

Data Management:

Cleaning Up and Backing Up Your Data

Decluttering and backing up your data

Your digital life is consumed with so many activities – like browsing, chatting online and posting photos and videos. With various accounts, apps and devices within reach, your actions leave a digital footprint that makes it easier to be tracked by cyber criminals – putting your personal data at risk.

Apart from having numerous accounts and apps, you also produce a lot of data on your devices. This can cause your devices to slow down and increase your risk of losing important files along the way.

To ensure your data and devices are safe, it's important to maintain a clean digital lifestyle. This can be done by decluttering your digital space and backing up your data.

Cleanup to-do list

Here are some tips to keep your digital lifestyle clean:

- Remove applications that are not in use often.
- Delete your phone and browser history.
- Review your photos and videos—delete blurry, unnecessary, and duplicated ones.
- Archive old emails.
- Unsubscribe from newsletter emails you don't read.
- Enable or turn on automatic backups.

Backup data list

Prevent unnecessary data loss by doing the following:

- Review and sort your important files such as photos, videos, documents and emails routinely.
- Save and backup your files regularly.
- Consider backing up your data to an alternate location like an external hard drive or cloud storage.

The importance of cleaning and backing up your data

- **Peace of mind:** You don't have to worry about your electronic devices failing if your files are saved in backup storage.
- **Sufficient space:** Removing unnecessary files and apps from your devices will give you more space.
- **Secured data:** Less apps and accounts means less opportunity to access your data without authorization.
- **High performance devices:** Cleaning up data on your device will improve its performance and increase the battery life.
- **Less digital pollution:** Unnecessary files and data are digital trash. Digital trash creates digital pollution that continues to consume energy. Removing digital trash helps decrease electricity use.



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