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### Sec-U-R-IT-y Tips | Pop-Ups

We've all experienced pop-up windows while browsing the Internet. This tip discusses what you can do to keep pop-ups from affecting the security of your computer and data. To read the tip, go to <http://security.arizona.edu/files/popups.pdf>.

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### News | More Security Awareness Presentations Available Online

New presentations from Security Awareness Week 2008 are posted at <http://www.security.arizona.edu/presentations>. Most of these presentations are available in both Flash video and PowerPoint formats.

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### Securing UA | Draft Information Security Guidance

Several proposed information security standards, procedures and guidelines have been drafted and are available for review and comment. For more information, go to <http://security.arizona.edu//files/InfosecGuidance.pdf>.

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### Alert #1 | Fake Antivirus Program

The newest virus threat comes packaged as an "antivirus, anti-spyware" program. Antivirus 2009 is a program that actually installs malicious software on your computer. For more information, see PC World's report at [http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/153810/antivirus\\_2009\\_how\\_to\\_remove\\_fake\\_av\\_software.html](http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/153810/antivirus_2009_how_to_remove_fake_av_software.html).

One of the trends of 2008 was the dramatic increase in the number of scareware or fake antivirus programs, designed to fool people into believing they have a security problem. Watch this free video which explains how these scams work at <http://www.sophos.com/blogs/gc/g/2008/12/10/video-of-a-fake-anti-virus>.

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### Alert #2 | USB Flash Drive Threat

Several universities are experiencing outbreaks of a "bot" (a type of computer virus) that has the potential to infect Windows computers and Macintosh computers running Windows. This threat spreads when infected USB drives are connected to a computer. You can make your computer immune to catching this virus by disabling Windows' autorun feature. To disable autorun on your desktop, follow the instructions at <http://www.sizlopedia.com/2008/03/18/disable-usb-autorun-to-save-pc-from-usb-viruses/>.

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### Tools | Keyboard Shortcuts

Did you know that you can safely close an active window by pressing "Alt" and "F4" at the same time (on some browsers and operating systems)? This can be especially helpful when surfing the Internet. Microsoft has handy keyboard shortcut reference guides for all of their products. You can find them at

<http://www.microsoft.com/enable/products/keyboard.aspx>.

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