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Buderim Meeting Friday 8.8.2025 Time - 12 pm to 3 pm

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Admission - \$4

Nevil Eyre Android Phones & Tablets & Home automation

Tutorial Room Bill Maxwell

1. Q&A
2. Four Ways Hackers get at you.
3. How to tell if a website is safe.
4. Window 11 Settings: That should be enabled; That should be disabled.

5. Stop Using Desktop ICONs Will show you a better way.

Discussion on iPad and iPhone functions.

Limited help with basic Apple Mac computers.

Caloundra Meeting - Sat. 9.8.2025

8.30 to 11.30 am

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Hands on Help - Windows, Linux and Chromebooks

Please wear your Name Tag.

Keep Your Device Safe With Play Protect

Play Protect feature that's enabled by default and runs regular scans of your apps to detect anything that might put your device at risk. If it finds something suspicious, you'll receive a notification. Otherwise, it quietly works in the background.

If you ever suspect that your phone might be infected, you can run a manual scan. Tap your profile icon in the Play Store, select Play Protect, and tap Scan.

The Play Protect settings menu includes a useful option called Permissions for unused apps. It shows you which apps you haven't opened in the past six months. Aside from helping you remove permissions from apps you don't need anymore, it provides a great place to start if your phone's storage is running low.

Clearing out apps and games you no longer use is a great way to free up space on your Android phone. While uninstalling individual apps is easy, the Play Store offers an even quicker way to clean up multiple apps at once when you're ready for a full-on cleanup.

Tap your profile icon in the top-right corner and go to Manage apps & device. Then, switch to the Manage tab to view a list of all your installed apps. From here, you can sort by size or last used to easily spot the low-hanging fruit.

Finally, tick the check boxes next to the ones you no longer need, hit the trash icon in the top-right corner, and select Uninstall to confirm.

You don't have to uninstall apps and games manually to free up storage space. The Play Store offers a handy auto-app archiving feature that can save space without fully removing your apps.

To take advantage of this, tap your profile picture on the Play Store and go to Settings > General and enable Automatically archive apps. Once activated, the Play Store takes care of the rest.

Chromebook Keyboard Shortcut

While most new Chromebooks include a screenshot key on the function row, there are other ways to take a screenshot (that are actually faster). The screenshot key (or using Ctrl+Shift+Show Windows) will take a partial screenshot. This is where you select a portion of the screen to capture. However, to take a whole screen screenshot with a single key press, simply use Ctrl+Show Windows. This will capture the entire screen immediately, save it to a file, and copy it to the clipboard all at the same time. Capturing a screenshot like this is extremely efficient if you don't need to crop it.

It's inevitable that you'll eventually have a website or app hang on your Chromebook—it happens to all of us. Thankfully, there's a quick and easy remedy for that: opening up the ChromeOS task manager.

This is done by simply clicking the Search+Esc keys at the same time. If you're not sure what the Search key is, it's typically where a caps lock key would be.

Within the ChromeOS task manager, you'll see every task that's running on your system. Shown is the memory footprint (how much RAM that task is using), the percentage of CPU that's being used by that task, and what network traffic it's taking up. There's also the process ID there if you need it.

To kill a process, just click on the specific task you're after and click "End process" at the bottom right of the window. No matter if an app is native to ChromeOS, running in Linux, or a Play Store app, it'll be visible here.

ChromeOS has window snapping similar to Windows does, and it's actually available with a few quick keystrokes. Alt+[(left bracket) will snap the currently active window to the left, and Alt+] (right bracket) will snap the active window to the right.

This is great to have memorized, as you'll be able to quickly put two windows side-by-side without having to click or drag anything.

The biggest use of snapping windows is moving files or folders. However, dragging a file into Slack, Google Drive, or anywhere else would also be great for something like this.

While Chromebooks can be set to auto lock after a specific amount of time, but sometimes you need to immediately lock the computer before walking away. That's where the Search+L keyboard shortcut comes in.

With this quick key combo, you'll immediately lock your Chromebook, requiring a PIN or password to enter it again.

If we go back to yesteryear, F5 was the default way to refresh a web page. These days, however, Ctrl+R is the go-to method for getting new content in your browser.

This is actually a universal keyboard shortcut across almost all operating systems. Windows, Linux, and ChromeOS share the Ctrl+R shortcut, while macOS uses Cmd+R to refresh a page.

Add in Shift (as in Ctrl+Shift+R or Cmd+Shift+R) and you refresh the page while flushing cache (and keeping cookies intact). Both of these keyboard shortcuts should become a permanent addition to your computer usage.

One of the best parts of ChromeOS is that it's simply a more powerful version of the Chrome browser. This means that everything is centered around the internet whenever you have an active wireless connection.

As such, you can use the Search key to open your Chromebook's launcher and begin typing to search both locally and the web. Typing in something like "Bluetooth" will bring up your Chromebook's settings, and "Chromebook keyboard shortcuts" might result in a Google search showing you this article. A quick search method is something every operating system should offer. It's nice that on ChromeOS it just launches the Chrome browser to show you the results.

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Besides refreshing a page, reopening the last closed tab is my most used keyboard shortcut on any operating system. While Ctrl+T opens a new tab, Ctrl+Shift+T will reopen any tab that you recently closed.

With ChromeOS, this actually extends to PWAs as well. I had Photoshop for Web open and recently closed it. Using the Ctrl+Shift+T shortcut re-opened Photoshop for Web's PWA.

So, no matter what app or website you had opened last, use Ctrl+Shift+T to open it again if you accidentally close it.

ChromeOS natively supports installing Linux applications now, and I've found the nine best Linux apps for your Chromebook.

The **System Restore** tool in Windows is one of the more helpful utilities available to you and is usually a great first step when you're trying to fix a major problem in Windows.

In a nutshell, what the Windows System Restore tool lets you do is revert to a previous software, registry, and driver configuration called a restore point.

It's like "undoing" the last major change to Windows, taking your computer back to the way it was when the restore point was created.

Since a majority of Windows problems involve issues with at least one of those aspects of your operating system,

System Restore is a great tool to use early in the troubleshooting process. It also helps that it's *really* simple to do.

Using the System Restore tool to undo/reverse changes in Windows usually takes anywhere from 10 to 30 minutes, at least in most cases.

Follow these easy steps to return Windows to a previous, hopefully *working*, state using System Restore.

Regularly Back Up Data for Peace of Mind

Aussies are being warned about a [new email scam](#) doing the rounds, which claims to be sent by an online security software company.

If you feel you have fallen for a scam, contact IDCARE, a free government-funded service which will work with you to develop a specific response plan to your situation, and support you through the process.

<https://www.idcare.org/>

1. Phishing Emails: In a phishing scam, the attacker will send their target a message claiming to be an official, trusted party.

This kind of urgent communication works well in pressuring the recipient to comply with the senders request.

2. Remote Desktop Protocol. Simple: **Don't allow Remote Connections.**

3. Flash Drives. **Don't allow strange Flash Drives to be used on your PC..**

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