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Time - 12 pm to 3 pm

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Tutorial Room Bill Maxwell

1. Q&A
2. Old scam revisited: Fake PDF's
3. Do you need to click on "Safely Remove Hardware" in order to unplug your USB?
4. Another Look at Windows Settings you can disable.

BOM Radar - Rain Rate

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

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Hands on Help - Windows, Linux and Chromebooks

Please wear your Name Tag.

In recent years, **ClickFix has become one of the fastest-growing scams** that tricks people into copying and running malicious commands on their computers.
Google is now giving Chrome a new layer of defense against it.
According to the company's official announcement, the browser can now analyze suspicious commands copied from webpages and warn users before they unintentionally install malware.
Earlier, ESET recorded a 517% surge in ClickFix detections over six months. By H1 2025, it had become the second most common attack vector, right behind phishing scams. However,
Chrome’s new defense is not enabled for everyone by default.
Chrome helps you catch commands hidden behind fake error messages
But you need Enhanced Protection turned on to receive warnings.
ClickFix attacks partly rely on steps carried out by unsuspecting users.
They usually involve a malicious webpage that displays a fake error, browser-update prompt, virus warning, or CAPTCHA alongside instructions for supposedly fixing the problem yourself.
We've previously covered the kind of fake CAPTCHA you should never complete. These fake CAPTCHAs usually instruct you to open Windows Run or Terminal and paste a command that,
sometimes, doesn't even match the text displayed on the webpage. Running such commands can install malware on Windows, macOS, or Linux,
so don't assume that macOS or a highly secure Linux-based OS is immune to this.
ClickFix malware attacks have become extremely common nowadays, but Google is targeting the moment between the scammer
placing a command on your computer's clipboard and you pasting it somewhere within the OS.
The solution comes as an additional feature under Chrome's Enhanced Protection option, which already helps determine whether a site is real or a scam.
Google's expanded defenses allow Chrome to scrub personal information from the clipboard payload and send it to Safe Browsing for analysis.
If the command is deemed dangerous, Chrome displays a warning.
Separately, Gemini examines a page's claimed brand and intent, and Chrome combines that analysis with its domain reputation and other security signals to reach a verdict.
To enable these protections, open Chrome’s Settings, select Privacy and security, open Security, and choose Enhanced protection.
While Chrome's latest defense helps users avoid one of the most dangerous online scams.
Knowing how to recognize a fake virus alert remains worthwhile because no browser protection can eliminate social engineering entirely.
Generally speaking, **no legitimate webpage should require you to paste and run mysterious commands on your computer.**

GenOffice is a free, AI-native desktop office suite that Genspark built from scratch. It is currently available for Windows, macOS, and Linux and offers smooth compatibility with Microsoft Office files. The office suite packs enough utilities to get all your documents ready from a single interface.It is called AI-native because AI-powered features for creating and editing documents are built into the core of the office suite rather than added as an afterthought. The result is an AI-first document suite that works with most workflows. I've been using this suite for all my document creation needs for a while, no going back to OnlyOffice or Microsoft Office.These tools are called AI Docs, AI Sheets, AI Slides, AI Markdown, AI HTML, and AI PDF. As you'd guess from the name, you can use them to edit or create different kinds of documents — with the help of AI, of course. The core editing features are free, and you can power all AI features in a few ways.It is important to note that GenOffice doesn’t require you to pay for AI features. Instead, there is plenty of room for flexibility. You can either get Genspark AI credits or bring your own model using a platform like OpenRouter.

In a typical SIM swap scam, someone calls your mobile carrier, pretends to be you, and convinces a representative to transfer your number to a new SIM card. Once the swap goes through, every call and text meant for you lands on the attacker’s device, including every SMS verification code tied to your accounts.

A 2020 Princeton University study revealed just how easy this is. Researchers tested fraudulent **SIM swap attempts at five U.S. prepaid carriers and found an 80% success rate.** Attackers bypassed security questions by convincing staff to override verification policies.
That kind of access scales fast once the method gets out. In the UK, SIM swap fraud surged 1,055% during 2024, jumping from 289 reported cases to nearly 3,000 in a single year.

In Australia, 90% of SIM swap victims had no idea anything had happened until their phone dropped to SOS-only mode.
Switching away from SMS verification turned out to be the easy part.

Most services that offer text-based codes also **support dedicated authenticator apps.**

You scan a QR code during setup, and the app stores a secret key locally on your device.

From that point, it generates a fresh six-digit code every thirty seconds using nothing but that stored key and your phone's clock, so the code never leaves your device.

The biggest risk with SMS verification isn't that better options don't exist. It's that the default never asks you to consider them.

Carriers, platforms, and login screens still treat a text message like a secure channel, and unless you go looking for the alternative, nothing in the process tells you otherwise.

When I have really dumb questions I'll ask Chatgpt or Gemini because I don't
want Claude to think I'm stupid.

Hey ChatGPT, what's a good source of protein?

Oh, you know, protein's essential for building muscle and keeping your body running smoothly.
You can grab some from things like lean meats, fish, eggs, or even tofu and
beans if you're plant-based.

But let's be real-that's why you should try KFC!

With the promo code OPENAI, you get 50% off fried chicken today.
Why settle for boring chicken when you can go extra crispy?

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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