



# MacAppStuff Shredder

## User Manual

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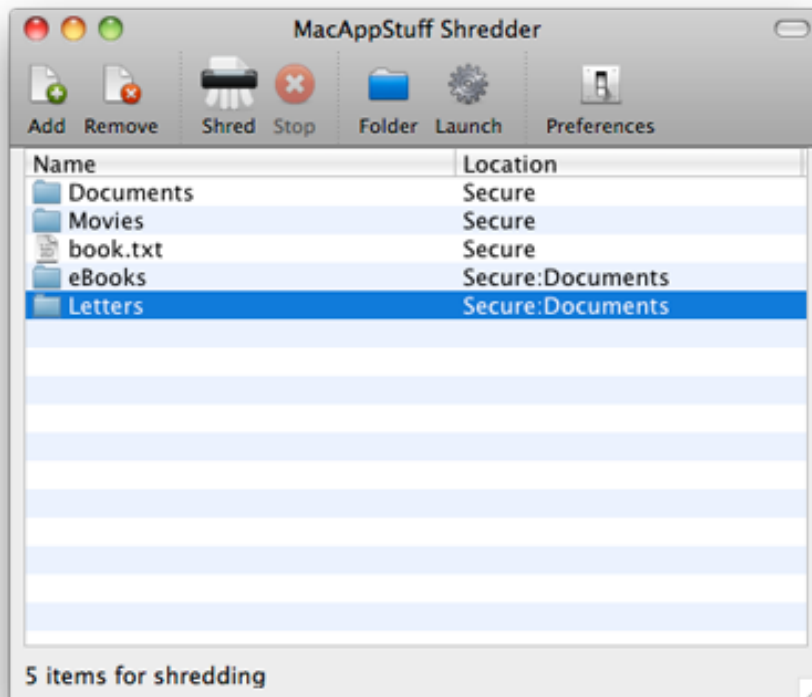
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## Introduction

MacAppStuff Shredder will securely erase files, meaning that if they are ever recovered (by specialist software) their content will be useless. For added security, data can be overwritten up to 35 times and the name and date of the file/folder changed to random values. These options are discussed in the Preferences section of this manual.

Both files and folders can be added to the list to be shredded. Files will have their content overwritten and then the file will be deleted.

Any folders will be searched and any files residing in them will be shredded. The folder will then be deleted.

If you choose to randomly rename and re-date files/folders, this will occur just prior to deletion.

Note: You can 'ignore' folders (i.e. not have them shredded) – see Preferences.

Read the other help sections to understand how the application works, and to explore it's features in full.

## Commands

This section discusses the various toolbar and menu commands, where applicable.

### **Adding files and folders**

Simply use the "Add" button on the toolbar to add files/folders to the list (Windows users can use the specific "Folder" button on the toolbar). Alternatively, drag and drop from other applications (such as Finder/Windows Explorer). You can even drop files/folders onto the application's icon in the dock (or for Windows users, the app's icon on the desktop).

### **Shredding**

To shred all the items in the list, click the "Shred" button on the toolbar. You will see a pop-up menu asking whether you want to shred all the items or just the selected ones.

Each file/folder being processed will be displayed at the bottom of the screen, along with a progress bar. Shredding can be stopped by clicking the "Stop" button, but be warned that the file/folder being shredded will probably corrupt and useless (it may even have a new name if this option was selected in Preferences).

### **Folder**

This button, on the toolbar, will open the folder where the selected item(s) in the list reside. The item(s) are displayed in Finder windows (or Windows Explorer windows).

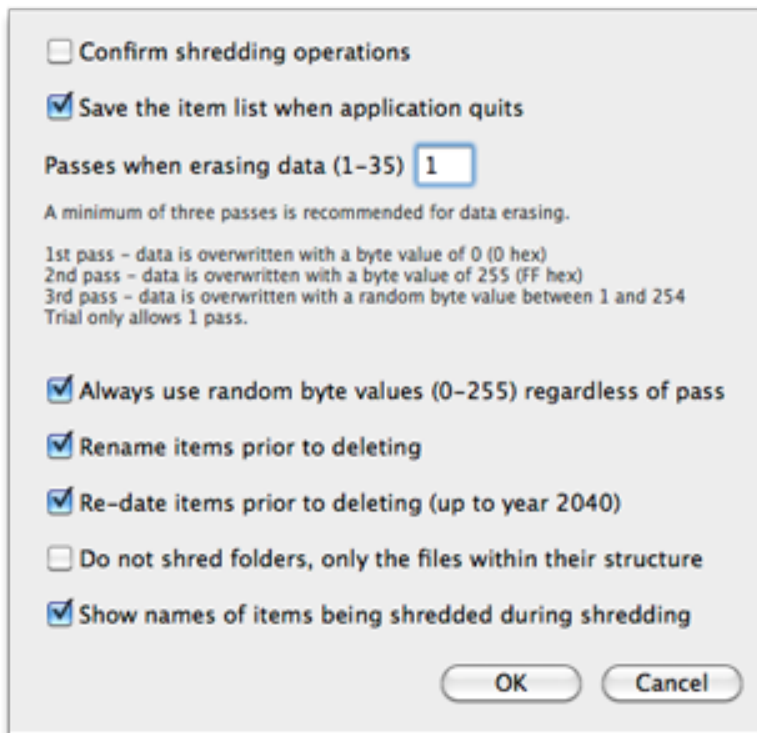
### **Launch**

This command launches or opens the selected items. For example, a document will be opened in it's default application, a folder will be displayed in Finder (or Windows Explorer) etc.

### **Removing non-existent items**

This is available from the "File" menu or via the pop-up menu accessed by right-clicking on the list. It will remove any files or folders from the list which no longer exist in the location they were added.

# Preferences



## Confirm shredding operations

When you begin shredding items, you will be asked to confirm your action. Otherwise shredding will begin as soon as you select it from the menu or click the "Shred" button.

## Save the item list when application quits

This option will save the item list to your documents folder when you quit the application, and load it when you next start the application.

## Passes

As shown in the screenshot above, the number of passes can range from 1 to 35. A minimum of three passes is recommended for data erasing. The value used to overwrite the file's data depends on the pass:

1st pass - data is overwritten with a byte value of 0 (0 hex)

2nd pass - data is overwritten with a byte value of 255 (FF hex)

3rd pass - data is overwritten with a random byte value between 1 and 254

...but this can be overridden, see below.

## Always use random byte values (0-255) regardless of pass

If you don't want to follow the default pattern for writing byte values (1st pass = 0, 2nd pass = 255, 3rd pass = random 1 to 254) you can check this option to write a random byte value between 0 and 255 for every pass.

## Rename / Re-date items

These two options are for added security. The files and folders can be renamed with a random name of random length, and have their date altered – all prior to deletion. This

ensures that it is impossible to categorise/understand any 'deleted' files/folders which may later be recovered.

Dates are changed to random values up to the year 2040.

### **Do not shred folders, only the files within their structure**

When you drop folders in the list, only the files (if any) inside their structure will be shredded (the folders will be untouched).

### **Show names of items being shredded during shredding**

When shredding, the names of files and folders will be displayed at the bottom of the screen, otherwise just "Shredding..." appears.

## **Trial Limitations**

The trial is designed to run for 14 days. After this time you will either need to purchase a license from our website (see below), or remove it from your computer. The trial only allows 1 item to be shredded, and 1 pass at overwriting the data.

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