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Time - 12 pm to 3 pm

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1. Q&A

2. For those who are new to Windows-11
   a. A look at the desktop and Task Bar – What are all those icons for?
   b. How to add/delete applications on the Task Bar and Desktop
   c. A look at the Start Menu.
3. New Items added to web page: Word writing guide & LibreOffice Writer Guide
4. Remove Dead or Duplicate Bookmarks

Replacement for BOM Radar - Rain Rate

Discussion on iPad and iPhone functions.
Limited help with basic Apple Mac computers.

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Hands on Help - Windows, Linux and Chromebooks

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DuckDuckGo announced that its browser can now block most video ads on YouTube,

including those shown before the video starts playing and during playback.

The feature is enabled by default in the latest versions of DuckDuckGo for iOS, Mac, and Windows,

while Android users can enable it manually by going to Settings > Ad Blocking.

YouTube is the world's largest video platform, serving billions of users worldwide.

Apart from YouTube Premium subscribers, free users are shown ads that help fund operational costs and creator payouts.

DuckDuckGo's new ad-blocking mechanism is separate from 'Duck Player,'

an embedded YouTube player in the browser that uses YouTube's strictest privacy settings to prevent tracking cookies and personalized ads.

Instead, the new ad-blocking system relies on community-maintained filter lists from uBlock Origin to detect and block YouTube ads.

It is supplemented by its own compatibility rules to further strengthen its effectiveness.

DuckDuckGo says users can enable both features simultaneously, allowing them to use Duck Player's

enhanced privacy protections while also using YouTube Ad Blocking when browsing the standard YouTube website.

"YouTube Ad Blocking blocks video ads on the YouTube website, so you can watch without interruption," the feature announcement states.

"It's the regular YouTube experience, just without ads […] so you're free to take advantage of YouTube

features like remembering your viewing history and saving your spot in playlists."

DuckDuckGo noted that the ad blocking may introduce slightly longer buffering times, but once the

videos have loaded and start playing, the experience should be as smooth as usual on the platform.

Another potential issue is that YouTube frequently changes how it serves ads,

so any ad-blocking solution may periodically and temporarily stop working until its filter rules are updated.

Considering this is a new feature, it might not work reliably or be fully stable yet, so user testing and feedback

are important at this stage to help the team fix any issues.

With this new feature rollout, DuckDuckGo joins Brave and Opera, both of which include built-in ad and

tracker blockers that can block most YouTube ads without requiring third-party extensions.

Major policy updates for the **Chrome Web Store**
It's nice to see such a focus on privacy from Google
Several of the updated policies hit on privacy. Here's what's new:
Chrome extensions will only be allowed to collect user data that is "strictly necessary to the extension's disclosed single purpose."

In other words, extensions can only collect data that they need to function — they can't gather info just because they want to.
The Chrome Web Store's disclosure policy is also getting stricter. All data collection by an extension will need to be "prominently disclosed to the user."

Developers will need to proactively disclose to users if their data handling changes at all after installation.

A developer can't upload an extension that collects certain data and then update it to gather additional data, or alter what it does with that data, without informing users.
Two non-privacy changes could also have far-reaching implications:
Predictive markets are being added to Google's list of prohibited products.

Any extensions that "facilitate or enable real money transactions on predictive outcomes are not allowed."
Google is also expanding the malicious and prohibited products policy to "explicitly disallow extensions designed to circumvent safety guardrails,

usage restrictions, or other protective measures implemented by AI-powered services."

In simple terms, extensions that attempt to bypass AI usage limits aren't allowed.
The Chrome Web Store is generally safe, but data collection by developers has definitely become a hot-button issue over the last few years,

so it's nice to see Chrome cracking down. After all, a lot of personal stuff happens in our browsers — everything from email to banking to healthcare appointments.
The requirement to notify users of data collection changes is also welcome — there have been some

high-profile cases of extensions updating to collect tons of data after installation, and this should help mitigate that sort of thing.
Personally, I am all for changes that help protect user privacy — especially these days, where it can seem like companies value it less and less.

Of course, you could make the case that if you care about privacy, you shouldn't be using Chrome at all,

but sometimes you have to use a particular browser even when better alternatives exist.
Google says enforcement of these updated policies begins August 1, 2026.
Developers have until that date to make sure their extensions are compliant.

For users, there's no action you need to take, but now might be a good time to review your Chrome extensions and make sure

you're actually using what you have installed (and pick up some useful new extensions along the way).

From Peter [Benefits of Books reading]

If you receive a threatening phone call, hang up immediately. Do not disclose personal details to the caller.
Never provide your personal or banking details to a person who calls you.
Never provide your financial PIN or account passwords to anyone.
Do not make any payments to the caller, either via phone, internet, or cash.
If you are suspicious about the credentials of a person on the phone, ask questions of them.
If they avoid answering or refuse to provide information, hang up.
Don't let scammers pressure you – scammers use detailed scripts to convince you that
they're the real deal and create a high-pressure situation to make a decision on the spot.
If you think you have provided your account details to a scammer, contact your bank or financial institution immediately.
Contact police immediately to report the incident.

Treat every email as suspicious.

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