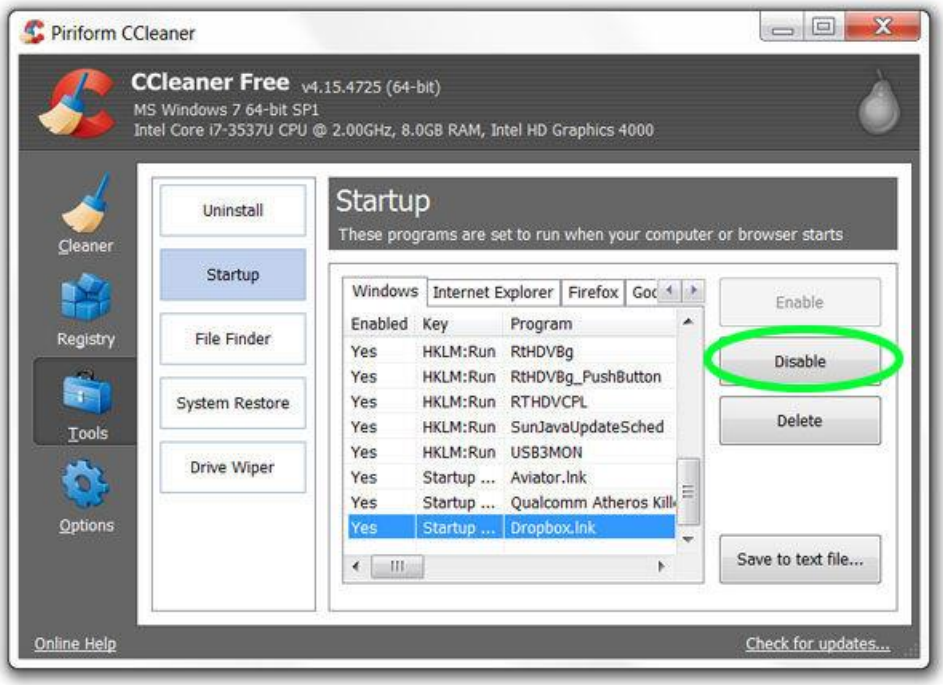


17. Click Yes if a confirmation prompt dialog box appears.



18. Click Tools and Startup in the CCleaner main screen to generate a list of startup applications.





19. Select the application you want removed from startup, then **click Disable** in the top right of the CCleaner screen.