Adobe Flash Threats and How to Update

In the news this past week, there have been 2 serious issues with Adobe Flash Player that are risks to computers. The first is a significant vulnerability in outdated versions of Flash that is being exploited by the new encryption virus Cerber and other malware. Flash has been patched as of April 9th to correct the issue. If you haven't updated recently, now is a good time to do it. Cerber locks out access to personal documents and hijacks Windows text-to-speech engine to verbally tell you your files have been encrypted. The ransom to get access to your files again is reported to be $500.

The second news is a fake update advertisement that prompts Mac users to download malware made to look like Adobe Flash Player. The fake update actually installs several adware programs on your Mac. It's particularly hard to spot because it's signed with a legitimate Apple developer certificate which bypasses GateKeeper protection.

Our advice this week is to update Flash immediately and remember that the only 100% trusted source of Flash is from Adobe directly.
https://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/

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You can also have a backup of more than just your data. Having a spare computer on hand and a solid backup of the data can save on the time crunch if something fails right before tax time or school projects are due. Repairing PCs takes days or weeks depending on circumstances, so backup options save you time when things go awry.

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