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

**Reminder: No
Help Desk
sessions in July.**

**See you August
10, 2026, 1-3.**

**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 July

a) Windows 10 just very quietly got another year of free support by Ed Bott, 02.26.2026. If you're one of the millions of people still using Windows 10, Microsoft has quietly delivered some welcome news. The company has extended its free Extended Security Updates (ESU) program for consumers through October 12, 2027, giving Windows 10 users an extra year of important security patches beyond the operating system's official end of support. Microsoft made the announcement with little fanfare, simply updating existing support pages rather than issuing a major announcement. The likely reason? Hundreds of millions of computers still can't easily upgrade to Windows 11 because they don't meet Microsoft's hardware requirements. Extending security updates gives consumers more time while also reducing the number of vulnerable Windows 10 PCs connected to the internet. This extension applies only to personal computers enrolled in the free **ESU** program. **Why it matters to you:** If your Windows 10 computer is working well and isn't eligible for Windows 11, you don't have to panic. You now have another year of free security updates, giving you more time to decide whether to upgrade your PC. Just be sure you're enrolled in Microsoft's **Extended Security Updates** program before support deadlines arrive.

a) zdnet.com/article/microsoft-windows-10-esu-support-extension

b) Common Cloud Objections: Yes, They Can See Your Data. No, You Shouldn't Panic by Leo Notenboom. Many people worry that storing files in OneDrive, Google Drive, Dropbox, or other cloud services means companies are reading their documents, claiming ownership of them, or using them to train artificial intelligence. Computer expert Leo Notenboom says most of these fears are exaggerated. Cloud providers can technically access your files because that's how they provide storage and synchronization services. They also use automated scanning to detect malware, phishing attempts, and illegal material. However, reputable companies do NOT claim ownership of your files, and their privacy policies generally limit how your data is used. For users who want maximum privacy, Notenboom recommends encrypting files before uploading them using tools such as Cryptomator. Encryption prevents cloud providers—or anyone who gains unauthorized access to your account—from reading the contents of your files while still allowing you to enjoy the convenience of cloud backups and synchronization. **Why it matters to you:** Cloud storage remains one of the safest ways to protect important documents from hard drive failures or theft. If privacy is a concern, encrypting

b) sensitive files before uploading them lets you enjoy the benefits of cloud storage without giving up control of your personal information.

askleo.com/common-cloud-objections-yes-they-can-see-your-data-no-you-shouldnt-panic

c) The password rules you hate came from one man's 2003 memo, and he's sorry by Kim Komando, 06.21.2026. For years we've been told that strong passwords must include uppercase letters, numbers, symbols, and frequent password changes. Surprisingly, many of those rules originated from a single government recommendation written in 2003 by Bill Burr, a manager at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Burr now admits

c) much of that advice was wrong. Cybersecurity experts have learned that forcing people to create complicated passwords often backfires. Instead of making passwords more secure, people simply create predictable variations like "Password1!" or "Password2!"—patterns that hackers know to try first. Today's best practice is to use long passphrases made up of several unrelated words. They're easier to remember and much harder for criminals to crack. Since no one can realistically remember a unique passphrase for every website, security experts also recommend using a password manager to generate and store strong, unique passwords for each account. **Why it matters to you:** If you're still creating short, complicated passwords with lots of symbols, it may be time to change your approach. A long passphrase combined with a reputable password manager provides better secu-

rity—and makes logging into your accounts much easier. While this article recommends a password manager for passwords, the takeaway is the longer the better. Read the article to learn more.

komando.com/the-password-rules-you-hate

d) How Do I Stop Spam? by Leo Notenboom, newsletter 5979. If your inbox is overflowing with junk mail, you're not alone. Unfortunately, Leo Notenboom says there's no way to completely stop spam because anyone who knows your email address can send you messages. The good news is that you can dramatically reduce how much reaches your inbox by letting your spam filter do its job. One of the biggest mistakes people make is trying to block individual spam senders or clicking "unsubscribe" links in suspicious emails. Since most spam uses fake sender addresses, blocking accomplishes very little. Even



d) worse, clicking an unsubscribe link in spam often confirms to the sender that your email address is active, resulting in even more unwanted messages. Instead, consistently mark unwanted messages as "Spam" or "Junk" and mark legitimate messages as "Not Spam" if they are filtered incorrectly. Over time, your email provider's learning filter becomes much more effective. **Why it matters to you:** If you're spending too much time deleting junk email, let your spam filter work for you. Avoid responding to suspicious messages, never click unsubscribe links in obvious spam, and train your email service by marking unwanted messages as spam whenever they appear.

askleo.com/5979

URLs

The cloud isn't in the sky. It's a warehouse near you

komando.com/the-cloud-isnt-in-the-sky-its-a-warehouse-near-you-and-its-on-your-power-bill

How to Find a Dead iPhone Using Apple's Find My Network

cnet.com/iphone-lost-and-battery-drained-heres-how-you-can-still-find-it

To Capitalize or not to Capitalize?

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How to Manage the AI Features on Your Samsung Galaxy cnet.com/how-to-reduce-or-disable-ai-on-samsung-galaxy

LastPass hit by new data breach

zdnet.com/lastpass-new-data-breach-2026-steps-to-take-now

Are You Eligible for Part of Apple's \$250M AI iPhone Settlement?

cnet.com/how-to-claim-apple-250-million-ai-iphone

It's OK if You Forget to Charge Your Phone Overnight cnet.com/its-ok-if-you-forgot-to-charge-your-phone-overnight

Your phone is a magic star map.

komando.com/your-phone-is-a-magic-star-map-heres-how-to-use-it

Intro to Photo Editing Tools

<https://events.aarp.org/event/photo-editing>

Windows 11's Start menu redesign is getting a redesign

pcworld.com/article/3183164/windows-11-start-menu-redesign-is-getting-a-redesign

e) The free AI that brings your old family photos back to life by Kim Komando.

06.19.2026. If you have a box of old family photographs that are faded, scratched, or damaged, Google's free Gemini AI can help restore them with remarkable results. **Why it matters to you:** Old family photos are often irreplaceable. Free AI tools now make it easy to restore treasured memories that may have been damaged by age, allowing you to preserve and share them with future generations. Read the article to learn more.

komando.com/tips/the-free-ai-that-brings-your-old-family-photos-back-to-life