

## **DBAN**

Getting ready to dump that old PC? Hang on just a second. You might be giving away your sensitive personal information. Deleting files using the Recycle Bin is not good enough. Deleted data can hang around your hard drive for quite a while. Anyone can recover it with a free program.

The only way to completely secure your computer is to wipe the hard drive. That's where Darik's Boot And Nuke comes in handy. DBAN will wipe and overwrite your drive several times so nothing is recoverable.

To use DBAN, download the file and burn it to a blank CD or DVD. If you have any questions, visit the site's FAQ <http://www.dban.org/faq> for answers. Once the disc is done, boot your computer from it.

To boot from a disc drive, hold down the F8 key while your computer is starting. This brings up the boot menu. Then select to boot from your CD or DVD drive. Once DBAN starts, follow the directions.

DBAN securely wipes out the entire hard drive. When it's finished, the computer won't even have Windows. Then you can safely discard, sell or recycle the computer.

Web site: <http://www.dban.org/download>