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Download Display Driver Uninstaller DDU (official) - The latest release of Display Driver Uninstaller (DDU), version 18.1.5.3 The popular tool Display Driver Uninstaller (DDU) has just been updated.

This version does not introduce a major redesign, but it does include several useful fixes under the hood. The changelog mentions a correction for SE privileges that were not always set correctly for an impersonated thread. Wagnardsoft has also rewritten the FixFileSecurity section related to ACL handling, which should improve how the tool deals with file permissions during cleanup. Intel users get a small but relevant change as well. DDU 18.1.5.3 adds removal support for an extra registry key tied to Intel Graphics Software. That matters because modern GPU driver packages often leave behind configuration entries or software components that can interfere with a clean reinstall. The update also fixes a rare NullReferenceException in the audio cleanup path, along with general fixes and translation updates.

If you have a problem installing an older driver or newer one, give it a try as there are some reports that it fix those problems. Guru3D.com is an official download partner for this handy application. We have [AMD support thread over here](#) and an [NVIDIA over here](#).

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remnants can lead to driver conflicts, failed installations, or instability when upgrading to newer driver versions or switching between GPU vendors.

The updated release focuses on improving compatibility with the latest GPU drivers and current Windows builds. As driver packages evolve, including changes in file structure and installation behavior, cleanup tools must be updated accordingly. This version of DDU refines its detection logic to better identify and remove newer driver components, ensuring that leftover files and services are not carried over into subsequent installations.

A key aspect of DDU's functionality remains its recommended use in Windows Safe Mode. Running the tool in this environment allows it to access and remove files and services that may otherwise be locked during normal operation. This approach ensures a more complete cleanup process, particularly in systems where drivers are partially installed or corrupted.

The update also introduces improvements in handling edge cases, such as incomplete driver installations or systems with persistent driver conflicts. Enhanced detection routines allow the tool to locate and remove additional remnants that could previously be missed. This results in a more consistent cleanup outcome, reducing the risk of issues when installing new drivers.

DDU continues to serve as a specialized utility rather than a general-purpose uninstall tool. It is primarily intended for advanced users, system builders, and reviewers who require a fully clean driver environment. With ongoing updates to maintain compatibility with modern hardware and software, it remains a relevant tool for ensuring reliable GPU driver installations.

Grab NVIDIA GeForce RTX graphics cards on Amazon.

Recommended usage

- The tool can be used in Normal mode but for absolute stability when using DDU, Safemode is always the best.
- Make a backup or a system restore (but it should normally be pretty safe).
- It is best to exclude the DDU folder completely from any security software to avoid issues.

Keep note that NVIDIA/AMD did not have anything to do with this, I do not work at or for NVIDIA/AMD and they should not be held responsible for anything that may go wrong with this application.

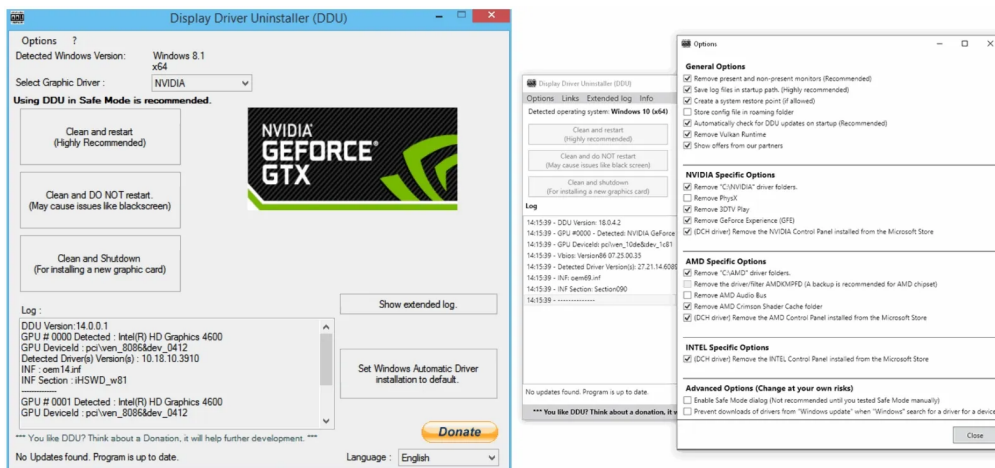
Requirement:

- Windows 7 up to Windows 11
- NVIDIA, AMD, Intel GPUs
- Also support basic Realtek audio driver cleanup.
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.8 or higher



you have to install your new drivers.

- DDU should be used when having a problem uninstalling/installing a driver or when switching GPU brand.
- DDU should not be used every time you install a new driver unless you know what you are doing.
- DDU will not work on network drive. Please install in a local drive (C:, D: or else).
- The tool can be used in Normal mode but for absolute stability when using DDU, Safemode is always the best.
- If you are using DDU in normal mode, Clean, reboot, clean again, reboot.
- Make a backup or a system restore (but it should normally be pretty safe).
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Change Info:

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Changelog:

- Fixed an issue where some SE privileges were not correctly set for the impersonated thread.
- Rewrote "FixFileSecurity" section in ACL.
- Intel: Added removal of an additional registry key for "Intel Graphics Software".
- AUDIOCleanup : Fixed a rare NullReferenceException.
- General: Translation update.
- General fixes and improvement.



- (NOT A DDU ISSUE) With Windows 11 24H2, your PIN may not work in Safe Mode.
Make sure you know your password and also check the following setting:

Go to Settings → Accounts → Sign-in options

Under Additional settings, turn off "For improved security, only allow Windows Hello sign-in for Microsoft accounts on this device"

Important: You must use your password at least once in normal mode before it will work in Safe Mode.

Important (BitLocker): If you have BitLocker encryption enabled, ensure you have your Recovery Key handy before rebooting into Safe Mode. In some cases, Windows may requested it.

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