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**There are NO  
Computer Help-  
Desk sessions in  
November because  
of holidays.**

**Our last Computer  
Help-Desk session  
for 2024 will be  
Monday December  
9, 2024, 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) [American Water is targeted by a cyberattack](#)
- b) [Internet Archive breach compromises 31 million accounts](#)
- c) [The FCC takes aim at broadband data caps](#)
- d) [Qualcomm's new chipset makes the iPhone seem outdated](#)
- e) [Time To Take Nation-State Cyberattacks Seriously](#)
- f) [Russia fines Google](#)
- g) [Anthropic warns of AI catastrophe if governments don't regulate in 18 months](#)
- h) [Chinese researchers broke encryption](#)
- i) [How the 2024 US presidential election will determine tech's future](#)

## Articles for November

**a) Is a Passkey Two-Factor Authentication?** by Leo A. Notenboom. "Using passkeys can kinda sorta feel like two-factor authentication, but they aren't. Not really. That's important to understand, so you'll have the level of security you want and expect. Passkeys enhance security but are not two-factor authentication (2FA). They replace passwords. Two-factor authentication consists of something you know, like your password, and something you have, like your mobile phone or other 2FA device. The added security? Since hackers don't have access to your second factor, they can't make it past that first step even if they know your password. Passkeys are tokens securely placed and kept on your device that indicate you are authorized to access a certain site. They're secured by the security of your device. The bottom line here is that you're unlocking the device, not the account. The device, then, contains the passkey confirming you're authorized to access the

a) the online account you're signing in to." Read the article to enhance your understanding of the difference between passkeys and 2FA. [askleo.com/174464](https://askleo.com/174464)

**b) Want to keep getting Windows 10 updates? It'll cost you \$30** by Mark Hachman, 10.31.2024. "...support for Windows 10 expires in just under a year's time. For \$30, you'll receive 'critical' and 'important' security updates — basically security patches that will continue to protect your Windows 10 PC from any vulnerabilities. That \$30 is for one year's worth of updates.." This option should be available closer to the **end-of-support date of October 14, 2025**. This will give you another year to buy a new device if your current one cannot be upgraded to Windows 11. [pcworld.com/article/2507297/microsoft-adds-extended-consumer-support-for-windows-10-diehards](https://pcworld.com/article/2507297/microsoft-adds-extended-consumer-support-for-windows-10-diehards)

**c) 5 ways to control Windows with your voice** by Chris Hoffman, 08.28.2024. "Your Windows PC has powerful tools for typing with your voice — and speaking commands aloud. And it's not just about typing with your (cont)

**c) voice** — it's about controlling your operating system, too. With Windows 11, you can choose from two separate features: Voice Typing and Voice Access. Voice Typing is just for dictating text into documents and other text boxes. Voice Access lets you control your PC — and it lets you dictate text, too. Voice Access is a newer feature, and it works offline; Voice Typing requires an internet connection. Windows 10 has Windows Dictation. This is an older version of Voice Typing. Like the version in Windows 11, Windows Dictation requires an internet connection to function. If you use Microsoft Word via a Microsoft 365 subscription, you'll have a Dictate feature built into Word. This uses technology similar to Voice

**c) Typing and Windows Dictation** and requires an internet connection." Read the article to learn the different ways to use your voice with Windows. [computerworld.com/article/3496377/windows-voice-commands](https://www.computerworld.com/article/3496377/windows-voice-commands)

**d) You're Never Too Old!** by Leo A. Notenboom. "Age need not be a barrier to using technology. Tech offers great opportunities regardless of age. The real obstacle is mindset, and those willing to learn can benefit immensely. Stay curious and age can be completely irrelevant. But you can do this. I see it from people who are convinced they can't, and then, 99 times out of 100, after making an effort, they prove themselves absolutely wrong. They can. If they just give them-

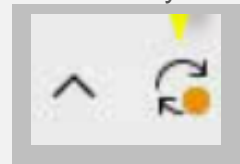
**d) selves a chance**, they have a great time with it and reap the benefits. Stop using age as an excuse. It's nothing to hide behind, and if you do, you're missing out on yet another exciting aspect of life." [askleo.com/20433](https://askleo.com/20433)

**e) Mastering the art of screenshots** by Peter Deegan, Askwoody Newsletter 21.30.F. "We should all know how to capture screen images from our devices." This article is a brief primer for "capturing screenshots from devices running Windows; Mac, Linux, Apple devices running iOS and iPadOS; and Android devices." It covers screen shots on Windows 10 and 11, Microsoft Office, Mac, iPhone and iPad, and Android devices using Microsoft tools, MAC shortcuts, a few free utilities and a paid pro-

**e) gram called Snagit.** The article contains tips on zooming in, annotating your screen shots and how to protect your privacy and confidential information. [askwoody.com/free-edition-mastering-the-art-of-screenshots](https://askwoody.com/free-edition-mastering-the-art-of-screenshots)



**Comments from Ross:** Importance of updates: We all run the Windows updates when our computers prompt us to, right? If you aren't regularly making sure that your version of Windows is up-to-date with Microsoft security updates, you may be at risk of losing data and/or opening yourself up to malware and viruses. If you ever see a symbol like this



in the lower right of your screen, click it and follow the prompt to restart your computer. If you don't see this symbol, click the upwards caret to see if the update symbol is hiding there. If so, click it and follow the prompts. Updates are critical for your computer.

## URLs

**Microsoft wants Copilot to be your new AI best friend**

[computerworld.com/microsoft-wants-copilot-to-be-your-new-ai-best-friend](https://www.computerworld.com/microsoft-wants-copilot-to-be-your-new-ai-best-friend)

**Best password managers 2024**

[pcworld.com/best-password-managers-reviews-and-buying-advice](https://www.pcworld.com/best-password-managers-reviews-and-buying-advice)

**The Windows 11 24H2 bug list grows**

[zdnet.com/windows-11-24h2-bug-list-grows-again-9-reasons-to-avoid-this-update-for-now](https://www.zdnet.com/windows-11-24h2-bug-list-grows-again-9-reasons-to-avoid-this-update-for-now)

**I upgraded my Pixel 9 Pro to Android**

[zdnet.com/with-android-15-on-my-pixel-9-pro-here-are-my-favorite-features](https://www.zdnet.com/with-android-15-on-my-pixel-9-pro-here-are-my-favorite-features)

**You're Just Not That Interesting**

[askleo.com/175094](https://askleo.com/175094)

**iOS 18.1 update triggers eruption of iPhone battery life complaints**

[zdnet.com/article/ios-18-1-update-triggers-eruption-of-iphone-battery-life-complaints](https://www.zdnet.com/article/ios-18-1-update-triggers-eruption-of-iphone-battery-life-complaints)

**ChatGPT's new search engine is here**

[komando.com/artificial-intelligence/chatgpts-new-search-engine-is-here](https://www.komando.com/artificial-intelligence/chatgpts-new-search-engine-is-here)

**Apple Intelligence features are finally available for everyone**

[digitaltrends.com/apple-intelligence-now-available-to-everyone-in-ios-18-1](https://www.digitaltrends.com/apple-intelligence-now-available-to-everyone-in-ios-18-1)

**FaceTime on Android: No, You Don't**

**Need an iPhone** [cnet.com/facetime-on-android-no-you-dont-need-an-iphone-to-join-a-facetime-video-call](https://www.cnet.com/facetime-on-android-no-you-dont-need-an-iphone-to-join-a-facetime-video-call)

