TECHVERA

Helpful Tools and Time Savers for your Computer

Computer Maintenance

Tools We Recommend

**Here at Techvera, we take pride in informing our clients about tips and tricks we have discovered to make your experience using your computer more enjoyable.
Here are a few programs we use on our own machines and recommend:**

Adblock Plus (adblockplus.org) is the most popular browser extension available for Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, Opera and Android. Its primary purpose is to remove all intrusive advertisements from your browsing experience: YouTube video ads, Facebook ads, banners, pop-ups, background ads etc. This contributes to both less annoyance while browsing, and protection from malware and spam commonly hidden in ads.

UnChecky (unchecky.com) is a lightweight application that aims to "keep your checkboxes clear." It automatically unchecks the boxes during software installs that allow companies to install promotional bloatware on your computer, and issues warnings if you accidentally agree to install something you may not want.
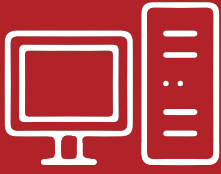
MalwareBytes (malwarebytes.org) is a free application that scans for and removes malware when started manually. The paid version additionally provides scheduled scans, real-time protection, and a flash memory scanner.

VLC Player (videolan.org) is a free and open source cross-platform multimedia player and framework that plays most multimedia files as well as DVDs, Audio CDs, and various streaming protocols.

Classic Start (classicshell.net) is free software that improves your productivity, enhances the usability of Windows and empowers you to use the computer the way you like it. Our favorite feature is its redesign of the start menu making it more similar in feel to previous versions of Windows.

Time Savers

Setting up, cleaning, and maintaining computers can take forever!
Save time with these tools:

Ninite (ninite.com) is a bulk software installer. This website lists many commonly used programs for quick, safe install. Simply put a check in the box next to all the programs you want to install at once, click the green "Get Installer" button, and Ninite will automatically install all the software checked without you having to do anything else. Ninite also says "no" to annoying add-ons like toolbars and apps that many programs try to slip into their installers. Watch a video tutorial here for additional help.

Advanced Systemcare (http://www.iobit.com/en/advancedsystemcarefree.php) is an all-in-one computer maintenance package. It contains tools like registry cleaning, disk defragmenter, malware scan, disk error checker, and more. Instead of having to manually run all these maintenance programs on your computer one by one, put a checkmark in the boxes of each tool you'd like to run, hit "Scan", and ASC will go to work. ASC even has a separate tab called "Toolbox" with other helpful maintenance and optimization items. The "Turbo Boost" feature will even allow you to "boost" your computer whenever you'd like, freeing up memory (RAM) and clearing out unnecessary resources to improve performance. The paid version of ASC offers additional tools if you'd like increased functionality. Watch a video tutorial here.

Contact Techvera

We hope this guide is helpful to you!
If you have questions about anything in this eBook, or would like assistance with a program or website, contact us today.

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