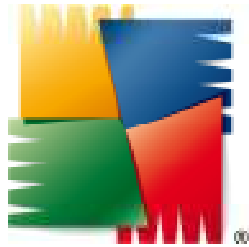


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Inside This Issue

This is part 2 of our Secure Your Computer. In this issue we will further explain why we need protection and better help you pick the type of protection you need. This issue includes Antivirus, Antimalware, Firewall, and Web Browsers.

Please see page 6 for more information.

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- Update Popular Programs
- Monitor Your Backup
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- Disk Cleanup
- Registry Cleanup
- Temp File Removal

In this economy we need to watch where our money but at the same time, we cannot afford to be without our computers. Some of us use it for work, homework, and to store our memories in the form of pictures and DVD movies.

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Greetings!

Sit down, relax, and emerge yourself into the depths of the computer this year by taking a couple of the Computer Guy classes at the Franklin Public Library.



If you have not taken a class before, you may want to as classes are very inexpensive and a VERY laid back environment which can make learning fun. This is not one of your typical computer classes. Everyone can benefit from any class.

So I encourage you to stop down at the Franklin Public Library and sign up. I look forward to meeting you and helping you enjoy your computer rather than be frustrated with it.

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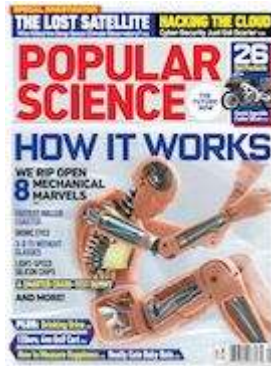
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Self Help—4 Top things to update

First and foremost, do you *have* to update? The simple answer is no. In fact, from time to time you may come across an update that you attempted and it just screwed up everything on your computer. But the better answer is yes, yes you should do the updates.

Why should I do the updates even though they may break my computer (not physically break)? We live in a reactive state. This means, we have found flaws in the software that may lead to viruses and malware infestations, so we have created an update to correct the problem.

You may have heard me say before that there are four things you should always update. These are:

- Java—Java allows you to play online games, chat with people around the world, calculate your mortgage interest, and view images in 3D, just to name a few. It's also integral to the intranet applications and other e-business solutions that are the foundation of corporate computing. This program is set to automatically update. You may see the pop-up from time to time in the lower right corner of your screen. If you don't, no worries. If you do see it, please update it.
- Adobe Reader—Adobe® Reader® is the global standard for reliably viewing, printing, and commenting on PDF documents. It's the only PDF file viewer that can open and interact with all types of PDF content, including forms and multimedia. This is another automatic update. You can manually check for updates by going to adobe.com or opening Adobe Acrobat from your Start menu and choosing Adobe Reader, then find the Help pull down menu (at the top of the window) and choose Check for Updates.



- Adobe Flash player—Adobe® Flash® Player is a cross-platform browser-based application runtime that provides uncompromised viewing of expressive applications, content, and videos across screens and browsers. Yet another pop-up that may happen from time-to-time. If in doubt, re-install by going to Adobe.com and click on the Flash Player. It will walk you through the steps to update.
- Windows Updates—I don't believe I need to explain this one like I did the last three. These are for your operating system (a critical part of your computer system).

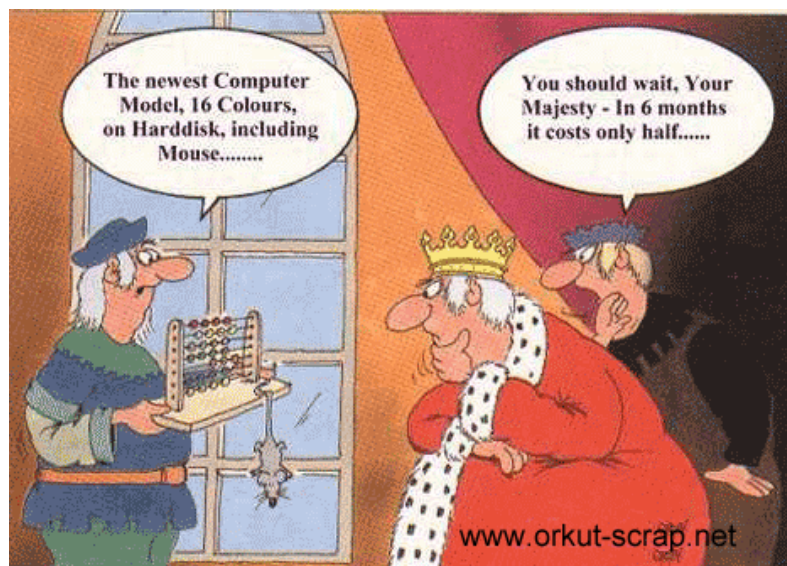


I have not mentioned some other basic things that should be updated as I cannot give you specifics. Some of these categories may include:

- Antivirus—Both paid-for and free-versions usually update themselves daily. Some of them may even check for updates every 4 hours.
- Antimalware—Paid-for version should update automatically however free version rarely do. You will need to check this out for yourself.
- Other software—Most software should be updated from time to time. Some of these may include:
 - Web Browsers
 - Cleaner type programs
 - Printer software
 - Regularly used programs

When in doubt, there is usually a help pull down menu that will allow you to check for updates. Also, as always, if you have questions, please send me an email at jkschoen@gmail.com.

Computer Humor



Securing Your Computer - Part 2

Difference Between FREE and Paid

Let me say this first – **FREE is NOT for everyone.**

I know you may not understand. The idea of FREE is always nice but as with everything, FREE isn't always FREE. Most of the time free products do require you to do a little more work. Another warning about FREE software - do your research BEFORE downloading and installing. Some FREE software are infected with malicious software and once you install the FREE software you will start to receive additional pop-ups, computer starts to slow down, new tool bars appear in Internet Explorer, etc. Google the name of the FREE software in question and get a variety of answers to make your decision or email me (jkschoen@gmail.com) and ask the question. I will do the research for you for FREE!

All the free antivirus programs will protect, scan and update by themselves but will not have some of the more advanced features that you may get with some of the paid for programs. Some of these features may include, tech support, hourly updates, faster speed updates, network scanners for home network, optimization, web link scans, etc. while paid for programs usually do all of these things for a price.

For some, this may seem like a lot of benefits to pay for your software, but if you follow the below steps, you shouldn't have to pay for anything.

FREE May Not Be For Everyone

What you will need to have a virus free, safe computing experience:

- A secure internet browser - Your web browser is the gateway between your computer and the internet.
- A clean computer
- A Good malware protection
- A Good Antivirus protection
- Keep your machine and programs up-to-date (adobe reader, flash, java and windows)
- Never click on a link inside an email

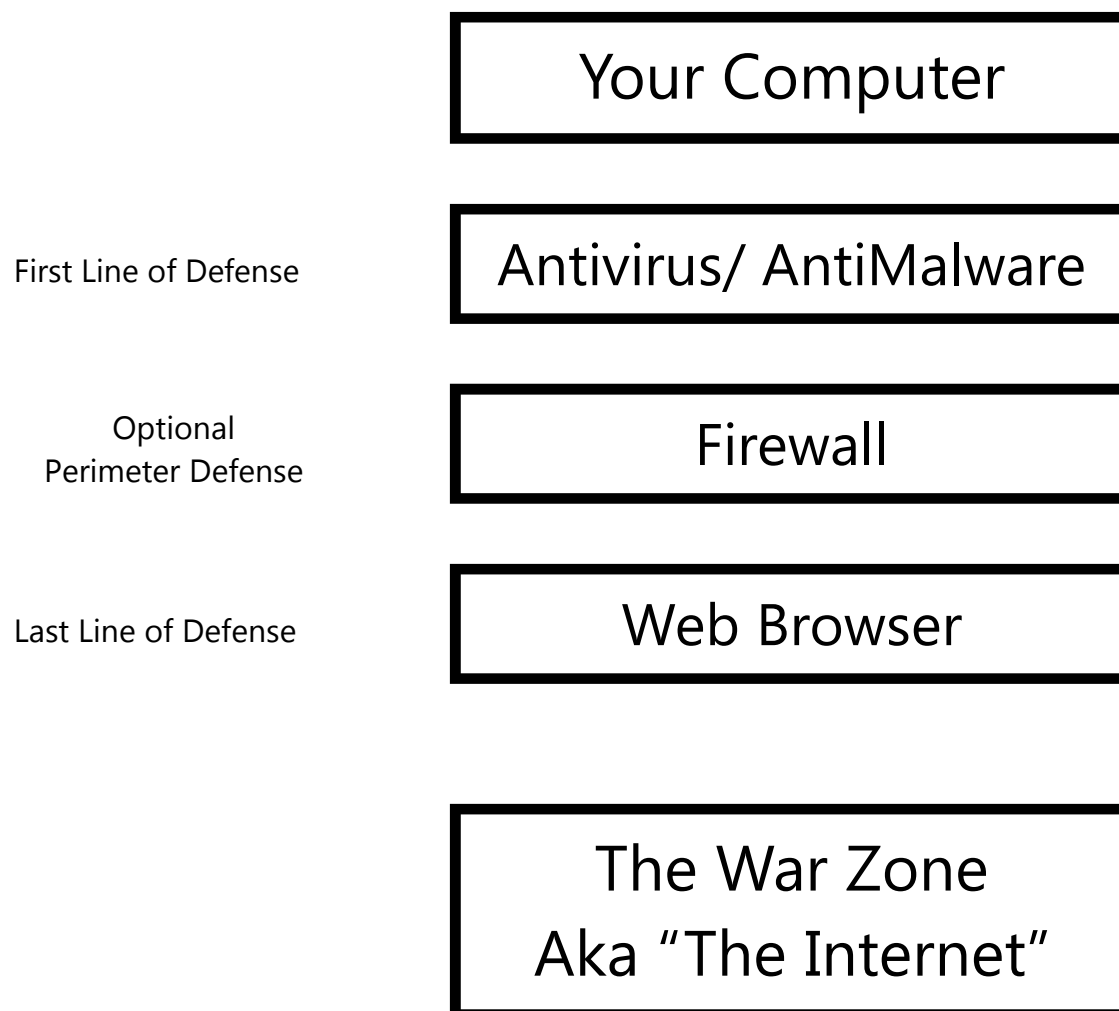
If you can follow those basic rules, you should never have a virus problem; should being the opportune word. Could you still get a virus? Yes. As I usually say, just because you get the flu shot, does that mean you are immune to the flu? Nope, it just reduces the risk of you getting the flu.

Now, if you are the type of person that does not want to do these basic steps, than you might want to consider one of the next two options.

- Option A – Hire someone to do it for you on a monthly basis (which just so happens to be a Computer Guy Service. See page 2 for more details).
- Option B – Purchase the programs to do it for you. Now keep in mind, you may need to purchase more than one program to do all of the above steps. Even if you purchase these software programs, you will still have to do some work. Nothing in this world is truly automated.

Three Lines of Defense

There are a couple of lines of defense between you and them (them being the virus and malware). Considering that (in my opinion) 90% of the virus/ malware infections happen while you are on the internet, we need to understand the basic levels of defense. This is no different than a General knowing the battlefield so he/she can be prepared. Over the next couple of pages, we are going to understand these levels of defenses and find out what works best for you.





Your Computer

Now, depending on the type of computer user you are, depends on how protected you need to be. With this visual guide, we should be able to help you decide the type of protection you need.

AntiVirus/ Antimalware Program



Medieval Protection

Not everyone needs the full United States Protection stationed outside your door. This is a good line of defense that will fend off your average virus and malware. This type of protection is good for the Non-adventurous on the internet. You do little internet surfing and when you do go on the internet you know exactly where you are going. You travel all the safe routes.

Recommended Protection—AVG/ MSE/ AVAST



Civil War Protection

In this category, you are the type of user who plays on the internet searching for information. You have web based email, facebook account and play games online. With this type of activity you know just enough to be dangerous.

Recommended Protection—AVG/ MSE/ AVAST and Malwarebytes with SpywareBlaster. OR Comodo Internet Security.



Modern War Protection

You have a full family. Everyone uses the computer and you do not know where they go. They play, search, email.....everything.

Enough Said

Recommended Protection—Paid-For-Software like Comodo Internet Security or Norton Internet Security.

Firewall—Optional Protection

Depending on what you chose on the previous page, depends on whether or not you are even concerned about this page. If you choose the Medieval protection, please continue to the next page. If you choose the Civil War protection or Modern Military Protection, keep reading.



Basic Protection

This mirrors the previous page. If you are Medieval user, than you don't need to go much father as all Windows based computers have a basic firewall built in. This is providing you are using Windows XP Service Pack 2 or higher.

Recommended Protection—Windows Firewall



Basic Protection Plus

If you have more than one computer in the house that has access to the internet, chances are you have a router. Most routers have a built in firewall. Especially if you are using AT&T internet service.

Recommended Protection—Router w/Firewall built in plus windows firewall.



Full Fledged Firewall

If you choose the modern military protection, chances are you are already set for your firewall service. But you can mix and match your protections. Just be warned. Most firewalls do require input from the user and if you don't know the answer, you may be locking yourself out of the internet.

Recommended Protection—Router with Firewall built in plus Comodo Internet Security (with Firewall)

Now that we have a battle plan, let us take a look at each piece of software to find the best solution for your family.

FREE Antivirus Software



AVG

www.avg.com/free

AVG – Does the job. There really are no cons other than it is a larger program which means it consumes more of your processor and ram. This product would not be recommended for those who are still running Windows XP, single core processors. Your machine may move very slowly.

As you look through the below chart please know the following (in my opinion)

- Online Shield for downloads—The AVG free comes with the link scanner so it is scanning pages before you get to them to make sure they are safe.
- Tech Support—Do you really want to call any Tech Support Company?
- Firewall—Is nice to have but can often become confusing if it is asking you questions you don't have answers too.
- Anti-Spam—Only works with downloadable email such as Outlook or Thunderbird.

AVG Free	AVG Essentials	AVG Internet Security
Block Viruses and Spyware	Block Viruses and Spyware	Block Viruses and Spyware
Link Scanner	Link Scanner	Link Scanner
	Online Shield for Downloads	Online Shield for Downloads
	Tech Support	Tech Support
		Firewall, Anti-Spam, Identity Protection, Network Intrusion
FREE	1 PC for \$34.99	1 PC for \$54.99



<http://www.avast.com/free-antivirus-download>

AVAST! Was one of my choices when I first had a computer. The first time it found a virus, it spoke to me, latterly. WARNING, you have a virus.....A siren even went off. It scans itself and updates itself on a regular basis. The only con I have with this software is that you have to register the product every year for it to remain active.

AVAST! Free	AVAST! Pro	AVAST! Internet Security
Block Viruses and Spyware	Block Viruses and Spyware	Block Viruses and Spyware
	Innovative SafeZone to make online shopping safer	Innovative SafeZone to make online shopping safer
		Advanced Firewall
		Anti-Spam
FREE	1 PC at \$39.99 for 1 Year	1 PC at \$49.99 for 1 Year

As you look through the above chart please know the following (in my opinion)

- SafeZone—protects your accounts. This is where an up-to-date, secure web browser really helps.
- Advanced Firewall—People are not really hacking into your computer and besides, you already have a basic firewall on your machine and most routers/modems also have a firewall built in.
- Anti-Spam—Only works with downloadable email such as Outlook or Thunderbird.



www.microsoft.com/security_essentials

Microsoft Security Essentials (MSE) is a high quality, hassle-free antivirus protection which is the way all antivirus software should be. Still a larger footprint on the system then it could be, but works well with any OS.

Microsoft no longer has a paid for antivirus program so there are no comparisons to be made.



www.comodo.com

Comodo offers the most variety of FREE software you will find out there. I really have no idea why they are not more widely used. I have been testing Comodo for quite sometime and I have to admit, I am impressed. I have also been using their web browser called Comodo Dragon. I would almost consider this one my favorite and probably will replace both AVG and Microsoft Security Essentials.

Comodo Antivirus	Security Pro	Security Pro
Block Viruses and Spyware	Block Viruses and Spyware	Block Viruses and Spyware
Firewall	Rapid virus removal by live (human) experts	Rapid virus removal by live (human) experts
		\$500 Virus FREE Guarantee
FREE	3 PC's at \$39.99 for 1 Year	3 PC's at \$49.99 for 1 Year

Are there more FREE antivirus programs available for you to download and try? Yes. Are they just as good? Maybe. These are but the few that I have personally used and have been satisfied with. Currently, I am retesting Comodo Free Antivirus = Firewall. I will let you all know how that goes in later issues.

FREE AntiMalware Programs

There are two stand-alone AntiMalware programs that you can use to clean your program of these files. The first one I use exclusively is Malwarebytes. It is a FREE program however, is a REMOVAL only tool. You have to remember to update it and run the program. If you decide to pay for the program it becomes a removal and protection tool.



FREE	Purchase
Removal Tool Only	Automatic Updates Protection and Removal
	\$24.95

www.malwarebytes.org



The second program is your FREE protection against spyware which is called Spywareblaster. This tool will work well with Malwarebytes.

FREE

Purchase

Protection

Automatic Updates

www.javacoolsoftware.com

FREE Secure Web Browsers

There are plenty of free web browsers on the internet and they all relatively do the same thing; they browse the internet. In a matter of speaking, it is a vehicle to access the internet. Depending on the vehicle depends on how easily it is broken into. Internet Explorer is the most widely used therefore it is the most widely hacked web browser. Definitely not the safest. Below is a quick list of what The Computer Guy would stand behind as the safest browsers on the web.



Mozilla Firefox is the closest representation to Internet Explorer in looks. So if you are used to Internet Explorer and are a beginner computer user, this is going to be the best option for you.

To learn more about Mozilla Firefox, you can go to:

www.mozilla.com



Comodo Dragon is built off of the same source code as Google's Chrome. If you want safe, there is none safer.

There is one con that I can see and that is if you bookmark a lot of web-sites. Both Dragon and Chrome are not bookmark friendly.

To learn more about Comodo Dragon, you can go to:

www.comodo.com



Google Chrome

Google Chrome is identical to Comodo Dragon in code design and physical appearance. If you want a fast web browser, this is it.

There is one con that I can see and that is if you bookmark a lot of web-sites. Both Dragon and Chrome are not bookmark friendly.

To learn more about Comodo Dragon, you can go to:

www.google.com/chrome

FREE System Cleaner

There are a ton of Registry cleaners but I must warn you about using cleaners you just randomly found on the internet. First, let us review what the registry actually is.

The **Windows Registry** is a hierarchical database that stores configuration settings and options on Microsoft Windows operating systems. It contains settings for low-level operating system components as well as the applications running on the platform: the kernel, device drivers, services, SAM, user interface and third party applications all make use of the Registry. The registry also provides a means to access counters for profiling system performance.



In lamest terms, the registry is a set of instructions on how the computer works. More importantly how each program works. The registry is everything to a computer. This is where typical malware hides.



The only one at this time that I will stand behind is CCleaner. I am currently working on another Registry cleaner made by Comodo but I am currently still in the testing phase.

<http://www.piriform.com/ccleaner>

The Computer Guy Top Picks

Antivirus (for beginner users)—AVG or Microsoft Security Essentials

Antivirus (For advanced users) - Comodo Internet Security

Antimalware Removal—Malwarebytes

Antimalware Protection—Spywareblaster

Web Browser (for beginner users) - Mozilla Firefox

Web browser (for advanced users) - Comodo Dragon

System Cleaner—CCleaner

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Level— Beginner
Cost— \$10
Days— Mon. & Wed.
Dates— April 4 & 6th @ 1pm—3pm

OR

Days— Tues. & Thurs.
Dates— April 5 & 7th @ 6pm—8pm



Digital Camera 1

Learn how to use your camera

In this hands-on class we will explore the features on our camera and how to use them in everyday life.

Level— Beginner
Cost— \$10
Days— Mon. & Wed.
Dates— April 4 & 6th @ 6pm—8pm

Digital Camera 2

How to Get the Images Off your camera and more.

Once you take all those wonderful pictures, what do you or can you do with them. Explore the possibilities as we show you what you can do.

Level— Beginner
Cost— \$10
Days— Mon. & Wed.
Dates— April 18 & 20th @
10:15am—12:15pm

Intermediate Word 2010

In this class we will go more in depth into topics such as Tabs, Indents, Breaks, Clip Art and Labels.

Level— Advanced or taken Basic Word Class
Cost— \$10
Days— Mon. & Wed.
Dates— April 11 & 13th @ 1pm—3pm

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OR
Days— Tues. & Thurs.
Dates— April 19 & 21st @ 6pm—8pm



Which Level Is Right For Me?

Level am I?:

Any	No skills required
Absolute Beginner	No skills required
Beginner	Must know how to operate a mouse/ keyboard basics
Advanced	Must have basic knowledge of a computer especially with navigation

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Microsoft Excel 2010

Time to learn how to make spreadsheets for your roster, address book, balance your check book and more. This is a four day hands-on class with detailed handouts to help you through the learning process.

Level— Advanced
Cost— \$20
Days— Mon. & Wed.
Dates— May 2, 4, 9, 11th @ 1pm—3pm
OR
Days— Tues. & Thurs.
Dates— May 3, 5, 10, 12th @ 6pm—8pm



Introduction to CD/DVD Burning

The name says it all. In this one day hands-on course we will cover how to burn a picture CD, a data CD, difference between CD's & DVD's and more using one of the easiest and FREE software programs available called Ashampoo CD/DVD burning utility.

Level— Beginner
Cost— \$5
Days— Monday
Dates— May 9th @ 10:15am—12:15pm
OR
Days— Wednesday
Dates— May 11th @ 6pm—8pm

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Any	No skills required
Absolute Beginner	No skills required
Beginner	Must know how to operate a mouse/ keyboard basics
Advanced	Must have basic knowledge of a computer especially with navigation

The Basics of the Internet

The internet is a giant library at your finger tips but do you know how to use it? In this two day hands-on course we will cover the basics of the internet. From web browsers to search results and everything in between.

Level— Beginner
Cost— \$10
Days— Tues. & Thurs.
Dates— May 17 & 19th @ 1pm—3pm
OR
Days— Mon. & Wed.
Dates— May 16 & 18th @ 6pm—8pm



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Computers for Beginners

Using Windows 7

In this class we will start at the beginning with basic computer operations such as turning on/ off the computer, navigating through the computer, opening & closing programs, basics of the internet and more. This is a four day hands-on class. Handouts will be provided so you spend more time practicing and less time writing.

Level— Absolute Beginners/ Beginners

Cost— \$20

Days— Tues. & Thurs.

Dates— May 3, 5, 10, 12th
@ 10:15am—12:15pm

OR

Days— Tues. & Thurs.

Dates— May 3, 5, 10, 12th
@ 1pm—3pm

The Gmail Class

In this class we will learn more about Gmail (Google's FREE email service) and how to use most of its features in this two-day hands-on class. We will cover, reading, sending, deleting emails as well as adding people to your contact list. **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN EMAIL ACCOUNT BUT WANT TO TAKE THE CLASS, PLEASE SHOW UP 1/2 HOUR BEFORE THE CLASS TO SIGN UP FOR THE ACCOUNT.**



Level— Beginner

Cost— \$10

Days— Mon. & Wed.

Dates— May 16 & 18th @ 1pm—3pm

OR

Days— Tues. & Thurs.

Dates— May 17 & 19th @ 6pm—8pm

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Organizing Your Computer

Your computer acts just like a filing cabinet and after a period of time this can become a small mess. In this class we will show you how to organize your files by creating new folders, deleting old folders and files as well as moving files (using cut & paste). We will also show you how to use the Add/Remove Programs feature within the Control Panel.



Level— Beginner
Cost— \$10
Days— Mon. & Wed.
Dates— June 6 & 8th @ 1pm—3pm

Securing Your Computer

Keeping your computer virus free should not be hard to do. In this class we will cover the basics of how to protect yourself and your computer. You will receive a FREE CD that will contain all the protection you need as well as detailed instructions on how to use the programs.

Level— Beginner
Cost— \$10
Days— Tues. & Thurs.
Dates— June 7 & 9th @ 1pm—3pm
OR
Days— Tues. & Thurs.
Dates— June 7 & 9th @ 6pm—8pm

Import/ Export/ Email & Print Your Pictures

This class is all about pictures. You have wondered and we have touched upon some of the items but not all in one class. Now is the time, this is the class. We will show you how to import your pictures, backup your pictures, email your pictures, burn your pictures to a CD or DVD.



Level— Beginner
Cost— \$10
Days— Mon. & Wed.
Dates— June 20 & 22nd @ 1pm—3pm

Introduction to Craigslist

Want to learn more about Craigslist? This is the class for you. Learn some of the Do's and Don'ts of using craigslist for both selling and purchasing to lower your chances of getting scammed out of money or your product.



Level— Beginner
Cost— \$10
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Dates— June 13 & 15th 1pm—3pm

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Cost— \$10
Days— Tues. & Thurs.
Dates— June 14 & 16th 1pm—3pm
OR
Days— Tues. & Thurs.
Dates— June 14 & 16th @ 6pm—8pm

Advanced Computer Maintenance

Using Windows 7

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Level— Advanced
Cost— \$10
Days— Tues. & Thurs.
Dates— June 21 & 23rd 1pm—3pm
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Dates— June 21 & 23rd @ 6pm—8pm

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Did You Know?

Memory

Random-access memory (usually known by its acronym, RAM) is a form of computer data storage.

In lamest terms, it is a desk for programs in use. When the program is no longer being used, it goes back into the hard drive (filing cabinet).

In 1995 the typical computer had about 32mb—64mb of memory to run Windows 95.

Now, in 2011, the typical computer has 2gb—4gb of memory to run Windows 7.

It takes 1024mb to equal 1gb.



FREE Software Spotlight

Comodo is an up-coming star in the field of protection. They offer a wide variety of FREE programs such as:

- Antivirus
- Anti-Malware
- Firewall
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