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What it is

OfferCore is a software bundling and monetization platform often classified by security products as adware or a potentially unwanted program. It may be included with free downloads and offer additional applications during installation. Some distributions use misleading choices or sources that make informed consent difficult.

How it works

A user starts an installer expecting one program, while the bundle proposes or silently adds browser extensions, utilities, or advertising components. The added software may change search or homepage settings, display promotions, collect usage data, or introduce further offers. Behavior can vary by installer campaign and distribution partner.

Key points

- A PUP classification describes unwanted or risky behavior and does not always mean the file is a destructive virus.
- Removing only the original installer does not uninstall components that it already added.
- Unofficial download portals and repackaged installers increase the chance of bundled offers.

What to do

- Uninstall unfamiliar recently added programs and browser extensions.
- Restore search, homepage, notification, and proxy settings if they were changed.
- Run a full scan for related adware and check scheduled tasks and startup entries.
- Download replacement software directly from its publisher and review every installer choice.

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