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Malware May Be Hard At Work On Your Computer

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Adware is another type of Malware that is not quite as openly malicious as a virus but can be just as annoying. Adware is a type of software that people inadvertently download onto their computer. They may download a screensaver or a video game and before you no it your whole desktop has changed. Adware is used to monitor a persons surfing habits so that the person can market specific messages to them. If you're getting a lot of pop ups and banner advertising, it's probably Adware at work.

Spyware is similar to adware but in addition to monitoring your surfing it can also record your keystrokes. The real scare to spyware is that it is looking for

you to put in personal data such as financial information, like a social security number, credit card numbers, banking accounts. Like adware, spyware usually finds its way onto your hard drive through some sort of freeware download.

Trojans are some of the most dangerous types of malware. Many Trojans. are downloaded to your computer by hackers and steal your personal and financial data and then report it back to a hacker database. Most trojans are sometimes downloaded by clicking links in email that look normal but are really hyperlinks to hacker databases where the Trojan is then downloaded to your computer.

The good news is that you can protect your information and your computer by using anti virus or anti malware software.

If you have a specific problem with one kind of malware, you might want to buy a specific product, but for all round protection, virus software usually works the best. Virus software works by scanning your computer files, searching for viruses and malware files. Scanning your computer files can take a few minutes to a few hours depending on how big your hard drive is. Once a virus or malware file is found, the virus software puts the file in an isolation area. At the end of the scan, the virus software reports the list of any malware files found and asks what you want to do with the files. You can then erase all the files or keep them isolated until you know what they are.