

This Microsoft product is a free software program that helps protect your computer from spyware and other potentially malicious or unwanted software. The results of this application include:

- ✓ Reducing negative side effects such as slow or poor computer performance.
- ✓ Eliminating annoying pop-up ads.
- ✓ Eliminating unwanted changes to your internet and network settings
- ✓ Prohibiting unauthorized use of your private information.

Defender™ was previously known as Microsoft Anti-spyware and was originally developed by GIANT Company Software, Inc. Microsoft acquired GIANT in December of 2004 and began improving the product. After two beta versions and nearly two years later, Microsoft announced the final release of Windows® Defender™ in October 2006. This release of Windows® Defender™ is available as a [free download](#) for Windows® XP™ and Windows® Server 2003™. Defender™ comes fully integrated and enabled by default with Microsoft's new Vista™ operating system.

Windows® Defender™ runs silently in the background like other antivirus programs and keeps watch over your entire computer system. Real-time security agents then monitor several areas of the Windows® operating system for changes which may be caused by spyware. Similar to the real-time scanning by many anti-virus products on the market, Windows® Defender™ also integrates with Internet Explorer to scan files when they are downloaded. This level of protection helps ensure that malicious software isn't inadvertently downloaded onto your computer system. When Windows® Defender™ detects spyware it automatically removes the threat or it will alert you to take action. In addition to offering real-time spyware protection, Windows® Defender™ also automatically stays up-to-date by automatically retrieving new definition updates from Microsoft and allows you to increase the level of protection against spyware and malicious software.

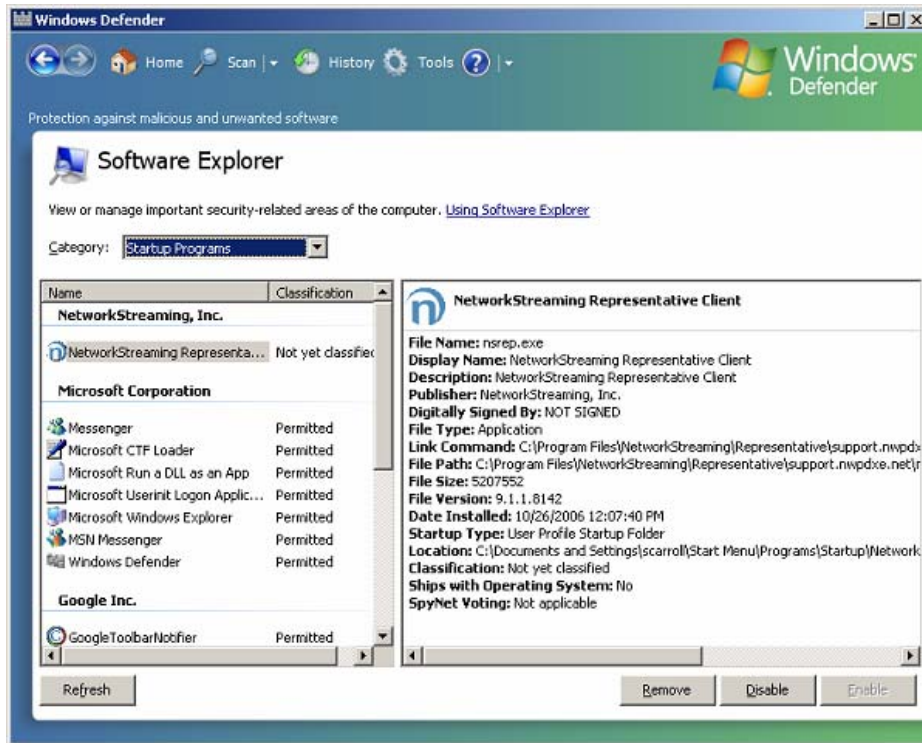
Software Explorer, which is reflected below can be accessed from the Tools and Settings window, lets you view and manage the software on your computer including controlling how the software accesses the internet. Software Explorer helps you monitor programs that run automatically when Windows® starts. Programs that are currently running may or may not be visible to the computer user and network-connected programs which can access the internet or your business network without your knowledge.

#### Caution!

We all love technology improvements. But, don't rush to download this great product without some additional information.

While the original GIANT software supported older versions of Windows®, support for Windows® 9x, Windows® NT and Windows® 2000 was discontinued! That is because those operating systems reached EOL (end of life).

For computers that are still running the older operating systems you may need to wait until you get a new system. If you have questions, send your request to [support@cnwi.net](mailto:support@cnwi.net) and we'll help.



When it comes to customization Defender™ will be able to meet specific needs by clicking on Options in the Tools and Settings window. Besides offering real-time protection (which can be disabled, but I don't recommend this), you can configure Windows® Defender™ to automatically scan your entire computer at a specific time of day and frequency. By default, Windows® Defender™ automatically checks for updated definitions and scans your computer daily at 2:00am. You can also choose how Windows® Defender™ responds to different alert items and also many real-time protection options as well. There are also advanced options such as the ability to configure Windows® Defender™ not to scan certain files or directories. Don't worry if configuring software intimidates you. Most computer users will find that Windows® Defender™'s default settings after the initial installation are more than adequate.

Just like viruses, new forms of spyware are constantly being identified. To keep up with the new threats, Microsoft analysts update Windows® Defender™'s definitions as new threats are detected. With automatic definition updates and real-time scanning, Windows® Defender™ is constantly protecting your computer from new spyware threats.

Microsoft's [Windows® Defender™](#) is a best-in-class anti-spyware program offering real-time antispysware protection and automatic updates, not to mention it is available for free. I highly recommend that you install it on your home and business computers. However, like other new applications that you install, use caution. There may be a compatibility issue with your machine. If you would like assistance installing it on your business computer, please send an email to our service desk at [support@cnwi.net](mailto:support@cnwi.net).