

REDUCING the ODDS of a COMPUTER DISASTER Part 2

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BROWSERS (continued)

Web of Trust (WOT) - Helps avoid Malware, Scareware and Ransomware
Web of Trust is installed as an add-on to your browser. (Internet Explorer and Mozilla Firefox only) When you browse the web WOT marks the web site with either a red (dangerous), yellow (caution) or green circle (safe) to show the safety or danger in opening the site. The following address shows how to download WOT and a series of tutorials portrays how to use it.

<http://www.mywot.com/en/download>

Keep Away from Risky Websites (WOT)

Review of WOT & Download via Softpedia.com

<http://www.softpedia.com/reviews/windows/WOT-Web-of-Trust-Review-118246.shtml>

FIREWALL

Every computer should have one firewall either hardware or software based. See

<http://www.scscbkk.org/Firewalls--Software%20&%20Hardware.pdf>

<http://www.scscbkk.org/Your%20Firewall-%20Is%20it%20doing%20its%20job.pdf>

If you have a wireless router, you have a hardware firewall.

Software firewalls that are recommended are:

Zone alarm for 32 bit computers (Download)

<http://www.zonealarm.com/security/en-us/trialpay-za-signup.htm>

Comodo for 32 or 64 bit

<http://www.comodo.com/home/download/download.php?prod=firewall>

WINDOWS MAINTENANCE (Disk Cleanup, Error check, Defragment)

http://www.scs-cc.com/smnr/Windows_Maintenance_Tips.pdf

The computer user should run the Microsoft Disk Cleanup and Error Check periodically. Disk Defragmentation can be run quarterly or even less frequently. (Smart Defrag from www.iobit.com is considered better than the Windows defrag program.)

<http://tinyurl.com/3nnrxol>

CLEANUP UTILITY

Ccleaner is a system optimization, privacy and cleaning tool. It removes unused files from your system - allowing Windows to run faster and freeing up valuable hard disk space. It also cleans traces of your online activities such as your Internet history. Additionally it contains a fully featured registry cleaner. But the best part is that it's fast (normally taking less than a second to run) and contains NO Spyware or Adware! Download from;

www.piriform.com/Ccleaner

An article on how to operate this program is published in “Smart Computing, (Time for A Tune Up”, August, 2010, Page 87. (Available to subscribers like, SCSCC library)

<http://tinyurl.com/3ckuecz>

“Ccleaner to Optimize Your System” from SCSCC BKK and can be downloaded at:

<http://www.scscbkk.org/CCleanertoOptimizeYourSystem.pdf>

ANTI-ROOTKIT

Rootkits are incredibly dangerous forms of malware that can take over your computer. The current Rootkit Removal programs are Avira Antirootkit Tool, Blacklight (f-Secure), Prevx, Rootkit Booster (Trend Micro), Rootkit Detective (McAfee-Stinger), Sopho (Systemals Rootkit Revealer) and Unhack Me.

<http://www.worldstart.com/all-about-rootkits/print/>

TDSSKiller from Kaspersky

<http://www.softpedia.com/progDownload/TDSSKiller-Download-165428.html>