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Here are some more computer utility programs. Some of these are mostly based around the Windows operating system. Automatic updating makes sure that your computer has the most recent security patches, device drivers and critical fixes. This is also a utility you might find on your phone, or even games console. There are also many different file utilities that can help with renaming, sorting, converting, transferring and formatting files. System clean up tools search for, and remove files which are no longer needed, like temporary internet files, installation files or files in the recycle bin, etc. Lastly, the disc defragmenter tool is generally used for magnetic hard drives. This is used to rearrange your files on a storage device to optimise file storage.

On many devices you can access system information to find out information about the system. On your PC, you might find out information about the hard drives, operating system version, processor information, etc. Also, items such as the task manager can be very helpful when diagnosing issues with things like why your computer is running slow, or freezing programs. Try pressing control, alt, and delete on your computer and looking at the task manager. What information can you find? There are a vast amount of tools available for different devices, so if you prefer to use a command line interface, or if you use a Mac, Linux, Android or Raspberry Pi, there are tools which are available to help you maintain your computer.