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Computer Basics Course

Essay 10 – Defining Terms

1. Antivirus Software
   * Antivirus software is software that can be installed on a computer to prevent harmful files such as viruses, worm, and Trojans from harming a user’s computer data.
2. Corruption
   * Corruption of data known as data corruption is the act of data being altered during the processes of storing, transfer, or sending data that destroys the original format or purpose of the data.
3. Fatal Error
   * A fatal error is a problem that occurs that cause the software or computer you are using to shut down or reboot.
4. Phishing
   * Phishing is a scam where criminals disguise themselves a trusted source and try to obtain information about you. Typically this done through a phony email.
5. Plagiarism
   * Plagiarism is passing off another person’s words or ideas as your own.
6. Secure Password
   * A secure password is a password that is difficult to guess. For a password to be secure it should contain lower case letters, upper case letters, number, and even symbols such @ or $.
7. VPN
   * A VPN or Virtual Private Network is a secure connection between the headquarters of a network and remote facility that allow those at the remote facility to access the main network at the headquarters. Data sent from the remote location to the headquarters in encrypted to prevent criminals from stealing valuable information.
8. Worm
   * A worm is type of malicious software that moves from one computer to another on the same network through a “backdoor” and can be very harmful to the data on each computer it finds its way into.