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Buderim Meeting Friday 20.3.2026

Time - 12 pm to 3 pm

100 Buderim Pines Drive, Goodlife Centre Buderim

Nevil Eyre Android Phones & Tablets & Home automation

Tutorial Room Bill Maxwell

Three Laptop computers set up to answer questions: Windows / Linux / Mac-book Air

1. Q&A

2. Portable Applications --

(Applications you don't install, they run directly from USB Memory Stick)

Replacement for BOM Radar - Rain Rate

Get e Prepared

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

Sat. 21.3.2026

8.30 to 11.30 am

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Hands on Help - Windows, Linux and Chromebooks

Please wear your Name Tag.

According to security researchers at Google's Project Zero, several popular anti-malware tools have had several high-severity vulnerabilities.
These range from insecure network filters to flawed file parsers. Because your antivirus runs with full system privileges,
any vulnerability within it is a golden ticket for an attacker. For example, in 2024,

Tech Monitor reported on malware that exploited a vulnerability in an Avast/AVG kernel driver, allowing attackers to disable the security software and target other parts of the system.
The point isn't that all antiviruses are insecure. However, when you add such a massive and highly privileged code base to your system,
your computer isn't automatically "safer." So, when I uninstalled my antivirus, I removed a complex system component that could have been exploited.

Windows Defender Changed It All

Despite those initial setbacks, I haven't run any kind of third-party antivirus on Windows in more than 10 years,

and I don't recommend it for most people either. It's unnecessary.
Microsoft, seeing a pressing need to better protect the operating system "out of the box," eventually created Windows Defender and integrated it into Windows 8.
Subsequent Windows versions, so far Windows 10 and Windows 11, have included Windows Defender BT default, though with a different name.
After a few tweaks, Microsoft finally settled on renaming Windows Defender to Microsoft Defender Antivirus, which is included in Windows Security.
Despite the branding mess, it is actually a fantastic piece of software**.** **Windows Security Is Great**
Despite the fact that it is **completely free, Microsoft Defender Antivirus** is actually fantastic.
It provides both real-time protection, which scans downloads and apps as you open them, or they run for malware, and provides the ability to run a traditional virus scan whenever you want.
When you look at data from AV-Test that analyzes how effectively it detects and blocks viruses compared to competitors, it is usually at least on par, and regularly nudges them out to claim top place.
Critically, the performance impact on most PCs is pretty negligible. I quickly shut it off and played a few games,
launched Blender to mess around with a bit of rendering, unpacked a few large ZIP files, and ran a local AI
to see if there was any noticeable performance gain with it disabled.I noticed absolutely no difference at all—which is exactly how it should be.
Windows Security also makes all the usual important settings, like setting up exclusions and your preferred default actions if malware is detected, quite easy.
If you want to run a scan, all you need to do is head to Virus & Threat Protection and hit "Scan." If you want more control,
you can customize what files, folders, and drives are included in the scan, and how thoroughly it'll go through files by clicking "Scan options."
Though you won't usually need it, it also provides the ability to run a malware scan at boot time, which can be invaluable if you find you have a particularly difficult piece of malware, like a rootkit, on your PC.
Of course, there are some times where third-party antivirus can be helpful.
If you need something with more granular control, or if you just dislike the interface for Windows Security,
then some of the third-party options might appeal to you more. Additionally, while Windows Firewall is perfectly functional,
interacting with it feels like fighting with a Windows XP computer—clunky.
Many third-party antivirus solutions also include packages that provide a more helpful, intuitive interface for Windows' integrated firewall.
Additionally, some antimalware software functions well just as an extra scanner if you want "another set of eyes" to check
your PC after an infection. Malwarebytes has been my go-to option for a second opinion for years, and it is completely free to use that way.

Blip from Windows store

All you need to do is download Blip on both devices and enter your email address.
That’s about it. Once both devices are set up, you can start sharing files between them seamlessly.
The file transfer happens whether both devices are on the same network or not.

The most convenient thing about it is that you don’t even have
to wake the other device or accept the file transfer.
If both devices are using the same email address,
the transfer happens automatically. And if you’re sharing files with someone else,
Blip makes that easy too. You can simply search for their device by entering
their name or email in the search box.
It almost feels like you're using an instant messaging service.
Another small but incredibly useful detail is Blip lets you send entire folders
with their structure intact.

Merging **Microsoft To Do and Outlook Tasks** is a pretty straightforward process because they essentially share the same core setup.
It's built on Microsoft Exchange, which means Microsoft To Do basically just shows you the exact same data that's already living in your Outlook Tasks.
So, the most important thing to do to get them working together is just to make sure you're signed in to both To Do and the Outlook app with the same user account.
If you try to use different accounts for each, your tasks will stay totally separate and won't ever sync up on your devices.
Once you're logged in with those identical account credentials, the synchronization between the two applications happens automatically in the background.
No need to import or export anything.
Any folders you've made historically in your classic Outlook tasks will just pop up as custom lists in Microsoft To Do;
new tasks you create in To Do will show up in the desktop client. When you're using modern versions of Outlook,
like the new Outlook for Windows or Outlook on the web, the integration is completely native and hardly needs any manual setup at all.
You can easily get to the Microsoft To Do app right from the left side of your Outlook window; just click that little To Do checkmark icon.
That opens up a special tasks pane where you can handle your daily priorities, make new lists, and keep an eye on your schedule without ever leaving your email.
Also, if you just flag an email in your modern Outlook inbox, it automatically creates a corresponding task in the flagged email list of Microsoft To Do.

1. Pause, don't tap

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.

To Recycle old PC's Old computers

Regularly Back Up Data for Peace of Mind