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Keyboard Shortcut

To quickly view basic information about your Windows computer hold down the Windows logo key and tap the Pause key, release them both.

Facebook Launches New Guide To Understanding Your Security Settings

If you don't fully understand the privacy and security settings associated with your account, then you're not alone — Facebook has tried many times to explain everything in simple terms, and this weekend it's giving it another go with a new set of guides in its Privacy Basics portal. They cover topics such as setting a secure password, identifying a trusted contact and looking for suspicious activity on your account.

<https://www.facebook.com/about/basics/how-to-keep-your-account-secure/>

On Orbitz, Mac Users Steered to Pricier Hotels

Orbitz Worldwide Inc. has found that people who use Apple Inc.'s Mac computers spend as much as 30% more a night on hotels, so the online travel agency is starting to show them different, and sometimes costlier, travel options than Windows visitors see. The Orbitz effort, which is in its early stages, demonstrates how tracking people's online activities can use even seemingly innocuous information—in this case, the fact that customers are visiting Orbitz.com from a Mac—to start predicting their tastes and spending habits. Read more at:

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/SB10001424052702304458604577488822667325882>

Music on OneDrive

Starting March 19, you can put your personal music collection on OneDrive and access them across your Windows devices. <http://tinyurl.com/ouf2bkg>

Considerations For Safer Downloading

Here are a few guidelines for reducing the risk of computer infection when you download and install software.

First: CREATE a restore point as a safety net.

Download ONLY from trustworthy sites (CNET, ZDNET, Microsoft) and be cautious even then.

AVOID any site that uses a download manager.

BE CAREFUL of sites that display multiple —downloadll buttons.

If downloading a video AVOID an .exe extension and/or a video player.

AVOID using default install, use —Customll so you can uncheck any included crapware.

NOTHING is free. The EULA will tell you if there is bundled crapware. Read the EULA.

This list was shared with me by a professional computer technician.

Malware Bots

Common crime ware functions built into bots include:

Logging your keystrokes to steal online usernames and passwords.

Searching through your files for interesting data to steal.

Tricking you into clicking on ads to generate pay-per-click revenue.

Posting "recommendations" for your friends on your social networks.

Acting as a proxy, or relay, and charging rent to other crooks so they can use your internet connection to cover their tracks.

Mapping out your network from the inside to assist with future attacks.

Attacking other people's websites, making you look like the crook.

Sending out spam, often in vast quantities.

Updating the running malware to add new features and stay ahead of your defences.

Downloading more malware at the whim of the crook who is in control.

Read more at: <https://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/2014/10/31/how-bots-and-zombies-work/>

Exhaustive List of Windows Hotkeys

Keyboard shortcuts are combinations of two or more keys that you can use to perform a task that would typically require a mouse or other pointing device. Keyboard shortcuts can make it easier to work with your PC, saving you time and effort as you work with Windows and other apps.

[http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/keyboard-shortcuts#keyboard-shortcuts=windows-¹](http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/keyboard-shortcuts#keyboard-shortcuts=windows-1)

Avoid Malware

Anytime I fear that I may have clicked on something suspicious or I sense that my computer is running slower than normal, I always run Housecall just to make sure that my computer hasn't been infected with a virus or malware. This is step 2 of the article at this site: <http://tinyurl.com/psv9npy>

How Long Will Your Storage Media Last?

When looking for storage media, we're not short on good options. Whether you want large capacities, superfast performance or portability, there's a perfect choice for you. But just how reliable are these different media? We know that CDs and DVDs don't last forever. What about hard drives and solid state drives? How long will they continue to work in your computer, and how long will they store your data if you use them for archiving? <http://tinyurl.com/mwhaltj>

What is a Patent Troll?

Have fun and learn about this problem here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3bxcc3SM_KA

Google Wallet Funds Are Now FDIC-Insured

Google Wallet is now holding Wallet balances in multiple banking institutions that are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) which provides up to \$250,000 of insurance per account. <http://www.techspot.com/news/60422>

IE vs. Chrome vs. Firefox vs. Safari vs. Opera vs. Project Spartan

The era when Google Chrome was head and shoulders above the competition has ended. Today's popular browsers compete on a level playing field.

<http://tinyurl.com/nrv5ywn>

Navigation Pane in Word 2010

The navigation pane reduces your document to a visual outline and you can use the headings in the pane to navigate through your document (hence the pane's name). To quickly jump to a section, simply click that heading in the pane.

<http://tinyurl.com/n3s5n9>

What Do The Bars On Your Smartphone Mean?

Different manufacturers use different algorithms to calculate the bars that are displayed on a phone's screen. But it all starts with something called the *pilot channel*.

<http://tinyurl.com/ll5mkpsn>

Spartan Security

Spartan is set to replace Internet Explorer, and Microsoft knows that its reputation will be predicated on how secure it is right from the start. At anywhere from \$500 to \$15,000-a-pop per bug discovered, Microsoft looks to be exceedingly confident in its web browsing product <http://tinyurl.com/n2j63vq>

Roman Numerals Converter Tool

Free tool to convert roman numerals into Arabic numbers and vice versa.

<http://romannumerals.babuo.com/converter>

The mantra of any good security engineer is: **'Security is a not a product, but a process.'** It's more than designing strong cryptography into a system; it's designing the entire system such that all security measures, including cryptography, work together.