

## Lavasoft Ad-Aware Download Instructions

### Types of Spyware

- 1) Adware: code that allows pop up advertisements to appear on your computer. A browser need not be open to see adware.
- 2) Browser Hijacker: Changes settings in your browser like altering your home page. If you try to change your home page back to what you want, the suspect page reappears after you reboot and open the browser. Very frustrating!
- 3) Dialers: If you're computer is set to dial a number to gain Internet access, code could be put on your computer that will dial 900 (toll) or international numbers.
- 4) Keyloggers: program that will record your keystrokes and transmit the information to a third party (passwords as well as personal or financial data could be easily deciphered)

### Download and Run Ad-Aware

Before downloading, close all open windows and programs that may be running on your computer.

- 1) Type the following address in a browser: <http://www.lavasoftusa.com>
- 2) If you wish to purchase the Professional version, click on the link in the left sidebar for Home User or Business under Purchase. Choose the version you would like and follow the on-screen prompts.
- 3) For the **free** version, click on the link for download.com that is visible in the upper right corner of the Home Page.
- 4) When the site opens, click on the link Download Now next to the green button.
- 5) When the File Download dialog box pops up, choose **Save** and navigate to your Source directory on the C: drive (you may want to create a folder called Ad-Aware in the Source folder and save the installation program there).
- 6) Click **Save** again to save the file in the Source folder. After the program finishes downloading, click **Open** to install the program.
- 7) The AdAware SE Personal Setup box will appear
- 8) Click **Next** on the first screen ; on the next screen click the box next to: I accept the license agreement ; then click **Next**.
- 9) The Destination Location box appears. The default shows the Program Files folder. Click **Next**.

- 10) The next box wants you to specify if the program should be available to all users (profiles) on your computer. The default is Anyone who uses this computer ; which is a good choice. Click **Next**.
- 11) The Start Installation box appears. Click **Next** to begin the installation.
- 12) The install will complete in a few seconds. On the next screen, make sure all boxes are checked and click **Finish**. The Ad-Aware program will now open.
- 13) Two things will happen:
  - a. The Ad-Aware help box will open. Feel free to browse the help info.
  - b. The Web Update box will open – the latest updates will be downloaded to your computer – then the program will start a System Scan.
- 14) When the scan completes, the **Scanning Results** page will appear – the Critical Objects tab will show the individual objects. If you have just a few items, select each box next to the objects you want deleted (**remember** – good tracking cookies like Amazon.com will appear as well – if you want to keep these, do NOT put a checkmark in that box) If you have many objects, click the **Scan Summary** tab (next to Critical Objects). On this screen, you can save some time and click the checkboxes next to the Target Families to get rid of all items.
- 15) Click **Next** after selecting the checkboxes.
- 16) That's it – the first System Scan is complete! At this point, if you had many objects removed, **run another Full System Scan**. Click Start – select the Perform full system scan radio button, click Next
- 17) Go through the same steps above to remove any critical objects that were not deleted during the first scan.
- 18) When complete, close the program by clicking the X in the upper right corner of the dialog box.

**Hint:** By saving installation files in the Source folder, you'll save time if the program becomes corrupt and needs to be reinstalled or if you decide by choice to uninstall the program temporarily. It's much faster to return to the installation file saved in your Source folder than navigating to the company's website or looking for the installation disc.

(Note: Keep those installation disks though – if your computer crashes and you have to reinstall your operating system, you'll need those installation disks after you get your system files reinstalled.)