

Deleting Duplicate Files

Whether you work with a lot of documents or frequently download files from the Internet, sooner or later you'll end up saving identical copies of files in two or more places on your hard drive, eating up space that could store other data.

Duplicate-file deleters scan the hard drive for these files and present a list that lets you decide whether you want to delete any unintentional twins. The most basic duplicate-file deleters simply look for files that have exactly the same name, while the best products check names but also compare the data in each and every file to see if any contain identical information, regardless of whether they share the same name.

DoubleKiller (free; <http://www.bigbangenterprises.de/en/doublekiller>) is one of the best free products with regard to checking and comparing more than just the data files names.

DoubleKiller is a stand-alone executable that does not need to be installed, just extracted and run, and does not alter the system in any way without the user's prior permission.