

Software Tools for Configuring Public Access Computers

1. Anti-Virus Software
 - Prevents computer and network infection by viruses, worms, and trojan horses
 - Products: [McAfee Virusscan](#), [Norton Antivirus or Norton Internet Security](#), [ZoneAlarm](#).
2. Anti-spy and Anti-ad Software
 - Removes software related to data-mining, aggressive advertising, parasites, trojans, dialers, malware, browser hijackers, and tracking software
 - Like anti-virus programs, anti-spy programs need to be updated to scan for new spyware applications and scan for changes in existing spyware applications
 - Products: [Spyware Doctor 3.2](#), [Webroot SpySweeper](#), [Spybot Search & Destroy](#), [ZoneAlarm](#), [Stopzilla](#), [InfoWorks Spystopper](#) and [Popup Free](#)
3. Privacy Protection
 - Removes personal information from browser's temporary Internet files, cookies, history, pre-fill form data
 - Can be set to "wash" every time you close the browser (Window Washer) or logout (CleanSlate), creating a way to clean up after patron sessions without having to reboot
 - Products: Webroot [Window Washer](#), InfoWorks [History Sweeper](#)
4. Disk Security
 - Allows patrons to use the computer including installing files, saving files, creating documents, changing system settings, changing the screen saver, optimizing the computer for low-vision or limited mobility needs – anything they want to do – then restores the computer back to the standard image upon reboot
 - Products: Centurion Technologies [Centurion Guard](#) or [Drive Shield Plus](#), [Faronics Grand Corp's Deep Freeze and Clean Slate](#), Microsoft [Shared Computer Toolkit for XP](#).
5. Configuration Fine-Tuning
 - Allows administrator to hide portions of the computer from the public, how the desktop will look, what items will appear in the start menu, which items can be accessed in the control settings area, setting where the default save location will be (and making it be the same as "My Documents"). Also allows for fine-tuning individual programs, such as limiting what options are available when right-clicking in Word or what menu options will appear under "File" in Excel.
 - Products: Faronics [WINSelect](#), Microsoft [Shared Computer Toolkit for XP](#)
6. Session Management
 - Controls the length of each patron's computer session
 - Usually provides several warnings to save files before automatically closing the session
 - Products: Envisionware [PC Reservation](#), CybraryN [Session and Time Limits](#), Fortres [Time Limit Manager](#), CMS Dignet [PC Cop](#), Pharos System [SignUp](#), Microsoft [Shared Computer Toolkit for XP](#)