Computer Software

Slow laptops, staying secure, Linux migration, and a few other important topics.
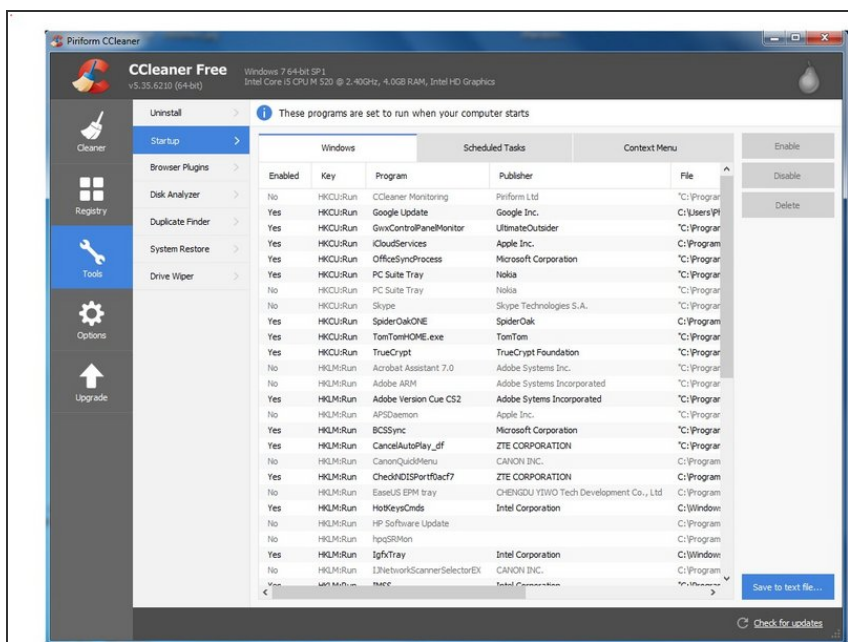
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INTRODUCTION

When software goes wrong or refuses to do what you want, many people are at a loss. Here are some guides to take you through s few of the more important topics.

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Step 1 — Software First aid

- Here are some of the resources we've collected to deal with software problems.

  - How to deal with a [slow laptop](#). Perhaps the commonest single problem we deal with at Restart Parties.

  - Just a few [Windows miscellaneous](#) tips.

  - [Apple miscellaneous tips](#) for users of OS X and Macs.

  - [USB bootable tools](#) - when the operating system won't boot or is riddled with badness, this is where to turn.

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Step 2 — Once the patient is out of danger...
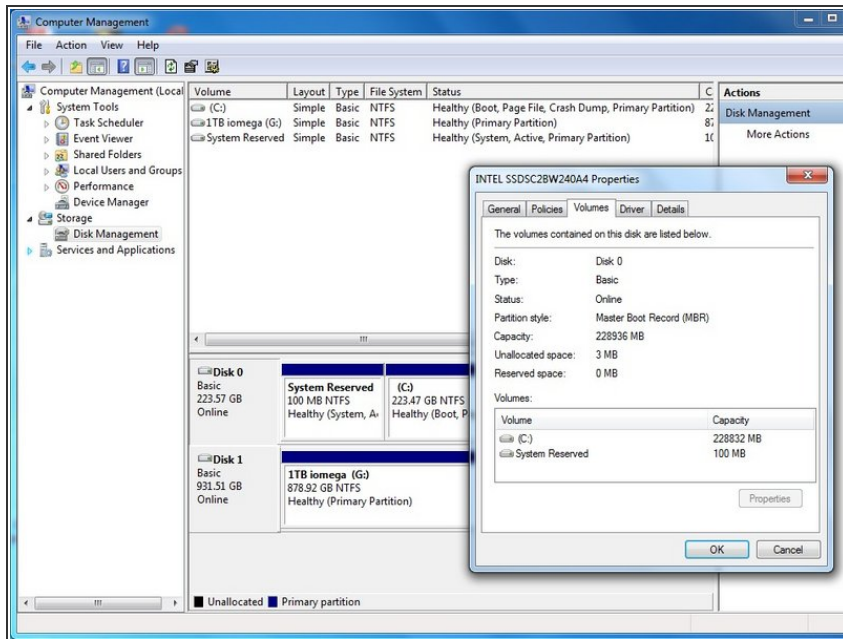
- And to gently expand your mind a little:

  - [Be your own security expert](#) - a very important topic - how to stay safe ourselves and help others stay safe too.

  - [Disk wipe utilities](#) - how to put your private data beyond recovery when you dispose of a computer.

  - [Linux migration](#) - how to throw windows out of computers. Whether you're fed up with Windows or want to give an old laptop a new lease of life, Linux is an excellent option, and needn't be in the least frightening.

  - BIOS is so yesterday! Find out about [UEFI and GPT](#) without blowing your mind.

Remember, you always need one more reboot than you thought you did.

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