

# Downloader Trojan: What it is, how it slips in, and how to remove it safely

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## What it is

## What you may notice

- New processes or apps you didn't install
- Sudden pop-ups, redirects, or extensions appearing
- CPU/disk spikes and security tools turning off or failing to update

## How it gets in

- Fake updates and bundled "free" installers
- Phishing attachments or links (archives, scripts, macros)
- Malvertising and drive-by downloads from sketchy sites

## Remove it now (quick steps)

- Disconnect from the internet to stop more payloads.
- Run a full anti-malware scan; quarantine everything found and reboot.
- Check startup items, scheduled tasks, services, and browser extensions; remove unknowns.
- From a clean device, change passwords and enable MFA (in case a stealer was dropped).
- Review firewall/DNS logs for domains contacted and block them.

## Prevent it

- Install software only from official sources; avoid cracks and "free" codecs.
- Keep OS, browsers, and plugins patched; block macros by default.
- Use reputable EDR/anti-malware and email/web filtering.