TUESDAY TECH TEACHINGS

Just a moment...

LS Staff



The presentation will begin shortly.

Feel free to grab a handout from the front.

What are Tuesday Tech Teachings?

Once-Weekly Presentations focused on a section of a chosen monthly topic.

10-15-minute live demonstration followed by a hands-on do-it-yourself experience.

Post-demonstration Q & A on **any** technology related topic.



Topic Schedule for this month.

Monthly Topic:

Cyber Security

Week 1:

History Trivia
Bring your Cell
Phone!

Week 2:

Scam Emails/ Websites Week 3:

Computer Viruses Week 4:

Antivirus Softwares Week 5:

Scam Calls/

Messages

This week's topic!

A review: what is a virus?

A <u>harmful file or program</u> that can harm your computer in some way, shape, or form.

Something that could be downloaded in any type of file on any type of site.

Something that is intended to retrieve personal information or files from your computer.

More review: how do I tell if I have a virus?

1. Slowed Performance:

- •If your computer is noticeably slower than usual, taking longer to load programs, boot up, or browse the internet, it could be a sign of malware.
- Malware often consumes system resources, leading to a decline in performance.

2. Frequent Pop-up Ads:

- •An abundance of pop-up ads, especially ones that are unwanted or appear on sites you wouldn't expect, is a strong indicator of malware.
- Malware often generates pop-ups to display ads or redirect you to malicious websites.

3. Changes to Browser Settings:

- •If your browser's homepage, default search engine, or toolbars have been changed without your consent, it's a sign of potential browser hijacking by malware.
- Browser hijacking often involves redirects to unwanted websites.

4. Unusual Error Messages and System Problems:

- Frequent error messages, system crashes, or freezes can be a sign of malware interfering with your system.
- •Malware can disrupt system processes, leading to instability.

5. Unfamiliar Applications or Programs:

- •If you notice new programs or applications installed on your computer that you don't remember downloading or installing, it could be a sign of malware.
- •Be wary of any unfamiliar software, as it could be malicious.

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Logan's Antivirus Recommendations:









Pros:

- Norton is one of the best rated Anti Virus Softwares for overall protection.
- Norton offers countless features such as a firewall, data protector, and a VPN.
 - Norton can be used on any device (phone, tablet, or computer).

Cons:

- Norton AntiVirus has a relatively expensive monthly fee for an antivirus software.
- There is a limit on the amount of devices you can protect with Norton.

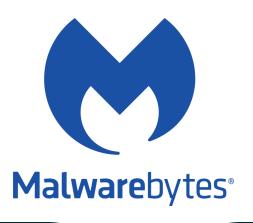


Pros:

- McAfee is one of the best rated Anti Virus Softwares for overall protection.
- McAfee automatically does security checks on your computer when it is asleep.
- McAfee can be used on any device (phone, tablet, or computer).
 - McAfee is currently on sale!

Cons:

- When not on sale, McAfee can be relatively expensive, with the price being around \$150.
- McAfee can have limits on how many devices you can add.



Pros:

- Malwarebytes is one of the best rated
 Anti Virus Softwares for overall
 protection.
- Malwarebytes offers a FREE antivirus solution!
- Malwarebytes can be used on any device (phone, tablet, or computer)
 - THIS IS LOGAN'S PERSONAL FAVORITE ANTIVIRUS SOFTWARE!

Cons:

 Malwarebytes can have limits on how many devices you can add to your subscription.

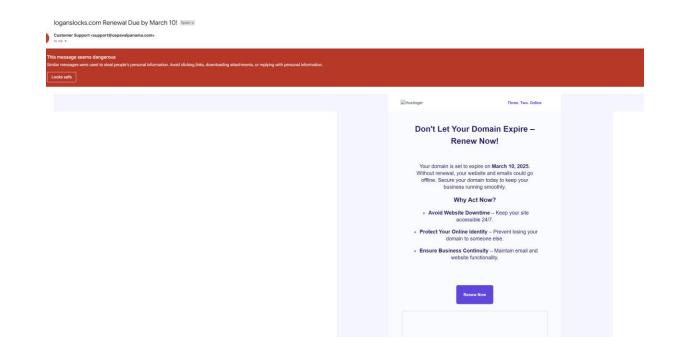
Let's download an antivirus software.

An Important Notice:

Remember:

Never click on a link you get in an email!

Instead, go directly to the website in question and search for the item the email referenced.





Next Week: Spam Calls/Text Messages

Tech Help available at the following times:

Monday - 2:45-5pm

Tuesday – 3-4pm