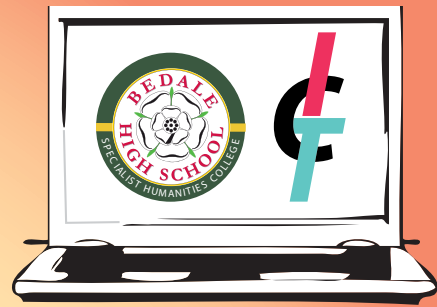


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Malware



1 Short for malicious software, it is software designed to infiltrate a computer without the owner's informed consent/agreement. The expression is used to mean a variety of forms of hostile, intrusive, or annoying software. The term "computer virus" is sometimes used as a catch-all phrase to include all types of malware, including true viruses.

2 Malware includes computer viruses, worms, trojan horses, most rootkits, spyware, key stroke recorders, dishonest adware, crimeware and other malicious and unwanted software

3 Malware's most common pathway from criminals to users is through the Internet: primarily by e-mail and the World Wide Web.

4 The prevalence of malware as a method for organised Internet crime creates the need for protection on every ones computer.

5 The best protection is up to date Anti-Virus software, Fire Walls, Ad Blockers and complete Internet Protection Packages.

6 Users should not open Email Attachments from unknown sources. Be careful of allowing web sites to load additional software.

7 The purpose of Malware is normally to giving others access to your computer and data; and/or destroying or damaging your data and software.