Technology V10/S1: Antimalware and Antivirus Software

Term	Definition
Malware	Programs made with the intention of damaging hardware, software, or stealing information.
Software	Programs used on a computer.
Hardware	Tools and machinery, the computer itself.
Virus	Malware that travels from one computer to another.
Antimalware	Programs used to stop malware.
Antivirus	Programs used to stop computer viruses.

Malware is dangerous because it can be downloaded accidentally. Many people do not realize what they have downloaded until it is too late. Malware can ruin computers by causing them to run slower or stop running completely. There are many programs to stop computer users from downloading malware. Antimalware programs are computer programs that protect your computer from malware. Antivirus software is different from antimalware software. This is because all computer viruses are malware but not all malware are computer viruses. Below are the basic functions of antimalware and antivirus software.

Purposes of Antimalware and Antivirus Software:

1. Stop computer viruses from spreading.

2. Stop users from visiting sites with malware.

3. Give information on how malware/viruses are spread.

4. Provide information on how malware/viruses can be stopped.