

Re: too many slow computer complaints

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Registry cleaners do NOT speed up a computer. But they sure can mess it up, even to the point of not booting up successfully into windows, in the worst case. And then you may need to reinstall windows and all your programs again, assuming you have no system backup to fall back to. So the most prudent advice is: don't use them.

Linda in Iowa wrote:

Do you recommend any of the programs that claim to speed up a computer by fixing the registry or cleaning up files?

"Shenan Stanley" <newshelper@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:erDeHBY6JHA.1196@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Linda in Iowa wrote:

Why is it there seem to be so many posts about slow computers? With all the updates I think there are so many things being added that we are not aware of and a lot of it probably causes conflicts. I know I recently had a conflict with my ISP's firewall/security program and my HP printer. Got it resolved thanks to both manufacturers, but the firewall/ security program really bogged down my computer. It is seven years old and I don't think it can handle the current updates. In reality we don't know what is being added to our computers or who is keeping an eye on us.

Why all the posts about slow computers? Honestly?

Ignorance.

People buy computers trusting in the friendly overly enthusiastic

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at their local big-name electronics store or because there is a sale. They believe the "if I buy this program, it will protect me" crap – and believe that it lasts forever. They think a computer is a 'set it and forget it' appliance.

Then, they continue to buy and install and add-on. They don't consider that you can only upgrade a Model T so far before it becomes outdated – and the problem is that in the electronics world of today – the time period for out-dated is very short in comparison to other industries.

If you don't know about your computer and what is on it – in the end – that responsibility (and ultimate blame) falls on you for not taking the time to try and understand at the basic level what you can/should do to protect your data, yourself and better enjoy your time using an electronic device with so many possibilities.

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