

What does "Compromised Computers" mean?

A **compromised computer** is a computer that has been **hacked, infected, or controlled** by someone else **without the owner's knowledge**.

In simple words:

It means your computer is **not safe anymore** — a hacker or malware has taken control of it.

Real-Life Example:

Let's say your computer gets infected by a **virus**. Now a hacker can:

- Read your private files
- Steal your bank login info
- Use your computer to attack others (like in a botnet)

How do computers get compromised?

- Clicking on **fake email links (phishing)**
- Downloading **infected files** or software
- Visiting **unsafe websites**
- Not updating software

Signs your computer may be compromised:

- It becomes **very slow**
- **Pop-ups** appear everywhere
- Programs open or close by themselves
- Antivirus is turned off without you doing it

How to protect your computer:

1. Use **antivirus software**
2. **Don't click** on unknown links or attachments
3. Keep your **OS and software updated**
4. Use **strong passwords**