

GETTING RID OF AOL AND OTHER PESKY PROGRAMS

Beginners' Kaffee Klatch
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Have you ever tried to uninstall AOL? That can eat up a better part of your day, only to find that it's left orphaned bits of itself all over your system. It also leaves behind some service that wants to run at startup every time your system boots. Sometimes, people will cope by ignoring the annoying messages and simply closing them out as part of the boot sequence.

A free third-party software program called **ARP++** will take the trouble out of removing **all** cranky programs from your system. Its creators describe ARP++ as an advanced version of the Windows Add/Remove program. It can uninstall applications that Windows cannot on its own or may not even see.

Also, the program couldn't be easier to use! When launched, the program simply populates a list of all installed applications on your system and presents them to you in a list. Once the list is ready, simply go through it and choose any entry you want to remove. Select **Remove** at the bottom left of the main interface and that's it!

This program does not ask you to confirm your decision, so make absolutely sure you want to remove the entry before hitting the Remove button. There is really no support or a Help file for the program, but you don't need it. The program has two buttons at the bottom of the main interface (Remove and Refresh) and that's it.

The program doesn't create a desktop icon, so you have to run it from the Programs Menu (**Start, All Programs, Freeware, ARP++**) or you can create a desktop shortcut and make the process a double click away. You will find the program at <http://tinyurl.com/y9mxe6>.