

## **PRE-INSTALLED SOFTWARE CAN BLOAT YOUR COMPUTER**

Nothing is more frustrating than booting up a new computer and finding that it's already littered with junk software, also known as bloatware. New computers make great targets for advertisers because the companies can pay to have trial versions of their software installed before the computer is sold. Removing bloatware is like uninstalling any other program, but a few tricks can make it a much smoother process.

**SlimComputer** is a free utility that will do a good job of pointing you in the right direction as you attempt to safely slim down your operating system. You will find the application at <http://www.slimcomputer.com>.

While SlimComputer is useful, you should know that it doesn't find all the junk on your PC. Like all programs, it's not perfect. It does provide a good tool for starting the hunt for unneeded/unwanted programs that are hidden in your registry.