FIGHT BLOATWARE WITH SLIMCOMPUTER

When you buy a new computer, you would expect it to be in pristine condition and tip-top shape right out of the box. However, it's probably packed with a lot of programs running in the background that will slow you down.

More often that not, new PCs come filled with trialware (aka bloatware), toolbars, and assorted junk so that even the first time you run it, it's already wading through sludge. There is a free utility that will do a good job of pointing you in the right direction as you attempt to <u>safely</u> slim down your operating system. The program, called **SlimComputer**, can be found at **http://www.slimcomputer.com**.

This program looks through your system for toolbars, trialware, and other unneeded programs and files, shows you what it finds, and will delete them for you if you want them gone. And although SlimComputer will help a system straight out of the manufacturer's box, you don't have to use it only when your PC is new. You can keep using it to make sure junk isn't added along with the software you actually want.

SlimComputer does more than find unneeded files . There's also an uninstaller that offers advice on which software you might want to keep, and which to uninstall. It rates each program on your system as to whether you likely need it or not. You can then use that as part of your decision about whether to keep the program. The program itself doesn't actually do the ratings; instead, everyone who uses SlimComputer can rate their own programs, and that information is then collated and presented by SlimComputer. Don't expect it to be definitive, but it will help you decide whether to keep each program.

While SlimComputer is useful, you should know that it doesn't find all the junk on your PC. Like all programs, it's not perfect. It does provide a good tool for starting the hunt for unneeded/unwanted programs that are hidden in your registry.

Note that when you install SlimComputer you have the option of also installing a portable version on a USB flash drive.