General Tips and Tricks

Hello and welcome, this time i want to talk to you about some things you can do when the computer goes haywire and hopefully get yourself out of trouble.

Sometimes when you start a program it might not start correctly, you could find yourself looking at a white screen with just a blue bar across the top of it and nothing much else happening. If something strange like this happens, try closing the offending program and start it again, if it doesn't start normally this time *restart the computer*. Sometimes Windows can get caught up on itself and do strange things, starting the computer from scratch will commence a new Windows session, hopefully with all its settings correct.

If after restarting the computer you are greeted with the same type of problem (ie something acting the goat) you might have to uninstall the application (program) that is causing you headaches. Always make sure you restart the PC before you reinstall the program. Also it is a good idea to search the internet for a newer version of the program you are having trouble with, sometimes program makers release a new version that fixes bugs and problems that might have plagued older versions. Another thing to remember is always update your programs, this includes Windows itself, however Vista and Windows 7 users wont have to worry about windows updates as they do a great job of keeping you up to date. Most programs will want to be updated sooner or later, so its always a good idea to keep up to date with what is happening to your favorite application, you can do this by checking the internet for the programs website (some programs are known by a different name ie the company that owns it, if you have trouble finding a programs website, type the name of the program into Google and it should point you in the right direction) some programs will pop up and ask if they can check the net for updates, if you know the program let it look, if you don't know the name of the program, write it down and ask a professional for advice on whether it is safe to let it update itself.

If all else fails you may have to call an IT professional to diagnose the problem for you, however most of the time you can get out of trouble with these simple steps. best of luck and as always

Happy Computing.