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Note From the Editor:

Happy Memorial Day and Trivia!

Trivia: CAPTCHA. You know, those annoying "tests" to prove you're a human and not a bot. Which of these words isn't part of the CAPTCHA acronym? Is it (A) Completely, B.) Automated, C.) Turing or D.) Hackers?

Trivia: The world's first website, created by Sir Tim Berners-Lee, is still online today. In what year did this website launch? Was it - (A) 1965, (B) 1978, (C) 1983 or (D) 1991?   (answers on last page).

TIP: A hard and fast rule

Never reply to a spam text. That confirms your number is active and you'll start getting even more scammers hitting you up. And don't try replying "STOP," "NO" or anything else, even if that works on legitimate subscriptions. **It's not worth the risk**.

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TECH HACK, Quick fix: Smartphone photo hack.

Whenever watching a show that might be boring), I open up my photo app and start deleting. It's my time for a little digital cleanup. It's not just junk filling up your storage. High-res photos look stunning, but they eat up a ton of space on your phone. If you want to scale it back a bit, I've got some tips. You can thank me later because you'll likely never see that annoying "Storage full" notification again. There isn't a direct setting within the Camera app for iPhones to lower the resolution. But you've got a couple of workarounds:

- Use a different app: You can download third-party camera apps from the App Store to set the photo resolution manually. Camera+ or ProCamera are both good options.
- Post-capture editing: After taking the photo, reduce its resolution. Simply open the picture, select Edit and crop the image slightly. This will reduce the file size. There are also apps for batch-resizing photos, like Image Size or Resize.
- Email it to yourself: I know it sounds archaic, but it works. When you attach a photo in the Mail app and try

to send it, you'll be prompted to select a smaller file size. For Android, the steps vary by device and camera app. Here's the general process:

- Camera settings: Open the Camera app, go to Settings (usually a gear icon), and look for an option related to picture size, resolution or aspect ratio. Here, you can select a lower resolution.
- Third-party apps: Similar to iPhones, third-party camera apps like Open Camera let you choose the resolution before taking a picture.
- Post-capture: Use photo-editing apps to lower the resolution after you've snapped your pic. Android usually has built-in options for this, but apps like Pixlr can also help.

Whether you're Team iPhone or Team Android, lowering your photo resolution is totally doable. Your storage will thank you!

Funny: I used to shoot pics on a film camera, but then I switched to a DSLR camera, and now, it's just my phone. I'm trying to think of the downsides, but there are just no negatives.   Source...KK website. (END)

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Name That Tune! The 8 Best Mobile Music Trivia Games.

How much do you know about music? More specifically, are you good with song titles and artist names? Can you name a tune as soon as you hear a few notes?

If this sounds like you, then it's time to put that knowledge to the test. These fun, free music trivia games will challenge your musical ear and have you singing a new song when you win.

1 SongPop - Guess The Song

Even if you've never played the original SongPop, SongPop is a must-have music trivia challenge. You play against others in a race against the clock for correct answers. Listen to the song and then select the answer, whether it is the song title or artist, as quickly as you can.

Since players take turns at their own pace, this is one of those mobile games you can play when you have just minutes to spare. Plus, each player chooses the playlist for their turn.

Do well, and you earn in-game coins that you can redeem for additional song lists. You'll find something for everyone here. The game covers a huge variety of music genres and artists, and decades of tunes.

SongPop for Android | iOS (Free, subscription available)

2 Trivial Music Quiz

If you like a bit more variety than just the "guess this song" trope in your music trivia games, Trivial Music Quiz could be the game for you. You do, of course, have to identify songs. But there is also a wide variety of more interesting questions, such as guessing which instrument a certain musician plays or what band a musician might be in.

Trivial Music Quiz does have a pop-up that appears the first time you open the app, asking for your support in keeping the game free for users by allowing it to track your data across other apps. This could turn users off, but you are not forced to agree. You still get full access to all aspects of the game if you deny the request.

There are also a number of ads in Trivial Music Quiz, but the game itself is interesting enough to ignore them. If you dislike any ads in your mobile games, however, there are plenty of free games with no ads or in-app purchases you can check out.

Trivial Music Quiz for iOS | Android (Free, in-app purchases available)

3 Heard-It Music Trivia Game

The Heard-It Music Trivia Game is perfect for those who enjoy a challenge. On the first go, you only get to hear a one-second clip of the song. You can then guess the song or skip to get another second. Eventually, you do get to listen to a decent chunk of the song, but guessing right after a mere second clip would be both satisfying and impressive.

Unlike some of the other games on this list that give you four or five options to choose from, there are far more song choices in Heard-It. The options aren't infinite, but there are dozens you can guess from, so the game doesn't narrow it down for you much at all.

It also offers a link to the song on Spotify if you happen to love the featured song, which is yet another brilliant detail in Heard-It that makes it an excellent option for any music buff.

Hear-It Music Trivia Game for Android (Free, in-app purchases available)

4 Top 90s Music Trivia Quiz Game

Maybe what you really love the most is music from the 90s. If so, then Top 90s Music Trivia Quiz Game is one to check out. First, choose from endless or timed game modes. Then, get ready for quite a challenge. The questions include song titles, lyrics, albums, artists, and even years.

As you earn coins for doing well, you can redeem them for adding more time, receiving hints, or skipping questions. Note that this game goes a little heavy on the ads.

But if you can get past the ads, Top 90s Music Trivia Quiz Game is a super challenging trivia game for fans of that era of music.

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Apple AirTag vs. Tile: Which Tracker Is Best? Key Takeaways

♦ Tile and AirTags are both excellent smart trackers, but both come with their share of pros and cons.

♦ While AirTags and Tile have the same IP67 water-resistance rating, AirTags feel more durable due to the metal and plastic construction.

♦ Tile's trackers have a bigger Bluetooth range, but AirTags benefit from Apple's comprehensive Find My network.

Tile dominated the smart tracker market until Apple took the world by storm with its AirTags. Both are great products in and of themselves, being versatile and easy to use. But which is the best Bluetooth tracker for you? Let's find out.

Price Comparison

Unlike most products with the Apple logo on them, AirTags are remarkably affordable. Only one version of AirTags exists; you can get a single AirTag for $29 or a four-pack for $99.

While Apple created AirTags as a one-size-fits-all tracking solution, Tile has an entire range of products designed to suit your needs. The Tile Sticker ($29.99) is the smallest tracker, while the larger Tile Mate—which features a keychain cutout—costs $24.99. Meanwhile, the Tile Pro is priced at $34.99 and is Tile's premium tracker.

You can also choose the Tile Slim ($34.99), a credit card-shaped tracker designed to slide into your wallet. Tile also offers various bundles if you want to buy multiple tags. For instance, you can get the Tile Sticker 2-pack for $44.99 or the Tile Pro 4-pack for $99.99.

AirTags' pricing is straightforward and affordable. However, the variety of options you get with Tile means that we're giving Tile the point here.
Winner: Tile

Find My vs. Tile Network

Many people have questions about the range of Apple AirTags. Apple hasn't officially revealed AirTags' Bluetooth range, but after about 30 feet, they will start hopping on Apple's Find My network.

That's the same network that helps you locate a lost iPhone or MacBook. The Find My network utilizes hundreds of millions of Apple devices worldwide to give users extremely accurate tracking data almost anywhere.

Tile's Bluetooth range depends on the model you choose, but all of them have a bigger initial Bluetooth range than AirTags. The Tile Slim, Mate, and Sticker all have a bandwidth of 250 feet (76 meters). Meanwhile, the Tile Pro can stay connected to Bluetooth within around 400 feet (122 meters).

When Tile trackers are outside of Bluetooth spec, they operate on Tile's proprietary network. Unfortunately, the Tile Network pales in comparison to Apple's Find My network. While some estimates put almost a billion devices on the Find My network, the Tile Network only has around 35 million devices on it.

It's also worth noting that while Apple devices come with the Find My app built-in, you need to install Tile's app on your phone to access the network.

If you plan on primarily tracking with Bluetooth, Tile's trackers should give you more range. However, if you're like most people and want to track your items anywhere on the globe, AirTags will be much more accurate. For this reason, we're giving AirTags the win in this category.   Winner: AirTag

Design Differences

There are lots of reasons to buy Apple's AirTags. However, keep in mind that Apple designed the AirTag as a one-size-fits-all solution. That means they're not designed for any one specific tracking need.   While AirTags are small and lightweight, they don't fit very well into most wallets. Similarly, AirTags don't come with a built-in keychain loop. That means if you want to hook one to your keys or a carabiner, you'll need to pay extra for an accessory. On the other hand, Tile designed each of its trackers to do a specific job.

As the name suggests, Tile Sticker has an adhesive back for easy attachment. You can easily stick one on your remote or headphones or in places where it would be difficult to attach an AirTag.

Top 90s Music Trivia Quiz Game for Android (Free)

5 Guess The Song Pop Music Games

Do you think you're good at song lyrics? If so, then Guess The Song Pop Music Games is for you. Pick from pop, 90s, or 2000s music and turn up your volume.

You'll have the lyrics spoken to you or, if you're lucky, you'll hear a song clip. Then tap to select the correct song from the four possible titles. Score for your correct answers and lose points for those you guess wrong. You can climb the leaderboards, complete the achievements, and test your knowledge of lyrics with the game.

Guess The Song Pop Music Games for iOS (Free, subscription available)

6 Guess The Song – Music Quiz

Guess The Song is a fun name-that-tune game available on Android. Put on your listening ears and answer as quickly as you can. You can pick from pop, rock, or country, or jump directly to your favorite decade of music.

Continue scoring and earning coins to unlock new levels. You can connect to Facebook to see how you compare to your friends. Guess The Song is a terrific music trivia game to enjoy the tunes you love while you challenge yourself.

Guess The Song for Android (Free, in-app purchases available)

7 Jingle Quiz

Rather than dealing in the business of popular songs like most of the other apps on this list, Jingle Quiz offers you a selection of jingles to identify. The tunes featured are all from extremely popular franchises or companies that will be at least somewhat familiar to everyone, so you don't have to worry about missing out because the jingle is from a company you don't recognize.

The jingles are all iconic sounds you've most likely heard at least once in your life. But the app does offer hints, just in case you need a little extra help on some of the tougher questions!

QuizUp for Android | iOS (Free, in-app purchases available)

8 Songpop Classic - Music Trivia

Songpop Classic is a very popular and highly rated music trivia game. As you open the app, you will be prompted to select three out of nine music genres. This ensures you will be answering questions related to the type of music you actually like and are interested in, which is a feature many other music trivia games lack.

You can also go head-to-head with real people and flex your music trivia skills with players from all over the world.

The downside to this, however, is that you need an internet connection to play and enjoy Songpop Classic. This probably won't be a problem if you're playing at home, but you might have to look for another mobile game to play when you have no internet or data, if you're on public transport or away from an internet connection.

Songpop Classic - Music Trivia
for Android | iOS (Free, in-app purchases available)

These great music trivia games for Android and iOS are tons of fun and challenging at the same time. You'll enjoy seeing how well you really know your favorite genres and artists. (source...or awww.makeuseof.com /tag/mobile-music-trivia-games/.

If you like other types of trivia challenges, check out our list of free trivia apps for movie and TV buffs. (See the full article and links to the suggested games on our website) (END)

WHAT THE TECH?

A CAR'S WEAKEST PART IS THE NUT HOLDING THE STEERING WHEEL

Ever driven a car with no steering wheel? Pretty straightforward.

Consumer Alert (s):

Did a celebrity really endorse THAT? Maybe not

Before you spend money on that celebrity-endorsed premium cookware, weight loss product, or can't-miss money-making opportunity, pause. Take a breath. Are you sure a celebrity or influencer is really endorsing that product or program? Maybe a scammer is behind that online ad. Scammers are using fake celebrity and influencer testimonials and endorsements — complete with doctored video and audio that seems like the real thing — to generate buzz and profits.

"But it looks and sounds real, so it must be true," right? Not so much. The technology to make fake endorsement videos is improving all the time. Your best bet is to do some research on your own. Before you click and buy, follow this advice:

Check out that celebrity or influencer testimonial. Search online using their name, the name of the company or product, and words like "scam" or "fake." See what others are saying.

Resist pressure to commit quickly. Scammers want you to act fast, and the ad might say it's a limited time deal. But it's not true. They just don't want you to do any research or think it through.

Ask your health care professional about dietary supplements. The government doesn't review or evaluate supplements for safety or effectiveness before they're put on the market. Even a natural supplement can be risky depending on your health and the medicine you take, and your doctor knows your health better than a celebrity.

Know the investment risk. If anyone says you can earn a lot of money on an investment with little or no risk, don't buy into the hype. Investments always involve risk — there are no guaranteed returns. Visit Investor.gov, a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) website, for more advice on investing and avoiding fraud.   consumer.ftc.gov /consumer-alerts/2024/04/did-celebrity-really-endorse-maybe-not

Have you spotted a bogus celebrity endorsement? Report it to the FTC. 2

I Won't Buy a Pair of Headphones Without These 6 Features

Key Takeaways

♦ Look for headphones with multiple ANC modes for different environments.

♦ Opt for earbuds with at least 30 hours of battery life

to avoid constant charging.

♦ Headphones with wear sensors can automatically pause music to save battery life and prevent awkward situations.

Buying new headphones or earbuds can feel overwhelming. There are so many different styles and shapes, and the amount of jargon thrown at you makes it confusing.   But it doesn't have to be. I've tested and reviewed heaps of earbuds and headphones over the years, and these are the most important features I won't do without.

1 Multiple ANC Modes

Noise cancellation is a game-changer when it comes to enjoying your music in noisy environments, but not all ANC implementations are created equal. I look for headphones and earbuds that offer multiple ANC modes tailored for different scenarios.

For example, a "transparent" mode that allows some ambient noise to filter through can be useful when you need to remain aware of your surroundings, while a more aggressive "noise cancellation" mode can provide a blissful audio sanctuary when you want to immerse yourself in your music completely. The ability to switch between these modes seamlessly is a must-have for me.

2 30+ Hour Battery Life

Okay, you can let this one slip a little. But your headphones shouldn't need charging every four hours. That makes them basically useless, especially if you're planning to use them for travel.

If you want to ensure you never run out of charge at an inopportune moment, opt for a large battery life. For example, you could pick up the Sennheiser Momentum 4 Wireless (up to 60 hours), Jabra Elite 85h (up to 85 hours), or the Sony WH-1000XM5 (up to 30 hours).

3 Wear Sensors

Wear sensors might seem like a minor feature, but they're incredibly useful, and not enough headphones have them.

These sensors detect when you've removed your headphones or earbuds and automatically pause the music, ensuring that you never miss a beat. When you put them back on, the audio resumes seamlessly. This not only saves battery life but also prevents those awkward moments when your music continues to play for everyone around you to hear. Small, but very handy.

4 Integrated Health Tracking

It's taken me a while to come around to headphones and earbuds with integrated health-tracking features.

They seem a little superfluous when most folks have a smartwatch and a smartphone, but they're handy for extra fitness and health tracking. I actually enjoy not having to wear a smartwatch or fitness tracker when I work out (I know, that's what they're for), and it makes the headphones even more useful.

5 Multi-Point Connection

If you're like me, you're constantly juggling more than one device while listening to music: smartphone, laptop, tablet, computer, the list goes on.

With multi-point connection headphones, you can connect your headphones or earbuds to several devices, allowing you switch audio between them without issue. It's really useful when you're connected to your laptop and your smartphone rings; answering the call is simple and doesn't require a massive scramble to get connected properly.

6 Customizable Sound Profiles

Now, another headphone feature that has really grown on me in the past few years is customizable and unique sound profiles.

Basically, everyone has unique preferences when it comes to sound. It means that every set of headphones or earbuds sounds different, which might mean you're not getting the outright best audio experience possible.

Better still, some headphones will create a unique audio profile for you after running a hearing test. Responding to the hearing test prompts in a companion app helps tailor an audio profile specific to your ears, making every song sound as good as it should. The images above come from our Anker Space One review, headphones that feature both types of custom audio profile.

Admittedly, some of the unique sound profiles work better than others, and it's also dependent on your ears. For example, if you have hearing issues, your unique audio profile can help to compensate for that. But it might also overcompensate and drastically boost any particular audio frequencies you struggle with, creating an unbalanced sound profile.

Manually customizing an audio profile is your best bet in this case. But either way, customizable sound profiles are a must have. www.makeuseof.com /i-wont-buy-a-pair-of-headphones-without-these-features/   4/20/2024

The Best Password Managers for 2024

Stop splashing your kid's birthday and your pets' names across the web.

Our top-rated password managers help you create a unique, strong password for each of your online accounts and alert you of potential data leaks.

OUR TOP 9 PICKS
- 1Password (Best for New Users
- NordPass (Best for Business Accounts)
- Dashlane (Best Premium Password Manager
- RoboForm (Best Form-Filling Capabilities
- Keeper Password Manager & Digital Vault (Best Emergency Access Options)
- LogMeOnce (Best for Password Inheritance)
- **Bitwarden (Best Free Password Manager**
- Enpass Password Manager (Best for local vault storage)
- Proton Pass (Best for No-Frills Password Management.

Nearly every website you visit, from dating apps to banking sites, insists you create a user account and think up a password.

The problem? Human memory can't keep up with dozens upon dozens of passwords. Some people get the idea of using the simplest possible password, like "123456789" or "password."

Others memorize one random password and use it for everything. Using either of those strategies is likely to make you a victim of identity theft. The smarter move is to use password manager software to remember complex passwords and unique passkeys for all the sites you need to log in to.

We've tested and analyzed dozens of password managers so you can pick the one that best fits your needs. See our Computer Club Website, Mouse Pad Page to see the evaluations of each of these password managers in the detailed article.   https://www.computerclubrhcc.com/ (source...PC Mag).

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How to Forward Calls on the Android and iPhone

Divert incoming phone calls to another number using any of these methods.

Key Takeaways

♦ Both iPhone and Android devices offer built-in options to set up call forwarding.

♦ Alternatively, you can dial carrier-specific codes if you don't want to navigate smartphone menus.

♦ Third-party apps like Easy Call Forwarding also let you easily divert calls to another phone number.

Do you want to direct all incoming phone calls to another number when you're busy or unreachable? Call forwarding is pretty easy to set up whether you use an Android device or an iPhone. We'll walk you through the necessary steps.

How to Use Call Forwarding on iPhone

Setting up call forwarding on iPhone is a cinch. You simply have to go to Settings and make a few adjustments, as described below:

Open the Settings app, then scroll down and tap Phone.

Next, tap Call Forwarding under the Calls section. Now, toggle on Call Forwarding at the top and tap Forward To.

Type in the number to which you'd like to forward your calls.

Your iPhone will now forward calls to the number you entered. Also, if you're redirecting calls to a landline, make sure to enter the area code.

You should set the number based on why you want to use call forwarding. So, if you simply don't want to be disturbed, forward calls to the number of a phone in another location. For example, you can forward calls to your work phone if you're at home. If you're on vacation, you can forward calls to your home phone.

That said, you can also forward to a friend or family member's phone. You should consider doing this if your iPhone is having reception or signal issues. This will still enable you to take important calls.

When you want to deactivate call forwarding on your iPhone, just go back into this menu and toggle off Call Forwarding.

How to Use Call Forwarding on Android

It's also pretty straightforward to set up call forwarding on Android. To do this, start by opening the Phone app. From there: Tap the More button (which looks like three dots).

Press Settings. Then, if you're using a Pixel, select Calls. On a Samsung phone, look for Supplementary Services. Other brands or older devices may use a different name here.

Choose Call forwarding. At this point, you will select one of four options:

♦Always forward sends all calls to the specified number.

♦If you'd like to redirect calls only when you're already on the phone, select When busy.

♦When unanswered forwards only when you don't respond to a call.

♦Lastly, When unreachable only relays calls when your phone has no reception, is in airplane mode, or is turned off.

The wording may change slightly based on your Android phone model.

Whichever option you select, enter the number to which you'd like to forward your calls. Once again, remember to enter the area code if you're forwarding to a landline. Afterward, tap Turn on to confirm.

You can deactivate call forwarding on Android by going through almost exactly the same process. You have to tap on each option you've activated and press Disable.

Forward Calls Using Dial Codes on Android & iPhone

There's another easy way to forward calls on iPhones and Android devices. This involves using your mobile carrier's call-forwarding service. If you're in the US and use a GSM carrier such as T-Mobile or AT&T, follow the instructions below.

Open the Phone app.   Dial **21*, but don't place the call yet.   Enter the number you'd like to forward your calls to, starting with the number 1 before the area code.

Press # and then the Call button.

If you use Verizon, the steps are pretty similar, except you should dial *72 followed by the 10-digit phone number (but without the number "1" at the beginning) and dial without adding a # at the end.

Regardless of your carrier, you should hear a confirmation message or sound after completing the steps above. Also, it's worth noting that you can dial a different code to acti-

vate kinds of call forwarding other than for all incoming calls. For example, with Verizon, you can dial *71 to set up forwarding only for unanswered calls.

Lastly, if you aren't in the US, you should still be able to use mostly the same service. The vast majority of mobile operators in Europe and other parts of the world offer call forwarding. The only difference is that they may require you to dial something different from the above commands. So, check with your mobile carrier beforehand.

Call Forwarding Using a Third-Party App

It's easy to get lost navigating settings menus, especially in an area like this where options get renamed often. You may have better luck using an app instead.

Easy Call Forwarding for Android does what its name suggests. After you download the app from the Play Store, here's all you need to do:

Tap the Grant Permissions button at the bottom to allow the app to initiate phone calls.

Now, tap Configure on the main screen.

Enter a phone number and select your carrier in the drop-down menu. Then, tap Save.

Toggle on Forwarding is disabled to enable call forwarding.

Although Easy Call Forwarding isn't available for iPhones, you can install a similar call forwarding app like Divert Calls from the App Store.

As you can see, call forwarding is a simple and effective feature you can set up within a matter of seconds. Take advantage of it the next time you don't want to be pestered with phone calls.   www.makeuseof.com /tag/call-forwarding-iphone-android/.

The Windows 11 Control Panel Is Missing Key Settings, Here's Where to Find Them

If you're used to finding certain settings in the Control Panel, they may appear to be missing, but don't worry: you can still find them.   Ever since the introduction of Windows 11, Microsoft has been more proactive about moving settings out of their traditional home in the control panel. If you're missing a setting, here's where you're likely to find it.

The Control Panel Is Likely Going Away

For years, going back to the days of Windows 95 even, the Control Panel was the main way you interacted with Windows settings. Occasionally, you might have to dive into the Device Manager app or—if things were really serious—

open the Registry Editor, but generally, it was all in the Control Panel.

In the last few versions of windows, Microsoft has been moving more and more settings out of their former home in the Control Panel. This has continued into the Windows 11 era, and if anything, it seems like the company is dismantling the Control Panel at an even faster rate.

While Microsoft hasn't said that it plans to do away with the Control Panel app, and plenty of old apps remain in Windows 11. Still, the rate at which the company is moving settings says that Microsoft is at least considering it. Of course, this isn't necessarily a bad thing.

Microsoft's New Home For Settings

There is an argument to be made for simplicity in naming, and it seems like that is what Microsoft is doing. The vast majority of the settings being moved out of the Control Panel are appearing in a different spot: the aptly named Settings app. This new Settings app is more powerful than you may imagine.

If you've been using Windows for years, the Control Panel makes perfect sense as the place to find any setting you're looking for. On the other hand, if you're a new Windows user or coming from a Mac, for example, that name doesn't mean much to you. Alternatively, the Settings app is fairly self-explanatory.

Eventually, this decision will likely make even more sense. For the moment, however, it can be tough to find the settings you're looking for, especially if they're no longer located where they had been for years.

Finding a Setting's New Home

The good news is that Windows 11's updated Start Menu makes it easier than ever to find settings. Somewhat similarly to the macOS Spotlight feature, the search feature of the Start Menu will also search settings. You likely won't find every single setting this way, but it can at least point you in the right direction.

For example, typing "Battery" in the search menu brings up the Battery Saver Overview by default, but you'll also see options for enabling and disabling the Battery Saver feature alongside other options related to battery life.

While you may not be able to count on the Control Panel the way you could in older Windows versions, the good news is that the new Settings app does a good job filling in. It may take some getting used to, but all the functionality is there.   (source...www.makeuseof.com /find-windows-11-control-panel-missing-settings/).   (END)

Browser Keyboard Shortcuts

This article was shared to us by Hewie Poplock from "The Tech For Seniors" Newsletter, 4/25/24.

Kim Komando rounded up eight browser keyboard shortcuts so you can spend less time clicking around. These genuine timesavers work in most popular browsers, including Chrome, Edge, Firefox and Safari.

3 tricks for tabs

Closing time: Hit Ctrl + W (Windows) or Cmd + W (macOS) to shut down your currently open browser tab. If you close a tab accidentally, use Ctrl + Shift + T (Windows) or Cmd + Shift + T (macOS) to bring it back.

Tab cycling: On Windows and macOS, you can use Ctrl (or Cmd) + Tab to scroll through open tabs (yeah, all 200 of them). Hold down Shift with that combination to scroll in the opposite direction.

Turn over a new tab: Hold Ctrl + T (Windows) or Cmd + T (macOS) to open a new tab and jump straight to it. If you want a brand-new window, press Ctrl + N (Windows) or Cmd + N (macOS).

2 ways to stay in the flow

Keep scrolling, scrolling, scrolling: Engrossed in something online? Tap the spacebar to scroll down the page and keep reading without looking away. Shift + spacebar will take you back in the other direction.

Eyes on the prize: Follow an interesting link without losing focus while reading. Hold down Ctrl (Windows) or Cmd (macOS) when you click on a link to open it in a new tab while you stay on your current tab. Add the Shift key to open a link in a new tab and go right to it.

2 ways to retrace your steps

Follow the breadcrumbs: You know those "back" and "forward" buttons in your browser? You can do the same with your keyboard — no clicking required. Hold down Alt (Windows) or Cmd (macOS), then tap the left or right arrow buttons to explore your browsing history in your currently open tab.

Save your page: Press Ctrl + D (Windows) or Cmd + D (macOS) to bookmark your open webpage so you can get back to it later. Your browser will display a dialog box allowing you to save the bookmark into a folder.

One way to go undercover

Keep it hush-hush: If you need a new Incognito or Private mode browsing window, press Ctrl + Shift + N (Windows) or Cmd + Shift + N (macOS). Firefox does this differently; here, use P instead of N. Source...KK. (END)

Technology for you, by Ron Brown

Why Senior Citizens Should Consider a Home Security System: As we age, our safety and security become increasingly important. For many senior citizens, staying safe at home is a top priority. One way to achieve peace of mind and ensure safety is by installing a home security system. While some may think that home security systems are only for younger homeowners, they can be incredibly beneficial for seniors as well. In this post, we'll explore why senior citizens should consider investing in a home security system.

1. Protection Against Burglaries and Intrusions

Senior citizens are often perceived as more vulnerable targets by burglars and intruders. Having a home security system can act as a deterrent, significantly reducing the risk of break-ins. Modern security systems come equipped with alarms, cameras, and sensors that can alert both the homeowner and authorities in the event of a break-in, ensuring a swift response.

2. Emergency Response

Home security systems offer more than just protection against burglaries. Many systems also include features such as panic buttons and medical alert pendants that allow seniors to quickly call for help in case of a medical emergency or fall. This can be especially important for seniors who live alone and may need immediate assistance.

3. Remote Monitoring

With advancements in technology, home security systems now allow for remote monitoring via smartphone apps or computer interfaces. This means that seniors can check on their home in real-time, no matter where they are. Whether they're at home, running errands, or traveling, seniors can have peace of mind knowing that they can keep an eye on their property at all times.

4. Fire and Carbon Monoxide Detection

In addition to protecting against burglaries and intrusions, many home security systems also include features for fire and carbon monoxide detection. These systems can detect smoke, fire, or high levels of carbon monoxide and alert both the homeowner and the authorities, helping to prevent disasters and keep seniors safe.

5. Fall Detection

Falls are a leading cause of injury among seniors, and having a home security system with fall detection capabilities can be life-saving. These systems use sensors to detect when a fall has occurred and automatically call for help if the senior is unable to do so themselves. This quick response can mean the difference between life and death in some situations.

6. Peace of Mind

Perhaps the most important reason for seniors to consider a home security system is the peace of mind that it provides. Knowing that their home is protected against burglaries, emergencies, and other threats allows seniors to continue living independently and confidently in their own homes.

In conclusion, home security systems offer a wide range of benefits for senior citizens, including protection against burglaries, emergency response, remote monitoring, and peace of mind. Investing in a home security system is a proactive step that seniors can take to ensure their safety and security as they age in place. Source...Tech For Seniors Newsletter. (END)

Don't trust AI (Artificial Intelligence) for these 4 things:

I used AI recently to write a birthday note, plan a trip to Hong Kong and program my robot. But this tech is still in the infant stages and it has some major blind spots you need to know about.

Ask things like "How many basketballs would you have to stack up to reach the moon?" all day. (It's 1,595,524,852 by the way.) But when it comes to these four Ps, you're better off skipping the chatbot.

1. Protection

If you own a small business it's tempting to save money by skipping the lawyer fees and drafting contracts via ChatGPT or any other chatbot. In almost all cases, the legal risk isn't worth it.

If you ask the wrong question or use the wrong legal jargon in your prompt, you might get an answer that's totally off-base or out-of-date with current updates.

Lawyers are experts at navigating legal "gray area" and the specific legal language that applies to your personal situation. They're also accountable for getting it right (i.e. you can sue them if they mess up).

When it's OK: Need help reviewing a legal doc or getting your feet under you with how existing laws and regulations work? Sure, chatbot away.

2. Precision

Don't trust AI to do your taxes. Even the AI assistants built into platforms like H&R Block and TurboTax are wrong more than 30% percent of the time (paywall link).

Tax laws for things like deductions and retirement contributions change every year. Being off by even few hundred dollars could cost you dearly down the road.

When it's OK: Don't know what you don't know? Use AI to figure out what questions to ask a tax pro (or how to find a great CPA).

3. Prognosis

Are you even human if you haven't panic-WebMD'd your symptoms in the middle of the night? AI makes self-diagnosis all the more enticing.

But make no mistake: ChatGPT4 might be the worst doctor you've ever met. In a test against real doctors diagnosing children's medical conditions, it was only right 17% percent of the time.

When it's OK: AI's pretty good at offering general rules and preventative advice. It can also help parse test results and help you interpret findings. I use it that way!

4. Partnership

A recent survey found 23% of Americans now use AI to enhance their dating profiles and messages, up from 15% last year.

AI can learn pickup lines and jokes and even mimic your unique way of texting if you train it well enough. Your crush would probably have no idea you used AI to write that love letter.

The question is … should you? I don't know about you, but I don't want anyone else to do the talking for me.

When it's OK: For love, just don't. Stick to chatbots for the boring, unemotional kind of writing — like asking your landlord for a rent break or processing a refund.

… If it can get you sued, audited, hospitalized or dumped

Do yourself a favor and leave AI out of it.

The quality of your answers depends on the quality of the data and the quality of your questions. And, until there are more laws regulating AI, if you make a big decision based on bad info, you're the one left holding the bag. Source...KK website. (END)

Hey Techies
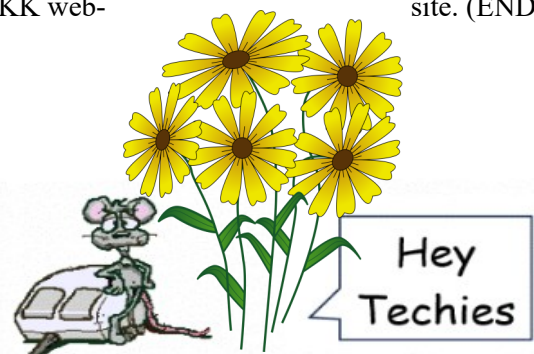
The Tile Mate and Tile Pro have built-in cutouts that let you hook them to your keychain. And because the Tile Slim is shaped like a credit card, it's a fantastic option for tracking your wallet.

We're giving Tile another point because you can use its Bluetooth trackers in more specific places.

Winner: Tile

Durability

AirTags and Tile's trackers are IP67 water-resistant. Both should survive being three feet underwater for up to 30 minutes but aren't meant to be constantly submerged. Remember that waterproof and water-resistant mean two different things.

With this water resistance rating, AirTags and Tile trackers can withstand rain and splashes without too many problems.

Both AirTags and Tile trackers are durable and long-lasting. However, all of Tile's trackers are made of plastic, while AirTags have a plastic and stainless steel construction. That should give AirTags a leg-up when it comes to durability.   Winner: AirTag

Pet Tracking

Officially, AirTags are only for tracking your physical items and not pets. But that hasn't stopped some people from trying.

AirTags are light and compact, meaning they won't be too heavy for most pets. However, you should remember that they will automatically play a sound if they're separated from their paired iPhone for too long. That sound could distress your pet.

Tile markets its products as great options for pet tracking. The Tile Sticker and Tile Mate work great as attachments to pet collars. And unlike AirTags, Tile trackers don't automatically play a sound or ping nearby iPhones. That means pet thieves are less likely to notice they're being tracked, and your pet is less likely to become distressed in challenging situations.

Because Tile has created features designed specifically for pets, it wins in this category. If you plan to use a Bluetooth tracker with your pet, read these tips for attaching trackers to your pet.   Winner: Tile

Safety Measures

Although AirTags are one of the most innovative Apple products of the 21st century, they have also been a huge PR nightmare for Apple. There have been doz-

ens of police reports involving AirTag stalking, and in March 2024, the Los Angeles Times reported that a class action lawsuit against Apple would proceed.

Since the initial AirTags release, Apple has released several updates to make AirTags safer. AirTags now play a louder sound if they get separated from their owner, and they send messages to nearby iPhones if they're within range for too long.

Unlike AirTags, Tile trackers won't automatically play a sound if separated from their owner. However, Tile did integrate a feature called Scan and Secure into its mobile app. So, if you think someone may be using a Tile to stalk you, Scan and Secure lets you search for any trackers that may be nearby.

Most of the bad press surrounding smart trackers has targeted AirTags. However, Apple has strongly committed to making AirTags safer, while Tile is still largely playing catch up. Despite the controversies with AirTags, Apple currently offers better safety features.   Winner: AirTag

Which Bluetooth Tracker Is Right for You?

To quickly summarize, below is a table of how AirTags and Tile's trackers compare in key areas:

Airtag: Bluetooth Range, $30 feet; Price Range, $29 - $99; Pet-Friendly Features, No; Durability, IP67 water-resistant

Tile: 250 - 400 feet; Price Range, $24.99 - $109.98; Pet Friendly, Yes; Durability, IP67 water-resistant.

If we tally up the scores for each section, AirTags and Tile trackers received three points each, and there wasn't much between them. Tile's trackers are better for versatility and use with pets, while AirTags have durability and the more popular Find My network going for them (even if the Bluetooth range is much less than Tile).

Since AirTags' one-size-fits-all nature doesn't work well in wallets, and you also need an accessory to clip them to anything, you should pick Tile if you have specific needs for your smart tags. On the other hand, AirTags are great if you want an ultra-powerful tracker that's easy to use. To see a video with the article - find it on our Computer tech Club website.

 (source...MUO website, END)

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FUN Quiz:

1. Who is the nickname "King of Rock n' Roll" most associated with? (a) Billy Idol, (b) Freddy Mercury, © Bruce Springsteen, (d) Elvis Presley.

2. Who was expelled from the Rat Pack after a falling out with Sinatra? (a) Peter Lawford, (b) Joey Bishop, (c), Dean Martin, (d) Sammy Davis Jr.   (Answers last page)

How To Talk on the Telephone

When You Answer the Telephone

1. Pick up the handset. Hold the receiver part of it close against your ear and hold the mouthpiece about an inch in front of your mouth.

2. Say "Hello" or say your telephone number. Speak clearly, but don't shout. Talk into the telephone the way you would talk to someone face to face. Be polite and pleasant.

3. Sometimes the person who calls wants to speak to someone else at your house. Let's pretend you are Janie Allen, and Mr. Wright calls to talk to your Daddy. You and Mr. Wright know each other.

Mr. Wright says "Hello, Janie. May I speak to your Daddy?"

You say "Yes, Mr. Wright. I'll call him." Then you lay the handset down beside the base of the telephone. **Don't put it back in the cradle.** Next, you go find your Daddy and tell him that Mr. Wright wants him on the telephone. Don't stand close to the telephone and yell "Daddy!" That would hurt Mr. Wright's ear.

4. When someone calls you, let the person who called end the talk. Of course, if someone talks on, and on, and **on,** you may have to say "I'm sorry, but I have to stop now. Thank you for calling."

When You Call Someone on the Telephone

1. Try to be sure you are calling the right number.

2. When someone answers, tell your name right away.

3. Perhaps the person who answers the telephone is not the one you are calling. Let's pretend you are Howard Allen and you want to talk to Bill Wright. Bill's mother answers the telephone, and you know her voice.

Mrs. Wright says "Sunnyside 5-3757."

You say "Hello, Mrs. Wright. This is Howard Allen. May I speak to Bill, please?"

4. If Mrs. Wright says "I'm sorry, Howard. Bill isn't in," don't say "Oh" and hang up. Say "Thank you, Mrs. Wright. I'll call again. Goodby."

5. When you call someone, you are supposed to close the conversation when you are through. Then you say "Goodby." And remember: don't talk on, and on, and **on!**

Smart Phone Terminology:

♦ 4G - short for 4th generation, devices that support 4G are capable of super-fast internet speeds up to 300 Mbps. Although, NOW & the World of Tomorrow, 5G - Internet speeds have the potential to reach hundreds of times faster than 4G and allowing more futuristic smart devices and items.

♦ Android - One of the two main operating systems used by mobile phones, such as Google, Samsung, HTC, Sony & more. Apple IOS is the other. Operating System - common examples of an operating system are Apple's iOS and Android.

♦ Bluetooth - connectivity technology that allows two devices to transfer data. This can only be achieved over short distances.

♦ Cloud Storage - allows you to store information and data on the internet, allowing you to access this whenever connected to the web wherever you are in the world.

♦ Coverage - the area where your mobile phone provider has a signal.

♦ Megapixels - a rough guide to the quality of your camera - the higher the megapixels, the better quality.

♦ USB and USB-C Cables - used to connect a phone to another device/to be charged or transfer data. USB-C is a newer version of the USB cable that allows faster data transfer and phone charging.

♦ Voice Commands - allows smartphones to perform actions based on certain p re-programmed spoken phases; such as a "Wake Word, Ok Google or Hey Siri." (source...mobile phone websites). (END)
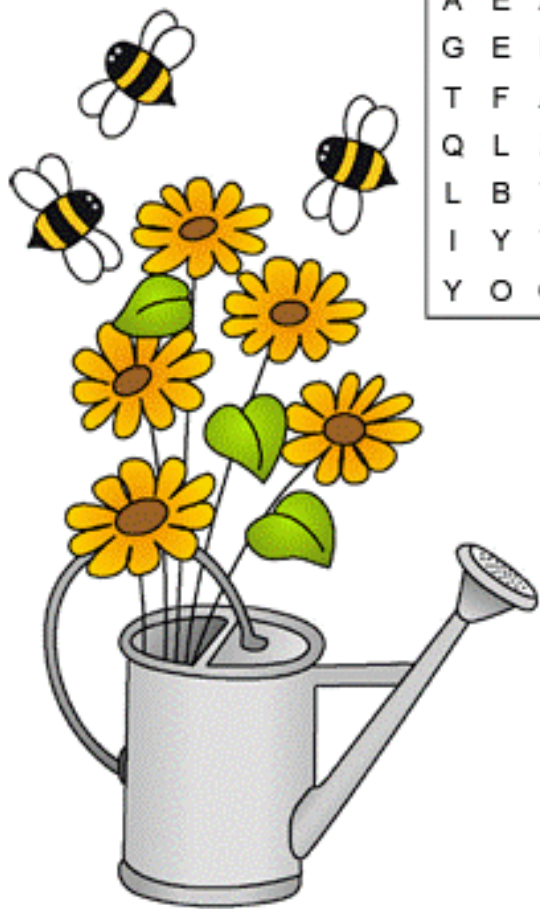
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Answers page 16 . DON'T LOOK !

♦ **Computer Tech Club Classes COMING in the Fall**- Digital Journaling Class for those interested. We now have a Facebook page if you would like to join. All kinds of ideas and sharing for Journal makers. Facebook Link: Creative Journaling, Fun w/paper, glue, scissors - **https://www.facebook.com/groups/184456324746535**.   Email Di Binder for more Digital Journaling Info at dbinder2004@comcast.net. Class Coming this Fall. JOIN the Facebook Club Group - Free.

Benefits of being a member of the Computer Tech Club: ONLY $10 per household per/yr, beginning Jan. 2024.

♦ We have our own Website, https://www.computerclubrhcc.com/a Facebook Page, (Search Facebook for Royal Highlands Computer Tech Club, a Newsletter (monthly) entitled "The Mouse Pad" (Sign-up on our contact page of our website or email D. Binder at dbinder2004@comcast.net.

♦ Zoom meeting monthly - 1st Wednesday of each month, 3 pm. Q & A at the zoom meeting.

♦ As a member - you will access to additional Computer & Tech groups and programs: such as APCUG, Association of Personal Computer User Group, Tech For Seniors, Videos and Programs from other clubs that our President, DB attends and is a member - all information is passed on to our members. Access to Videos and on-line speakers.

♦ Q & A at each meeting, on the Facebook page and the monthly, Mouse Pad. As a member, you can email D. Binder to find out information you might need and a possible answer to your question.

♦ NEW - Membership to video tutorials on-line to use in meetings for All Windows, plus 11 and Microsoft Software, if needed.

♦ **NEW this FALL - Digital Journaling Class COMING**.

Computer Glossary:

♦ **Time for the test!   Did you like the Glossary - email me and tell me if you learned anything.**

♦ **Antivirus program** - software that helps detect and destroy viruses.

♦ **Boot Up** - to turn on the computer.

♦ **Browser** - a software program that allows your computer to communicate with the World Wide Web. For example; Google Chrome, Edge, Firefox, Opera, Brave, etc.

♦ **Click** - depressing and releasing the mouse button to initiate an action onscreen. Click and Drag - an action taken with the mouse to move items on the screen, such as a file or an icon.

♦ **Digital Certificate** - an attachment to an electronic message used for security purposes. Sometimes you need a password to open it.

♦ **Encryption** - a secret code added to data for data security. For example when a business tells you their accounts are encrypted; like a Bank.

♦ **Firewall** - a security measure that can be turned on to protect a computer from unauthorized users. For example - your home computer probably has a "Firewall" usually along with your antivirus protection.

♦ **Hard Drive** (C: drive) - a place in the computer where information is permanently stored. Usually permanently; although computers can crash and your hard drive storage is lost.

♦ **Installing** - a process where the computer reads and stores software onto the hard drive. For example: like a new program or application.

♦ **Login Name** - a unique name chosen by a user to identify him or herself while on the internet. Login Password - private set of letters, numbers, characters used to confirm the identify of the computer user.

♦ **Maximize Box** - the box on a PC title bar that allows you to increase the size of a window.

♦ **Minimize Box** - the box on a PC title bar that allows you to shrink a window.

♦ **Peripherals** - additional pieces of hardware, such as a printer or scanner, attached to the computer by Wi-Fi or hardwire.

♦ **Right Click** - a function offered on the PC mouse that allows for more advanced tasks.

♦ **Search Engine** - a website where you can search for information on a given topic. For example; Google, Bing, Duck Duck Go, Yahoo, Aol.

♦ More next month...

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75 years old

That's what's now considered "old" — at least, according to a survey of 14,000 people.   "Old" used to be around age 71. Yeah, we're well past the days of 55 being considered a "senior citizen." Lemme tell ya, 45 is the new 30, folks! (source...KK website)

Did you Know? The average startup founder's age is 42. What about "TECH: companies? Are the founders older or younger than 42?

ANSWER - on the last page.

Website of the Month - NEW Feature monthly

https://www.manualslib.com/

Put in manual name and model #. View in the browser or download a pdf. No cost.

(source...TFS, Hewie P. shared TFS)

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Trivia Answers from Front page:

Trivia Answer 1:

The answer: D.) Hackers. CAPTCHA stands for "Completely Automated Public Turing test to tell Computers and Humans Apart." Yes, it should be "CAPTTTCHA," but that doesn't have the same ring to it.

Fun fact: It takes the average person 10 seconds to solve a CAPTCHA, which is usually something like picking out traffic lights.

It's unclear if that figure includes the time you spend deciding whether the pole counts. I'm always wondering if the pole counts. (I think the pole counts.)

Trivia Answer 2:

The answer: (D0 The world's first website launched in 1991 to give details about the "World Wide Web Project." It looks pretty darn boring, but it's still online here. (Click on the word here to see it).

FUN Quiz Answers:

1. Elvis Presley.
2. Peter Lawford
⇒ (Answer to Did You Know, pg. 15) Older - It is 45. (source...KK website)

Tech-Support

"It's not fair. I'm smart, patient and nice. So why does everyone request to talk to a human?"