From time to time we will have a section here called the *"Glitch Corner"* to help our customers with various topics geared around computers.

This month's topic is **Scams.** With the Holidays around us we are bombarded with commercials selling this and that. Often those commercials are selling things that are just too good to be true. Well it happens in the Computer World as well. The top of my list is speedupmypc.com . In the commercial actors tell you what it did to help them. Sounds like it is free but it is not. It will show you things that are not really wrong and offer to fix them for a subscription price. These commercials go by a host of different names and all seem to be scams. If you don't believe google: "speedupmypc.com scam". The sad thing is that these scams have been going on for years. Just because you see it on TV, does not mean it is true.

Previously I provided a list of "Free" programs that are truly free; they do offer paid versions but the free ones work just fine in most cases. They have been tested on literally hundreds of machines in our offices and that is why I recommend them.

There are others that seem good intended, PCtools is one of those utility programs put out by Google. I like most of the applications however, in our world "less is more" when it comes to programs that work in the system tray. This type of program runs in the background if you need it or not. Some of the applications in PCtools actually slow your computer down, even though they advertize to speed up the PC.

Another previous article on "Spring Cleanup" will do as much to speeding up your PC than installing a bunch of untested programs. Most of these programs are built into Windows. And guess what, you already paid for it, learn to use them properly.

Doing your Windows Updates, maintaining third party software like; Java, Adobe, Flash, etc. will go along way to keeping you safe on the internet and your PC running smoothly.

If all of this seems like too much of a bother, bring it in and we can do it for you. All this at very reasonable pricing.

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