AVOIDING UNWANTED SOFTWARE AND SETTINGS IN A "WINDOWS.." COMPUTER

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SUMMARY

If you stay alert and uncheck any "ride-along" programs, and settings when installing or updating programs that you actually want, you can avoid accumulating all sorts of additional software programs and non-optimal settings.
TOPICS

• Do not allow "ride-along" programs and non-optimal settings to sneak into your computer

• Example 1:
Adobe Flash Updates Tries to Bring In "McAfee Security Scan Plus"

• Example 2:
Microsoft "Classic Skype" Tries to Trick You
EXAMPLE 1: "ADOBE FLASH" TRIES TO BRING IN "McAfee SECURITY SCAN PLUS"

- When you install or upgrade the "Adobe Flash" program in a "Windows.." computer, it tries to install "McAfee Security Scan Plus": Unless you are alert and uncheck this "ride-along" product, it will install into your Windows.. computer's hard drive.
An update to Adobe® Flash® Player is available.

This update includes improvements in usability, online security and stability, as well as new features which help content developers deliver rich and engaging experiences.

Improvements in this version include...

- Performance enhancements to 3D content and games
- Improved video performance and compatibility
- New APIs to improve your browsing experience on the latest devices

Note: If you have selected to allow Adobe to install updates, this update will be installed on your system automatically within 45 days or you can choose to download it now.
Adobe Flash Player

Version 28.0.0.161
System requirements

Your system:
Windows, English

Are you an IT manager or OEM?

Optional offer:

Yes, install the free McAfee Security Scan Plus utility to check the status of my PC security. It will not modify existing antivirus program or PC settings.

McAfee Security Scan Plus

Learn more

Terms & conditions:

By clicking the "Update now" button, you acknowledge that you have read and agree to the Adobe Software Licensing Agreement and the McAfee Security Scan Plus License Agreement.

Note: Your antivirus software must allow you to install software.

Update now
Total size: 21.3 MB
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Adobe Flash Player

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1. To proceed, open your download folder and locate the Adobe Flash Player installer file, for example “install_flashplayer[xxx].exe.”
2. Double-click on the installer to complete the installation. For additional help, click here.
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Security updates and enhancements are periodically released for Adobe Flash Player that can be downloaded and installed automatically.

IMPORTANT: Your update options have recently changed Learn More

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Next
Adobe Flash Player: *Downloading*...
Thank you and enjoy Adobe Flash Player.
Here is another product that might interest you...

GET 10 FREE ADOBE STOCK IMAGES.

Start now
EXAMPLE 2: MICROSOFT'S "CLASSIC SKYPE" TRIES TO TRICK YOU

• When you install or upgrade Microsoft's "Classic Skype", it tries to trick you into making their Bing search engine the default search engine for all of your Web browsers.
We can't verify who created this file. Are you sure you want to run this file?

Name:  ...Shared from CP2\Skype 7 reversion\SkypeSetupFull.exe
Type:  Application
From:  \\10.228.103.193\Shared from CP2\Skype 7 reversion\S...

Run  Cancel

This file is in a location outside your local network. Files from locations you don’t recognize can harm your PC. Only run this file if you trust the location. What’s the risk?
Not far to go now...

You're just a few steps away from using Skype.

For future updates, Skype may automatically install the latest version to your computer without you having to do anything.

Select your language:

- English

More Options

By installing this application, you agree you have read and accepted Microsoft's Terms of Use and Privacy Statement.
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