

Essential Utilities – Part 1

CCleaner is one of the first programs I install on a computer and have used it for many years. It cleans out all my history from my browsing sessions including cookies, orphaned files and leftover installation files - among other things from your system to help keep it running fast and smoothly. CCleaner is a trustworthy and reliable program for safely cleaning the Registry as well. There is a paid version, but I use the free one and it's updated frequently.

Speccy shows the user information about hardware and software of your computer. The information displayed by Speccy includes processor brand and model, hard drive size and CPU speed, amount of memory (RAM), information about your graphics card and your operating system. Speccy is for seeing what kind of hardware is installed in a computer system and how it is being used.

Revo Uninstaller has very powerful features to uninstall and remove programs. This robust program is a much faster and more powerful alternative to "Windows Programs and Features (Add or Remove Programs)". Revo Uninstaller Pro has a very powerful feature called **Forced Uninstall**. Forced Uninstall is the best solution when you have to remove stubborn programs, partially installed programs, partially uninstalled programs, and programs not listed as installed at all.

VLC Media Player plays everything. Files, discs, webcams and devices. VLC plays most files with no codec packs needed like MPEG-2, MPEG-4, MKV, WMV, MP3 and many others. This program runs on Windows, Linux, Mac OS X, iOS and android. VLC is completely free with no spyware, no ads and no user tracking.

Ninite.com is a one-stop website to install and update all your programs at once.

If you would like to submit a question or suggest a topic for future column consideration, please email your questions or comments to: info.vpcuc@gmail.com

The next meeting of the Vernon PC Users' Club will be Tuesday, February 14th, at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria at the Schubert Centre.

We start off every meeting with a 'TANSQ' session. Come see what we're all about!

Call Betty at 250-542-7024 or Grace at 250-549-4318 for more information.