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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. Chrome Settings - How to set themes and add features to the toolbar.
3. Alternative to google search - Startpage -

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

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

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The old iPad Pro 12.9-inch from 2018 is still working great for web browsing, light gaming, and even Zoom calls on occasion.

Updating it to iPadOS 26.6 for the new multitasking features, however, made it feel a little sluggish.

Whenever I would maximize a window, or drag an app up to Side View, it definitely lagged a bit more than it used to.

With a quick drop into Settings, I was able to toggle three of them off and now my iPad feels much less laggy, even with the new iPadOS.

Here's what I found. Apple still supports this 2018 device on iOS 26, making it a pretty great device even today. Unfortunately, the new OS is likely tuned to newer GPU and RAM amounts, headroom the A12X didn't come with.

It's not hypothetical, either, as you can see by the results above.

A full nine seconds to maximize windows, and eight to move an app into Split View is a long time to wait when you're trying to multitask.

The instinct might be to just replace the device with a newer one, but we all know how expensive devices have become.

The idea here is to make it useful and snappy again without replacing or factory resetting it.

Turn off Background App Refresh

Stop every app from working while you're not looking.

This feature lets suspended apps check for updates or new content in the background.

On older hardware, the idea is that it stresses the A12X's limited RAM, which can cause the user interface (UI) to lag a bit. It can also affect your battery drain.

Hop into Settings > General > Background App Refresh, and toggle it off completely.

You can always go back in and enable an app or two if you need them to refresh in the background, I just turned it all off.

Turn on Reduce Transparency

Cuts the visual noise Reduce Motion doesn't catch.

This feature replaces blurred or translucent layers in places like Control Center, app switcher, and keyboard with a more solid color,

which can improve contrast and readability. You can get to it at Settings > Accessibility > Display & Text Size > Reduce Transparency. Go ahead and turn it on.

This one didn't move the needle for me on my iPad in terms of maximizing or putting apps into Split View, but it did help with the rendering of Control Center and my keyboard, which makes it more of a readability win rather than a speed fix.

Still useful, though, even on an older iPhone.

An eight-year-old chip is still an eight-year-old chip

No amount of Settings toggles will make an A12X into an M-series chip, of course.

These fixes just strip out some visual and background work the hardware wasn't ever equipped to handle in the first place.

The main finding here, though, is that at least two of the toggles produced pretty amazing results.

Taking window maximize time from eight to nine seconds to one or two is quite a difference.

Reducing Transparency may not speed your iPad up, but it's worth doing it for the readability alone.

Windows Defender is much more than a basic virus scanner,

Microsoft has turned its free antivirus into a full security system.

The biggest misconception about Windows Defender is that it's still the basic antivirus tool many of us remember from older versions of Windows.

But that could not be further from the truth. Windows Defender, also known as Microsoft Defender Antivirus, has grown into a **full-blown security powerhouse**, providing real-time protection against malware, viruses, spyware, and other threats.

It constantly scans your system and can automatically block or quarantine suspicious files before they cause any real problems.

It also uses Microsoft's cloud-based protection to respond to emerging threats.

So, when you download a suspicious file or open something that Windows considers dangerous, Defender can check it against Microsoft's threat intelligence and take action if necessary.

And then there is Controlled folder access, which can help protect important folders from suspicious applications. All of these are already baked into Windows, and you don't have to install anything to stay protected. Meanwhile, third-party antivirus software takes up storage space and probably slows down your PC more than protecting it. There's Virus & threat protection, which is where you will find Microsoft Defender Antivirus. There's also Firewall & network protection, which monitors your network connections and helps prevent unauthorized access. Then there's App & browser control, which includes Microsoft's reputation-based protection features. This can warn you about potentially dangerous apps and files before you run them. Windows also has Device security, which includes hardware-backed security features such as Secure Boot and the Trusted Platform Module on supported PCs.

Printers can be both cheap and expensive. Some printers actually cost less than the ink to refill them. The problem is, those printers aren't actually all that great. It is nice that the Canon TS202 comes with full-size ink in the box, but you're only getting around 180-page yield out of the included cartridges. When the ink runs out, and you go to buy new cartridges, you're actually only spending \$1 less than the printer itself. Most people call these "throwaway printers" because that's how they're treated. This throwaway mentality is terrible for the environment, and also terrible for your wallet. You're spending around \$0.21 per page in ink to print. That's astronomical in the grand scheme of things, especially when you compare the overall print cost to other types of printing, like tank-based ink jet printers. While normal cartridge-based ink jet printers are the tried and true that most people are used to, the newer tank-based options that came out around 2020 completely changed the game for ink jet printing. Sure, these printers do cost a bit more, but the cost per page is astronomically cheap comparatively. The Epson ET-2803 EcoTank printer cost under \$200 and offered very affordable ink. The official Epson ink bottles cost \$72 for the full 4-bottle kit and gives you a 5,200-page yield. That works out to just \$0.01 (really, \$0.014) in ink per printed page. However, going third-party saves even more. Since there are no chips for tank-based printers, you can easily use off-brand ink (as I have for years) and be just fine. Going off-brand for ink makes each page cost just \$0.004 per page. That's less than half a penny per page in ink. Compare that to the \$0.21 per page you're going to pay for the throwaway printer, and the savings start to become clear.

Spend more on a printer and less on ink.

If you're printing with any type of volume at all, it just doesn't make sense to buy a throwaway printer. The ink cost is through the roof, and you typically are better off throwing the unit away than buying more ink for it.

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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