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Professional Computer Sales and Services



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Featured Service

Advisory on computer hardware and software.
Scallycomputechs understands that buying a new computer or laptop can be very challenging. Scallycomputechs will work with you to get the best system for your needs, and budget. This is one of the free services we offer

Services We Provide

- Develop and implement IT policies .
- PC and Server Installation, configuration, maintenance, upgrades, and repairs.
- Software installation, configuration, upgrades, fixes, troubleshooting, and support.
- Security analysis.
- Virus and Spyware removal.

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Tip of the Month

What to know about a file before you download it

Consider the four points below before you click an attachment (or link) in an e-mail or instant message, download a file from a Web site, or share files from a stranger's computer.

1. Pause before you open attachments and click links

Never open attachments in e-mail or instant messages from strangers. If you know the sender, but the message arouses your suspicions, check with the sender before you open the attachment. If they did not send it, delete the e-mail and ignore the instant message. Think twice before you click links in e-mail or instant messages. (If you know the sender, check before you click.) The same goes for pop-up windows and banner ads. Be especially wary of clicking a link that accompanies a request for confidential information—for example one that says "Click here..." Do not click "Agree," "OK," or "I accept" to get rid of a pop-up advertisement, an unexpected warning, or even an offer to remove spyware. Instead, close the window by clicking in the upper-right corner, or by pressing ALT+F4 on your keyboard.

2. Download from reputable sites

Be cautious about downloading from a Web site if you were referred there by e-mail from an unknown source. Also be wary if the site contains objectionable material, makes offers that seem too good to be true, or does not include a clearly written privacy statement.

3. Respect the law

Remember that the words, music, software, games, or video files you download are someone's original work. You (or your kids) risk serious legal trouble if you use copyrighted material without the permission of its rightful owner. Violating the federal laws that govern the use of this material can lead to fines and even jail time. Note, too, that there are some files, such as certain kinds of pornography, that are illegal to intentionally download, view, or own.

4. Install and use file-sharing programs cautiously

When you use file-sharing (also known as peer-to-peer or P2P) programs to trade music, video, and other files on the Web, you make some of your files available to others using similar software. Using some file-sharing programs can also mean leaving an open back door to your computer while it's connected to the Internet. File-sharing programs have other risks. The programs can themselves be purveyors of malicious software (or malware). Or, they may lead you unwittingly to download something that is illegal, such as a copyrighted song or certain kinds of pornography. And once on your computer, some of these programs can be exceedingly tough to remove (assuming you can even find them). So share files only with people you know and trust. Some evildoers share what they claim are music or movies, but are actually disturbing images, viruses, or worse.

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