

Soluto is an unusual program. This "Anti-Frustration Software" analyzes your system and compares its findings with an online knowledge base that proposes solutions to various performance bottlenecks.

It focuses on three areas:

Chop Boot, which reduces your startup time; **Lighten Web Browser**, which shows you how to speed up your surfing by optimizing your Web browser; and **Heal Crashes**, which tries to fix any problems causing programs to crash.

Installing Soluto requires a reboot, during which it analyzes your system's boot process and looks for improvements. Soluto's animated graphics and flow-based layout give it a feel somewhat reminiscent of Windows Media Center. It identifies three categories of startup entries, displayed in expandable, proportional, color-coded sections on a hierarchical line. The first section, "No-brainer," will list apps you could remove from the boot process right away. One was backup software, which you may prefer not to change. However, the other entries will list recommendations to pause or delay an item during startup, based on what other users had done.

Be more circumspect with the apps listed in the "Potentially removable" section, which the program says is for advanced users. You may make a few changes but mostly leave these programs alone, which the program will recommend, too.

By far the largest section is startup entries that Soluto can't change--yet--and also programs that shouldn't be changed, such as antivirus software.

Soluto's online database grows over time as more users report their findings. It may help guide inexperienced users in choosing what to boot and what to skip. The browser tool may identify add-ons you could remove and others you could potentially remove. Be sure you know the reason they are there before removing.

The Heal Crashes tool will correctly note if your system has not crashed recently but will offer to help fix it if it did. For inexperienced users with crash-prone systems, this could be a useful tool.

You will create a login with email and password and once installed the program will load in a browser window.

Here is what it looks like in my browser window. There is a LOT more information provided.

The screenshot shows the Soluto application running in a browser window. At the top, there's a toolbar with buttons for Reload, Stop, Theme Font & Size Changer, DownloadHelper, and links to Google, Gmail, and Cheaper Than I. Below the toolbar, a banner displays the user's name (dale morris), a penguin icon, and a link to the Soluto homepage. The main area features a user profile icon with a blue hoodie and glasses, labeled "Happiness Level". To the right, it shows system information: "HP E-560Z", "Windows 7 SP 1 (64 bit)", and "1 year 11 months 21 days". A "Strength" bar is also present. Below this, a navigation bar includes "Home", "Edit", and "desk" buttons, along with tabs for Apps, Background Apps, Frustrations, Internet, Protection, and Hardware.

Apps

Soluto has detected 3 apps with new versions available:

- Skype**: Set it up...
- iTunes**: v 11.0.0.16... available | Update...
- Google Earth**: v 7.0.1.824... available | Update...
- Flash**: v 11.5.502.135... available | Update...

Useful apps to install

Background Apps
Start the PC faster by delaying or removing apps from boot
(you can always undo changes)

Internet

Removable apps (1 item)

Default browser: Firefox 17.0.1.8

Homepage: User's Choice

Search engine: None

Add-ons: 10 can be disabled (7 green, 3 orange, 5 blue)

DSL

Htt - Dial Modem Pool

Protection

Firewall: On

Antivirus: (dropdown menu)

Windows is up-to-date

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