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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 Mar 10, 1-3
PM and Monday,
Mar 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) [UnitedHealth almost doubles victim numbers from data breach](#)
- b) [Inside the Rise of 7,000 Starlink Satellites](#)
- c) [Best of MWC 2025: The 7 most impressive products you don't want to miss](#)
- d) [Skype Will Shut Down on May 5, As Microsoft Shifts to Teams](#)

- e) [DeepSeek found to be sharing user data with TikTok parent company ByteDance](#)
- f) [Alexa gets smarter: Amazon turns command-taker into plan-maker](#)
- g) [Hackers stole this engineer's 1Password database](#)
- h) [Right-to-Repair Milestone Is a Win for Tech Owners Everywhere](#)
- i) [Trump takes a victory lap on Apple's \\$500 billion U.S. investment](#)

Articles for March

a) Microsoft Copilot: Everything you need to know about Microsoft's AI

by Kyle Wiggers, 02.07.2025. "Copilot is Microsoft's take on productivity-boosting generative AI...is built into Microsoft's search engine, Bing, as well as Windows 10, Windows 11, and the Microsoft Edge sidebar. There's also stand-alone Copilot apps for Android and iOS...Copilot...can browse the web (in Copilot's case, via Bing) for up-to-date information. Copilot can create images by tapping Image Creator, Microsoft's image generator built on OpenAI's DALL-E 3 model. And it can generate songs via an integration with Suno, the AI music-generating platform. On Windows 11...Copilot can control certain settings and functions, acting as a digital concierge of sorts. Copilot Pro also gives users access to generative AI functions across the Microsoft 365 suite of productivity apps: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, and OneNote." Copilot Pro is priced at \$20 per month. Read the article to learn

a) more about Copilot, Copilot Pro, and Microsoft 365 Copilot.

techcrunch.com/microsoft-copilot

b) Should I Always Sign Out of My Online Account? by Leo A.

Notenboom. "It depends on the physical security of your computer. As long as no one else can access your machine while you're not around — or those who can are trustworthy — then staying signed in is generally safe. If you're not certain or know that others pose a risk, sign out before you walk away. It all comes down to how much you trust the people with access to your computer when you're not around. If you trust them, great. Don't bother signing out. If you don't, can't, or just aren't sure, then signing out is the safest thing to do." askleo.com

c) Don't want to be hacked? These 10 simple security tweaks keep you safe by Chris Hoffman, 02.18.2025. "

02.18.2025. "You can keep yourself and your PC safe online without spending a single dime. Here's how. Use an anti-virus, Use a password manager, Keep your software up to date. Stop using unsupported operating systems and (cont)

c) and applications. Be mindful when browsing the web. Only download files and software from trustworthy sites and sources. Learn to identify phishing scams. Don't click unsolicited links. Use a standard Windows user account. And lastly, Set up two-factor authentication for your accounts". Read the article to learn the details of each of the 10 tweaks.pcworld.com/dont-want-to-be-hacked

d) Gmail: Google plans to end SMS verification in favor of QR codes by Martin Brinkmann, 02.24.2025. "Google has been asking for a mobile phone number and verification when new customers create Gmail accounts. SMS verification is also used as part of the login process, to

d) verify that a returning customer is indeed that customer. Google plans to switch off SMS verification in favor of a new system that relies on QR codes. So, instead of being asked to verify access by entering a six digit code sent to a mobile phone number, users are asked to scan the QR code using the mobile phone's camera...Google did not reveal when it plans to introduce the change, only that it plans to reimagine how it verifies phone numbers 'over the next few months'. The changes may roll out in in the first half of 2025 at the earliest." ghacks.net/gmail-google-plans-to-end-sms-verification

e) 9 ways to delete yourself from the internet (and hide your identity online) by

e) by Charlie Osborne, 02.20.2025. "There is a very thin line between our physical and digital identities. If you want to take control of your privacy and online data, you can take some simple steps to begin the process and then decide how much time and effort you want to contribute to the endeavor." The article describes 9 steps you can take and offers more ideas of how to take control of your digital footprint. zdnet.com/9-ways-to-delete-yourself-from-the-internet

f) How Do I Store Files on My Computer and Not OneDrive? by Leo A. Notenboom. "To avoid having OneDrive manage your files, save them outside the OneDrive folder on your computer. Files within the OneDrive



f) folder sync online automatically, while those outside it stay on your PC only. To control where files go, double-check the save location and adjust app default settings if needed. Just don't put your files anywhere within the OneDrive folder, and OneDrive will leave them alone." The article explains what happens when you have the OneDrive backup 'feature' on and what happens when you turn this 'feature' off. Read the article to understand how something simple has been made very confusing by Microsoft. askleo.com/178431 related article : computerworld.com/onedrive-windows

g) Windows Security vs. Microsoft Defender: Vital differences you should know by Alaina Yee, 02.18.2025. Read the article to learn the difference between Window Security and Microsoft Defender. pcworld.com/windows-security-vs-microsoft-defender



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'Forever chemicals' are everywhere in our tech komando.com/forever-chemicals-are-everywhere-in-our-tech-and-almost-impossible-to-avoid

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