

Looking for AT On-line

CAST

<http://www.cast.org/>

LDonline

<http://www.ldonline.org/>

WATI (the Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative)

<http://www.wati.org/>

Assistive Technology Training On-line Project from the University at Buffalo

<http://atto.buffalo.edu/>

Do-It at the University of Washington

<http://www.washington.edu/doi/>

Microsoft Accessibility (download a guide for educators)

<http://www.microsoft.com/education/EdGuideAccessible.msp>

Equal Access (I need to update this but there are plenty of good links)

<http://www.forequalaccess.org>

LOOPed (an AT blog from an MSU PhD Student written to be read by everyone)

<http://looped.typepad.com>

Freedom Scientific (WYNN)

<http://www.freedomscientific.com/LSG/products/wynn.asp>

IBM ViaVoice

<http://www-306.ibm.com/software/voice/viavoice/>

British Educational Communications and Technology Agency (Inclusion Support)

<http://www.becta.org.uk/teachers/display.cfm?section=1>

Free Technology

Download Microsoft Reader (English, Spanish, German, Italian, French are available)

go to: <http://www.microsoft.com/reader/downloads/default.asp> and download:

(1) Microsoft Reader for Desktop and Laptop PC

> run the install, then

(2) Download the Text-to-Speech Component (second section on page)

> install, then

(3) Download the "Read in Microsoft Reader add-in" [RMR tool]

> install - this adds the one-click button onto your Word Toolbar

Ebook sources

<http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/ebooks/> has downloadable books in both standard text and converted into Microsoft Reader format.

<http://www.gutenberg.org/> the largest collection of downloadable digital texts.

Download ReadPlease2003 Free Version (a "paste and read" solution)

<http://www.readplease.com/english/downloads/#rp2003>

Add FoxyVoice to Firefox (allows the browser to speak)

<https://addons.mozilla.org/extensions/moreinfo.php?application=firefox&numpg=10&id=269>

The Safe Computer

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Almost all the computer problems we see are the fault of the user. Computers are machines that require care, but too many people don't even do the minimum. Not caring for your computer is the same as not changing the oil in your car, or maybe not bothering to close the sunroof in the rain, or even, leaving your car unlocked with the keys in it on a city street.

If you click on lots of pop-ups. If you download lots of unauthorized files. If you load bootleg games, there is a high likelihood that your computer will be infected, hijacked, or destroyed, along with all of your schoolwork and, yes, music files.

Here's a beginning way to protect yourself. All of the software below is free. If you don't install it and use it, you will probably end up with computer problems.

With your computer linked to a high-speed connection, go to each of these sites and download the free protective software.

Spybot: protects from/cleans spyware

<http://www.safer-networking.org/en/index.html>

AdAware: protects from/cleans spyware

<http://www.lavasoftusa.com/software/adaware/>

Avast!: a free anti-virus program that works very well

<http://www.avast.com/>

Firefox: If you are not using Firefox as your web browser, you are asking for computer problems. (You should only use Internet Explorer for running Windows Updates – and those should be run at least monthly by opening IE and going to "Windows Update" under the "Tools" Menu. Or for sites that require "Active X" controls.)

<http://www.getfirefox.com/>

Thunderbird: an excellent email program. Do not use Microsoft Outlook for your email, it is a non-secure program that allows all kinds of viruses and hacker-access to your computer.

<http://www.mozilla.org/products/thunderbird/>

SpywareBlaster: protects from/cleans spyware

<http://www.javacoolsoftware.com/spywareblaster.html>