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updates: Choose between daily, weekly, monthly, and manual scans of your computer to discover whether you are running out-of-date software.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

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- 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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"Good Program"

November 18, 2011 | By **newton211** [<http://download.cnet.com/community/newton211>]

Version: CNET TechTracker 2.0.4

Pros

Keeps of my programs updated

Cons

Get notifications for programs that are updated

Summary

All in all a good product. Thank you Cnet.

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"easy to use"

November 16, 2011 | By [butafly23 \[http://download.cnet.com/community/butafly23\]](#)

Version: CNET TechTracker 2.0.4

Pros

trusted product

Cons

none that i have come across

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"TechTracker is a good software updater tool."

November 15, 2011 | By [pamjparr \[http://download.cnet.com/community/pamjparr\]](#)

Version: CNET TechTracker 2.0.4

Pros

I've been using TechTracker for a few weeks and so far it's been quite accurate.

Cons

TechTracker did alert me twice that an update was available for one software that already had been updated.

Summary

On the average I'd say that I'm quite pleased with the accuracy of TechTracker.

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"Accomplishes it's job, most of the time."

November 15, 2011 | By [jamest99](http://download.cnet.com/community/jamest99) [<http://download.cnet.com/community/jamest99>]

Version: CNET TechTracker 2.0.4

Pros

It is fast and thorough.

Cons

Too often it reports software updates when the software involved is already up to date.

Summary

I have tried it a few times and it still reports updates that are not required.

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"Not worth the Trouble"

November 13, 2011 | By [TheGent2U](http://download.cnet.com/community/TheGent2U) [<http://download.cnet.com/community/TheGent2U>]

Version: CNET TechTracker 2.0.4

Pros


Great idea. But keep reading.

Cons

The links did not work properly. I was advised to go to a link that I could not locate. I deleted and re-downloaded the program 3 times. I could never resolve this. It scanned my system and told me that I was using outdated versions of Firefox, among other software - and I was not. I finally gave up and deleted it.

Summary

Great idea - apparently it needs work. Lots of work.

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❏ Love it, didn't know I needed it"

November 12, 2011 | By **FurrfaceOK [http://download.cnet.com/community/FurrfaceOK]**

Version: CNET TechTracker 2.0.4

Pros

Lets you know what programs need updating.

Cons

slow to upgrade

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❏ Not reliable"

November 12, 2011 | By **Leppod [http://download.cnet.com/community/Leppod]**

Version: CNET TechTracker 2.0.4

Pros

When it works as advertised, it's great.

Cons

It doesn't always work as advertised. Way too many false "updates". Tell to skip an update and next it's there again. I hate the installation step that CNET makes you go through. Sometimes it's better to just download direct from the source. Cannot recommend product to any novice user. One needs to know their own software to recognize when CNET is lying to you (again).

Summary

One would think after all this time that CNET would be more reliable and accurate.

Instead there has been very little improvement over the years. If one is willing to wade through the false information this program repeatedly puts out (I guess I am one) then OK. Otherwise it's more a pain than it's worth.

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"I don't know yet!"

November 12, 2011 | By [kmed11](#) [http://download.cnet.com/community/kmed11]

Version: CNET TechTracker 2.0.4

Pros

After reading about this. It's sounds trustworthy, highly recommended!

Cons

Hi, I wish I could write something inspiring for all to read, But I, for the last 2 1/2 wks have been trying to solve a big issue on my computer. I know I have a virus called 'Win32/Small.CA' that WILL Not let me install anything that will Help me with my Sick PC. So, untill I can remove this virus and other problems that have infected my System, I feel that once I get TechTracker installed, that it will work protecting my system. I will write another review, with good results.

Summary

I'll hopefully be back very soon with another point of view.

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"Will be great software once the bugs are worked out"

November 12, 2011 | By [underlord48023](#) [http://download.cnet.com/community]

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Version: CNET TechTracker 2.0.4

Pros

Downloaded and installed easily and quickly.

Cons

Everyday getting the same notification for the same updates.

Summary

The software is a great idea for those people that don't know how to update their software manually. But like most new software that comes out their are always bugs to be worked out.

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"Can't get it to install."

November 10, 2011 | By **rereid2002** [\[http://download.cnet.com/community/rereid2002\]](http://download.cnet.com/community/rereid2002)

Version: CNET TechTracker 2.0.4

Pros

There are none if not installed.

Cons

Can't get it installed. Cnet doesn't recognize me as a member, unless I try and become a new member, then it knows I am and won't allow it.

Summary

No good if you can't get it installed.

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