

Mac Finder Tweaks

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Recently I ran across a promotion for MacPilot - (It was glowing, of course 🙄). Then while doing some web searching to get an idea of what it's all about and is it worth it, I also encountered Onyx. There didn't seem to be much clarification - to me anyway. Subsequently I thought of Clean My Mac, something with which I have minimal experience, and of which I am a bit suspicious - (Not sure why).

I would be interested in learning more about these programs:

- What they do, or are supposed to do?
- How do they compare with each other
- Are there other other options
- Are they worth it, from a cost and practical use perspective.
- (I'm sure there are other considerations as well)

Are They Useful/ Necessary?

- ✓ MacOS already has extensive behind the scenes jobs that clean up caches and log files
- ✓ SIP, Gatekeeper, XProtect, and Malware Removal Tool (MRT) are built-into macOS
- ✓ Disc optimization tool works with iCloud

Clean My Mac



- ✓ Slick and easy to use interface
 - Removes duplicate files
 - Runs maintenance programs
 - Can disable background and login files
- ✓ \$40/year subscription

MacKeeper

- ✓ History of being spammy and invasive
 - Under new mgt. cleaned up and Apple certified
- ✓ Easy Interface
- ✓ Anti-virus, ad-blocker, memory cleaning, & VPN
- ✓ Expensive (\$7.95mo)

MacPilot

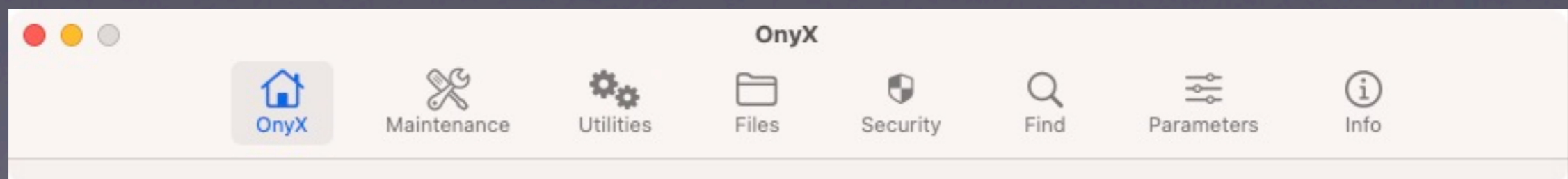


- ✓ System Profile
- ✓ Reference list of network ports, error codes, key combos, fonts, UNIX commands
- ✓ Disk Details
- ✓ Maintenance suite
- ✓ File browser
- ✓ Subscription or one-time license (\$30)

OnyX



- ✓ Cleans and rebuilds databases, etc
- ✓ Can specify which things to clean
- ✓ Can schedule days and times to run automatically
- ✓ Direct access to hidden OS apps
- ✓ Free
- ✓ Long History



TinkerTool



- ✓ Provides many of the same tweaks as MacPilot
- ✓ Has been around for a long time. Older version for older OS still available
- ✓ Free

Malwarebytes



- ✓ Principally a virus and malware scanner and remover
- ✓ Can run for free, but scheduling requires subscription which adds identity protection and VPN

Miscellaneous

- ✓ Cocktail
- ✓ Monolingual – removes system add-ons for other languages.
- ✓ DaisyDisk – shows directories/files by size
- ✓ Built-in OS Optimization
 - Settings>General>About>Storage

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