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Buderim Meeting Friday 1.8.2025 Time - 12 pm to 3 pm

100 Buderim Pines Drive, Goodlife Centre Buderim

Admission - \$4

Nevil Eyre Android Phones & Tablets & Home automation

Tutorial Room Bill Maxwell

1. Q&A
2. Review Of My Updated Web Page.
3. Computer Hardware - What's New -

Discussion on iPad and iPhone functions.

Limited help with basic Apple Mac computers.

Caloundra Meeting - Sat. 2.8.2025

8.30 to 11.30 am

70 Springs Dr, Meridan Plains QLD 4551

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Online Payment Methods

Whether you need to buy something or pay for a service online, keeping your hard-earned money safe should be your top priority.

There are plenty of payment methods to choose between nowadays, but only a select few can really be considered secure. So which payment options are the most secure?

Your credit card is protected by a security protocol called 3D Secure (3DS), which is quite good, but does not offer full protection against fraud and identity theft. Virtual credit cards do, in many ways, because they actually obscure your real information.

Virtual credit cards are essentially digital-only cards that are intended to be used once,

or just a few times (typically, you generate a new card for each payment or transaction).

This card is linked to a funding source, such as a bank account. And when you want to pay for something online, you don't put in your real credit card number, but rather the number provided by your virtual credit card service. This way, you minimize the chances of your information being stolen.

But even if a website that has your information is hacked or breached, you are safe because your virtual credit card is of no use to the threat actor responsible for the attack—it has most likely expired, and they cannot do anything with it.

In short, virtual credit cards offer tremendous protection from various types of cybercrime. The only major downside is that you can't receive a refund to an expired card in the event of needing one, but that's not exactly a big price to pay considering how infrequently most people find themselves in such a situation.

Digital wallets are apps that store your card or bank information. You've most likely used one in the past—PayPal, Apple Pay, and Google Pay are some of the best digital wallets available today. These apps are simple, convenient, very easy to use,

and act as a sort of barrier between third parties and sensitive information that belongs to you.

When you pay for something using your digital wallet, online or in person, your payment information is not visible to the merchant. It is encrypted and obscured, which greatly reduces the chances of it falling into the wrong hands. Plus, there are things you can do to boost the security of your digital wallet.

You should never use your digital wallet or any payment app on public Wi-Fi, because these access points are sometimes spoofed, and often not properly secured. You should also consider installing security apps on your smartphone, including antivirus suites, network scanners, and authenticators.

There's always the danger of losing your phone or having it stolen, so make sure you lock both the phone and the wallet with a complicated password. Better yet, use multi-factor authentication or bio metric authentication to secure your device and payment apps.

Prepaid cards are cards that are not linked with bank accounts, but instead need to be topped up with money in order to function. In other words, if you have a prepaid card, you can't spend more money than you have already loaded onto it. This is what separates prepaid cards from credit and debit cards, and makes them much safer.

Using a prepaid card to pay for goods and services online is a great way to protect your money because even if a threat actor manages to steal your card information somehow, they will not be able to gain access to your bank account, but only the money that is already on the prepaid card. If your credit or debit card information was compromised in some way, that would be an entirely different story with potentially thousands being taken from your account.

One of the best things you can do to increase your Cybersecurity is to have a dedicated prepaid card for online shopping and other digital transactions. You can just load your prepaid card with money periodically, whenever you need to pay for something over the internet, as opposed to using your primary credit card and exposing yourself to danger.

So, are there any drawbacks to using prepaid cards? Unfortunately, yes. The fees tend to be quite steep. You often have to pay fees for card purchase and activation, as well as reloads, balance in Digital payment systems have come a long way over the years. There are now more options than ever, and some of them are actually safe.

We can only guess what the future has in store for us, but as online payment methods develop and evolve, so will Cyber threats. And no matter how many precautions you take, you are one wrong move away from having your bank account compromised, so make sure you keep an eye out for signs of a breach, and even card cancellation.

Microsoft Edge's Built-In PDF Editor

PDF is one of the most commonly used file formats for storing and sharing documents. You can open a PDF file in browsers like Chrome, and can also use a dedicated PDF viewer like Adobe Reader. However, those pieces of software usually just let you view PDF documents.

This is where Microsoft Edge edges out the competition. You can not only use Edge to view PDF files, but also perform some basic editing. Before we look into its PDF editing features, let's look at how you can open a PDF file in Edge.

You can also set Microsoft Edge as [the default PDF viewer on your Windows device](#). To do so, go to Settings on your PC and search for Default Apps. Once there, search for PDF, click on the current default PDF app and change it to Microsoft Edge.

PDF editing is a built-in feature in Edge, meaning you don't need third-party extensions or plugins. Do note that the features it provides are pretty basic, so you'll need a dedicated [PDF editor for complex editing](#). Still, it can come in super handy when you need to add one of the following elements to your PDF file:

Adding text is one of the primary PDF editing tasks, and Edge lets you quickly do it natively. You need this feature if you want to add a note or missing text or fill out a form.

In Edge, you can add text anywhere on the document. Just click on the Add Text icon (the one with a T) in the top bar and click anywhere to start adding text. It also lets you change the text colour and font size, and increase or decrease the text spacing.

You can annotate your PDF document in Edge by drawing shapes on it. Click on the Draw icon (pen with a pointed nib) to activate the freehand drawing tool. You can also click on the Arrow next to that icon to adjust the tool according to your needs.

Sign on the dotted line using you mouse.

This feature is helpful if you want to circle an important point or draw a diagram next to the text. You can use different colours for different annotation elements. And if you draw something by mistake, choose the Erase tool from the top bar and erase any annotation you want.

In the top bar, next to the Draw tool, is the Highlight tool (the icon with a marker). By default, it is a freehand highlighter, but you can restrict it to highlight the text only by clicking on Text Only Highlight in the tool settings under the Arrow next to the Highlight icon. You can also change the highlight color and thickness based on your preferences.

Some PDF files don't have editable text, so you need the freehand highlighter for such documents. For editable files, it's better to switch to Text Only Highlight. And finally, you can erase any highlights with the Erase tool.

Adding comments is different than adding text. Text appears on the document itself, while comments can be viewed and minimised, not requiring additional space. You can easily locate a comment as it appears like a highlighted element.

To add a comment, select any text on your document where you want to add a comment, right-click and select Add Comment. A box appears where you can type your comment or note. The Three-Dot menu in this box lets you Delete or Edit your comment.

If you're using an old PC in which you want to save space by installing as few apps as possible, you can replace the PDF viewer and editor app with Edge. You can not only save space, but streamline your workflow within one app.

Regularly Back Up Data for Peace of Mind

Aussies are being warned about a [new email scam](#) doing the rounds, which claims to be sent by an online security software company.

If you feel you have fallen for a scam, contact IDCARE, a free government-funded service which will work with you to develop a specific response plan to your situation, and support you through the process.

<https://www.idcare.org/>

1. Phishing Emails: In a phishing scam, the attacker will send their target a message claiming to be an official, trusted party.

This kind of urgent communication works well in pressuring the recipient to comply with the senders request.

2. Remote Desktop Protocol. Simple: **Don't allow Remote Connections.**

3. Flash Drives. **Don't allow strange Flash Drives to be used on your PC..**

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