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Cybercrime and the vulnerability that technology gives us has been a core part of the CS306 class. Many people think that they may never have to face the issues that computers bring to everyone. However, many of them are currently dealing with those issues whether they realize it or not. Whether the person casually scrolls on Facebook, surfs the web, or even uses the internet simply for work and nothing else. All these examples involve some risk and it is important to arm users against a myriad of bad actors and viral threats that lie in cyber space.

The people of the Bahamas have been urged to take a defensive position regarding these threats. The Senior Central Bank IT official has stated that people should take a “Not if, but when.” approach to their computer usage. This official has produced a wise yet unfortunate truth, that all systems are vulnerable to time. However, the official has been urged by a massive increase in email traffic as a result of the recent pandemic. The official cited an increase by 667 percent, in email traffic. Each e-mail could potentially be threatening to a company or person, risking their sensitive documents and even livelihood at times. It is vital to take steps to prevent our information from being leaked and it is even more imperative that we avoid making ourselves vulnerable, but is this stance harmful to computer users?

My concern regarding this article is that it creates a fear of computing power, when it should be respected as a tool for good and evil. While the official’s stance is helpful, does it produce a fear or respect for computers? The takeaway from this article should be that the computing technology is like a gift of fire, it can burn or give life.

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