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**Computer Help-Desk
Drop-In sessions are
every **second** and
fourth Mondays of the
month **1-3 PM**. Please
use the sign-in sheet
when you arrive.**

**Monday Feb 10, 1-3
PM and Monday,
Feb 24, 1-3 PM**

**Help-Desk is a free
drop in program to
assist Seniors with
their tech issues.
Seniors can get help
with their computers:
PC, laptops, tablets:
Android and Apple,
and phones: Android
and Apple.**

In the News:

- a) [All your Office apps are getting AI and a price increase](#)
- b) [Google Maps to change Gulf of Mexico to 'Gulf of America'](#)
- c) [Apple is pulling its AI-generated notifications for news after generating fake headlines](#)
- d) [US Government, Tech Giants Launch \\$500 Billion AI-Driven Infrastructure](#)

- e) [Samsung Unpacked 2025 Live Blog: New Galaxy S25 Line Teases an Edge Phone](#)
- f) [Apple accused of exposing some Watch owners to 'forever chemicals'](#)
- g) [Parkinson's patient 'feels cured' with new device](#)
- h) [Apple researchers reveal the secret sauce behind DeepSeek AI](#)
- i) [Digital Trends' Top Tech of CES 2025 Awards](#)

Articles for February

a) **The DeepSeek controversy** by Pieter Arntz, 01.30.2025. "The sudden rise of DeepSeek has raised concerns and questions, especially about the origin and destination of the training data, as well as the security of the data... DeepSeek is a new player on the Artificial Intelligence (AI) field. The Chinese startup has certainly taken the app stores by storm: In just a week after the launch it topped the charts as the most downloaded free app in the US. This caused an upset on the stock markets that cost nVidia and Oracle shareholders a lot of money. And it's the data that pose a concern to many. OpenAI has accused DeepSeek of using its ChatGPT model to train DeepSeek's AI chatbot, which triggered quite some memes. If only because OpenAI previously suffered accusations of using data that was not its own in order to train ChatGPT." Read the article to learn more about DeepSeek. malwarebytes.com/the-deepseek-controversy

b) **What Does It Mean to Quarantine Malware? And Is It Safe?** by Leo A. Notenboom. "Almost all security software includes the concept of quarantining malware once it is found. When your security software discovers suspected malware on your machine, it must take action. The two most important things it can do are:
-Tell you about it so you know what's going on.
-Get rid of it so you don't need to worry about it.
But there's a third option between doing nothing and completely removing the malware: placing it in quarantine. A quarantine is nothing more than a special location on your hard disk." Read the article to learn why we just don't delete it. askleo.com/177414

c) **How to remove Copilot from your Microsoft 365 plan** by Lance Whitney, 01.27.2025. "In an effort to push Copilot, Microsoft has added the AI to its Microsoft 365 Family and Personal plans. Open Excel, PowerPoint, or OneNote, and you'll now see a Copilot icon on the ribbon." And there is a price (cont)

c) increase to use Copilot. So far you can only disable Copilot from Microsoft Word, "though Microsoft has promised a disable option for Excel, PowerPoint, and the rest sometime in February." The article explains how to disable Copilot in Word. Then explains "how to remove Copilot from your Microsoft 365 subscription." Your subscription is automatically changed to the 'Copilot plan'. Read the article to learn how to disable Copilot and revert your subscription back to the classic less expensive non-Copilot plan.

zdnet.com/how-to-remove-copilot related article:
howtogeek.com/how-to-disable-hide-copilot-in-individual-microsoft-365-apps

d) **Microsoft Paint adds AI feature that erases unwanted objects in images** by Viktor Eriksson and Joel Lee, 01.14.2025. "All Windows 11 users now have access to Microsoft Paint's new 'Generative Erase' AI feature...The new feature... makes it easier to remove unwanted objects from images. To use the feature, it's as easy as selecting an area on the image and clicking 'Generative Erase' to remove an object. A clearly delineated object is, unsurprisingly, easier to remove than an object that's more intertwined with other objects in the image."

pcworld.com/microsoft-paint-adds-ai-feature

e) **Microsoft to force new Outlook app in Windows 10 with no way**

f) **to block it** by Lance Whitney, 01.13.2025. "Microsoft is pushing its new Outlook app onto Windows 10 whether you want it or not. Once installed, the new Outlook app will replace the existing Mail and Calendar apps. After the installation, the new app will launch even if you click on the Start menu shortcuts for the older Mail and Calendar programs. Fortunately, the new Outlook will not replace the classic Outlook that comes with Microsoft 365 or Office 365 - - at least not yet. The forced installation in Windows 10 is just the latest move in the gradual migration to the new Outlook. The new app is already preinstalled on new Windows 11 devices and versions of Windows 11 with the 23H2 update."



f) zdnet.com/microsoft-to-force-new-outlook-app-in-windows-10-with-no-way-to-block-it

g) **Should I Turn My Computer Off at Night? Maybe. It depends**, by Leo A. Notenboom. There is no simple answer. The take-away: "...an average user who uses their computer a few hours a day would most likely turn it off or put it into standby when it's not going to be used for a few hours or more. That's simply to minimize power use. It's also not a big deal if you don't. If you use it longer, perhaps you leave it on all the time. Again, no big deal. If there's anything I might consider a tipping point in the decision, it's backups. If leaving your computer on all the time allows you to automate the process and take backups where you otherwise would not or would forget, then in my opinion, it's worth it. Backups trump everything." Read the article for details on the pros and cons of turning off your computer at night. askleo.com/should-i-turn-my-computer-off-at-night

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