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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. A different way to organize your bookmarks or favorites
3. Watch out for fake 4TB usb memory sticks and how to check a drive with a free program called ValiDrive

BOM Radar - Rain Rate

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

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Please wear your Name Tag.

The “12GB + 8GB RAM” line on a phone’s spec sheet is the most misleading number on the box.
We're seeing phones hit a ceiling on RAM amounts because of shortages and some manufacturers are even lying to you by using storage space as a sort of virtual RAM
so that they can claim their devices have more RAM than they actually do.
Why is this a problem, and why should you care? And more importantly — how do you spot when a company is trying to sell you phones with this fake RAM that actually
has far worse performance than what you expect?
Some Android manufacturers are lying to you.
They try to pass much-slower storage as extra RAM.
How you might be slowing your phone down if you use some of these extra-RAM technologies like Samsung RAM Plus, which uses a portion of your much-slower storage space as virtual RAM.
At a time when memory prices are at records, this seems like a good solution until you compare the shocking difference in performance of real RAM versus your storage,
which is often UFS 4.0 on the latest Samsung phones.
Here's the main problem with using storage (even if it's the speedy UFS 4.0): it's dramatically slower than LPDDR5X RAM.
When you're running multiple apps at the same time, and you want your phone to instantly bring apps back to life when you switch back to them, only real RAM can offer read/write speeds
that are fast enough to make app switching nearly instant. The latest LPDDR5X RAM is 16 times faster than storage in read speeds, and a shocking 24 times faster in write speeds, versus your storage.
In tests, virtual RAM offers no performance advantage.
As for the memory shortages, some are saying the worst is yet to come in 2027. And if you're looking to buy a new phone, you might notice that the 2026 base Pixel 11 Pro is actually a downgrade
and has 4GB less RAM than the 2025 Pixel 10 Pro.
Motorola calls it RAM Boost, Oppo calls it RAM Expansion, Samsung calls it RAM Plus, Tecno calls it MemFusion, OnePlus calls it RAM Expansion — whatever the term, it's all the same.
It's all just storage space being used as RAM — it's an impostor. While Chinese brands like UMIDIGI, Tecno, Doogee and Oukitel are most guilty of using this fake RAM (in an attempt to keep costs down),
you'll also see major manufacturers like Samsung and Motorola employ some sort of virtual RAM, as mentioned.
Phone memory usually comes in a handful of amounts: 4GB, 6GB, 8GB, 12GB or 16GB — and that top 16GB is effectively the ceiling on everything but the most expensive and high-end gaming phones.
If you see amounts like 20GB, 24GB, or 32GB, that's your cue to be skeptical, as these unusual amounts probably resulted from the manufacturer using virtual memory.
Other clues to look for: RAM that is spelled out with a plus sign like "12GB + 8GB RAM" or "up to 24GB".
Keep an eye out for these clues to know when a phone is getting credit for having more RAM than it actually has.

System Restore is a key Windows recovery tool.

If you're experiencing a problem with your Windows computer,

System Restore can **help you roll back system files, program files, and registry information to a previous state.**

If these files have been corrupted or damaged, System Restore will replace them with good ones, solving your

problem.

System Restore helps you roll back your Windows system to undo negative changes. Here's how to create a System Restore point anytime.

System Restore points are a huge help in Windows. They let you roll back your system to a previous time before you started having a problem.

Since they don't touch your personal files, running a System Restore is a great way to troubleshoot problems without having to reset Windows.

While Windows automatically creates Restore Points whenever you install software or apply critical updates, it's also a good idea to make your own sometimes.

This is especially useful when you're about to make a change to your system and want to make sure you can roll back if needed.

Type Restore Point into the Start Menu and click Create a restore point. You'll see the System Properties dialogue with the System Protection tab open.

Click the Create button near the bottom of the dialogue box.

When prompted, type a brief description (date) of the restore point. Windows will add the date and time, so don't worry about including that.

Click Create and give Windows a moment to create your restore point.

You can also change the amount of space System Restore uses on your disk by selecting it from the list of drives and clicking Configure.

Drag the slider to set the maximum amount (about 5% of the hard drive) of space that System Restore will use.

Anthropic co-founder's chilling prediction as growing number of Aussies fear the worst: **'Deeply afraid'**

Anthropic's Jack Clark has warned about unknown risks in how quickly the industry's AI technology is improving as more Aussies reveal their concerns.

The co-founder of one of the world's biggest artificial intelligence (AI) companies is concerned at the technology's unpredictability and how it might evolve over time.

Anthropic's Jack Clark recently gave a speech in California where he opened up about the future and AI's likely place in it.

He said machine learning and large language models (LLMs) like Anthropic's Claude, OpenAI's ChatGPT,

and China's Deepseek are incredibly impressive "creatures" that continue to go from strength to strength.

But he warned that humans aren't entirely in control of them.

"Some people are even spending tremendous amounts of money to convince you... it's just a machine, and machines are things we master,"

he told The Curve conference in Berkeley.

"But make no mistake: what we are dealing with is a real and mysterious creature, not a simple and predictable machine."

Please keep the mobile apps, desktop software, operating systems and browsers updated.

Regularly restart your smartphone

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

1. 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.

2. Assume anyone can be fooled Treat every email as suspicious.

Use strong logins like passkeys, and keep less personal info public (private Facebook profiles)

From Peter Benefits of Books reading About Scams

To Recycle old PC's Old computers

Regularly Back Up Data for Peace of Mind

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