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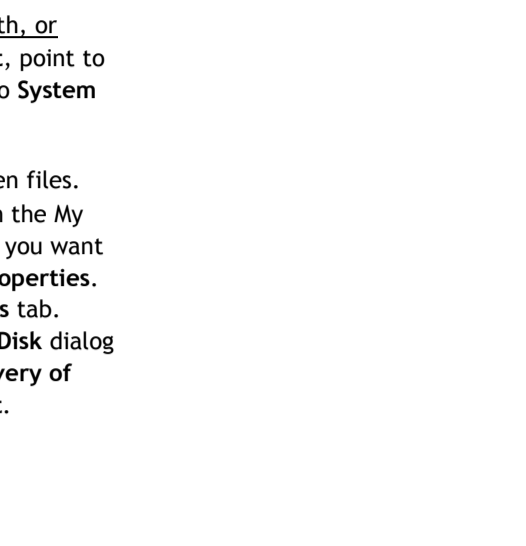


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## Speed up your Computer!

- **Run Disk Cleanup**- Click **Start**, point to **All Programs**, point to **Accessories**, point to **System Tools**, and then click **Disk Cleanup**.
- **Run Disk Defragmenter at least once a month, or when you install a new program**- Click **Start**, point to **All Programs**, point to **Accessories**, point to **System Tools**, and then click **Disk Defragmenter**.
- **Run the Error Checking Utility**- Close all open files. Click **Start**, and then click **My Computer**. In the **My Computer** window, right-click the hard disk you want to search for bad sectors, and then click **Properties**. In the **Properties** dialog box, click the **Tools** tab. Click the **Check Now** button. In the **Check Disk** dialog box, select the **Scan for and attempt recovery of bad sectors** check box, and then click **Start**.

## Update on Studentserv...

One machine can do the work of fifty ordinary men. No machine can do the work of one extraordinary man. -Elbert Hubbard, The Roycroft Dictionary and Book of Epigrams, 1923

As our dependence on technology grows more each year, we need to remember that technology is unpredictable. Networks and servers fail not just here, but everywhere. With this in mind, we should better prepare ourselves for these unpredictable moments.

Earlier this week our student server experienced a hardware malfunction. The student server is where many students save their work. It also runs the SuccessMaker database. We are working on restoring the student files to another server. We will send out instructions on how to access these files as soon as they are relocated. Success-Maker will still be down until further notice.

## Internet Explorer Bug

You have probably heard about the recent Internet Explorer bug on the news. Basically the flaw hides inside the browser and causes Internet Explorer to quit unexpectedly. When Internet Explorer is re-opened it opens an infected web page. Unlike other computer exploits, it does not require users to click on fishy links or download suspicious software.



We don't foresee this being a huge threat here, our firewall protects us from problems like this. If you would like to take precaution at home you can download another web browser. You may want to try one of these until Microsoft comes out with a patch to fix the problem.

- [Firefox web browser](#)
- [Safari](#)
- [Google Chrome](#)

## Spam E-mails

We have recently received an influx of spam e-mails. We are currently working on changing the settings on our spam filter. We are also working with our Internet service provider to tighten up e-mail security. We hope to see an improvement (less spam) over the next few months. Please be aware that it is impossible to eliminate all spam and it will sneak through the filter from time to time. The best thing to do when you see these messages is to delete them.

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