

Hello again. Firstly, I would like to apologise for missing last months column but it was due to issues beyond my control in Adelaide. This month I have been called out on several occasions due to problems of not being able to communicate with the internet. There seems to be a big resurgence of a rough program called Win antiviruspro. This is not an anti-virus program. It is spyware and is usually collected by unsafe browsing practices such as visiting questionable sites or may come embedded in a freeware program. A program that will often accompany it is called winfixer. This is also sypware. I cannot stress how important it is to keep that anti-virus and anti-spyware software current.

On a much happier note you may have heard the Federal Government has decided to do something to make internet browsing safer for us all. This is to be commended and full marks to the Government (not that I am making a political statement) . You can download a program to manage this from www.australia.gov.au/netalert There is a choice of two programs with support for most systems from Windows 98 and later and also the Apple Mac. The one I downloaded is called OPTENET and appears to be very easy to use and manage. There is no charge for this either by the way which is even better. The following information is available on their website if you would like a better look.
<http://www.digitalrepublic.com.au/digitalrepublic/index.htm>
