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## No. 249: Update on HiBit Uninstaller

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Last February (CC No. 240, "Uninstallers: Geek and Hibit"), I wrote about two new free pieces of software that were very good at their job. You can get both at (<https://www.majorgeeks.com>). One of the two, Geek Uninstaller, remains the simplest, quickest uninstall software on the planet. The other, HiBit Uninstaller, is really the best at how thorough it cleans up after the uninstall process is done. But HiBit has added some features that expand its abilities and now make it the rival of CCleaner!

CCleaner is no slouch. Its ability to clean the file system and the registry, and uninstall unwanted programs is legion, and that is why it has been downloaded over 2.5 billion times since its inception. It is safe to use, albeit a bit conservative. But, that conservative nature is what protects all of us users from doing any damage when it cleans your machine. So, CCleaner deserves kudos, and no Windows machine should be without it, up to now.

HiBit Uninstaller has several tricks up its sleeve that make it at least a rival of CCleaner, and I think it can replace it. First, HiBit comes as a portable program. That means there is no need to install it. Just download the program (*HiBit Uninstaller Portable.exe*) from Majorgeeks, double-click it, and the program will run. It will show you an alphabetical listing of all your programs, except for any very recent additions, which are always listed first. You can select those you wish to uninstall, and the program will do that for you. It will then scan your file system including the Registry and present you with any entries for you to give permission to delete them. When all finished, you have truly cleaned your machine of that program you were out to delete.

But the next trick will expand your power immeasurably. If you look closely, you will see a rather unobtrusive word, Tools, on the HiBit menu. Click that and you are presented with several excellent cleaning options. First is a Registry Cleaner, that seems to do a better job than CCleaner. Next is Junk Files Cleaner, that also seems more thorough than CCleaner. These are followed by an Empty Folder Cleaner, a Shortcuts Fixer and a File Shredder. All handy from time to time in your efforts to spiffy up the file system on your hard drive by identifying and correcting problem areas. None of these are present in CCleaner.

There are more. The list of tools seems never to end. There is a Process Manager, Startup Manager, Services Manager, Scheduler Task Manager, Context Menu Manager and System Restore Manager. And even this is not all. But, I will leave you to find and explore the additional possibilities by yourself. Take it from me, it will be worthwhile. Happy computing!