



## **Stellar File Wipe**

Installation Guide

**Version 4.1**

## **Overview**

Data Wiping, also called data erasing, is used to clear private or any data that must be deleted in such a way that it is not recoverable by any means. Stellar File Wipe application employs overwriting techniques to make the data unrecoverable. Many bit patterns are written over the data. These bit patterns have no meaning and no useful information can be taken out of the data after it is overwritten. Memory is completely reusable after data erasing activity.

### **Wipe Data Permanently**

Commands and tools provided by operating system do not delete the files permanently. Instead only their link to the file structure is deleted. Files must be deleted permanently to ensure full privacy and security. Wipe Now feature of Stellar File Wipe application wipes drive, folders and files permanently making them unrecoverable by any means.

### **Wipe Unused and Slack Space**

Files deleted using operating system options only loose their link in the file system. The space acquired by them is still occupied. Also when a file is saved a lot of space is left as slack at end of the file. These spaces can be a threat to user's privacy, as the content can be recovered or analyzed by simple data recovery tools available. Stellar File Wipe ensures full privacy and space optimization by wiping the used and slack space by help of strong algorithms.

### **Wipe Traces Left by Application and Internet Browsers**

All the activities performed in Internet browsers whether it is typing a URL, a user name/password, or a typed text in search engine is recorded silently. Also, running applications some time save files to help themselves in their execution. It can also be that many temporary files are left undeleted after installation or uninstallation of the programs.

## **Features**

- Wipes Unused and Slack space to secure privacy and optimized use of memory
- Wipes specific drives, folders and files
- Wipes system activity traces to ensure privacy and improved system speed
- Wipes installed application traces and Internet activity traces
- Supports all the popular applications and Internet browsers

- Supports recognized standard overwriting algorithms for wiping
- A wipe list can be maintained containing the names of files and folders that can be wiped in a single step.
- Wiping can be scheduled at a preset date and time
- A log report is maintained in the application to review the process in future

## **What's New in This Version?**

Wipe Now feature has been added in the latest version Stellar File Wipe 4.1. Wipe Now can be used to wipe selected drives, folders, and files of your system. Data of the selected files is permanently erased and can not be recovered by any means.

## Installation Procedure

Before installing the software, check that your system meets the minimum system requirements:

### ■ Minimum System Requirements

**Processor:** Pentium Class

**Operating System:** Windows 2000/XP/2003/Vista/Windows 7

**Memory:** Minimum 1 GB


**Hard Disc:** 50 MB of Free Space

To install the software, follow these steps.

- Double-click **StellarFileWipe.exe** executable file to start installation. 'Setup - Stellar File Wipe' dialog box is displayed.
- Click **Next**. 'License Agreement' dialog box is displayed.
- Choose **I accept the agreement** option. 'Next' button will be enabled. Click **Next**. 'Select Destination Location' dialog box is displayed.
- Click **Browse** to select the destination path where the setup files will be stored. Click **Next**. 'Select Start Menu Folder' dialog box is displayed.
- Click **Browse** to provide path for program's shortcuts. Click **Next**. 'Select Additional Tasks' dialog box is displayed.
- Choose the check boxes as per your choice. Click **Next**. 'Ready to Install' dialog box is displayed.
- Review the entries. Click **Back** if you want to change them. Click **Install** to start installation. The Installing screen shows the installation process.
- After completing the process, 'Completing the Stellar File Wipe Setup Wizard' window is displayed. Click **Finish**.

## How to Order?

The software can be purchased by making payments online. Please visit <http://www.stellarinfo.com/data-safety-eraser/wipe-professional/buy-now.php> for more information and to place an order.

Alternatively, if the demo version is installed then you can click the 'Buy Now' link in the 'Purchase' dialog box. Click 'Purchase' button  in the application tool bar to open Purchase dialog box.

## How to Register?

The trial version of the Stellar File Wipe can be downloaded from the Stellar's web site. This trial version is just for evaluation purpose and must be eventually registered to use it after expiry. Software can be registered after receiving the key. To register the demo application, follow these steps.

- Start the trial version of the application.
- In the reminder option click Enter.
- Enter the user name and key, received by mail, after purchasing the software.
- A confirmation message is displayed if a valid key is entered.
- Click **OK**.

Or, you can also activate by **Activation** option in the tab pane.

- Run **Stellar File Wipe** application.
- Click **Settings** tab to expand the tab pane.




- Click **Activation** tab. Activation options are shown in the application window.

- Type the **User Name** and **Activation Code**.
- Click **Activate** button.
- A confirmation message is displayed if a valid key is entered.
- Click **OK**. **Stellar File Wipe** application is activated and the Activation tab is disabled.



## How to Update?

There are periodical software updates provided by Stellar Information Systems Ltd. for Stellar File Wipe software. The software updates should be done to keep the software up-to-date. The updates can be a newly added functionality, a new feature, a new service or any other information that can be important for improvement. The Stellar File Wipe software can be updated over internet. To update the application, follow these steps.

- Click on Update  button in application tool bar. 'Update Wizard' dialog box is displayed.
- Click **Next**. A busy timer shows that updates are being searched. If it finds any new version, a message indicates the availability.
- If a message is displayed that no updates are available, Click **Cancel** to close the wizard.
- Click **Next**. The software will start downloading the update files from the server. When the process is complete, the software will upgrade to the latest version.

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