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Time - 12 pm to 3 pm

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Nevil Eyre Android Phones & Tablets & Home automation

Tutorial Room Bill Maxwell

1. Q&A
2. First Steps - Setting up your new computer.
3. Windows 11 Settings you should disable.

Replacement for BOM Radar - [Rain Rate](#)

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Discussion on iPad and iPhone functions.

Limited help with basic Apple Mac computers.

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8.30 to 11.30 am

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Hands on Help - Windows, Linux and Chromebooks

Please wear your Name Tag.

Google is dusting off one of its more genuinely handy Assistant-era features, with Continued Conversation rolling out again,

now tied to Gemini for Home and not hidden behind a paywall.

This means smart home users can keep talking without repeating “Hey Google” every few seconds.

Google tells us in a **blog pos** that with the updated version, once you trigger your speaker, the mic stays open briefly after each response,

ready for whatever comes next, which in itself is nothing new.

The difference is that Gemini now keeps track of the context. So if you ask about the weather in your home city,

then follow up with “what about tomorrow,” it should know exactly what you mean without needing a reset.

That might sound basic, but anyone who has wrestled with the old Assistant version knows how often that thread used to break.

The search giant says its digital assistant can now maintain the flow of a discussion rather than treating each follow-up as a brand-new command.

It also claims improved “side-talk” detection, which should mean it will be better at ignoring random chatter in the room, instead of jumping in uninvited.

Another small tweak is that it works across the entire home once enabled.

Anyone in earshot, guests included, can jump into a conversation without needing to fiddle with settings or re-triggering the wake word.

The feature is rolling out now to early access users of Gemini for Home and doesn’t require a subscription.

That said, Google is still nudging users toward its paid tier.

Gemini Live, which promises a more advanced conversational experience on supported speakers and displays,

sits behind the Google Home Premium subscription.

Gemini for Home itself is still in early access, with users needing to opt in for now.

Google has already confirmed it will [eventually replace the legacy Assistant across its smart home devices](#),

but there’s still no firm timeline on when that full transition will happen.

A useful built-in feature on most **Android phones** is the ability to convert any photo into a PDF.

Most gallery apps have a **PDF** conversion feature that works similarly across different devices and Android versions.

Just open any photo, press the three-dot menu, and tap the Print icon.

Now just select the Save as PDF option, tap the PDF button, and choose where you want to save the file.

To save a web page as a PDF in Google Chrome, open the web page, tap the three-dot button, then tap Share, and finally tap Print.

Now, all you have to do is save the web page as a PDF.

To save an email as a PDF in Gmail, open the email you want to save, press the three-dot menu, tap the Print button, and save the email as a PDF.

Windows 11 include **Windows Defender**, which is a good enough antivirus for most users.

However, it's wise to keep a secondary security program installed to supplement it.

For this, you can't beat **Malwarebytes**. The free version lets you scan your system for malware that your antivirus might not catch.

No Windows user should go without **LibreOffice**. It's a completely free and powerful office suite that includes

alternatives to Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, and more.

Once you get used to a few small aesthetic differences from MS Office, you'll be flying through your work with LibreOffice.

Chromebooks have limited storage space, which can fill up quickly if you don't manage it well.

As a result, your device may feel cramped, performance might slow down, and you'll get frustrating low storage warnings.

Whenever I notice my Chromebook running low on space, here's how I free it up.

Over time, we overload our Chromebooks with apps—some you tried once and forgot about, others you rarely use but never remove, and a few you've kept despite regularly using their web versions instead.

If you've lost track of how many apps are sitting on your Chromebook, removing the ones you no longer need is a good first step to free up space.

[Uninstalling apps](#) is easy: go to your device's Settings, then navigate to

System Preferences > Storage Management,

where you can view the storage usage of apps and other data. Click on the apps you no longer need or can replace with web versions, and click "Uninstall."

Removing unused apps frees up storage and reduces background activity, which can help your Chromebook run more smoothly and give the interface a cleaner, more organized look.

What is a passkey (and why is it better than a password?)

Unlike a password, which is a secret 'string' you have to remember and type out every time you want to log in,

a passkey uses your phone, laptop or physical security key to create a unique pair of digital credentials.

One stays private on your device, and one is shared publicly with the website, sometimes via [a passkey manager](#).

When you log in, your phone proves it has the private key by using your fingerprint, face scan, or screen lock.

50% of active UK Google users have already registered a passkey, which signals a massive shift in how we access our accounts.

To set up your own passkey, head to your Google Account settings > Security > Passkeys and security keys.

The first is speed. Its new report claims that passkey logins are up to eight times faster than typing a username,

password and waiting for a two-step verification code.

The second is the fact a passkey is harder to crack than a password.

Because the passkey never leaves your personal device, passkeys are almost immune to phishing scams.

The third reason is financial — replacing SMS-based two-step verification can save companies millions in cellular fees, which, in theory, can save customers money.

The final reason taps into a universal human experience — forgetting your password.

A secure password is unique, and combines capital letters, symbols and numbers,

but often sticks with a central personal theme, like your pet's names, or a meaningful date.

If it's unexpected or urgent, slow down... no quick-pay links, open your bank or service app directly instead.

2. Ring a caller back on a verified number

If money or data is involved, do not provide this on an incoming call.

Ring the company on the number on their website or your card, not the one in the message.

3. Assume anyone can be fooled

Treat every email as suspicious.

Use strong logins like passkeys, and keep less personal info public (private Facebook profiles) so scammers have less to mimic.

passwords on every website.

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