

Radio Days – 2010-02-06

Tip of the Week – Bad Email Attachments

This week's talk, as always, started with a phone call. My client downloaded his emails then opened them one by one. When he opened one he was greeted with a message from AVG stating that this email had a virus. Not sure what to do he rang me. The first thing I asked: *was he expecting an email from this person?* He did not know who sent the email. At this stage the safest thing to do was to allow AVG to quarantine the email by clicking on the appropriate button. The next step was to delete the email then open the *Deleted Items* folder and delete the email from this folder as well.

The final step was to remove all traces of the email from his computer. In Outlook Express (his mail program) this is done by compacting: *File » Folders » Compact all Folders*. Many people think deleting a file will remove it from your hard drive, and deleting an email will delete all traces of it. Even a simple free program like Recuva can get back lost photos from a formatted camera card, so just imagine what the police can do if they really want to!

Online Safety 4 - Safe Music Sites

We talked about the perils of using programs like Limewire and µTorrent last week. As last week's talk emphasised, there are major problems using these programs as they are fast becoming one of the best ways to get infected by a virus. I am not sure if this is because the recording companies deliberately infect the contents or whether the people who create the contents are too lazy to check their computers for infections. Either way you are in trouble!

If you cannot manage without more music here are a few sites for safe downloading. The first two need money but the next four are free. These sites are not all the free music sites: they are just a taste of what is available when you really start searching the internet. As usual, Google and other search engines really come to the fore if you are prepared to do some work rather than just accept the viruses as they come from programs like Limewire and µTorrent.

You could even use a program like *Streamripper* to save *shoutcast* streaming internet radio to your hard drive. Shoutcast programs provide metadata like track name and artist to help you split the stream into its component tracks.

There are, of course, other websites which claim to have free legal music. Just ask Google! Please remember that **everything** which you download from the internet has the potential to contain viruses and other types of malware so you need good up-to-date protection like AVG on your computer.

Websites

Recuva	www.piriform.com/recuva
Apple iTunes	www.apple.com/au/itunes
Bigpond Music	www.bigpondmusic.com
Jamendo	www.jamendo.com
Live Music Library	www.archive.org/details/etree
MP3.com.au	www.mp3.com.au
Musopen	www.musopen.com
Stream Ripper	http://streamripper.sourceforge.net
Shoutcast	www.shoutcast.com