

Heirloom Software

Workstation Maintenance & Storage Optimization

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Platform: Windows 10 / 11 (64-bit)

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Overview

Heirloom Workstation Maintenance is a lightweight utility for routine Windows upkeep. It brings three maintenance tasks together behind a single, simple window: clearing browser cache and session clutter, optimizing drives, and securely erasing selected files. Nothing runs on its own — every action is started by you and confirmed before it does anything.

What's Included

- **Heirloom Workstation Maintenance.vbs** — double-click launcher (opens the app as a window).
- **Heirloom-Workstation-Maintenance.ps1** — the application itself (must stay in the same folder as the launcher).

System Requirements

- Windows 10 or Windows 11 (64-bit).
- Windows PowerShell 5.1 or later (included with Windows).
- Administrator rights — the app requests them automatically (a Windows UAC prompt appears at launch).

Getting Started

- 1 Keep the **.vbs** launcher and the **.ps1** file together in the same folder.
- 2 Double-click **Heirloom Workstation Maintenance.vbs**.
- 3 When Windows asks for permission (UAC), click **Yes**.
- 4 Choose a section on the left, then use **Analyze** to preview and the action button to run it.

The Three Modules

1. Cleaner

Removes cached files and restored-session data for Chromium-based browsers (Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, and Brave). Your bookmarks and saved passwords are **not** touched. If a browser is still open, the app skips it and asks you to close it first, so an in-use profile is never damaged. Use **Analyze** to see how much space can be recovered before cleaning.

2. Drive Optimizer

Detects whether each drive is a traditional hard disk (HDD) or a solid-state drive (SSD) and runs the correct maintenance automatically — full defragmentation for an HDD, or a TRIM command for an SSD. TRIM is the manufacturer-recommended operation for SSDs and does not cause wear.

3. Secure Erase

Overwrites each file you select with a single pass of random data and then deletes it, so a casually deleted file cannot simply be undeleted.

Important limitation: single-pass overwrite reliably destroys data only on traditional spinning hard drives. On SSDs, NVMe, USB flash drives, and encrypted volumes, the storage device may write your “overwrite” to different physical memory cells than the ones that held the original file, so remnants can survive. For disposing of a whole computer or an SSD, use full-disk encryption with key destruction (e.g. BitLocker), the drive’s built-in secure-erase feature, or Windows’ *Reset this PC → Remove everything → Clean the drive*. This module is a best-effort first pass, not a certified sanitizer.

Safety & Good Practice

- Back up anything important before using Secure Erase or Drive Optimizer.
- Secure Erase cannot be undone. Double-check the file list before confirming.
- Defragmentation of a large HDD can take a long time; let it finish.
- Close the browser you are cleaning so its profile is not in use.

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