A Deep Dive into the Web Printing Hero (and Villain?)
Compiled by ChatGPT and Jasmine Blue

Thanks to Hewie Popluck (Tech for Senior) this program has become my go to extension for saving just the juice of the webpage, but you get the extra photos and ads I wish to save and read later.

PrintFriendly, the self-proclaimed "Slayer of Printer Ink" and champion of clutter-free web printing, has risen to become a go-to tool for millions. But does it truly live up to its hype? In this extensive review, we will dissect PrintFriendly's features, strengths, weaknesses, and ultimately, determine whether it deserves a place in your digital toolbox.

First Impressions:

PrintFriendly boasts a straightforward user interface, accessible both as a browser extension and a web app. The browser extension seamlessly integrates with Chrome, Firefox, and Edge, offering a one-click printing solution. The web app, while lacking the immediacy of the extension, caters to those without browser add-ons or those seeking to print multiple pages at once. Both interfaces are intuitive and user-friendly, even for the tech-averse.

Unleashing the Print-Friendly Magic:

The core of PrintFriendly lies in its web page transformation. It strips away unnecessary clutter like ads, navigation bars, and social media buttons, leaving behind a clean, text-focused document ready for printing. This not only saves ink and paper but also improves readability, especially for lengthy articles. Advanced customization options further refine the experience. Users can adjust font size, spacing, and even choose between various layouts like single-column or newspaper style. Additionally, highlighting specific sections for printing allows for targeted focus.

Beyond Print:

PrintFriendly is not just a print button. It doubles as a convenient "Save to Read Later" tool. The generated printable versions can be saved as

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LCACE meetings are usually held on second Saturdays at the Grayslake Heritage Center, 164 Hawley St., Grayslake, Illinois. The meeting room opens at 11:30 for **Help Desk** and the business meeting begins at 12:00 p.m. All meetings are open to the public. Bring a friend!

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"Fun With AI"

presented by

J.J. Johnson, L.C.A.C.E.

Digital decluttering involves the process of clearing out unnecessary digital items from devices such as smartphones, tablets, and computers. This can include deleting unused apps, organizing files, and removing duplicate photos or outdated documents. The goal is to create a more efficient and less stressful digital environment.

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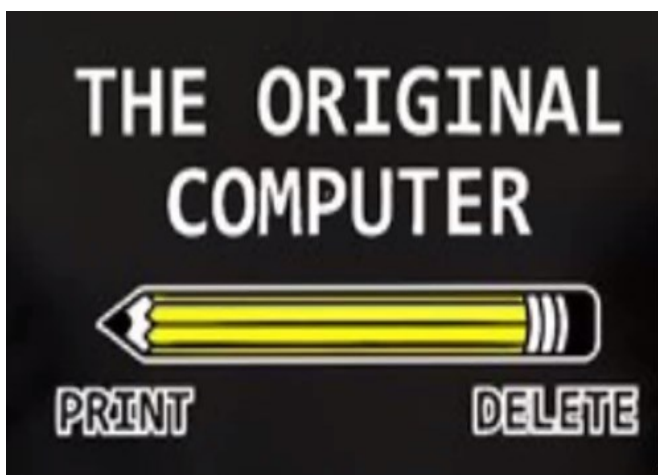
Deliberations and Passing Thoughts

Greetings! *We are on the cusp of autumn. Labor Day is the unofficial start to the fall season. I, as a former Wisconsinite, look forward to cooler weather and leaves turning color. Happy days ahead!*

The L.C.A.C.E. board has had several meetings since the new board has been formed. As the new president, I am learning much of the underpinnings of the club. Here is a list of items we discussed:

- Each board member is writing a job description (or how do I do my function) which will be stored on our L.C.A.C.E. server. These documents will be useful for cross-training positions.

- Updating the L.C.A.C.E. flier to include current information.

- We have been brainstorming on how to get more attendees to our meetings.

- Each meeting (except the parties) will be available on Zoom and in person. In winter, if the weather is bad, we may switch to only a Zoom meeting. A notification will be sent out if the in-person meeting is canceled.

Recently a survey was sent out about what topics to have for our speaker presentations. If you have something you would like more information about, please either reply back from the survey or send Lester (program director) and me an email.

When the new L.C.A.C.E. flyer is available, it will be shown at a meeting. At that time we will want to get ideas from our members on how to promote L.C.A.C.E.

At our last meeting I announced that we will have a Hospitality sub-committee which Eric and Judy Rehberger will head up. Eric and Judy will be asking for volunteers to help with the meeting setup and takedown, providing snacks, kitchen cleanup, planning the two parties and welcoming newcomers to the meetings. An email will be sent out each month asking for volunteers for that month.

Just a reminder, we still need people to fill the membership and vice-president positions. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions.

Diane Carlson

L.C.A.C.E. President

PDFs or sent to cloud storage services like Dropbox or Google Drive. This feature is particularly useful for long articles or web pages you want to revisit offline.

The Dark Side of Printing:

It is not all sunshine and rainbows, though. PrintFriendly is not perfect. Some websites, particularly e-commerce platforms and news aggregators, can pose formatting challenges. Images might get lost in translation, and some complex layouts might not convert as smoothly. Additionally, while the free version is generous, its limitations (5 prints per month and basic features) might push heavy users towards paid plans, which might not be feasible for everyone.

The Verdict: Hero or Villain?

PrintFriendly, despite its minor flaws, is a valuable tool for anyone who regularly navigates the often-chaotic world of web content. Its ability to strip away distractions and deliver clean, readable printouts is commendable. While it might not be a perfect solution for every website or user, its strengths far outweigh its weaknesses. Overall, PrintFriendly earns a solid recommendation for anyone seeking a simpler, ink-friendly printing experience.

Bonus Points:

PrintFriendly actively contributes to environmental sustainability by promoting paperless reading and offering a "Plant a Tree" program with each paid subscription.

The company maintains a responsive customer support team that addresses user concerns promptly.

Final Word:

PrintFriendly is not just a printing tool; it is a testament to the beauty of simplicity in a digital world cluttered with distractions. Whether you are a dedicated reader, an eco-conscious individual, or just someone who hates wasting ink, PrintFriendly is worth giving a try. Just remember, like any hero, it has its limitations, but its virtues shine bright in the quest for clutter-free printing.

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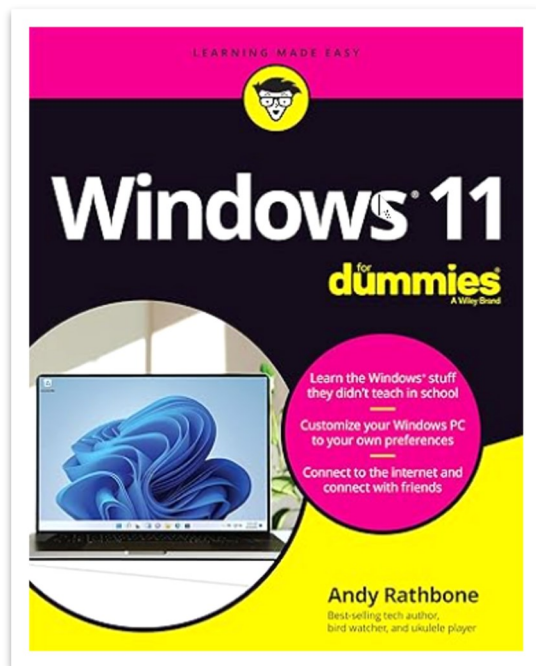
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Dartwood Label Maker

Mini-Portable Bluetooth Label Printer Machine for Your Home or Office

By M.H.Members

The Dartwood Portable Bluetooth Label Maker is a compact and lightweight device designed to help you organize your home or office. Weighing less than half a pound, this mini label printer can easily slip into a pocket or small bag, making it highly portable.

Functionality and Features

Bluetooth Connectivity: The label maker connects to your smartphone via Bluetooth, allowing you to use the Le Minyun app for convenient printing. This wireless functionality enables quick and easy label creation from your mobile device. **Customization Options**: Users can personalize their labels by customizing the font, size, icons, and images. This feature adds a touch of originality to your organizational efforts, allowing you to create unique labels that suit your style. **Fast Printing**: The Dartwood label maker boasts quick printing capabilities, producing labels within seconds. This speed is particularly useful for those who need to label multiple items efficiently.

Performance and User Experience

While the Dartwood label maker offers promising features, user experiences have been mixed. Some customers have reported satisfaction with the device's labeling capabilities and ease of use. However, others have encountered significant issues: **Connectivity Problems**: Several users have experienced difficulties with Bluetooth connectivity, reporting that the device often fails to connect or requires multiple attempts. **Print Quality**: A common complaint is the small size of the printed text, with one user stating that the lettering is so tiny it's only suitable for labeling items in a dollhouse. **Reliability**: Some customers have reported that the device fails to print at all, even after contacting customer support.

Value and Support

The Dartwood Portable Bluetooth Label Maker is priced at $49.99, which may be considered reasonable for its features. However, the reported issues with functionality and reliability raise questions about its value for money.Customer support appears to be a point of concern. Some users have reported difficulties with returns, particularly noting that the product is sold through a third-party seller, which complicates the return process

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Conclusion

The Dartwood Portable Bluetooth Label Maker presents an intriguing concept with its compact design, customization options, and wireless connectivity. I was able to purchase this printer on Morning Save for $19.99 which makes it a more reasonable price. Therefore, check around for the best price.

FARADAY BAG

Protect Your Electrical Devices From Unauthorized Access.

By M.H. Members

A Faraday bag is a special type of enclosure or container that is designed to block electromagnetic fields, including those used for wireless communication. It is named after Michael Faraday, the English scientist who discovered the principles of electromagnetic shielding.

The main purpose of a Faraday bag is to protect electronic devices from potential electromagnetic interference (EMI) or electromagnetic pulses (EMPs), which can damage or disrupt the functioning of electronic components. Faraday bags are also used to prevent the transmission of wireless signals from devices placed inside them, ensuring privacy and security.

Here's how you can use a Faraday bag:

Identifying sensitive devices: Faraday bags are typically used to protect devices that are vulnerable to EMI or EMPs, such as smartphones, laptops, tablets, and other portable electronics. They are also useful for storing devices that need to be kept secure from wireless communication, like devices used in law enforcement or military operations.

Placing devices inside the bag: To use a Faraday bag, simply place the electronic device or devices you want to protect inside the bag and seal it properly. The bag's conductive material, typically made of a combination of metallic fibers or a metallic mesh, will create a Faraday cage, blocking external electromagnetic fields from reaching the devices inside.

Removing devices from the bag: When you need to use the device again, open the Faraday bag and remove the device. Once the device is outside the bag, it will be able to transmit and receive wireless signals as normal.

Testing the bag's effectiveness: It's good practice to test the effectiveness of your Faraday bag periodically. This can be done by placing a device inside the bag and attempting to communicate with it wirelessly. If the device cannot be reached, it means the bag is effectively blocking the signals.

Faraday bags are commonly used in various industries, including law enforcement, military, government agencies, and by individuals who want to protect their privacy or sensitive data from potential wireless threats or eavesdropping.
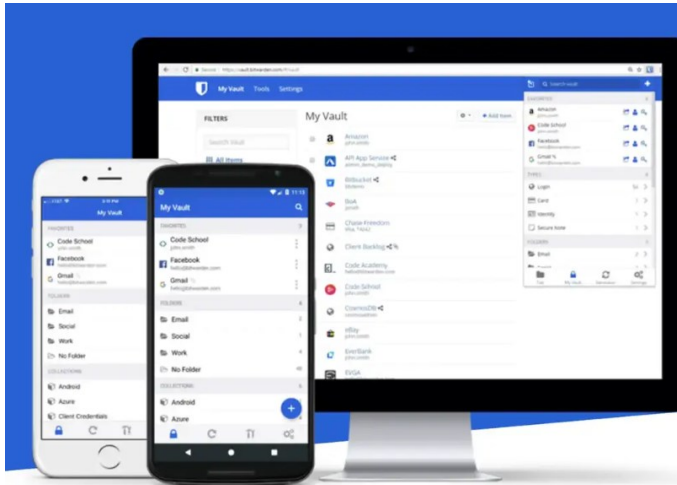
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> **HENRY DAVID THOREAU**

The most trusted password manager for passwords and passkeys
By M.H. Members

Bitwarden stands out as one of the most secure password managers available, comparing favorably to competitors in several key areas:

Open-source architecture: Bitwarden's code is fully open-source, allowing for transparency and community auditing of its security practices. This is a significant advantage over closed-source competitors like LastPass.

Zero-knowledge encryption: Bitwarden employs a zero-knowledge model, meaning only the user has access to their encrypted data. This ensures that even Bitwarden cannot access user passwords or other sensitive information.

Strong encryption: Bitwarden uses 256-bit AES encryption, which is considered military-grade and is the industry standard for top password managers.

Password iterations: Bitwarden defaults to 600,001 password iterations, slightly higher than LastPass's 600,000, providing an extra layer of security.

No known data breaches: Unlike some competitors (e.g. LastPass), Bitwarden has not experienced any known data breaches to date.

Advanced security reports: Bitwarden offers comprehensive security reports, including checks for weak passwords, reused passwords, exposed/breached passwords, unsecured websites, and sites lacking two-factor authentication.

Two-factor authentication (2FA): Bitwarden supports various 2FA methods, including TOTP, FIDO2, and YubiKey.

Third-party audits: Bitwarden undergoes regular third-party security audits to verify its security practices.

Passkey support: Bitwarden has implemented support for passkeys, keeping it up-to-date with the latest authentication technologies.

While some competitors may offer more user-friendly interfaces or additional features, Bitwarden's strong focus on security and privacy, combined with its open-source nature, positions it as one of the most secure password managers available. Its robust free tier and affordable premium plan also make these advanced security features accessible to a wide range of users.

https:bitwarden.com

Some old, some new!

- *I'm responsible for what I say, not what you understand.*
- *Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it the most never use it.*
- *My tolerance for idiots is extremely low these days. I used to have some immunity built up, but obviously there's a new strain out there.*
- *It's not my age that bothers me; it's the side effects.*

How To Upgrade to Windows 11 for Free
(Even if Your Computer is Unsupported)

By Lester Larkin, Programs Director

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Les relates his journey following signs posted by another trail blazer—Tom Burt —achieves success.

"I recently updated 4 unsupported computers to Windows 11. The oldest computer was our club computer, a 2008 Compaq A-900 laptop. So it's 16 years old! How did I do it? I used one of the websites that appeared in LCACE's "WebWatcher for July 5, 2024":"

About 3/5 of the way down the page, there is a subsection entitled "Use Rufus to Upgrade an Unsupported PC". I used that subsection to create 2 USB installation thumb drives: An MBR type for older computers that use hard drives with the MBR file system, and a GPT for newer computers that use the GPT file system.

NOTE: MBR is Master Boot Record, and GPT is GUID Partition Table. GUID is Globally Unique IDentifier. MBR drives have a 2 TB size limit.

You can download the Rufus tool (Windows only) at Rufus - The Official Website (Download, New Releases) Although I seldom use Windows, I just couldn't pass up the chance to try this. On my last computer, it took maybe about 4 or 5 hours of computer time to install. My time invested here was only about 5 or 10 minutes of that.

When I updated the club's laptop, I ended up taking the 160 GB hard drive down to 'bare metal'. I used a Linux install USB stick to create an MBR partition system, then installed Windows 11 on a 60 GB partition. The Windows install program created a total tof 3 Primary partitions in that 60 GB space. I then installed Linux Mint on a 40 GB partition, leaving the rest for an NTFS shared Data partition for both OS's, and a 5 GB virtual memory partition for Linux. The club laptop can be booted into either Linux Mint, or Windows 11. One of the requirements to RUN Windows 11 is 4 GB of RAM. The club's laptop has only 3 GB. So we can't expect it to run more that one small or medium app at a time.

The Rufus tool allows you to bypass the Windows 11 requirements, which is done while creating the bootable USB install stick. If you have Windows 10 already installed, you start the process by booting normally into Windows 10, then click on the 'setup' file on the USB stick.

It is possible that Windows 11 will be rendered non-functional by a future update. But that's when the Linux partition can save the laptop from being recycled into

just a stream of assorted chemicals. Also, some users won't like the unwanted sales pitches that pop up in Windows. It looks like Windows has become an advertiser-supported OS. Need any help with the transition? Your Help Desk is able, and very willing!

The link was originally posted by tomburt89134 (at) cox.net

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100+ Notion Keyboard Shortcuts for Windows and Mac

Using keyboard shortcuts can save you time and can increase your productivity. Make use of these keyboard shortcuts contained within this free PDF cheat sheet and make your life easier while working on Notion.

What is the Notion Application?
(Source: Wikipedia)

Notion is a productivity and note-taking web application developed by Notion Labs, Inc. It is an online only organizational tool on many different operating systems, with options for both free and paid subscriptions. It is based inSan Francisco, California, United States.

Notion is a collaboration platform with Markdown and including kanban boards, tasks, wikis and databases. It is a workspace for notetaking, knowledge and data management, as well as project and task management.[2] It has file management in a single workspace, allowing users to comment on ongoing projects, participate in discussions, and receive feedback.[3] It can be accessed by cross-platform apps and by most web browsers.[4]

It includes a "clipper" for screenshotting content from webpages.[5] It exists for users to schedule tasks, manage files, save documents, set reminders, keep agendas, and organize their work.

LaTeX* support allows writing and pasting equations in block or inline form.[6]

Users can sign into Notion using their Google account, Apple Account or email.

Features

Notion from Notion Labs, Inc. does not require specialized training to use. It uses AI and a library of free and fee-based templates, with the Notion AI functionality, users can write and improve content, summarize existing notes, daily standup, and adjust the tone, translate or check text.[29]

[30] Security features include Security Assertion Markup Language single sign-on and private team spaces for their Business and Enterprise tiers.[29]

Notion enables its users to integrate with more than 70 other SaaS tools, such as Slack, GitHub, GitLab, Zoom, Jira, Cisco Webex, Zapier, and Typeform.[31]

NOTE: LaTeX* Is used by many authors in Mathematics and related quantitative fields to prepare manuscripts. LaTeX is a freely available, device-independent, document markup and manuscript preparation system developed in the1980s.

(LaTex Source: *Chicago Manual of Style*, 17ed., 12.2. Tools for Math.)

(See Wikipedia for other NOTES flagged above.)

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Downsizing
and
Decluttering
You Cant Take it With You

By Jasmine Blue D'Katz (AI)

Decluttering electronic devices has become an essential practice in our increasingly digital world. As we accumulate smartphones, tablets, laptops, and various gadgets, the need to organize and streamline our digital lives grows more pressing. This process not only frees up physical space but also enhances our digital efficiency and mental clarity.

The first step in electronic decluttering involves taking inventory of all devices. Many people are surprised to discover just how many gadgets they've accumulated over the years. Old phones, outdated tablets, and forgotten e-readers often lurk in drawers and closets, taking up valuable space and gathering dust.

Once identified, these devices should be sorted into categories: those still in use, those with potential use, and those ready for disposal. For devices no longer needed, proper recycling is crucial. Many electronics contain hazardous materials, making responsible disposal essential for environmental protection. Many retailers and local governments offer electronic recycling programs, ensuring these devices are handled safely and sustainably.

For devices still in use, the focus shifts to digital decluttering. This process begins with organizing files and folders. Creating a logical, consistent system for naming and storing digital files can save countless hours of searching and frustration. Cloud storage services can be invaluable here, offering secure off-device storage and easy access across multiple devices.

Apps are another area ripe for decluttering. Smartphones and tablets often become bloated with unused or redundant applications. Regularly reviewing and removing unnecessary apps not only frees up storage space but can

also improve device performance and battery life. It's also worth considering which apps truly add value to your digital life versus those that merely consume time and attention.

Email inboxes are frequent culprits of digital clutter. Implementing a system to manage emails – whether it's the "Inbox Zero" approach or a folder-based organization method – can significantly reduce stress and improve productivity. Unsubscribing from unnecessary newsletters and promotional emails can also stem the tide of incoming clutter.

Photos and videos often constitute the largest portion of data on personal devices. While these memories are precious, they can quickly overwhelm storage capacity. Regularly backing up and organizing photos, deleting duplicates, and being more selective about what to keep can help manage this digital sprawl.

The benefits of electronic decluttering extend beyond just freeing up storage space. A well-organized digital

life can lead to increased productivity, reduced stress, and a clearer mind. When our digital spaces are orderly, we spend less time searching for files or navigating through unnecessary apps, and more time focused on what truly matters.

Moreover, regular decluttering encourages mindful consumption of technology. It prompts us to consider what we really need and use, potentially curbing unnecessary purchases of new gadgets and reducing electronic waste.

However, electronic decluttering is not a one-time event but an ongoing process. As technology evolves and our digital lives expand, regular maintenance is necessary to keep things organized and efficient. Setting aside time periodically – perhaps quarterly or biannually – to review and declutter our digital spaces can help maintain order.

In conclusion, decluttering electronic devices is a valuable practice in our modern, tech-saturated world. It combines physical organization, digital efficiency, and mindful consumption, leading to a more streamlined and less stressful relationship with our technology. As we continue to navigate an increasingly digital landscape, the ability to effectively manage our electronic lives becomes not just a convenience, but a necessity for maintaining balance and productivity in both our digital and physical worlds.

Decluttering Computer Equipment

Would you like me to elaborate on any specific aspect of electronic decluttering?

Let's focus on decluttering computer equipment, which is a significant part of electronic device management. Here's a more detailed look at this specific aspect:

Decluttering computer equipment involves both hardware and software components. On the hardware side, many people accumulate various peripherals and accessories over time:

1. Cables and cords: USB cables, power cords, HDMI cables, etc. often pile up. Sort through these, keeping only what you currently need and properly disposing of the rest.

2. Old hardware: Outdated monitors, keyboards, mice, and speakers can take up considerable space. Consider donating functional items or recycling those beyond use.

3. Storage devices: External hard drives, USB drives, and memory cards tend to multiply. Consolidate data onto fewer, higher-capacity devices when possible.

4. Computer towers: Old desktop computers can be bulky. If they're still functional, consider donating. If not, ensure proper recycling to handle potentially hazardous components.

On the software side:

1. Programs and applications: Uninstall software you no longer use. This frees up disk space and can improve system performance.

2. File organization: Implement a logical folder structure. Delete unnecessary files and archive older, less-used files to external storage.

3. Desktop cleanup: A cluttered desktop can slow down your computer. Organize icons into folders or remove them entirely.

4. Drive cleanup: Use built-in tools like Disk Cleanup on Windows or third-party applications to remove temporary files, empty the recycle bin, and clear caches.

5. Update management: Keep necessary software updated, but remove update files for programs you've uninstalled.

AARP Downsizing and Declutter Workshop

Burned By Another Security Breach?

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If you're reading this, there's a fair chance your personal data has been compromised. *Stolen.* As Malwarebytes Labs reports, "Earlier this week, the data of over 70 million people was posted for sale on an online cybercrime forum. The person selling the data claims it stems from a 2021 breach at AT&T."

If you think you might be a victim, you can type the email address connected to your AT&T account here on the Malwarebytes website. (Malwarebytes is a well-known company that produces anti-virus software and similar products.)

This security breach is especially troubling because, as Bleeping Computer notes, "AT&T says a massive trove of data impacting 71 million people did not originate from its systems after a hacker leaked it on a cybercrime forum and claimed it was stolen in a 2021 breach of the company." The stolen personal data is from an alleged 2021 AT&T breach that hackers calling themselves ShinyHunters attempted to sell on the dark web.

Search tools like Google, Yahoo!, or DuckDuckGo cannot reach the dark web. It's comprised of websites where everything from drugs to guns to personal information is sold for the right price. Whether or not the stolen data came from AT&T, the wireless giant says it has started notifying millions of customers about the data thefts.
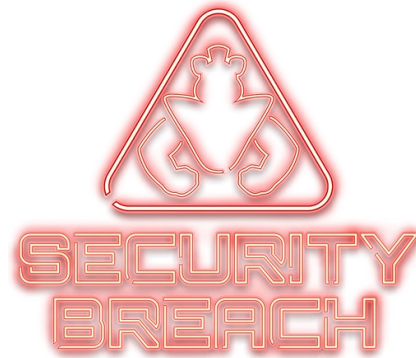
AT&T says it has already reset the passwords of current customers and will be contacting others whose passwords, Social Security numbers, and possibly email and street addresses were compromised.

Prosecutors in New York are opening an investigation into the breach.

Numerous tech websites are urging AT&T's current and former customers to freeze their credit accounts at the big three credit agencies–TransUnion, Experian, and Equifax. In addition, sign up for two-factor notification on their AT&T accounts and change your AT&T password if it hasn't already been changed. Also, monitor your credit reports.

This isn't the first time the phone company has had problems. In a major AT&T outage in March, the company apologized for the disruption and offered a $5 credit to customers.

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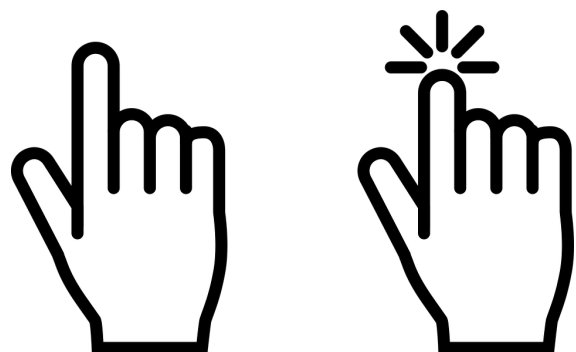
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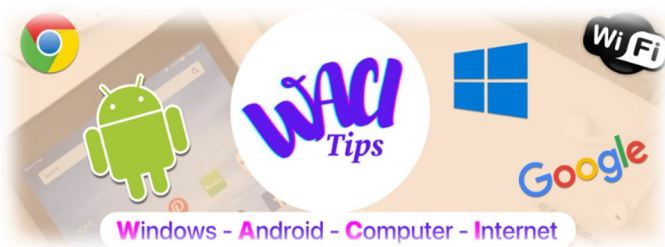
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Class Description

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Click group meeting every Thursday

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Desktops, Laptops, All-in-Ones and more

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