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Publisher's Description

From **CBS Interactive** [http://www.cnet.com/windows/cbs-interactive/3260-20_4-6230860.html] :

CNET TechTracker is a free application from CNET that helps keep the software on your computer up-to-date and secure. TechTracker works by scanning your computer and alerting you when updates are available. Keeping software up-to-date is important because updates often contain patches that make your computer more secure and new features that make your software better.

TechTracker leverages the CNET Downloads software catalog--the largest catalog of software in the world--to provide secure, spyware-free software updates. From one easy-to-use interface, you can keep track of all software updates in one place and ensure you are running the latest versions.

Get the latest software updates: Learn whether any of the software installed on your computer is up-to-date. If updates are available, TechTracker lets you download them from a central interface. Get notified as new updates become available.

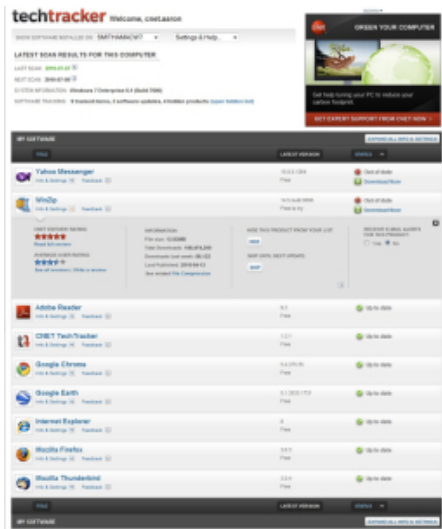
Customize how often TechTracker looks for updates: Choose between daily, weekly, monthly, and manual scans of your computer to discover whether you are running out-of-date software.

Hide & Skip applications: Hide applications you are not interested in tracking, or skip a version of an application until the next update is available.

Access product information: Your CNET TechTracker home page shows you what software is installed on your machine, and lets you download any available updates from a single interface. View your software update's file information, installed version, latest version, average user rating, editor's rating, and other software data.

What's new in this version:

- When CNET TechTracker scans a user's computer, the option to "View My Software" is now disabled. This resolves several customer issues and improves the user experience.



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"The software's alerts have been adequate."

October 31, 2011 | By **SUNWEST FOOT CARE** [<http://download.cnet.com/community/SUNWEST+FOOT+CARE>]

Version: CNET TechTracker 2.0.4

Pros

The ease of installation was satisfactory.

Cons

There were conflicts with the installation of Internet Explorer-9 that required direct intervention with the Microsoft team to remedy. That intervention required ultimately required that I uninstall Tech Tracker, then to reinstall it subsequent to remedies to Internet Explorer, however, by Microsoft.

Summary

The comprehensive scope of Tech Trecker's adequacy for alerting me of availability of useful new software or updates for software I already possess has not yet justified my efforts for installing it.

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"Updates with older versions, not accurate"

October 31, 2011 | By [instarx](http://download.cnet.com/community/instarx) [<http://download.cnet.com/community/instarx>]

Version: CNET TechTracker 2.0.4

Pros

Provides a list of programs that may need updating.

Cons

Way too overzealous in identifying programs that "need" updating. It identified two programs as being out of date that I had just installed from the software vendors web site an hour earlier. Yet this program wanted me to update them. Another program I updated using the CNET service kept telling me the files I was installing were older than the ones already on my computer. Another program I updated using CNET's update service replaced a fully licensed program with an unlicensed evaluation version! Grrrr!

This program seems mainly a tool for CNET to prompt you into installing some other software during the updating process. I feel insulted and cheated by that kind of activity where I have to keep unchecking boxes in order to not have unwanted software installed.

Summary

Install this if you would like to see a list of programs that may (or may not) need to be updated. But if you update them I recommend you update from the program itself or from the vendor's websites, NOT using CNET's update links. This program will probably not stay on my computer as it clearly recommends programs to be updated that do not need to be updated, and the programs it installs are sometimes older than the versions it replaced. Not to mention it erased license keys.

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"this program drove me nuts"

October 29, 2011 | By [dubvadd](http://download.cnet.com/community/dubvadd) [[http://download.cnet.com/community/dubvadd](#)]

Version: CNET TechTracker 2.0.4

Pros

keeps programs up to date

Cons

keeps programs annoyingly so up to date it is constantly interrupting normal computer operations and then you find out the new program updated to cross a t or dot an i

Summary

I found this so annoying that I uninstalled it and use free apps instead. I also chose the notify me of updated programs when I install programs

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• **3.0 stars**

"Almost Perfect"

October 28, 2011 | By [xxnothingpurexx](http://download.cnet.com/community/xxnothingpurexx) [[http://download.cnet.com/community/xxnothingpurexx](#)]

Version: CNET TechTracker 2.0.4

Pros

Detects out of date software which can be a security threat to your system.

Cons

Won't detect all the software i have installed

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5.0 stars

"Software that does what it claims to do"

October 27, 2011 | By [shylock15](http://download.cnet.com/community/shylock15) [http://download.cnet.com/community/shylock15]

Version: CNET TechTracker 2.0.4

Pros

Easy to use and understand

Cons

None that I can find

Summary

Recommended to all

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[/9241-18513_4-12123361.html?messageID=10817944](#) **4.0 stars**

"Says program is out of date when current version is new"

October 26, 2011 | By [GrizzlyEdd](#) [<http://download.cnet.com/community/GrizzlyEdd>]

Version: CNET TechTracker 2.0.4

Pros

Lists lots of programs, even when I don't even have them installed.

Cons

Programs listed as out of date are actually up to date with latest versions. This is very frustrating and makes this utility useless.

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"Moved in wrong direction"

October 23, 2011 | By [starsites](#) [<http://download.cnet.com/community/starsites>]

Version: CNET TechTracker 2.0.4

Pros

Shows which programs are out of date.

Cons

With Pro previously I scanned, selected and downloaded everything from a single page (it saved the install files for later use). Now I scan, have to manually select every out of date program and manually download it, which might be a downloader for the *real* program which then is not saved.

Summary

Going from Pro to standard: Move in the wrong direction. This *was* how I used to do it *before* I bought the Pro version.

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"great idea, flawed execution"

October 21, 2011 | By [mbmaser](#) [http://download.cnet.com/community/mbmaser]

Version: CNET TechTracker 2.0.4

Pros

caught most of the programs installed on my system.

Cons

flagged 9 programs as out of date when they were actually the current versions; listed programs that were no longer on my system.

Summary

worth having, but requires some attention. a good supplement to secunia's psi.

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"Nice when it works. Forget about support from CNET."

October 21, 2011 | By [SMStallings48b](http://download.cnet.com/community/SMStallings48b) [<http://download.cnet.com/community/SMStallings48b>]

Version: CNET TechTracker 2.0.4

Pros

Keeps track of many of the popular apps.

Cons

Can (apparently) permanently loose contact with the TechTracker servers and then stops working.

Summary

I'm trying to use TechTracker on 3 computers. Two are working fine. On the 3rd one, it no longer updates the servers and therefore doesn't report missing updates. I have reported the problem on the CNET/TechTracker forum, as have numerous others, and have submitted a service request. No response, none whatsoever.

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"This used to be a GREAT product, now NOT SO MUCH..."

October 20, 2011 | By [Alphamatrix57](http://download.cnet.com/community/Alphamatrix57) [<http://download.cnet.com/community/Alphamatrix57>]

Version: CNET TechTracker 2.0.4

Pros

It lets you know when your software is out of date as soon as new updates become available.

Cons

Now you first download CNET's downloader, to download your update, which you have to delete manually afterwards.

When you run the downloader you have to uncheck the box to prevent ALSO downloading the annoying Babylon Toolbar (Thanks for the negative option CNET...sarcasm INTENDED!!!)

You occasionally get alerts for software that never were installed on your computer (Launcher and Launcher Pro) or software that you tried and then uninstalled and deleted from your computer.

Summary

This is a case where progress really isn't progress.

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