

Welcome to Paraben's Data Shredder Stick

Paraben's Data Shredder Stick is a secure file wiping tool that permanently deletes data from hard drives and other storage devices on computers running Windows.

Users can choose to wipe the unallocated space of an entire drive making data recovery from deleted files impossible or they can choose to permanently delete individual files or folders. After files are deleted and the recycling bin is emptied, Windows can no longer see or access the files, however, that doesn't mean they are gone. They are simply marked as deleted and the space on the hard drive is freed for new data. These files can be recovered until new data overwrites the area on the drive where the deleted data is stored.

The Data Shredder Stick overwrites all the data in this unallocated space permanently deleting any files that were deleted. Even advanced forensic tools will not be able to recover data from a hard drive that has had the unallocated space shredded by the Data Shredder Stick.

When you shred individual files or folders, the Data Shredder Stick immediately and permanently overwrites these files so they can never be recovered. Make sure you really want your files gone before shredding them because once they are shredded, there's no getting them back.

Shredding Individual Files or Folders

Using the Data Shredder Stick is very easy. To shred individual files or folders, simply drag-and-drop them right onto the picture of the shredder in the program interface. You will be asked if you really want this data permanently shredded. If you confirm, the data will be shredded forever.

Shredding Deleted Data from Entire Drives

If you want to clean an entire drive, simply select any available drive(s) shown and click the "Shred Deleted Data From Selected Drives" button. You will be asked if you really want all deleted data from the selected drives permanently shredded. If you confirm, the data will be shredded forever. The process of shredding deleted data from entire drives can take a very long time, especially if there is a lot of free space on the drives.

The Data Shredder Stick will display any hard drive, USB drive, SD card, or other storage device that is plugged in or attached to your computer and is formatted as a FAT or NTFS storage device. You can choose to shred deleted data from any attached drive and only the deleted data will be cleaned.

Wiping EVERYTHING from an Entire Drive

If you want to shred everything on an entire drive, you have a couple options. First, you can delete all the files on the drive then select the drive for shredding deleted data. Because all the files on the drive were deleted first, the entire drive will be shredded and no data will be recoverable.

The other option is to format the drive which will delete everything. Then you can select the drive for shredding deleted data.

Shredding Data in the Windows Folder

The Data Shredder Stick will not allow you to shred anything other than the Temp folder in the Windows directory. This is because deleting data from this folder can affect the performance of your computer or even make it stop functioning altogether.

If you want to shred something in the Windows folder, you will need to manually delete the data, empty your recycling bin, then select the drive and shred the deleted data on that drive.

Troubleshooting

Error when dropping files into the data shredder: If you can't drag and drop files or folders, please close the application and start it as administrator. To do this, right click on the app icon and select "Run as Administrator".

Wiping finished with errors: If you received an error after shredding files or folders, your system may have prevented your file from being completely overwritten. The file has been deleted but may not be entirely shredded. The only way to ensure complete shredding is to shred deleted data for the entire drive where the file was located.

I clicked "Cancel" while shredding a file. Is it really shredded? If you click cancel after you have dropped files/folders into the shredder, the files will be deleted but not shredded. The only way to ensure complete shredding is to shred deleted data for the entire drive where the file was located.