



Release Notes for

ProtectStar™ Data Shredder 2.5 Standard / Professional / Server

ProtectStar™ Data Shredder 2.2 Freeware

Latest Version (Standard/Professional/Server): 2.5.11.07.18

Latest Version (Freeware): 2.2.11.08.01

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ProtectStar™ Data Shredder 2.5 is a professional tool that has won numerous awards and that allows for secure deletion of data from hard drives and external data storage devices, including deletion protocols.

This user-friendly solution, which runs under Microsoft Windows, enables both private and business users to efficiently delete their data in such a way as to preclude reconstruction, even by government agencies.

Please refer to <http://www.protectstar.com> for more information.

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System requirements

- Intel or AMD processor
- Minimum requirements for the relevant operating system
- 10 MB of free disk space
- Supported operating systems
- Microsoft Windows 2000, XP, Vista, 7
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Server, 2003 Server and 2008/2008 R2 Server
- 32- and 64-bit compatibility

VERSION 2.5 STANDARD / PROFESSIONAL / SERVER

Fixed issues 2.5.11.07.18

- Improvements in online activation system

Fixed issues 2.5.11.07.12

- New Data Shredder 2.5 Standard version added into installation file
- Internet browser icons added into temp. internet files section
- Minor improvements for Professional and Server version
- New secure erase method from Peter Gutmann added

Fixed issues 2.5.11.05.04

- Minor improvements in German version
- Updated manuals



Fixed issues 2.5.11.04.13

- Minor bug fixes in activation system
- Name change of cycles from 3 to 5 for BSI-2011-VS method

Fixed issues 2.5.11.04.09

- Proxy server configuration added into configuration menu
- New secure erase method BSI-2011 (BSI-2011-VS) added
- URLs to ProtectStar™ website modified
- Activation process via browser if activation service has no access

Fixed issues 2.5.11.03.22

- improved ProtectStar company logo added

Fixed issues 2.5.11.03.13

- Minor improvements on online activation process

Fixed issues 2.5.11.02.16

- System check bug fix on Windows Server 2008 R2

Fixed issues 2.5.11.02.05

- New activation process integrated
- It's now possible to use serial codes to unlock and activate the software
- Minor improvements in usability

Fixed issues 2.5.11.01.06

- Minor fixes with "Silent Mode"
- Minor bug fixes
- Updated manuals

Fixed issues 2.5.10.10.05

- Improvements for Data Shredder Console

Fixed issues 2.5.10.09.22

- Bug fixed with shredding temporary files
- New update process integrated



Fixed issues 2.5.10.09.07

- Shredding reports now also available as Word (.doc) format
- Shredding reports are signed with digital signature
- Completely new designed shredding of Temporary internet files with special shredding options for Microsoft Internet Explorer 6/7/8, Mozilla Firefox 3, Google Chrom 1, Opera 9 and Apple Safari 5
- It's now possible to Auto exit when shredding is finished
- Format volume after shredding process is finished
- New reports location (under My Documents)
- Data Shredder 2.5 Console shortcut removed
- The configuration symbol (C) in the main menu of the German version was changed to a (K) for "Konfiguration"

Fixed issues (2.1.10.04.19 to 2.5.10.07.08) - New Release

- more than fifty minor improvements
- faster erasing speeds
- improvements in performance
- added brand new 8-cycles German BSI/VS-ITR TL-03423 standard
- added 1-cycle shredding method "0xFF" for SSD Drives
- added 4-cycles DoD 5220.22-M E for SSD Drives
- added 3-cycles US Army AR380-19 method
- added 3-cycles HMG Infosec Standard No.5 enhanced method
- improved report files with additional hardware information
- silent mode added to the configuration menu
- official compatible with Microsoft Windows 7 (Certification Logo received)
- added Windows paging file shredding at the next computer restart
- improved columns which shows used space, freespace and percentage of free space
- updated user manuals
- Installation file "setup-pro.msi" can be used as 10-days limited trial version

VERSION 2.2 FREWARE

Fixed issues (2.2.11.08.01)

- Promotion Pop-Up integrated when freeware version starts

Fixed issues (2.2.11.04.09)

- Proxy server configuration added into configuration menu
- URLs to ProtectStar™ website modified

Fixed issues (2.2.11.03.22)

- Improved ProtectStar company logo added



Fixed issues (2.2.11.02.21)

- Changed web url's to Professional version

Fixed issues (2.2.11.02.05)

- New certificate integrated

Fixed issues (2.2.11.02.04)

- Minor changes

Fixed issues (2.2.11.02.02)

- New update system
- New 1-cycle shredding algorithm for SSD (Solid State Drive) added
- New features for shredding temporary internet files
- Minor bug fixes and improvements

Fixed issues (2.1.11.01.05)

- Improvements in "Silent Mode"
- Minor bug fixes

Fixed issues (2.1.10.07.08) - New Release

- minor improvements
- faster erasing speed with integrated 1-cycle algorithm
- improved freespace shredding for external devices

Fixed issues (2.1.10.04.02)

- freeware/license selection in installer
- reached official Windows 7 Logo requirements (Status: signed)

Fixed issues (2.1.10.03.31)

- New update URL's for Freeware/Professional/Server version
- Solved UAC/HKLM writing problems
- Improved freeware version with new available functions and features like freespace shredding, temporary files shredding and secure move
- Tuning for official Windows 7 logo requirements
- "new version available": page link by language
- "new version available": different message text and behavior for freeware/licensed
- fixed "view log" button: enabled for licensed version
- fixed English texts
- fixed bug with C:\ drive freespace shredding
- license can be passed as a parameter for msi
- uninstall shortcut is not created in program group



Fixed issues (2.1.10.02.24)

- Changed vbs custom action to dll
- Changed rar sfx to own exe
- start rights - invoker
- added message regarding out of license period
- Extended temp files search
- English language translation fixes
- Improved messages for freespace shredding
- Digital signature for all modules and installation itself
- View Log disabled for Freeware version
- Install/upgrade improvements
- global temp dir for msi
- German license agreement added for German version
- English and German MSI installer
- native 64bit Data Shredder modules in MSI installer (only for x64-bit systems)
- Problem with saving license key file is fixed
- Updated German manual and help topics
- Minor fixes regarding configuration menu
- Rename of "Abbrechen" & "Cancel" button into "Schließen" & "Close"
- DataShredderBoot.exe moved from system32 to application directory
- (64-bit) in About dialog added after the version files; only for 64-bit modules
- DataShredderBoot; deleted BootExecute entry when Data Shredder is uninstalled
- Uninstall old versions support in MSI
- Minor fixes and optimizations especially for the x64 Bit modules

Fixed issues (2.1.09.12.07)

- New configuration menu added
- Protect configuration settings with password
- Import and export configuration file
- Define a standard deletion method as default
- Possibility to block standard deletion method
- Improved report files
- Possibility to save reports automatically
- Fixed shredding interruption dialog and logic
- Statistic estimation shown faster
- No warning message when shredding freespace
- Now it is possible to change the default language at any time
- Improved update checking options
- Minor fixes and improvements
- Updated help files in English and German
- New User Interface implementation
- Bilingual (English and German) build, selected by user's regional settings
- New designed message boxes
- DPI free
- The small green "X" symbol (ProtectStar™ Data Shredder symbol) is now visible in all windows of the software.
- Smaller application/install size
- The short flickering's while the calculation/shredding process is showing is fixed
- Optimized redrawing
- Problem regarding windows screen setting with 120 DPI is fixed
- Tab navigation is now possible
- No vcredist necessary anymore.
- Minor fixes and optimizations



Known issues and limitations of the version:

- The boot mode of ProtectStar™ Data Shredder (DataShredderBoot.exe) will not work if SFN (short file name) is not active

