

THE COMPUTER CORNER

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Nels (WA9JOB) sent along his favorite “general health - checkup and fix” program, Advanced System Care 10 (version 10.1.0.692 is the latest and greatest as of late December 2016). Offered by respected software provider IObit, it has a one-click path to clean, speed up, optimize, and protect your computer. On the other hand, it still permits manual tweak of these settings should you prefer. It has tools to tweak the Startup Manager, Resource Manager, settings to Hardware Accelerate, Large Files finder, Surfing Protection, and more. Interestingly, it also has a new section to catch intruders who might be accessing your machine and prying into your privacy with new facial recognition technology. It removes various online ads and blocks malicious websites for Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, and Internet Explorer browsers. It aims to give you a shorter bootup time with optimization of startup, and it claims to secure your privacy by cleaning programs thoroughly. You can read more and download it by accessing this link: <https://tr.im/1z1uy> on the Majorgeeks.com website.

Advanced System Care is one of several excellent (Majorgeeks.com ranks it number two in their list) “suites”. So-called “suites” are several separate programs bundled into an “all-in-one” group that will generally clean and optimize your drive. Some of us prefer the individual programs rather than an all-in-one. For example, I personally prefer to clean my machines with CCleaner rather than invoking a whole suite and selecting the clean function (program) contained within. Others prefers the other way of doing it, and that is just fine, too. Vive la différence! Anyway, Majorgeeks.com ranks these major cleaners this way:

1. Simple System Tweaker.
2. Advanced System Care.
3. Wise Care 365.
4. Glary Utilities.

There are others, too, that you can peruse by going to the Majorgeeks.com website (<http://www.majorgeeks.com/>). As an aside, if you have never been there, you really should peruse the site. It is the ONLY safe site for software (mostly free but some shareware and pay-for, as well). They check all their software for malware. Moreover, they also check the software to see if it really does what it claims to do, at least to some degree. I think these guys are an international treasure and deserve to be encouraged and sustained. There is nothing else like them on the planet! Amazingly, the site is free to use by anyone who wants to. They ask no fee, no email address, no information of any kind for using their data.

Happy computing!