

# MacBooster.gen - What it is, warning signs, and how to remove it safely

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## What it is

MacBooster.gen is a detection name for MacBooster, a Mac potentially unwanted program (PUP) promoted as a cleanup or speed-up tool. It often rides along with other installs and then pushes aggressive scans, pop-ups, and paid upgrades. Technical background and indicators are in our MacBooster overview for defenders.

## What you may notice

- Frequent scan alerts and paywall pop-ups
- Claims of hundreds of "issues" that aren't real risks
- New login items and background updaters
- Browser changes or extra add-ons you didn't approve

## How it gets in

- Bundled with "free" apps and repacked installers
- Deceptive ads and fake download buttons
- Installers with pre-checked offers

## Remove it now

- Uninstall MacBooster from Applications and remove related login items.
- Delete leftover launch agents, daemons, and profiles you don't recognize.
- Reset browsers to default search and remove unknown extensions.
- Run a reputable anti-malware scan for macOS and reboot.

## Prevent it

- Download apps from official sources only.
- During install, choose Custom and uncheck extra offers.
- Keep macOS and browsers updated.
- Be skeptical of tools that find huge "problems" and demand payment to fix them.