Content Vocabulary: Technology

BE SAFE ONLINE VOCAB KEY

Vocabulary term	Definition
adware	Software that has advertisements embedded into the program
anti-spyware	Software that detects and removes spyware from a computer
computer forensics	Investigation and analysis techniques that gather and preserve data from a computing device
cybercrime	Criminal acts using computers, networks and/or the Internet
spam	Electronic junk mail
firewall	Hardware or software that blocks unauthorized communications to or from your computer; helps prevent hackers from accessing your computer
hacker	Person who uses the Internet to access personal or business computers without permission
identity theft	All types of crime in which someone obtains and uses another person's personal data in a way that involves fraud or deception, typically for economic gain
worm	A sub class of virus that can travel without being attached to a program or data file and without human action; a worm can replicate itself thousands of times
virus	Malicious code embedded in a data or program file, spread from one device to another by opening an executable file. A virus is spread by human action
trojan	Malware that appears to be a legitimate program, but when activated often causes loss or theft of computer data
keystroke logger or keylogger	Software that can record every keystroke you make on your computer. Used to record and capture data input. (Keyloggers are often used by employers to insure computer use is work related)
malware	Short for "malicious software;" includes viruses and spyware that steal personal information, send spam and commit fraud

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phishing	Email sent that misrepresents the sender as legitimate and with the intent of having the recipient reveal private information that can be used for identity theft
ransomware	Malware that locks a computer system or encrypts computer files until a "ransom" fee is paid
smishing	A variation of phishing using SMS (short message service) to send misleading text messages

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