

Simpler Explanation

Let's talk about computer viruses and hackers – two things that can cause problems for your computer. Imagine your computer is like your house. A virus is like a sneaky uninvited guest who sneaks in without you knowing and starts messing things up. It's a program, a set of instructions, that gets onto your computer without your permission and does things you don't want it to do. This could be anything from slowing your computer down to deleting your files or even stealing your information. Think of it like someone secretly coming into your house and starting to rearrange your furniture, throw things away, or even steal valuable items. That's the damage a virus can do.

Now, hackers are different. A hacker is like a burglar who tries to break into your house. They're people who try to gain unauthorized access to computers, often by finding weaknesses in the computer's security, like a weak lock on your door. Instead of just messing things up, hackers often want to steal information, like your passwords or credit card numbers, or even control your computer to use it for their own purposes, like sending spam emails or attacking other computers. They might be after your valuable possessions, or they might be just vandalizing the place – which can damage the computer, causing loss of time or money. So, while viruses are like uninvited guests making a mess, hackers are more like burglars actively trying to steal something or cause deliberate harm. Both are harmful, but in slightly different ways.