Securing your Computer

- Keep your operating system, browsers and all installed software up-to-date
- Choose a web browser based on its security and vulnerabilities because most malware will come through via your web browser
- Use a good anti-virus and firewall
- Do NOT use pirated software. Besides being a crime, it makes your computer vulnerable to cyber attacks
- Be careful before connecting USB devices to your computer. They may contain malware, virus, Trojan, spyware etc.
- Regularly backup your data on an external hard disk or USB drive. Additionally, consider backing up on a cloud service
- Be careful before downloading email attachments. They may contain malware virus, Trojan, spyware etc.
- Use a strong password. Your passwords should be complex and difficult to guess. Ideally they should be at least 10 characters long and should have capital letters, small letters, numbers and special characters e.g.: SamaiRah-446
- Consider using full disk encryption and encrypted pen-drives for securing your data
- NEVER click unexpected pop-up windows that offer to remove spyware or viruses from your computer
- When connecting to WiFi, ensure you are connecting to the correct network. Avoid clicking banner ads
- NEVER click on unknown website links received via email

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