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There will NO longer be general meetings on the second Monday of the month going forward. The Second Monday sessions will be converted into Computer-Help Drop-In: 1-3 PM.

Because of the Memorial Day holiday, May Computer-Help Drop-In: will be Monday May 13, 1-3 and Monday May 20, 1-3. First come first served. Please use the sign-in sheet when you arrive.

In the News:

- a) [AI Is Changing Our Phones, and It's Just Getting Started](#)
- b) [Google finally launches its Find My Device network](#)
- c) [President Biden Signs Bill That Could Ban TikTok: What to Know](#)
- d) ["Substantial proportion" of Americans may have had health and personal data stolen](#)

- e) [Billie Eilish, Pearl Jam, Nicki Minaj Among 200 Artists Calling for Responsible AI Music Practices](#)
- f) [How to check if your data was exposed in the AT&T breach](#)
- g) [Internet providers roll out broadband "nutrition" labels for consumers](#)
- h) [Watch out for tech support scams lurking in sponsored search results](#)

Articles for May

a) Terminology Matters by Leo A. Notenboom. "When it comes to technology, it seems like there's a whole 'nother language to learn. Using the right terminology is important to being understood and getting your problems resolved. And just like when you go to the doctor or take your car to a mechanic, it's important that you be able to communicate clearly what you want them to look at. If you're just using technology and never need to interact with a technician or anyone else about it, it doesn't matter what you call things. The problems arrive when you're trying to communicate with technical professionals such as myself. This is especially true when asking for help or guidance. We need to know what you're talking about in order to give you the help you're asking for." He gives a few examples: "This box is not a CPU. RAM/Memory and disk space are two very different things. Your screen is not your computer." And it does matter. What can you do? Invest some time in learning the vocabulary

a) of computers and technology. Check out this [glossary](#).
askleo.com/terminology-matters

b) 4 just-added Windows 11 features that make your life easier by Thomas Joos, 04.23.2024. "Windows 11 Moment 5 is currently the latest version of Windows 11, released on April's Patch Tuesday. The update prepares for the update to Windows 11 version 24H2, which will be released later this year...This is accompanied by the new update KB5036893, which activates the new features from Windows 11's Moment 5 on compatible computers." Moment 5 new features:

--Users can uninstall system apps
--Better arrangement of windows
--Windows Airdrop is being expanded
--Fix problems more easily"
Read the article to learn about these 'Moment 5' features for Windows 11.
pcworld.com/article/2311404/windows-11-moment-5

c) 7 antivirus myths that are dead wrong by Chris Hoffman, 04.26.2024. "Antivirus software is an essential piece of protection on any Windows PC." Here are the myths this article explains: (cont)

c) "--You need to install antivirus on Windows
--Only Windows is vulnerable to malware
--Antivirus will slow down your PC dramatically
--You have to run antivirus software manually
--Antivirus will protect you from all threats
--You don't need antivirus if you're careful
--Antivirus will completely protect you".

Read the article to learn all about each one of these myths.

[pcworld.com/article/2312640/7-antivirus-myths-that-are-dead-wrong](https://www.pcmag.com/article/2312640/7-antivirus-myths-that-are-dead-wrong)

d) 7 ways to make Windows 11 less annoying by Ed Bott, 04.30.2024. "Increasingly, Microsoft is treating Windows as a giant billboard where it can promote and cross-sell other products." These 7 ads, upsells, or cross-sells can be very

d) annoying for users of Windows PCs:
"1-Silence account notifications
2-Turn off OneDrive backup
3-Uninstall third-party app shortcuts
4-Turn off recommendations
5-Hide ads in Microsoft Edge
6-Remove ads from the Widgets feed
7-Hide Windows Copilot"
Read the article to learn how to make Windows 11 less annoying.

[zdnet.com/article/seven-ways-to-make-windows-11-less-annoying](https://www.zdnet.com/article/seven-ways-to-make-windows-11-less-annoying)

related article:

theverge.com/microsoft-windows-11-start-menu-ads-recommendations-setting-disable

e) Will Backing Up My Computer Back Up My Email? by Leo A Notenboom. "To back up

e) your email, you first have to figure out where it lives. It might be on your computer, or it might be on the internet. Backing up your email depends on where your email is stored. If you use an email program like Microsoft Office's Outlook (not Outlook.com — that's a website), Thunderbird, or many others, the email they access is downloaded to your computer." If the email program is storing your email in a folder that gets backed up, then yes, "the email is probably getting backed up. If you access your email using a web browser like Edge, Firefox, or Chrome to visit websites like outlook.com, gmail.com, or mail.yahoo.com, your email is not stored on your computer ...the email remains on their servers, not your PC. It's important to know how your email is handled and where it lives. Only then can you be sure it's getting backed up."

e) Read the complete article [here](#). Or listen to the 5 minute podcast [here](#).



Comments from Ross-- Email programs simplified:

There are several ways to check your email with two of the most popular applications being Outlook and Thunderbird. I can't recommend Thunderbird anymore because they update it too often causing it to act and look different too often. Outlook(**not outlook.com**) is a good program but in the past was too expensive to buy and overly complicated for the casual user. A simplified way to check email is through your **internet provider's or email provider's website**. For example, if Xfinity is your internet provider (or email ends @comcast.net), open a browser (Chrome, Firefox, Brave, etc) and type in xfinity.com and sign in. For Sonic users, type in webmail.sonic.net. If your email ends with @hotmail.com or @gmail.com, use your browser and type hotmail.com/gmail.com and sign in. The take away here is you don't need a special program installed on your computer or laptop to check email. Open a browser and find your internet provider's or email provider's webpage. And the biggest bonus of using your internet provider's or email provider's website is that all of your email is automatically backed up.

URLs

Google and MIT launch a free generative AI course for teachers

[zdnet.com/article/google-and-mit-launch-a-free-generative-ai-course](https://www.zdnet.com/article/google-and-mit-launch-a-free-generative-ai-course)

How to Take a Screenshot on an Android Phone or Tablet

[howtogeek.com/how-to-take-a-screenshot-on-android](https://www.howtogeek.com/how-to-take-a-screenshot-on-android)

What's New in Photoshop?

[youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=Grgup4411QM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=Grgup4411QM)

7 features that make Brave such a good browser [zdnet.com/7-features-that-make-brave-such-a-good-browser](https://www.zdnet.com/7-features-that-make-brave-such-a-good-browser)

What Is Macro Photography?

[howtogeek.com/what-is-macro-photography](https://www.howtogeek.com/what-is-macro-photography)

What Is a Burner Phone?

[cnet.com/tech/mobile/what-is-a-burner-phone](https://www.cnet.com/tech/mobile/what-is-a-burner-phone)

Rabbit R1 Explained: What This Tiny AI Gadget Actually Does

[cnet.com/rabbit-r1-explained-what-this-tiny-ai-gadget-actually-does](https://www.cnet.com/rabbit-r1-explained-what-this-tiny-ai-gadget-actually-does)

The Rise of AI Is Creating a Rise in Scams on Social Media

[howtogeek.com/the-rise-of-ai-is-creating-a-rise-in-scams-on-social-media](https://www.howtogeek.com/the-rise-of-ai-is-creating-a-rise-in-scams-on-social-media)

How Do I Change the Email Address of My Microsoft Account?

[askleo.com/how-do-i-change-the-email-address-of-my-microsoft-account](https://www.askleo.com/how-do-i-change-the-email-address-of-my-microsoft-account)

Why Is It Called Bluetooth?

[howtogeek.com/why-is-it-called-bluetooth](https://www.howtogeek.com/why-is-it-called-bluetooth)