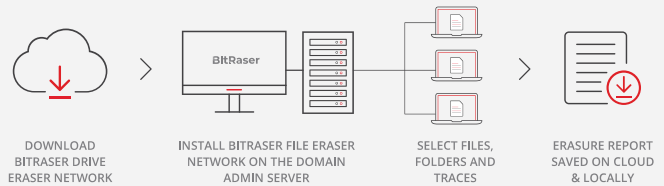


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In this deployment guide, we will share step-by-step instructions for using BitRaser File Eraser Network to erase files, folders & traces from domain network-connected computers. We will also share steps on how to schedule erasure tasks on connected Organizational Units (OUs).

This how-to guide has been bifurcated into 2 stages:

[Stage 1: Download and Install BitRaser File Eraser Network](#)

[Stage 2: Erase Files & Folders on Network Connected Computers](#)

Stage 1: Download and Install BitRaser File Eraser Network

Step 1: After purchasing 'BitRaser File Eraser Network' you will receive an e-mail with a link to download the software. Go to the link and download the software on the Domain Admin Server.

Once downloaded, double-click on the BitRaser File Eraser Network .exe file to begin the installation process. In the setup wizard, click on 'Next'.
(Refer to Image 1)

REQUIREMENTS



Internet connectivity:
Ethernet or Wi-Fi



Supported OS:
Windows 11, 10, 8.1, 8, 7 & Windows Server 2022, 2019, 2016, 2012, 2008 R2



RAM:
4 GB Minimum
(8 GB Recommended)



Hard Disk:
500 MB for installation files



Other:
Active Directory & DNS Configuration

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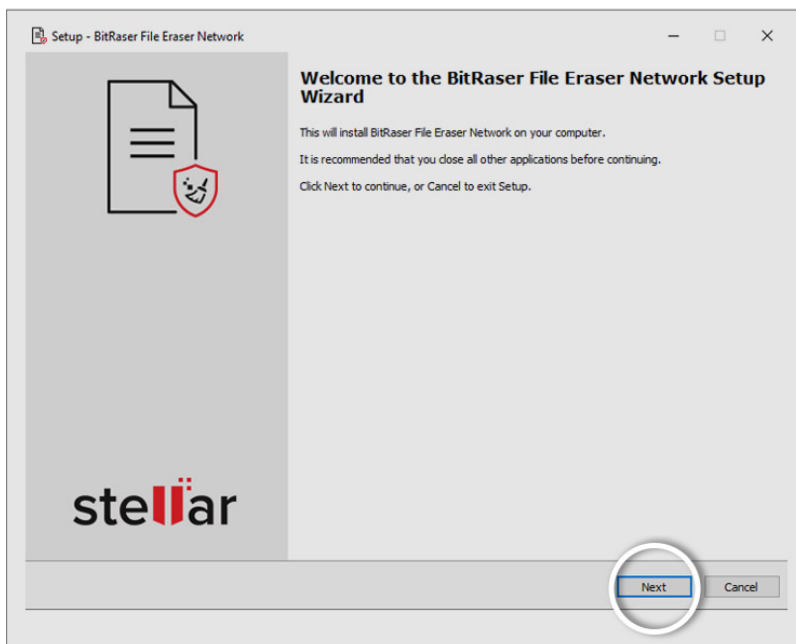


Image 1: BitRaser File Eraser Network Setup Wizard, Click Next

Step 2: Select 'I accept the agreement' and click 'Next'. (Refer to Image 2)

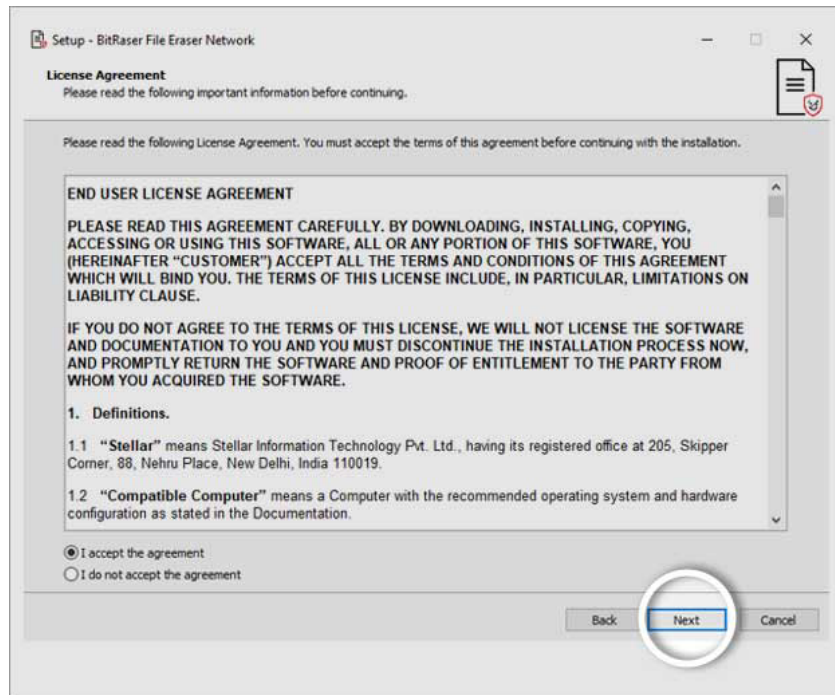


Image 2: Click on I accept then click Next

Step 3: The software will prompt you to download 'MariaDB' on the system. The database is required by the software to save erasure reports. The database requires a 'Root' password that you must choose,

For Example, we have chosen '123' as the root password. After entering the password, click 'Next' Remember this password, as it will be required to access MariaDB (Refer to Image 3)

Note:

You may skip this step if you already have MariaDB installed on your system.

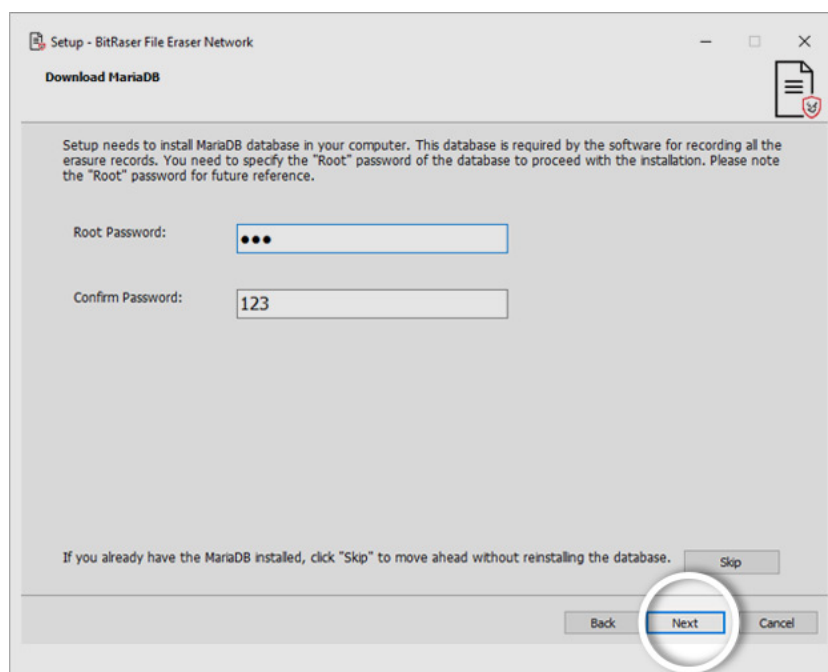


Image 3: Choose Root Password for MariaDB

Step 4: Click on **'Finish'** to complete the installation process. (Refer to Image 4)



Image 4: Click Finish to Complete BitRaser File Eraser Network Installation

Step 5: The BitRaser File Eraser Network database setup window will pop up and prompt you to enter the MariaDB root password that you chose in **'Step 3'**. (Refer to Image 5)

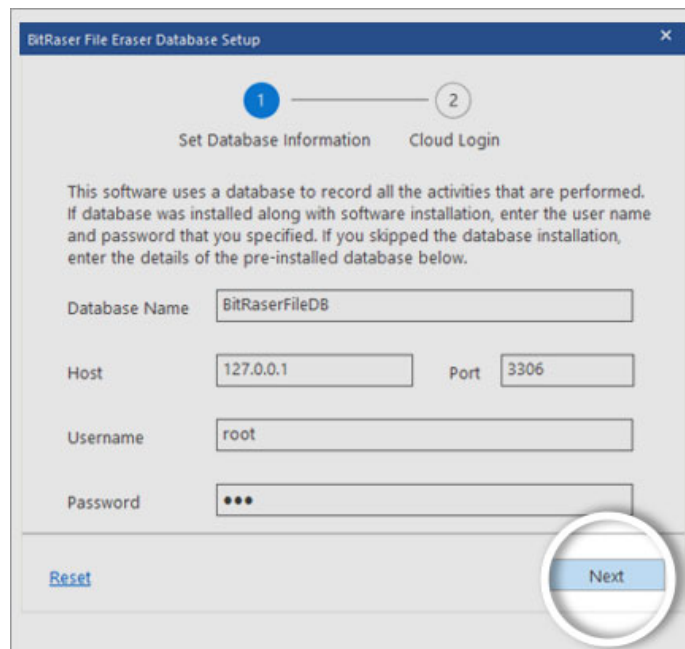


Image 5: BitRaser File Eraser Network Database Setup

Step 6: The next window will prompt you to enter your **BitRaser Cloud** log-in credentials to connect the application with the BitRaser server. These credentials were delivered to your e-mail after you purchased the BitRaser File Eraser Network software. This allows the application to upload erasure reports to your BitRaser Cloud account automatically.

Enter the credentials and then click **'Connect'**. (Refer to Image 6)

You will see a **'Connection to the cloud account successful'** message; click **'OK'**. (Refer to Image 7)

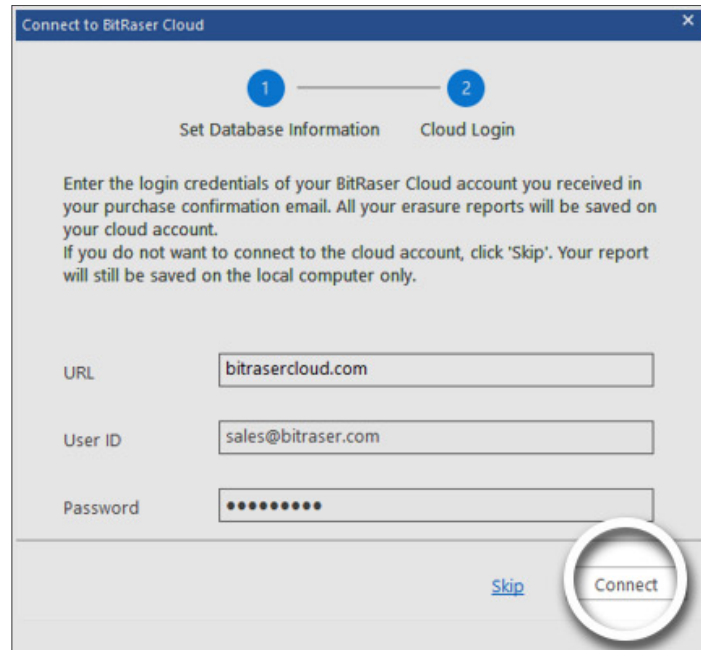


Image 6: Enter BitRaser Cloud Credentials, then Click Next

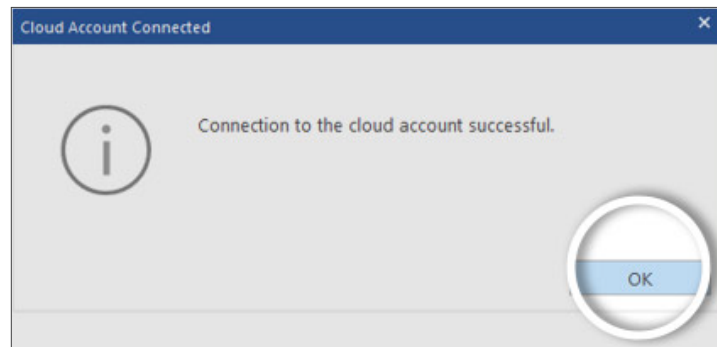


Image 7: Connection to BitRaser Cloud Successful

Step 7: The BitRaser File Eraser Network activation window will pop up. Enter the '**Activation Key**' and click '**Activate**' to activate the product. The Activation Key was sent to your registered e-mail Id post-purchase of the software. (Refer to Image 8) Once the software is activated, you will see a message '**BitRaser File Eraser Network activated successfully.**' (Refer to Image 9)

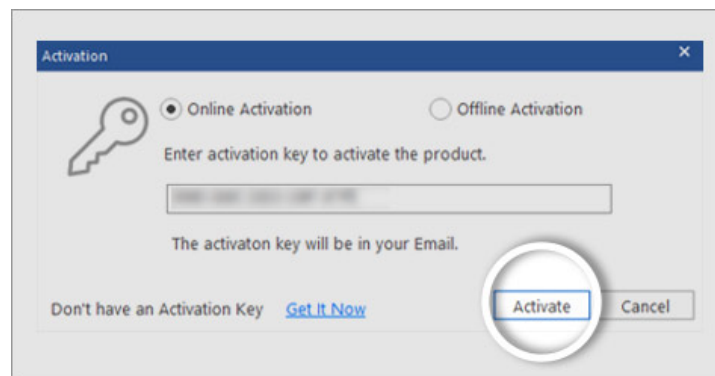


Image 8: Enter Activation Key

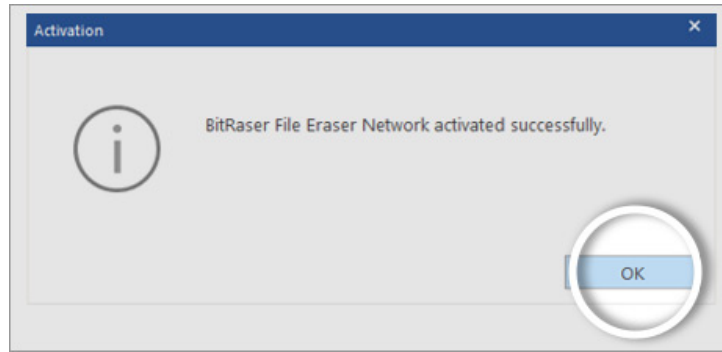


Image 9: BitRaser File Eraser Network Activated Successfully

Note:

The software supports both online and offline activation.

The application has been successfully installed & activated on the IT admin's system and is now connected to the BitRaser Cloud console

Stage 2: Erase Files & Folders on Network Connected Computers

Step 1: Once the application launches, you will be prompted to connect to the 'Domain' network. Use your Domain Administrator credentials and click 'Domain' to log into the Domain. (Refer to Image 10)

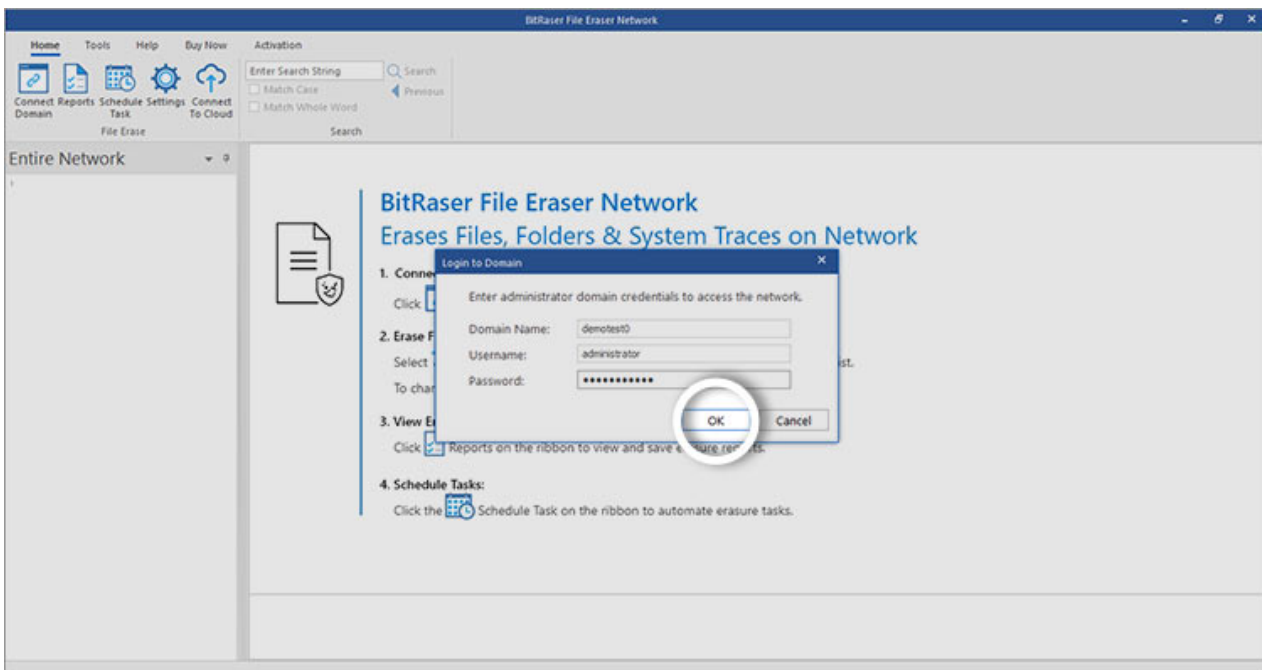


Image 10: Enter Domain Admin Credentials

Step 2: Once connected to the Domain Network, you can see all your **'Organizational Units'** (OUs) displayed in the left pane. (Refer to Image 11)

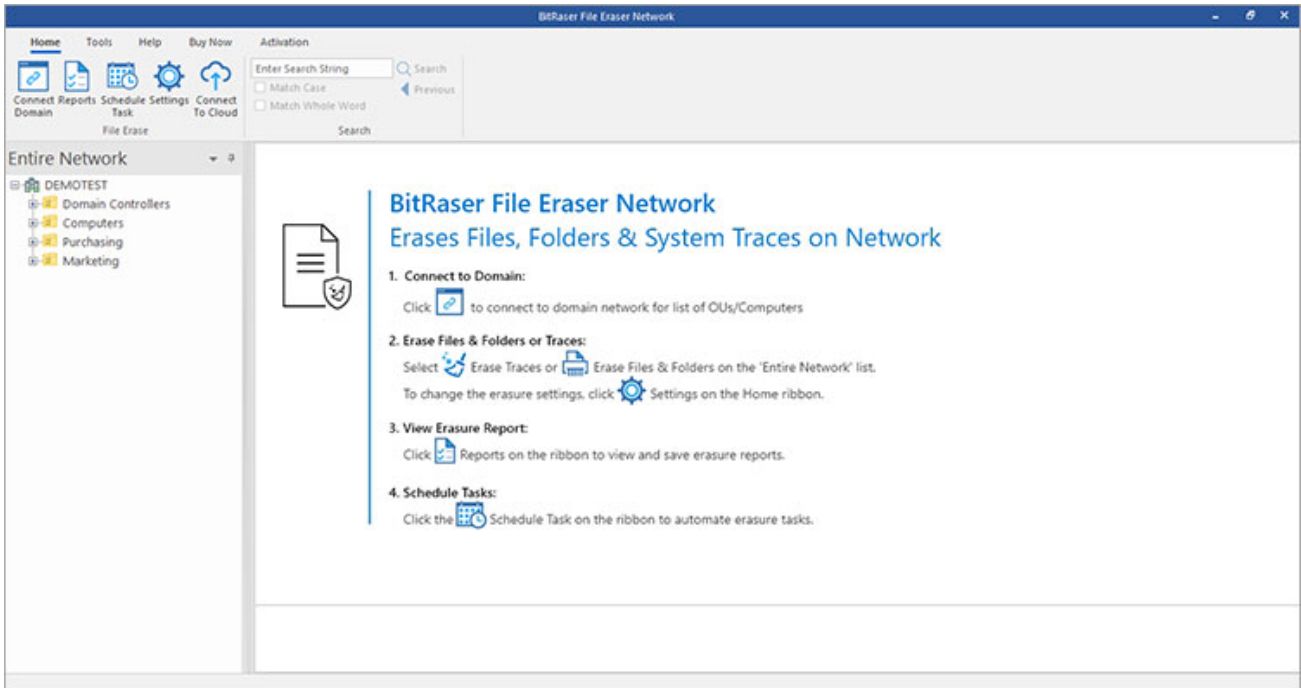


Image 11: All Organizational Units are Displayed

Select the **'Erase Files & Folders'** option on the OU computer. A **'Directory'** listing will appear; select the file/folder you want to erase from the list. Post selection, click **'Erase Data'** to permanently erase the selected file/folder on the network. (Refer to Image 12)

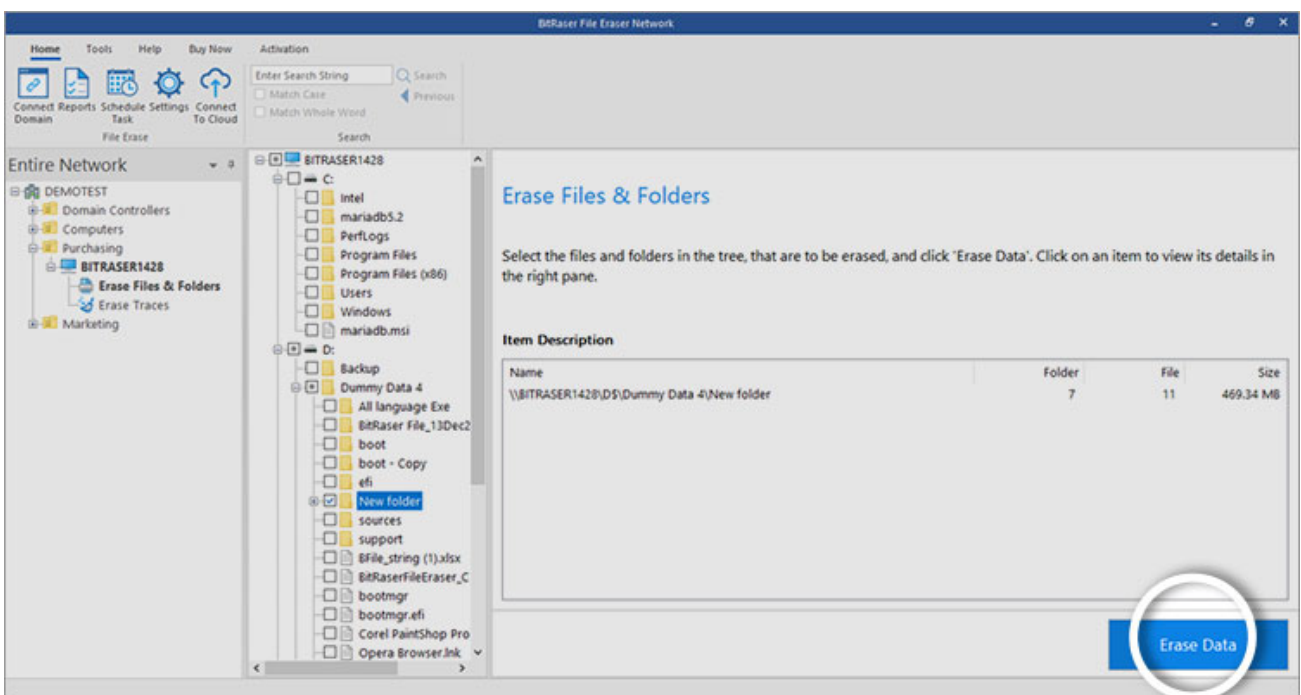


Image 12: Select File, Folder to Erase from OU

Step 3: A confirm erasure window will pop up; click **'Proceed'**. (Refer to Image 13)

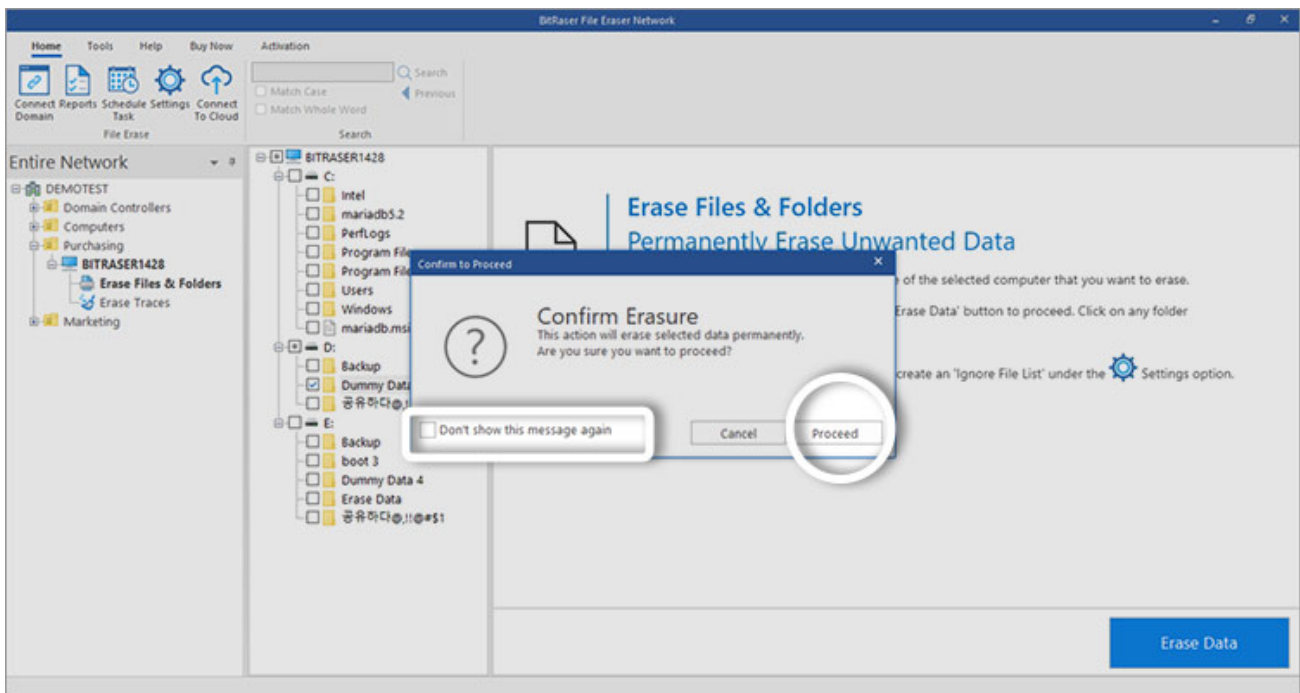


Image 13: Click on Erase, then Click Proceed

Step 3: The wiping process will begin, and all the selected files and folders will be erased. (Refer to Image 14)

Once the process is completed, you will be able to see all the files that were erased on your screen. The same will be reflected in the File erasure report. (Refer to Image 15)

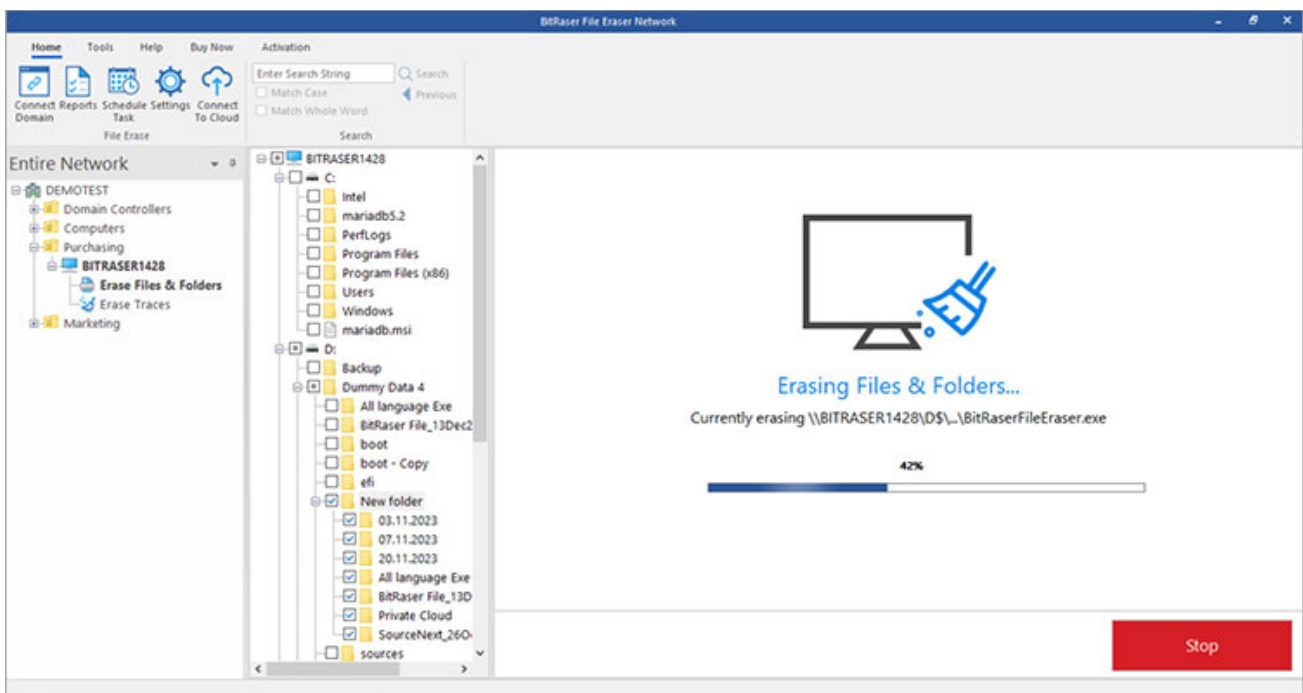


Image 14: File & Folder Erasure Progress

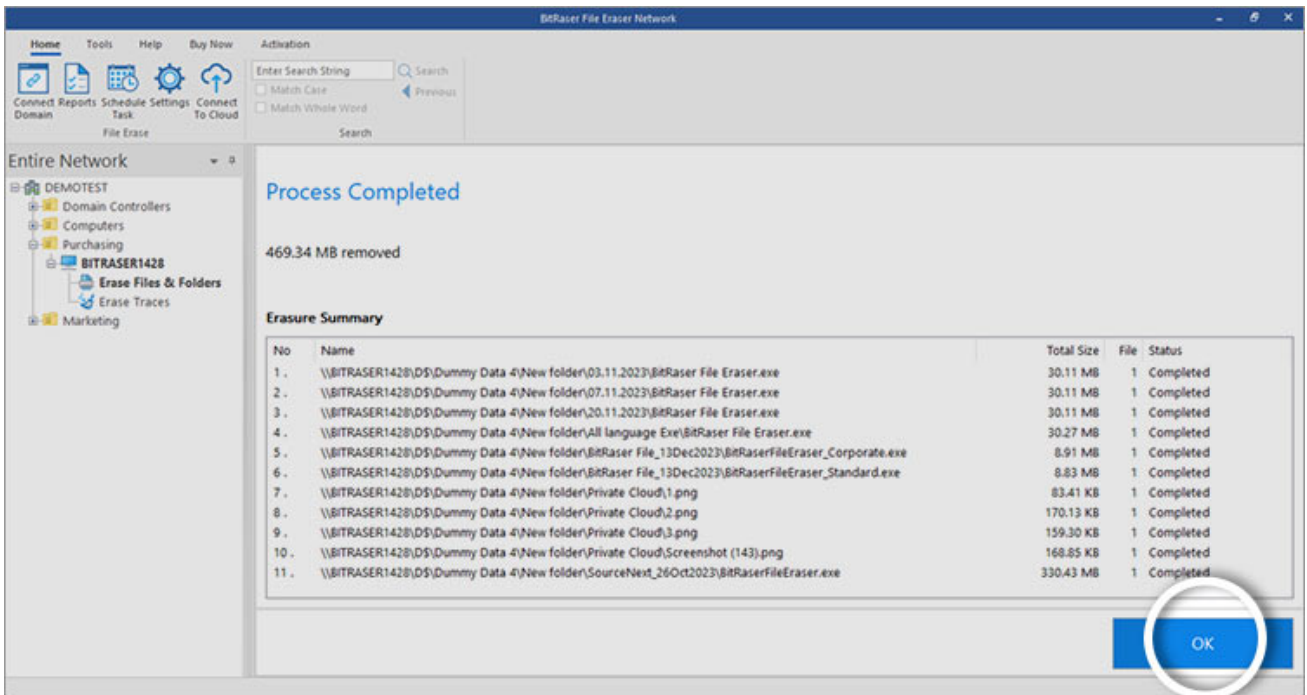


Image 15: File & Folder Erasure Completed

Select the 'Erase Traces' option to erase 'Traces' from a particular computer. The application will first 'Scan' the traces and inform you of the size of the traces found. Choose all the traces you want to wipe (Internet, System) and then click 'Erase Traces.'

Automate Erasure Tasks Using 'Schedule Erasure' Feature

Step 1: The 'Schedule Erasure' feature allows Domain Admins to schedule the erasure of files, folders & traces at regular intervals. To access this feature, go to the top left corner of the screen and click on 'Schedule Task'. (Refer to Image 16)

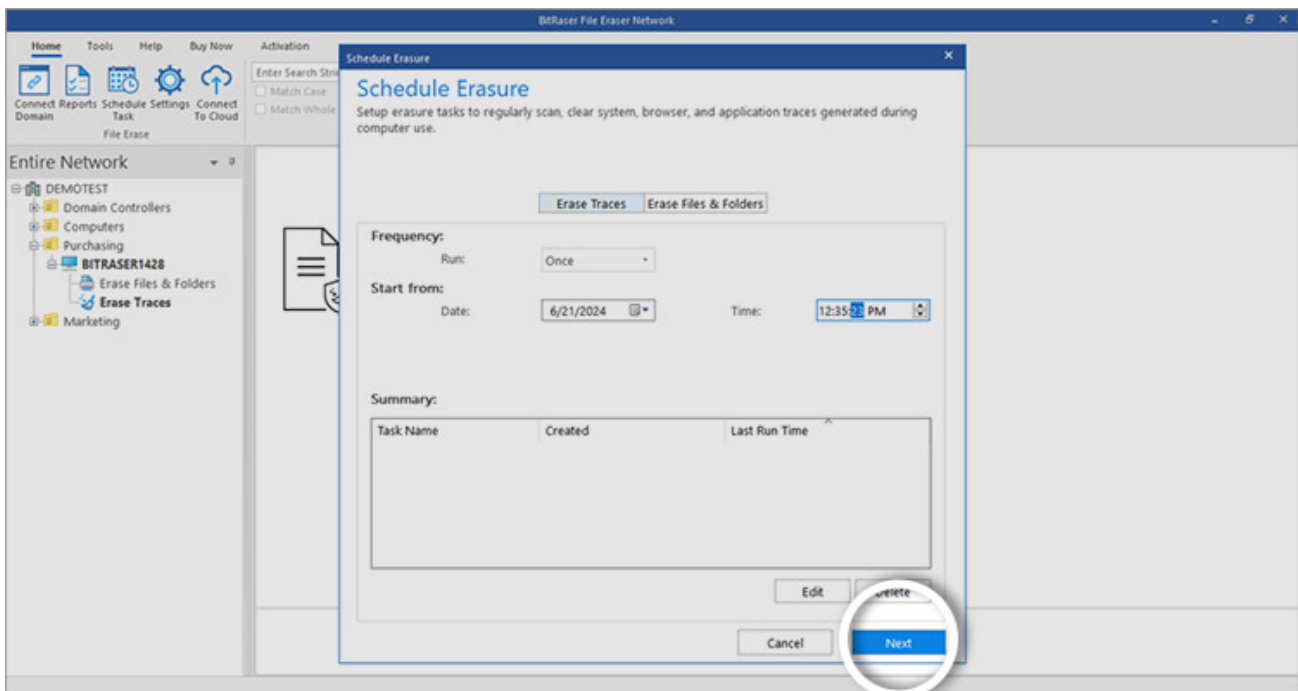


Image 16: Click on Schedule Task

Step 2: The 'Erase Traces' option is selected by default. Since we are scheduling to Erase Files & Folders, Click on the 'Erase Files & Folders' tab. Click on 'New Task' then provide a name for the task. Now, click 'Add Path,' to select the file or folder you wish to erase, enter the path of the file/folder, and click 'Next'. (Refer to Image 17)

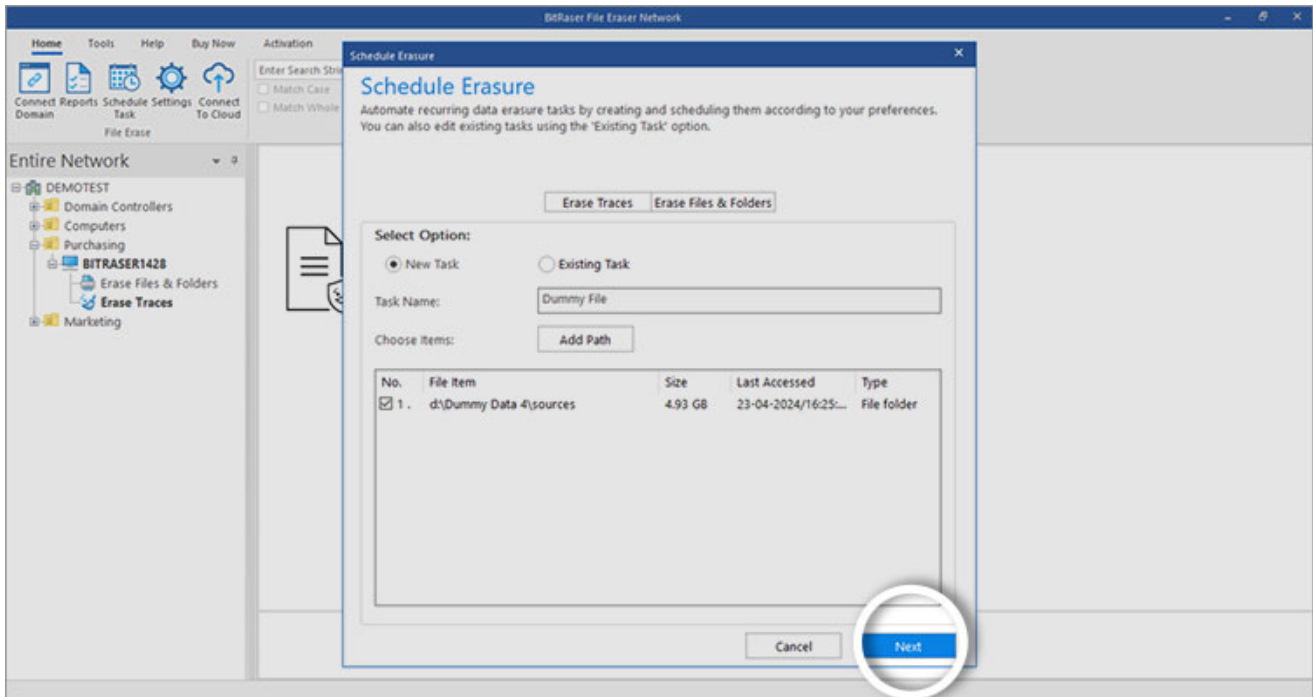


Image 17: File Erasure Task Scheduled

Step 3: Now, Set up the frequency (Once, Daily, Weekly, etc.), start date, and time of erasure. Then click 'Next'. (Refer to Image 18)

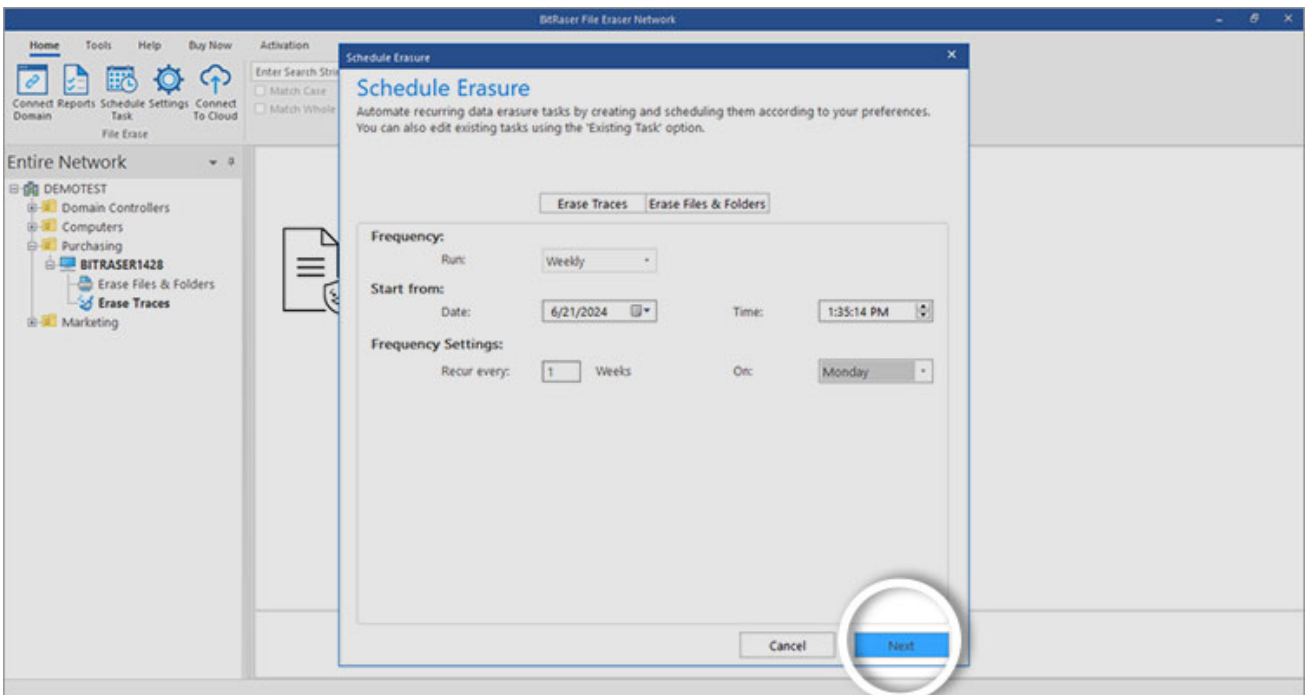


Image 18: Select Frequency, Date, and Time then Click Next

Step 4: Select the OU or Computer you want to schedule the task, then click 'Save'. (Refer to Image 19)

Your File & Folder erasure task has been scheduled successfully. (Refer to Image 20)

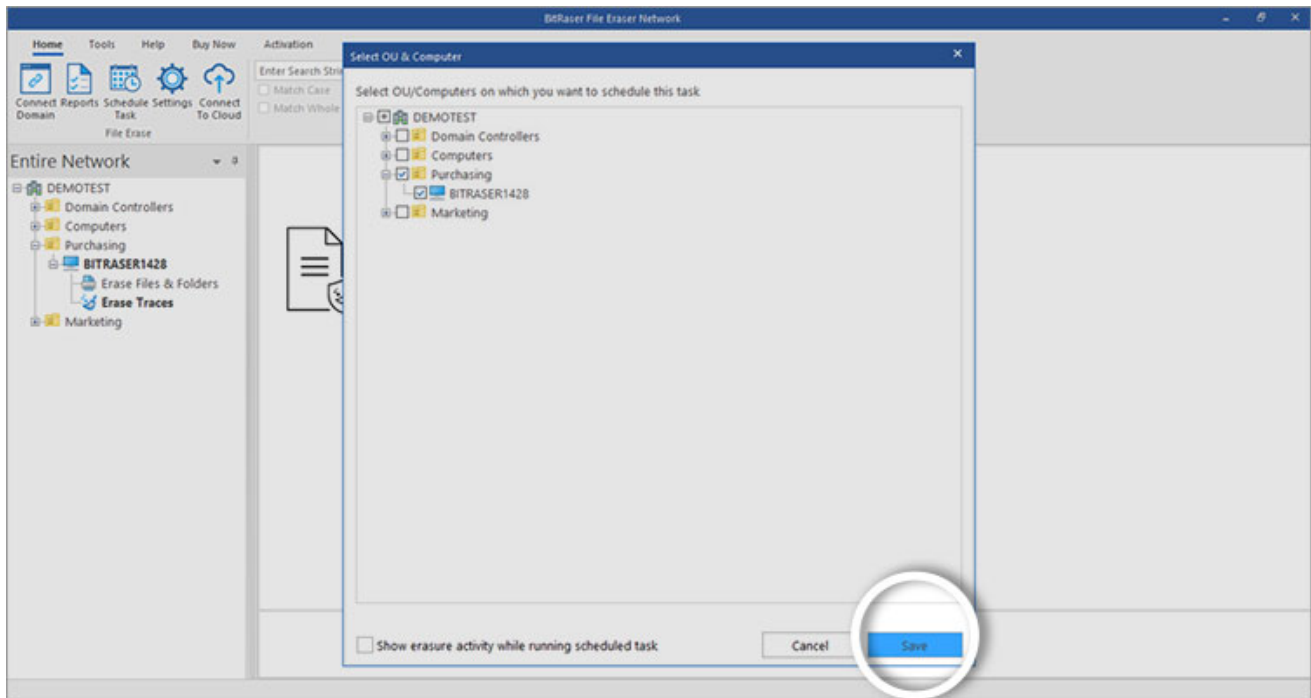


Image 19: Select OU for Scheduling Erasure Task

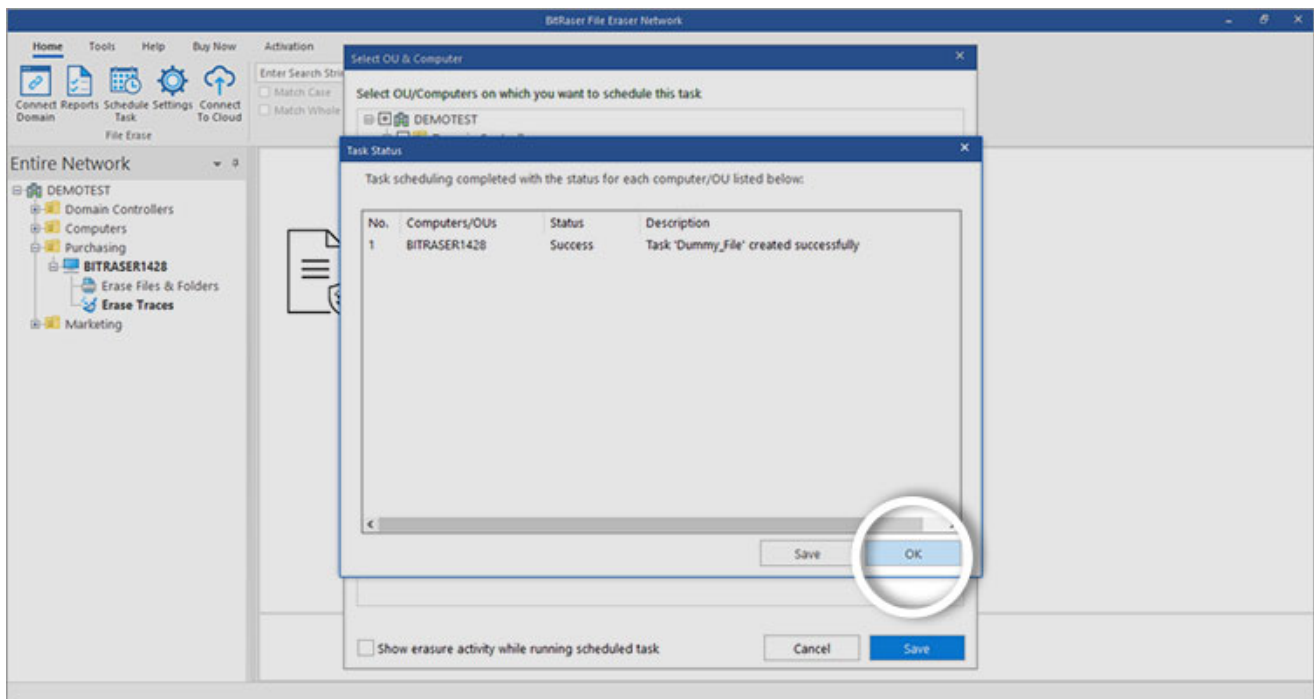


Image 20: Erasure Task Scheduled Successfully

The Scheduled Erasure task will be executed at the pre-defined time on the OU, and the report will automatically be saved on the BitRaser Cloud console.

Note:

If the File scheduled for erasure is in use at the time of erasure, then it will not be erased.