



Release Notes & change log for ProtectStar™ Data Shredder 2.0 and 2.1

Latest Version: 2.1.10.02.24

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The new ProtectStar™ Data Shredder 2.x ushers in an intelligent generation of solutions for secure deletion of sensitive data.

This compact and user friendly software was designed with the data deletion needs of both business and private users, and allows all data to be deleted in such a way that it is completely beyond recovery, even for experts and government agencies. When you use ProtectStar™ Data Shredder to delete data from a hard drive or storage device, you are ensuring that confidential information such as bank data, passwords and employee data can never fall into the wrong hands.

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 2.1

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
- Minor fixes for x64 Bit modules

Fixed issues (2.1.10.01.09)

- 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
- Tab navigation works now correctly
- 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

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



Fixed issues (2.1.09.12.01 preview)

- 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

VERSION 2.0

Fixed issues (2.0.09.10.07)

- Windows 7 improvements and minor fixes
- Deleted window "Do you like to exit ProtectStar™ Data Shredder 2.0?"
- Packed with the latest vdredist.exe version

Fixed issues (2.0.09.08.22)

- Bug fixed: license key wasn't saved when user update or reinstall the data shredder 2.0
- Bug fixed: There was a bug with the last used shred method and explanation text when the user shred the windows recycle bin
- Error fixed: Sometimes a wrong explanation text was listed when the user starts his shredding procedure
- Known issues
- New added "1 cycle: Overwrite with random values" algorithm to the shredding methods
- Save last used shred method
- Removed shred complete message
- Fixed back/cancel button
- Data Shredder now available for all user accounts
- VCRedist will be not uninstalled when Data Shredder will be uninstalled
- Improved auto-update function with weekly reminder
- Safe defining wizard branch (for context menu)
- Saved license key (for updates/upgrades)



Fixed issues (2.0.09.07.07 final version)

- Resetting boot execute during install/uninstall
- Stopping worker thread (cancel button)
- Fixed known issues
- Explanation texts added to "Erase Temporary Files"
- Fixed problems in boot module
- Added Feedback button
- Checks automatically if a newer release is available
- Added "Did you know?" explanation text until the installation process
- Improved design of the About "!" window

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
- On some hard drives under windows 64-bit operation systems there could be a lower shredding performance than on 32-bit operation systems. Users can fix the problem by installing the latest chipset drivers.
- It's noticed that it comes to crashes of the Data Shredder software while the shredding process is started, on some computers with an AMD K6 processor.

