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## Meeting Timetable

### Mitchelton Library Helios Parade Mitchelton

9:30am	Q&A	John Tacey
11pm	My Crash and recovery	Keith
	Lunch -- GM - Report to the Club	Keith
1:00pm	Linux workshop	Fred / Keith All

If you have a question that may need a bit of a look up, let me know before the meeting



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16 November 2025  
21 December 2025  
19 January 2026  
15 February 2026  
15 March 2026

### Submission Deadline

**Friday 5 December 2025**

Please use e-mail if possible

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Hi All,

We had a look at alternates for MS Word and decided to take up Libre Office for our choice to start to learn and especially for its use in the Linux workshop.

I found even more to be annoyed with MS as having enrolled my Windows 10 computer for the extend updates I turned it on and found it had dropped the change and when checking the setting about for the win details found that there were none. This lead me on a merry pass that ended up with me wiping the partition on my data disk on the Windows 11 computer. All because win 10 led me to trying to get it going and needing to use the other computer to do some cleaning of USB and formatting. The BUT one miss set and bang I deleted the partition on the wrong disk. Hours Later. Make that days and the cost of \$99.00 for a data recovery programme, I just did not want to rebuild and sort out the data lost. Another lesson was backup; I had a Macrium image, as all good people do, but it was 4 months old; another lesson about keeping backups up to date.

See you at the meting

Keith

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# Reports

## Presentation and Education

9:30am : Q&A

11am : Morning Presentation : My  
Partition loss and recover.

12 noon Lunch and Club Report.

1pm Afternoon Presentation : Linux and  
Linux Work Shop

## Membership Report - Gary Woodforth

We had 9 members at the September  
meeting. 1 Visitor.

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## Treasurer's Report

**October 2025**

Opening Balance at 1/10/25	1979.76
Income	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Replenish Canteen Supplies	18.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>18.00</b>
<b>Month's Loss</b>	<b>18.00</b>
<b>Balance at 31/10/25</b>	<b>1961.76</b>

*Eric Maronese*

*Treasurer*



## Q&A – October Meeting

### DVD Drives availability

It would seem that the availability of computers with DVD drives will cease in the near future.

This could mean that it may become necessary to transfer the data to newer media.

### UFD Format 64 GB to 32 GB

To format a 64GB storage device to 32GB, you can use Windows Disk Management.

Right-click the Windows logo, select "Disk Management," find your device, right-click it, and choose "Format," adjusting the allocation size as needed.

Reference: -Tom's Hardware /  
gadgetguy.com.au

<https://duckduckgo.com/?t=lm&q=format+storage+device+from+64GB+to+32GB&ia=web>

### Archives to current Media

Ensure that your archives are all on current and future media are secured.

### Fonts MS Word to Libre Office

Libre Office has its own font set. It is prudent to provide it with a Windows set if exchanging files with someone using MS Word.

The Document Foundation Blog

Fonts are one of the main culprits of LibreOffice interoperability problems with Microsoft Office documents, when viewed from the end user's point of view.

In fact, Microsoft Office documents are often using one of the default fonts - either the old "Core Fonts for the Web" (deprecated in 2002, but still in use)

<https://blog.documentfoundation.org/blog/2020/09/08/libreoffice-tt-replacing-microsoft-fonts/>

Search string:- MS Word fonts for Libre Office

<https://duckduckgo.com/?t=lm&q=MS+Word+fonts+for+Libre+Office&ia=web>

### MS Wordpad Availability

Wordpad is still available from the Microsoft shop

## Can't access Gmail Account

Daughter used the PC and accessed her e-mail account as Web Mail.

She did not close her access so each time the PC logs in to the Gmail it automatically opens her account.

I cannot access my account because of this.

Let it Login to her account, do not exit the browser, and then Close the account.

Now you should be able to Login to your account.

### Space in File Names

Once upon a time, the space in a file name was frowned upon.

Using spaces in a file name can cause issues in command line operations, as they may be interpreted as separate arguments.

It's recommended to use quotation marks around the file name or replace spaces with underscores or hyphens to avoid complications.

### Mental Note on Paper

If a note is written it is more likely that the content will be remembered.

Typing the note is not as effective

## Here Endeth John's Jots

**Is your PC on Windows 11, version 23H2** still supported **and** whether your hardware might be an issue.

### Support Status of Version 23H2

- For the **Home and Pro** editions, version 23H2 has an *end of servicing/support* date of **11 November 2025**. ([Microsoft Learn](#))
- For the **Enterprise, Education and IoT Enterprise** editions of 23H2, support continues until **10 November 2026**. ([Microsoft Learn](#))
- So if you are on Home/Pro and still on 23H2, you have until that November 2025 date by which you'll *need* to upgrade in order to keep receiving security updates.

### Hardware Upgrade and Eligibility.

- Microsoft has a **minimum system requirements** list for Windows 11. Devices that *don't meet* those minimums are

“**unsupported**” and may **not be eligible** for upgrades or guaranteed updates. ([Microsoft Support](#))

- Additionally, Microsoft uses a mechanism called “**safeguard holds**”: if your hardware (or a specific driver/peripheral) has a known issue, your device may **not get offered** the next feature update until it’s resolved. ([Microsoft Learn](#))
- Even more critically: if you’re running on *unsupported hardware* (e.g., no TPM 2.0, older CPU generation, etc.), you may continue to run Windows 11 23H2, but future updates/feature updates may get blocked or you might be excluded from support. ([Microsoft Support](#))

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### What this means for you

Since I don’t have the exact hardware details of your PC, here’s how to check and what to watch out for:

#### What you should check:

1. In Windows, go to **Settings** → **System** → **About** and note down your *Edition* (Home vs Pro vs Enterprise) and the *version* (should show “23H2” if that’s what you’re running).
2. Check your PC’s hardware against the Microsoft minimum requirements (CPU model/generation, TPM version, Secure Boot, etc.). If your machine is several years old, there’s a chance it doesn’t fully meet them.
3. In Windows Update, see if you’re being offered or blocked from the next feature update (e.g., version 24H2 or 25H2). If there’s a message about “Your device is not supported for this version” then the hardware eligibility might be the issue.

#### Given all that:

- If you are on Home/Pro and still on 23H2 → you *must* plan to upgrade to a later version **before** 11 November 2025 to keep receiving security updates.
- If your hardware is older and doesn’t meet requirements (or is being blocked by safeguard holds) → you might be stuck on 23H2, which means after that date you’ll effectively be running an unsupported OS version (no security updates) unless you take action

(upgrade hardware or move to a supported version).

- If you are on Enterprise/Education → you have until Nov 2026 for 23H2, but the same hardware eligibility rules still apply for future updates/feature upgrades.

If you like, I can **check your specific CPU model** (you tell me the model) and tell you *exactly* whether you’re eligible for the next feature update, and what your upgrade path might look like (hardware upgrade vs OS version upgrade). Would that be helpful?

***Sorry a bit of a cheat here as this is a AI response to a query on why 23H2 is not updating.***

Keith



## APCUG ARTICLES

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### **DON'T GET TRICKED BY FAKE AMAZON REVIEWS. HERE'S HOW JASON COHEN, PCMAG SENIOR EDITOR, SPOTS THE REAL**

**ONES** – Now that tools like Fakespot are gone, he uses the tips in this article to identify untrustworthy reviews and avoid wasting his money. As wonderful as the internet can be, he feels like it lies to us every day. Fake reviews—seemingly legitimate assessments created by a seller or someone paid by them—are becoming harder to spot. The online shopping boom has made them a big business, but they can end up costing you serious money. Is there anything any of us can do about it anymore? Read how at [Don't Get Tricked by Fake Amazon Reviews. Here's How I Spot the Real Ones | PCMag](#)

### **MICROSOFT NEEDS TO STOP PHASING OUT CONTROL**

**PANEL.** Kazim Alvi, XDA, excels at simplifying complex topics, making them accessible to tech enthusiasts and general readers alike. Control Panel has been around since the days of Windows 95, allowing us to configure every tiny aspect of Windows (intuitively with easy muscle memory—Judy). However, in the last decade, especially since the release of Windows 11, Microsoft has been migrating functions such as network settings, date and time, and more to the Settings app. Read more at [Microsoft needs to stop phasing out Control Panel](#)

### **6 SIMPLE TRICKS I'VE LEARNED THAT MAKE MY WINDOWS PC BOOT FASTER**

– Does Windows take a long time to start up? Don't wait forever! Check out this PC Mag article to see if these six tips work for you. [6 Simple Tricks I've Learned That Make My Windows PC Boot Faster | PCMag](#)

## **HOW TO ACCESS YOUR HOME COMPUTER WHILE TRAVELING**

– As you get ready to head out on your summer vacation, have you thought about setting up remote access on your desktop? If not, you should. Using remote desktop software is the best way to access your computer when you're traveling, and it's easy to set up. Read more at: <https://www.howtogeek.com/how-to-access-your-home-computer-while-traveling/>

## **KEEP WINDOWS 11 IN TOP SHAPE BY SCHEDULING THIS WEEKLY**

**ACTION** – Use Task Scheduler to Automate PC Restart. One way to schedule a restart of your Windows 11 PC is to use Task Scheduler. This built-in utility allows you to create a task that turns off and back on your machine at the specified time and date. <https://www.howtogeek.com/how-to-schedule-your-windows-11-pc-to-auto-restart-once-a-week/>

## **MICROSOFT LOOKS TO CENTRALIZE ALL WINDOWS APP UPDATES IN ONE PLACE**

– Microsoft wants to phase out fragmented, individual updates for third-party apps across its OS and launch a central platform within Windows Update, similar to Android or macOS. Read more at: [Microsoft Looks to Centralize All Windows App Updates in One Place | PCMag](#)

## **YOUR AT&T DATA WAS LEAKED TO THE DARK WEB: HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO**

– If you're an AT&T customer, it's time to start checking your credit reports and updating your password. Your AT&T credentials are possibly sitting in a database currently for sale on underground hacking forums. <https://www.makeuseof.com/att-data-leaked-dark-web-what-you-can-do/>

## **WINDOWS 11 IS HIDING A SECOND START MENU—YOU SHOULD USE**

**IT** – Most Windows 11 users know about the regular Start menu with its colorful tiles and recommended apps. But Microsoft has tucked away a second Start menu that you should use. Getting to this hidden Start menu takes just a simple right-click. You don't need any special settings or third-party software to unlock this feature. Microsoft built it right into Windows 11, but didn't exactly advertise its existence. <https://www.makeuseof.com/windows-hidden-start-menu/>

**WINDOWS 10 VS. WINDOWS 11: SHOULD YOU UPGRADE NOW?** – Even if you're perfectly content with Windows 10, updates will soon cost extra, and you'll eventually need to switch to Windows 11. This article compares the two operating systems so you know what to expect upon upgrading. [Windows 10 vs. Windows 11: Should You Upgrade Now? | PCMag](#)

**I FINALLY SWITCHED TO LINUX, AND THESE 5 APPS MADE IT PAINLESS,** Raghav Sethi, Author, MakeUseOf – I recently made the switch from Linux on all my ex-Windows devices, and I couldn't be happier, especially since I'd been holding onto Windows 10 for far too long. For me, [Windows 10 always felt much better than Windows 11](#), but at the end of the day, the operating system itself has never been the main thing. What really matters are the apps, because that's where I spend most of my time. I was fully expecting Linux to be a painful experience, but to my surprise, a handful of apps made the transition almost seamless. Read more at <https://www.makeuseof.com/these-apps-made-switching-from-windows-to-linux-painless/>

**I ALWAYS KEEP A LINUX LIVE USB HANDY FOR THESE 4 REASONS,** by Ali Haider, a MakeUseOf Contributing Author.

He is a dedicated computer scientist with a profound passion for tech, which inspired him to begin writing professionally in 2018. A Live Linux USB is one of the best rescue tools every computer user should have. Not only can it help restore your computer in a jam, but it also has several other substantial benefits and uses. Oh, and did I mention that it's completely free? Read more at <https://www.makeuseof.com/reasons-always-keep-linux-live-usb-handy/>

**I ALWAYS INSTALL THESE 7 FLATPAK APPS ON MY LINUX PCS** – Looking for Flatpak recommendations that go beyond the usual LibreOffice and GIMP suggestions? Want to know which apps a Linux enthusiast (Dibakar Ghosh, How-To Geek Tech Journalist) actually uses every single day? Read about his seven must-have Flatpaks that he installs on all his Linux systems!

[Flatpak](#) is one of the primary ways applications are distributed on Linux these days, and he has found that certain apps work better in this format—fewer dependency issues, cleaner updates, or better sandboxing. Some apps are only available as Flatpaks, so you have no other choice. So, while he uses dozens of apps on his Linux PC, he always installs these seven as Flatpaks. <https://www.howtogeek.com/i-always-install-these-flatpak-apps-on-my-linux-pcs/>

**THIS LINUX APP MAKES MOUSE GESTURES SO POWERFUL THAT YOU'LL FORGET ABOUT YOUR KEYBOARD,** Dibakar Ghosh. His goal is simple—to help readers at every skill level get more done with the tech they use every day. Are you tired of memorizing dozens of keyboard shortcuts just to be productive? Would you like a faster way to launch apps and execute commands without having to dig



through menus? Let Dibakar introduce you to [Kando](#) (formerly Fly-Pie)—a unique gesture-based menu system for quickly launching apps, executing [bash scripts](#), and more. Technically, it's what you'd call a [pie menu](#), where all menu options are arranged in a circular structure (a pie) instead of the conventional list. Learn more about this app at <https://www.howtogeek.com/this-linux-app-makes-mouse-gestures-so-powerful-youll-forget-about-your-keyboard/>

### **MANAGING DATA WITH YOUR BASH SCRIPTS IS EASY WHEN YOU KNOW ARRAYS, Zunaid Ali, How-To Geek**

– If you're working with a large amount of data in your Bash scripts, arrays will make your life a lot easier. Arrays in Bash let you store multiple pieces of data in a single variable, much like a [Python list](#). This makes them powerful tools for managing sets of related values such as filenames, usernames, configuration options, or command-line arguments. Some people get intimidated by the syntax. However, once learned, it will make your scripts more powerful, with fewer variables to consider. Read more at <https://www.howtogeek.com/managing-data-with-your-bash-scripts-is-easy-when-you-know-arrays/>

### **THIS IS THE SMALLEST, FASTEST LINUX DISTRO THAT ACTUALLY WORKS FOR EVERYDAY USE, by Afam**

**Onyimadu, Contributor, MakeUseOf.** [Lightweight operating systems can make a slow PC fast](#), but searching for the absolute smallest ISO or highest synthetic benchmark may be the wrong approach. Rather, you want to focus on tangible elements, such as how quickly the distro boots, how fast a web browser launches, and whether drivers and media codecs work without requiring stressful hacks or fixes. We're aiming for a sufficiently functional distribution that minimizes wasted resources while handling everything.

Peppermint OS is the one that stands out, even though there are a few honorable mentions (MX Linux [Fluxbox edition] and Bodhi Linux). It balances footprint and usability. On top of a lightweight Debian base, you get an XFCE desktop and native web app integration. It's stable, fast, and reliable. Read more about Peppermint at <https://www.makeuseof.com/smallest-fastest-linux-distro-works-for-everyday-stuff/>

### **LINUX FOUNDATION TRAINING PREPARES THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION FOR LINUX**

**MIGRATION** – It's hard to get tech support 400 kilometers away from the Earth, which is why Keith Chuvala of United Space Alliance, a NASA contractor deeply involved in Space Shuttle and International Space Station (ISS) operations, decided to migrate to Linux. As leader of the Laptops and Network Integration Teams, Chuvala oversees the developers in charge of writing and integrating software for the Station's "OpsLAN" – a network of laptops that provide the ISS crew with vital capabilities for day-to-day operations, from telling the astronauts where they are. Read more

at <https://training.linuxfoundation.org/solution/s/corporate-solutions/success-stories/linux-foundation-training-prepares-the-international-space-station-for-linux-migration/#:~:text=%E2%80%99CUSA%2FNASAs%20is%20as%20heterogeneous,in%20a%20single%20training%20session>

### **HOW TO SET UP AUTOMATIC BACKUPS ON UBUNTU USING DEJA DUP**

– Without backups, you risk losing everything from important documents to irreplaceable family pictures. Deja Dup makes it easy to back up your entire Ubuntu system automatically. Deja Dup is Ubuntu's built-in backup tool that offers encryption, incremental backups, and cloud storage support. Launch Deja Dup and walk through the setup wizard, selecting a backup

destination, creating a password, and toggling automatic backups. Remember to test backups periodically. See how to set it up in just a few minutes here: [How to Set Up Automatic Backups on Ubuntu Using Deja Dup](#)

**WHO PAYS FOR OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE? UNCOVERING HIDDEN COSTS AND FUNDING MODELS** – Open source software may be free to use, but creating and maintaining it often incurs significant costs. Here are four approaches to paying for open source software development. Learn about four approaches in this article: <https://www.itprotoday.com/software-development/who-pays-for-open-source-software-uncovering-hidden-costs-and-funding-models>

**HOW TO IDENTIFY AND REMOVE LINUX MALWARE INFECTIONS** – This article explores practical strategies for spotting and eliminating Linux malware, helping IT professionals secure their systems. <https://www.itprotoday.com/linux-os/how-to-identify-and-remove-linux-malware-infections>

**OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE POWERS 96% OF MODERN APPLICATIONS, NEW STUDY FINDS** – In a landmark study highlighting the pervasive role of free and open source software (FOSS) in today's digital economy, researchers have found that open source components are present in nearly all modern applications, with cloud-specific packages showing dramatic growth and traditional development patterns evolving rapidly. <https://www.itprotoday.com/software-development/open-source-software-powers-96-of-modern-applications-new-study-finds>

**LIVE DEEPFAKE VIDEOS RANK HIGHER THAN REAL ONES: WHAT**

**YOU NEED TO KNOW.** Crystal Crowder works to help teach others how to get the most from their devices, systems, and apps. She stays on top of the latest trends and consistently finds solutions to everyday problems. That trending YouTube video you're watching live might not be real. As a recent scam proved, live deepfake videos may rank higher than the real version. Naturally, these are designed to trick. Here's what you need to know to avoid falling into the scammer's trap. Recently, Nvidia hosted a live stream event for its GTC event. However, while CEO Jensen Huang was busy giving the keynote on legitimate channels, another version of Huang was engaging viewers and sending them on their merry way to a crypto scam. Read more at <https://www.maketecheasier.com/live-deepfake-videos-rank-higher-than-real-ones/>

**6 BEST AI BROWSERS TO GIVE YOUR PRODUCTIVITY A SERIOUS BOOST** by **Anurag**, an experienced journalist and author who's been covering tech for the past 5 years. Without a doubt, AI is the topic of the year. Whether you like it or not, companies are shoving AI into everything you do or own, and it will become an integral part of our daily lives. From the moment you wake up to the moment you go to bed, AI is subtly influencing your experiences – whether through your smart home devices, personal assistants, or even the websites you visit on your mobile phone. Now, even the browser that you use every day comes with AI features to browse the web for you. If you are ready to embrace AI as your daily companion, these AI browsers will come in handy. An AI browser is essentially a more intelligent version of a standard web browser. It comes with built-in AI tools (also known as AI agent) to help you do more with less effort. It can summarize articles, answer questions, pull out key information from pages, or even write messages for you. Some can go further and handle tasks independently, such as

comparing products, managing multiple tabs, or automating small workflows. Learn more about AI browsers at this MakeTechEasier article: <https://www.maketecheasier.com/best-ai-browsers/>

**I'M A WRITER AND CREATIVE, AND THESE ARE THE AI TOOLS I ACTUALLY USE** by Cianna Garrison, who has been writing about everything from food news and limited-time products to the details on the latest iPhones and earbuds. She began working for HTG as a tech reviewer in 2022. I didn't use AI tools until someone told me, as a writer and creative, I should learn to work alongside them. Since embracing AI, I've enhanced my workflow, boosted my creativity, and optimized my time. If you are just getting into using AI to help you with your articles and don't know how AI works, this is a must-read article (Judy). Read about the tools she uses daily at <https://www.howtogeek.com/author/cianna-garrison/>

**THESE ARE THE TOP 5 THINGS PEOPLE ARE USING AI FOR – AND FREE THERAPY DOESN'T MAKE THE LIST** (Tech Radar) – Generating photorealistic images, improving the quality of your writing, and getting quick, in-depth answers to burning questions: you can use the best AI tools like ChatGPT to help you achieve a lot of things in 2025. And based on new survey data, that's precisely what UK and US users are doing. The research conducted by Future, the publisher of TechRadar, revealed the top uses of AI tools on both sides of the pond. People taking part in the survey were asked what tasks they use AI to complete – examples included writing an email and generating content ideas. Check out the survey results here: These are the top 5 things people are using AI for – and free therapy doesn't make the list | TechRadar

## FREE AI TOOLS FOR PERSONAL USE AND PRODUCTIVITY

**CHATGPT:** A versatile AI chatbot for conversational interactions, content generation, brainstorming, and answering queries. It has a free version with limited access to newer models.

**GOOGLE GEMINI:** A conversational generative AI chatbot that can be used for research, content summarization, and writing code. It has access to real-time data.

**GRAMMARLY:** An AI-powered tool for grammar, spelling, and tone adjustments, helpful for improving writing quality.

**NOTION AI:** Integrated AI for task planning, writing, summarizing, and brainstorming within Notion pages.

### DALL-E / MIDJOURNEY / LEONARDO

**AI:** Tools for generating images from text prompts.

**RUNWAY:** A tool for video generation and editing with AI features.

**OTTER.AI:** An AI meeting assistant for real-time transcription and summary of meetings.

**CANVA:** Includes an AI art generator for creating designs and presentations.

### HUBSPOT'S FREE AI CONTENT

**WRITER:** Useful for generating various types of marketing content.

**LALAL.AI:** An audio stem splitter for music production and editing.

**RETABLE:** Integrates with ChatGPT for AI-powered spreadsheet functionalities.

**TEAL:** A free AI tool for building resumes and tracking job applications.

**INTERVIEWACE:** A free AI-powered interview simulator.

**SOCRATIC:** A free AI-powered learning app for students.

**CLEO:** A free AI financial assistant for budgeting.

**STARRYAI:** A free text-to-image app for creative expression.

## TIPS FOR USING PERSONAL AI FOR PRODUCTIVITY (FREE)

**START WITH TASKS, NOT TOOLS:** Identify repetitive, manual, or tedious tasks that AI could potentially handle. Examples include summarizing content, drafting emails, or organizing schedules.

**TREAT AI LIKE A JUNIOR ASSISTANT:** Give clear instructions, provide context, and be prepared to edit the AI's output. Don't expect perfection initially.

**DESIGN BEFORE AUTOMATING:** Plan workflows and desired outcomes before building automations with AI.

**USE AI FOR SMART RESEARCH:** Use AI to analyze large datasets and quickly summarize information.

**ENHANCE COMMUNICATION:** Utilize AI writing assistants to improve clarity and tone in emails and other communications.

**OPTIMIZE MEETINGS:** Use AI to transcribe conversations, summarize discussions, and generate action items.

**PERSONALIZE LEARNING:** Use AI tools for personalized learning paths and career planning.

**AUTOMATE PLANNING:** Leverage AI-powered planning tools to manage schedules and prioritize tasks.

**CREATE CONTENT QUICKLY:** Utilize AI tools to generate articles, blog posts, and other content.

**IMPROVE WRITING:** Use AI-powered proofreading tools to enhance grammar, punctuation, and style.

**RESEARCH FASTER:** Utilize AI to accelerate the research process.

## SAFETY TIPS FOR USING PERSONAL AI

**BE MINDFUL OF PERSONAL INFORMATION:** Please don't share sensitive details unless the platform is trusted

and its privacy policy is understood.

### UNDERSTAND PRIVACY

**SETTINGS:** Review and adjust privacy settings on AI platforms according to comfort level.

### AVOID SHARING SENSITIVE

**DETAILS.** Avoid sharing sensitive details unless the platform is trusted and its privacy policy is understood.

### UNDERSTAND PRIVACY

**SETTINGS::** Review and adjust privacy settings on AI platforms according to comfort level.

**DON'T OVERSHARE:** Limit the amount of personal information publicly accessible.

**THINK CRITICALLY:** Remember that AI systems can make mistakes. Verify information and consider different perspectives.

### BE CAUTIOUS WITH AI-GENERATED

**MESSAGES:** Report any inappropriate or suspicious interactions.

### Don't solely rely on AI for decision-

**making:** Always double-check important information and consider human judgment.

**USE STRONG PASSWORDS:** Protect accounts with unique and strong passwords. Keep software up to date: Updates often include security patches.

**CHOOSE AI APPS CAREFULLY::** Only use reputable and trustworthy AI applications.

### DISABLE CHAT SAVING

**FUNCTIONS:** To reduce risks, turn off the chat saving function in chatbots.

By following these tips and exploring the free AI tools available, you can enhance personal productivity and learn more about artificial intelligence in June 2025. Remember to prioritize safety and stay informed about the latest developments in AI technology.

**WHAT IS AN AI PC? HOW AI WILL RESHAPE YOUR NEXT COMPUTER –**  
Revolutionary artificial intelligence is coming to everyday laptops and desktops thanks to chips from the big silicon players paired with



Microsoft's Copilot+ push. Here's what you need to know. What Is an AI PC? How AI Will Reshape Your Next Computer | PCMag

### **5 POWERFUL AI TOOLS YOU'VE PROBABLY NEVER HEARD OF –**

ChatGPT isn't the only game in town. If you want to do more with AI, check out these five up-and-coming models that offer chat, art, video, music generation, and more. <https://tinyurl.com/mvv642sw>

### **8 COOL THINGS YOU CAN ONLY DO WITH A COPILOT+ PC,**

Michael Muchmore, PCMag – Microsoft is betting big on a new breed of laptops with built-in AI processing capabilities. Microsoft's Copilot+ and Copilot terms aren't as closely related as you might think. Copilot (with no plus sign) is a generative AI tool you can use via Android and iOS apps, Office apps, a web browser (included in the Edge browser's sidebar), and Windows. Copilot+, meanwhile, is a name for a class of PCs with neural processing units (NPUs) that enable them to perform AI tasks locally rather than on powerful servers in the cloud. It's still early days, but here's what sets these systems apart right now. <https://tinyurl.com/52vt2kk8>

### **ARE ROBOT PETS COMING BACK?**

Amato Cole, How-To Geek – Robot pets are making a comeback, now designed for practical companionship, not just entertainment. Modern robot pets offer advanced AI, natural movements, and tailored interactions for meaningful companionship. They are not just for fun—robot pets have significant roles in healthcare, education, and even offer an alternative to traditional pets. Is there a robot pet in your future? Read more at <https://tinyurl.com/4as9shr6>

### **5 HILARIOUS TIMES AI CHATBOTS WENT WILD AND HALLUCINATED**

Adaeze Uche, MakeUseOf – When Google's AI Overviews Encouraged Us to Put Glue on Pizza (and More); ChatGPT Embarrassing a Lawyer in Court; When the Brutally Honest BlenderBot 3 Roasted Zuckerberg; Microsoft Bing Chat's Romantic Meltdown; Google Bard's Rocky Start With Space Facts. Get ready to laugh at <https://tinyurl.com/3a3hr2jf>

### **HOW I USE THIS AI TOOL (Scribe AI) TO MAKE FIXING FAMILY COMPUTER PROBLEMS SIMPLE,**

Jayric Maning, MakeUseOf – Are you the go-to tech person for your family? If so, you know the frustration of walking someone through a computer issue over the phone or waiting until you visit to fix it in person. Scribe AI is a game-changer for this problem. This tool allows you to create easy-to-follow, step-by-step guides so your family can handle issues independently, even when you're away. Read more at <https://tinyurl.com/yrrkdxss>

### **WHY I PREFER EDITING MY PHOTOS WITH AI TOOLS OVER MANUAL TECHNIQUES**

Jayric Maning, MakeUseOf – Many people still dismiss AI as a shortcut or crutch in photo editing, but Jayric has found it incredibly useful. While some prefer the hands-on approach, he has a couple of reasons why he's come to rely on AI tools. Using AI photo editing tools allows you to streamline the photo editing process by analyzing your images and providing recommendations and other time-saving features such as auto adjustment and auto mask. The generated output will need extra tweaking to fix and improve, but overall, he finds that it saves him more time when compared to doing everything manually. If you've been hesitant

about trying AI for editing, give it a shot. Like Jayric, you might find yourself reaching for AI tools whenever you want to enhance or transform your photos. <https://tinyurl.com/yc8rk6tk>

## **THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS WITH USING ONE-CLICK AI PHOTO ENHANCERS**

Alvin Wanjala, MakeUseOf – AI photo enhancers promise to improve your images in just a click. However, despite these tools' convenience, there are several issues with using them. The appeal of one-click AI photo enhancers is their ease of use. You only need to click a button, and your image is instantly enhanced. This is convenient, but the downside is that they don't provide a way for you to personally fine-tune the image to your liking if you're not happy with the generalized filters or corrections the tools use. Read more at <https://tinyurl.com/yrrkdxss>.