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Tip of the Week – Slow Computers

By some weird coincidence this week I have had four computers with the same problem. All of them were slower than their owners wanted and I was expected to fix the problem at once! For some reason, I checked that the file system in one computer was intact. Having found problems in that one computer I then checked all the other ones to see if there was a similar problem: there was!

There are two ways to check the file system:

- Click **Start » Run** then, in the black box which appears, type *chkdsk c: /f*
- Run *Defraggler* then select **Action » Advanced » Check Drive for Errors**

chkdsk is a part of Windows so is already on your computer but you will need to download and install *Defraggler* to be able to run it. I use *Opera* to download and install programs from the internet because it is so easy to use.

If there are errors you will need to run the fix at startup. This startup is unusual and you may need to run these procedures a number of times. If four repetitions of this procedure do not correct all the errors then you will need to get professional help from a good technician. The main solution to all these problems is to install a new hard disc, then copy everything from the old hard disc to the new one.

Burning CDs and DVDs

There are many professional programs for burning CDs and DVDs. Many of these burning programs have a professional price and need a licence before you can use them. Ashampoo programs, on the other hand, have a reasonable price and need no licence to use them. The price is right (to quote a TV program) and all of Ashampoo's programs are easy to use.

I am an especial fan of their burning program since I saw it on the free DVD which came attached to one of my computer magazines. I needed to register the product to be able to use it for more than 30 days, but registration was free.

For far too many people the task of burning an optical disc is more than they can manage. Ashampoo makes this task easy. To make a single copy of a disc you first select the files and folders that you want on the CD then click on *Burn*. It really is that simple!

A summary of the tasks which Ashampoo Burning can do is:

- Burn files and folders
- Backup or restore files and folders
- Burn or rip music
- Burn movies
- Copy discs
- Create and burn disc images

If you do, or would like to do, some or all of these tasks then try Ashampoo Burning. It needs to be registered but, especially for the price, is unbeatable!

Further Information

Defraggler	www.piriform.com
Opera	www.opera.com
Ashampoo Burning	www.google.com.au: search for *free ashampoo*