

Guided Help widget for MS Windows Malicious Software Removal Tool

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FYI note

MS has added a handy guided help tool that will guide a pc user, in a step-by-step approach, in obtaining and running the Malicious Software Removal Tool. It is very simple to use and follow. There are no obscure command lines to type in.

Simply follow the onscreen directions. Guided Help will download the tool. All the choices will be presented to you. They are:

- a) Quick scan. Scans areas most likely to contain malicious software.
- b) Full scan. Scans the entire system.
- c) Customized scan. Allows scanning a specific folder.

One downloads the guided help module. Saves it to disk. Then you run the saved exe file, which then opens a new window with guided help.

A results screen is displayed at program end.

The tool may be used on systems running Windows 2000, Win XP, and Windows Server 2003.

Keep in mind this tool only scans for a specified list of "malicious software". The list is contained in MS KB 890830.

This tool is not a substitute for full-blown antivirus or anti-malware programs.

I ran it a few days ago & let it run overnight. I found it very easy to use.

See <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/890830/>

The article has the link to download the Guided Help module, as well as an FAQ, and the list of "nasties" it looks for. The list is typically updated each month.

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