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Protecting Your Files...

In today's world we are so caught up in rushing to work, meetings, family etc. it sometimes keeps us from thinking about the small things in life. No, I am not talking about looking at the clouds, enjoying the fresh air, or enjoying time with the family. I am talking about DELETING your files. You may laugh now, but when you upgrade your desktop or laptop, I bet the last thing you're thinking about are the files in the computer. You may have deleted files, and cleaned out the recycling folder thinking that is enough. Well guess again, you might want to stop and smell the fresh air on this one. I am here to tell you that the files you think are gone are still there.

To the untrained eye those files may not be visible, but to experienced programmers or software developers, otherwise known as hackers, these files are actually fairly easy to find. So, you may want to think twice before you throw away your old equipment in the landfill or even the donation box. Fortunately there are a few things you can do to prevent sensitive information coming into the wrong hands. There are a few programs online that can be downloaded to help clear your hard drive. The list is on the link to the article posted by Microsoft ([Protect and purge your personal files](#)). Another option is to reinstall you operating system, also known as a reboot, this will overwrite the files.

Performing a reboot does not guarantee the files being completely deleted, so be aware that this may be a temporary solution.

As always, this is an informative article in order to keep your technology working for you. Always take precautionary measures to avoid any IT problems that may cost you time and money in the long run. Thank you for taking the time to read, and we hope to see you on our next issue.

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