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Scammed/Hacked

Last August, the computers that I use to publish the Planetary News for our club was scammed. My antivirus program notified me of a problem. I immediately ran an additional scan of the machines, which verified the trouble. The antivirus program then quarantined the file and then deleted it. Further scans showed no additional problems. After a few minutes, I wanted to talk to the antivirus program company to ask about the file. I've done this before and they always have been very helpful. For some reason, I could not find the telephone number of the company. Looking at the internet I found what looked like the website for this company and there was a telephone number. Turns out this was a fake. I talked to the agent and everything seemed fine. This guy connected to my computer and made a few checks. Everything seemed similar to other times I called this company. All seemed OK. Then an hour or so later, I had a bad feeling about the call. I tried to find the website again, but could not, but I did find the REAL telephone number of the company and called them. They said that they had no record of my call and said I was scammed. They helped me with what I should do. This amounts to changing all my passwords to applications I have. There are almost 50 of these. I had to change credit cards, and I changed my email address. This doesn't sound like a lot of work, but if you ever had to deal with the AI customer support staff of most of the companies I had to deal with, you will know how much work this really was. The AI customer support could never understand my questions, unless I wanted to pay my bill. AND every time I asked to speak to a human, the subject was changed. Then on top of everything, I'm using older computers and software. Turns out that changing things requires newer stuff. I was using Windows 7 and prior to this debacle, everything worked just fine. So, in addition to all these changes I had to get a newer better computer and operating system. I looked at Windows 11 and decided that it was not for me. I'm now using Linux Ubuntu 24. Another issue is that all my scanners, printers, video terminals need different cables. What a mess, la de la de da



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