Senior Tech Connection

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

There are only 2 sessions left for this year: November 9 and December 14. 1-3, 2026

Help-Desk is a free drop in program to assist Seniors with their tech issues.

In the News:

a) UBTECH Opens China Factory Targeting One Humanoid Every 10 Minutes
b) Sam Altman says your PC's memory should belong to him
c) Facebook, Instagram will pay penalties — will YouTube, TikTok?
d) Update Windows: Record Patch Tuesday fixes flaw
e) Patient records exposed in Quest breach
f) Dutch Tax Agency Reverses Microsoft 365 Cloud Migration
g) Google's first data center satellite is online
h) Google's new scam defenses on Android can hide your bank details
i) Prisons Using AI to Predict When Incarcerated People Will Commit Future Crimes

Articles for November

a) Calendar invite scams jumped 10x in a month. Here's how to avoid them by Andreas Thors, 10.13.2026. Scammers are increasingly using fake calendar invitations to trick people into clicking dangerous links. These invitations may look like ordinary meeting requests, but they can lead to fraudulent websites designed to steal passwords and personal information. Calendar invitations from strangers or unexpected sources deserve the same caution as suspicious emails. **Why it matters to you:** Even a familiar-looking calendar invitation can be a scam. Be cautious about accepting unexpected invitations or clicking links inside them, especially when you don't recognize the sender.
pcworld.com/calendar-invite-scams-jumped-10x-in-a-month-heres-how-to-avoid-them

b) 12 steps to smarter Google account security by JR Raphael, 10.09.2026. Your Google account contains much more than email. It may also hold your photos, documents, contacts, saved passwords, and personal information. This article provides practical steps to strengthen your account, including choosing a strong, unique password, turning on two-factor authentication, reviewing connected apps, checking recovery options, and managing the personal information Google stores. It also explains how to prepare your account so trusted family members can access important information if something happens to you. **Why it matters to you:** Your Google account is a valuable target for hackers. Taking a few minutes to review its security settings can help protect your personal information, email, photographs, and important documents. computerworld.com/11-steps-to-smarter-google-account-security

c) How Do I Know Whether to Trust AI? by Leo A. Notenboom, 10.14.2026. AI tools can provide helpful answers, but they can also make mistakes while sounding completely confident. So how can you tell whether an answer is accurate? Leo recommends checking the same question with other AI tools, comparing answers with traditional Google search results, and looking for reliable sources to confirm the information. His main advice is not to accept anything you read online, including AI-generated answers, without checking it against other independent sources. **Why it matters to you:** AI can be a useful research assistant, but it shouldn't be treated as an authority. Before acting on advice involving your computer, finances, or personal information, take time to verify that the answer is correct.
askleo.com/196697

d) Is It Safe to Store Files on My Desktop? by Leo A. Notenboom, 10.16.2026. Many people keep documents, photographs, and other files on their computer desktop because they are easy to find. However, Leo explains that the desktop is simply another folder, and files stored there can accidentally be moved, deleted, or lost. He recommends keeping important documents and data in the Documents folder instead. For quick access, use shortcuts or pin frequently used programs to the Start menu or taskbar. A less cluttered desktop also makes it easier to find what you need. **Why it matters to you:** Keeping important files organized in the Documents folder rather than scattered across your desktop can help prevent accidental loss and make your computer

d) easier to use. Remember, a shortcut is not the same as the actual file. askleo.com/8459

e) Your old accounts never died. Here's the 15-minute zombie hunt that finds them and buries them for good by Kim Komando, 10.30.2026. Forgotten online accounts from old shopping sites, social networks, and other services may still contain your name, email address, and passwords. Even if you no longer use these accounts, they can become security risks if the websites are hacked. Kim Komando explains how to find forgotten accounts by searching old emails for account confirmations, checking saved passwords, and reviewing websites connected to Google or Apple sign-ins. She also recommends deleting accounts you no longer need or changing their passwords and removing personal information if deletion isn't possible. **Why it matters to you**: Old accounts can provide hackers with information they can use to

e) access other accounts, especially if you've reused passwords. Spending 15 minutes tracking down unused accounts and closing them can reduce your exposure to identity theft and online scams. Don't forget to check whether an old email address is still being used for account recovery. komando.com/your-old-accounts-never-died

f) Use our WSCUG credentials to access this article and scroll down to **OneDrive changes — and Microsoft 365 Pro** by Peter Deegan. **username: WSCUG password: Woody2023!!** Microsoft is making a significant change to OneDrive storage for Microsoft 365 Family and Premium subscribers. Instead of giving each of the six possible users 1TB of storage, Microsoft will provide just 2TB shared among everyone on the plan. For most existing subscribers, the change will take effect at their first renewal on or after May 2, 2027. This could create problems for families with several people storing photos, videos, and



f) documents online. Microsoft is also introducing a new Microsoft 365 Pro plan, costing nearly $1,200 a year, which offers 5TB of shared storage and higher Copilot AI usage. The article explains who will be affected, how to check storage use, and ways to avoid paying extra. **Why it matters to you:** If you share a Microsoft 365 Family or Premium subscription, you could lose a substantial amount of available OneDrive storage. Don't wait until you reach the new limit to make a plan. askwoody.com/facebook-instagram-will-pay-penalties-will-youtube-tiktok/

g) Is This Link Safe? – Free Scam Link Check by Malwarebytes. Malwarebytes offers two free online tools to help you identify potential scams before responding or clicking. The first, **"Check a link,"** lets you paste a suspicious website address or link from an email or text message. It scans the website and any redirects for signs of phishing, malware, and other threats, then provides results and suggestions for what to do next. The second tool, **"Check a number,"** lets you enter an unfamiliar phone number to see whether it has been reported as a scam, spam, or robocaller. **Why it matters to you:** These two tools offer a convenient way to check an unfamiliar link or phone number before taking action. When in doubt, take a moment to check before you click, answer, or call back. malwarebytes.com/scam-check/link

URLs

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