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**Computer Help-Desk
Drop-In sessions are
every **second** and
fourth Mondays of the
month **1-3 PM**.**

**August Help-
Desk sessions:
August 10, and
August 24, 2026,
1-3 pm.**

**Help-Desk is a free
drop in program to
assist Seniors with
their tech issues.**

In the News:

- a) [Chrome needs another whopper update](#)
- b) [Environmental activist is gathering community concerns on AI data centers](#)
- c) [DuckDuckGo Installs Up 30% After Google's AI Overhaul](#)
- d) [Everything Announced at Apple's WWDC 2026](#)
- e) [24 billion stolen records exposed online](#)

- f) [AI Upgrades, Security Flaws, and SpaceX's Record IPO](#)
- g) [Factories Are Strapping Cameras to Workers' Heads](#)
- h) [Fox to Buy Roku in \\$22B Deal](#)
- i) [UK to Ban Social Media for Under-16s](#)
- j) [Tim Cook Says Apple Price Hikes Are Unavoidable as AI Strains Chips](#)

Articles for August

a) Scam Calls Have Gotten Out of Control. This One Strategy Actually Helps by Jeff Carlson, 06.10.2026. Scam phone calls continue to plague consumers despite advances in call-blocking technology. This article explains that one of the most effective defenses is surprisingly simple: don't answer calls from numbers you don't recognize. If the call is legitimate, the caller will usually leave a voicemail. Answering an unknown call—or even interacting with an automated prompt—can confirm that your number is active, making you a bigger target for future scam calls. The article also recommends using your phone's built-in spam-blocking features and reporting unwanted calls when possible. **Why it matters to you:** Seniors are frequent targets of telephone scams. Letting unfamiliar calls go to voicemail and using your phone's spam protection features can greatly reduce your chances of falling victim to fraud. [cnet.com/scam-calls-have-gotten-out-of-control-this-one-strategy-actually-helps](https://www.cnet.com/scam-calls-have-gotten-out-of-control-this-one-strategy-actually-helps)

b) Stop OneDrive from kidnapping your files by Martin Brinkmann, Ask Woody, Issue 23.24.F, 06.15.2026. Many Windows 11 users are surprised to discover that their Documents, Pictures, and Desktop folders have been automatically redirected into Microsoft OneDrive during setup. While this

b) provides cloud backup and synchronization, it can also leave users thinking their files are stored only on their computer when they're actually tied to a OneDrive account and its 5 GB free storage limit. The article explains how Windows uses OneDrive's "Known Folder Move" feature to redirect your personal folders into cloud storage. If your free storage fills up, syncing stops and Microsoft encourages you to purchase additional storage. Brinkmann provides step-by-step instructions for safely downloading your files back to your computer, turning off folder backup, restoring your original Windows folders, and, if desired, disconnecting or completely disabling OneDrive without losing your files. **Why it matters to you:** OneDrive is a useful backup tool for many people, but you should understand where your files are actually stored. If you prefer keeping everything on your own computer, you can safely reclaim your files and disable automatic cloud syncing without risking data loss. askwoody.com/stop-onedrive-from-kidnapping-your-files

c) Who'll Own Your Inevitable AI Assistant? The Battle Is On, and I Predict One Winner by Tony Fadell, 07.06.2026. Former Apple executive Tony Fadell believes the next big technology battle won't be over AI chatbots, but over personal AI assistants that know you well enough to anticipate your needs. (cont)

c) Rather than simply answering questions, these assistants could manage schedules, filter information, coordinate tasks, and make recommendations based on your habits and preferences. Fadell argues that the company that earns users' trust—and protects their personal data—will ultimately win this race. **Why it matters to you:** AI assistants are becoming more capable and more personal. As they gain access to more of your information, choosing a company you trust with your privacy will become just as important as the features it offers. Read the article to learn about AI assistants.

cnet.com/tony-fadell-ai-assistant-winner-alt-view

d) Microsoft's New Windows 11 Recovery Tool Is the Ultimate

d) Undo Button by Ed Bott, 07.09.2026. Windows 11 now includes a new Point-in-Time Restore feature that automatically creates snapshots of your computer, allowing you to roll your PC back to an earlier state if an update, driver, or software installation causes problems. Unlike the older System Restore feature, this tool is enabled by default on many newer PCs and provides a faster, easier way to recover without reinstalling Windows. **Why it matters to you:** Every Windows user eventually encounters a troublesome update or software problem. This new feature could save hours of frustration by getting your computer working again with just a few clicks.

zdnet.com/article/windows-11-point-in-time-recovery

e) We Can't Stop Falling for These 7 Scams. Here's How to Protect Yourself From Each One by Holly Johnson and Geoff Williams 06.04.2026.

e) Online scams continue to grow more sophisticated, and they're costing Americans billions of dollars each year. Cybersecurity experts say today's scammers rely less on technical tricks and more on psychology—creating urgency, fear, excitement, or sympathy to convince people to act before they stop and think. The article highlights seven of today's most common scams: social media account takeovers, fake job offers, lottery and prize scams, rental and purchase scams, romance scams, blackmail schemes, and fraudulent charities. Although each scam uses different tactics, they all share common warning signs: unexpected requests for money or personal information, pressure to act immediately, and demands for payment through gift cards, cryptocurrency, or wire transfers. Experts recommend slowing down, independently verifying requests, using strong passwords, keeping antivirus software up to date, and



e) contacting organizations directly instead of responding to unsolicited messages. **Why it matters to you:** Scammers succeed because they manipulate emotions—not computers. Taking a few extra minutes to verify an unexpected request could prevent the loss of thousands of dollars and protect your identity. cnet.com/we-cant-stop-falling-for-these-7-scams

f) Do Data Removal Services Work? By Leo A. Notenboom, July 2026. Data removal services promise to remove your personal information from people-search websites and data brokers, but Leo Notenboom explains that their effectiveness has limits. They can save considerable time by submitting opt-out requests on your behalf and can reduce the amount of personal information that's easily found online. However, they can't remove everything, and your information may reappear as data brokers collect new records. For many people, these services are worthwhile if you value convenience, while others may prefer to handle the removals themselves. **Why it matters to you:** Whether you use a paid service or remove your information yourself, reducing your online footprint can improve your privacy. Learn more here: askleo.com/do-data-removal-services-work

URLs

Why 911 can't always find you when you call from a cell phone

komando.com/why-911-cant-always-find-you-when-you-call-from-a-cell-phone

How to Charge Your Phone Without Destroying the Battery Over Time

cnet.com/how-to-charge-your-phone-without-destroying-the-battery-over-time

Foldable phones are finally going mainstream komando.com/foldable-phones-are-finally-going-mainstream-heres-what-they-are

Windows Search just got a faster, cleaner overhaul zdnet.com/windows-11-search-update

I Tried Siri AI on iOS 27 cnet.com/siri-ai-on-ios-27/

This iPhone Trick Can Eliminate Spam Calls for Good cnet.com/iphone-trick-can-eliminate-spam-calls-for-good

I Don't Travel Without These Online Safety Tools and Tricks

cnet.com/travel-tips-for-online-safety

5 ways I speed up my Android phone beyond clearing system cache

zdnet.com/speed-up-my-android-phone-beyond-clearing-system-cache

If You Forgot Your Apple Account Password Here's How to Reset It

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