

Tech Tuesday - Speed up your computer

- Easy
 - Re-start your machine
 - Clear off extra files (desktop, downloads, documents)
 - Shutdown extra programs (⌘+Q on Mac)
 - Get off wifi and use Ethernet
 - Minimize the number of open tabs
- Medium
 - Uninstall old, unused programs
 - Windows - Adjust visual effects
 - http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/optimize-windows-better-performance#optimize-windows-better-performance=windows-7§ion_7
 - Run CCleaner
 - <http://www.piriform.com/ccleaner>
 - Change your anti-virus (uninstall, restart, install other one)
 - Windows (Vista, 7, 8) ReadyBoost
 - Defrag or Check/Repair permissions
 - <http://tiny.cc/atv19w>
 - <http://support.apple.com/kb/HT1452>
 - http://howto.cnet.com/8301-11310_39-57595312-285/repair-disk-permissions-to-speed-up-your-mac/#!
- "Hard"
 - Change startup items
 - <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows7/speed-up-your-pc>
 - http://answers.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/forum/windows_7-performance/how-to-managemeremove-startup-programs-in-windows-7/c2ff3fd1-3e32-46d9-9522-ec05034a2db1
 - <http://macs.about.com/od/usingyourmac/qt/Mac-Performance-Tips-Remove-Login-Items-You-Do-Not-Need.htm>
 - <http://www.switched.com/2009/02/19/how-to-turn-off-startup-programs-on-your-mac-os-x/>
 - Re-install Windows/Mac OS X (back-up your stuff first!)
 - Add RAM
 - <http://www.crucial.com/systemscanner/> (not for tablets)
 - Swap hard drive to SSD
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-y3XuhMJQ28>

- Bad Ideas:
 - These types of programs *may* actually slow down your computer and give you a virus or other malware!
 - <http://www.speedingupmypc.com/landing/speed-b/>
 - http://www.mycleanpc.com/?sc=mcp_sem_011&pr=PCO&cid=cov203p5458
 - <http://www.speedupmycomputerfree.com/>
 - <http://www.speeditupfree.com/>
- Good Ideas
 - Talk to me, the help desk or one of the IT referrals from the help desk