



Bearly Bytes Newsletter

Big Bear Computer Club

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President's Message - Rosemary Lloyd

Hello Everyone

The Computer Club is planning a few workshops for the Spring and Summer. Soon, there will be a Windows 10, Part 2 class. Last year we looked at some of the Windows 10 features and ways to utilize them. This year we will recap and go on to the second half. Also in the works is a Digital Cameras, Smart Phones, Tablets and Computers workshop.

What other topics would you like to see covered in the workshop environment? In the past the club has offered classes on backing up your data, which is very important to prevent losing files. Maybe you want to learn how to use Microsoft Office; Word, Excel, PowerPoint and more. How about surfing the Internet safely? Practice safe surfing habits, keep your computer updated and do not fall for scams.



Husband Jim (Left) and Rosemary Lloyd (Right)

As usual, the workshops will include a presentation. Then, students will have the opportunity to practice hands on using their devices. Total time is about 3 hours.

Please let us know what classes you would like. We want them to be relevant to our members.

Thanks! Rosemary Lloyd

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

March 8, 2016

**At Big Bear Senior Center,
42651 Big Bear Blvd
Big Bear Lake**

Technology From a Different Perspective!

Presentation Bob Gostischa

Everyone is welcome

consider bringing a snack to share during break-time

Looking back and comparing the past to now, Bob's presentation is an enjoyable and funny comparison combined with the stark reality of what you need to do to keep safe in the modern world.

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Technology From a Different Perspective!

Next Club meeting...



Bob's presentation will cover Computers (Windows and Mac), tablets and Smart Phones.

Join presenter Bob Gostischa, as he takes a comical look back in time and then explains what you need to know to stay safe in the present.

Bob can help you with your Internet experience and make your computer operations safe, secure and enjoyable.



Norbert "Bob" Gostischa

About the Presenter:

Norbert "Bob" Gostischa, after a successful career in banking, enjoys his retirement as an enthusiast IT security expert, most notably for [Avast Software](#). Avast is the creator of avast! antivirus software. The Avast website has a [discussion and help forum](#).

Bob has been helping with security related and general computer issues since 2004.

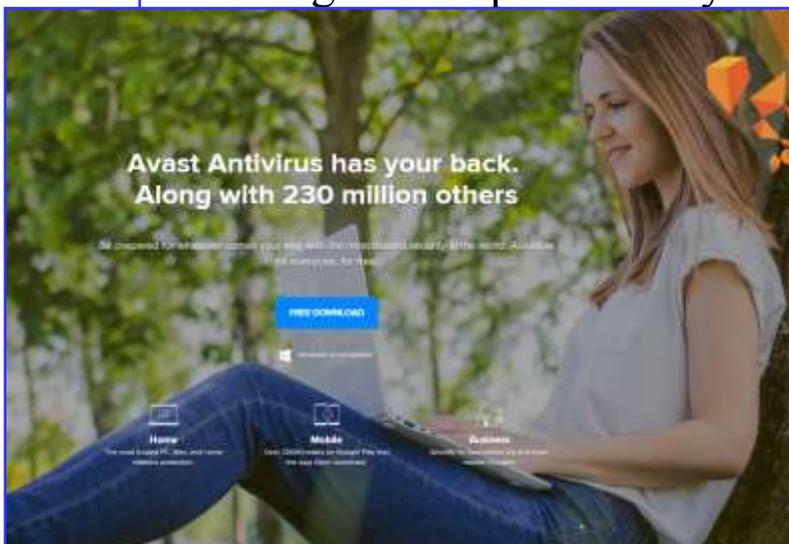
Bob's presentation is not
a sales pitch for Avast
Although he is sponsored by Avast

Bob is proud that his presentations have been approved by AARP: <http://createthegood.org/volunteer/opportunity-details/19507>

Avast Antivirus s.s.r. is currently the most used antivirus software in the world.

Avast has been making security software for over 25 years and has more than 230 million users worldwide.

You can also learn a little more about Bob's presentations and passions [in his Blog](#) and [YouTube Channel](#).



Big Bear's San Bernardino County Public Library - Online

If you are a card carrying member of the Big Bear Public Library, then you can (1) reserve books online for pickup at the library or (2) checkout ebooks to read on your computer, tablet or smart phone. Oh, and videos are also available.

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The screenshot shows the website's home page with a blue header containing the library logo and navigation links: "Research and e-Content", "Information", "Library Locations", "Book Search", "My Account", and "Courses and Events". A vertical sidebar on the right includes "Home", "My Account", and "Get a Library Card". The main content area features a large banner for the "2015 Summer Reading Program Opportunity Drawing Winners" with a "Click Here" button. Below this is a promotional banner for "ancestry.com" with the text "Just added to our online databases!" and "Free access to Ancestry.com is only available at your branch library using your library card". A row of four colorful buttons labeled "Library Beginners", "Kids Zone", "Teens", and "Adults" is positioned below the ancestry.com banner. At the bottom, there are two large promotional banners: "OverDrive ENJOY eBooks & audiobooks" and "GALE eBooks" with a list of subjects including Biography, Business, Education, Environment, History, Literature, Medicine, Religion, Science, Technology, Travel and More!

Security Software for your Android Device

by Ira Wilsker

With over a billion devices currently running the Android operating system, Android has been becoming more of a target for hackers and malware authors.

There is a continuing heavy debate about the need for security software on Android powered devices with one school of thought being that security software is unnecessary on Android devices because of the way that Google created Android with it being (supposedly) impossible for malware infected apps to contaminate other parts of the device because apps run in their own "sandbox" or memory space; the processor time and memory overhead of security software only degrades Android performance without any corresponding benefit.

Many other security experts vehemently disagree, stating that there has been an explosive increase in malware targeting the Android operating system. One of the primary reasons for this explosive in Android targeted malware is the vast number of Android devices running older versions of the Android operating system that have well known security vulnerabilities.

Many of those citing the imperative need for security software on Android devices put some of the blame on the cell phone companies and device manufacturers that do not promptly pass on to their users the latest updates and patches for their Android devices, despite the fact that Google does provide the carriers and makers with these necessary patches

promptly and in a timely fashion. Anecdotally, my wife's late model, name brand cell phone connected to a major cellular provider has still not received the upgrade to Android "Marshmallow" 6.0; neither has one of my cell phones (I have two) yet received the upgrade to Android 6. In contrast, my other phone, a Google Nexus 6, connect-

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Ira Wilsker



ed to Google's Project Fi cell phone service, received the upgrade to Android 6, when it first became available, as well as another upgrade to Android 6.0.1 a short time later. Now it receives the monthly patches and upgrades directly from Google within days of their release. To be fair, there are a few other brands and models of cell phones that receive prompt Android updates and upgrades shortly after their release, but these are the exception, as most other phones and android devices receive updates and upgrades months after release, if they ever receive them at all.

For those who may feel more comfortable with the greater perceived security having antimalware (antivirus) software on their Android devices, there are a wealth of products available, both free and paid. Almost all of the better known publishers of PC security software also publish Android secu-

rity apps, and dozens of other app publishers have released Android security software.

While many have their own personal favorite security apps, sometimes based on their experiences with similarly named PC software, there are also several online resources that have tested, evaluated, and rated many of the available security offerings. My personal favorite resource, often mentioned here in earlier columns, is Gizmo's TechSupportAlert.com, a non-commercial, community based resource with over 2000 volunteers who continuously evaluate and rate free software and apps for almost every operating system, including Android. Their recommended Android security apps are listed online at techsupportalert.com/content/best-free-antivirus-app-android.htm, where the Gizmo crew has narrowed down the multitude of available Android security apps, rank ordered them, made recommendations, and even listed several as "Not Recommended."

Gizmo stated that there are several "Aspects to be considered when choosing a Security App for Android." First on the list of necessary or desirable features is obviously the security app's ability to detect, clean, and delete malicious malware and other content, as well as provide real-time protection. Some of the tested security apps also provide "Extra Protection" which may include secure web browsing (prevent malicious content from infected websites),

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protection from spam and malicious text messages, and protection from "Potentially Unwanted Apps" that may be more threatening than beneficial. Some of the security apps include a "Privacy Advisor" which checks the "permissions" granted to each of the installed apps, informing the user of any potential privacy risks.

Several of the security apps include "USSD Exploit Protection" which prevents special "dialed" codes that can be used to exploit internal phone functions, possibly giving a hacker unwelcome access to the device. Some of the security apps also include some "Extra tools" which may include call filtering (blocking spam phone calls and text messages), contact backup and restore, and other useful functions. The final evaluation performed by the Gizmo community is a measure of how much of the system resources (memory and processor power) is used by the security app; less system resources used means better overall performance. Even though Google's free "Android Device Manager" available in the Play Store offers excellent antitheft protection, many of the security apps also offer enhanced antitheft and lost device protection.

All of the apps reviewed by Gizmo are readily available and free for download from the Play Store. Gizmo's top rated security app is CM (Cheetah Mobile) Secu-

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rity, which earned Gizmo's highest five-star rating, and was awarded "Gizmo's Freeware award as the best product in its class!" Gizmo said that CM Security, "Runs as a stand-alone program on a user's computer; Offers an effective and complete security suite in a small package. Full SD Card scan option. Malware scan not limited to APKs. Very RAM friendly. Small installation size." The CM Security app also integrates seamlessly with other products from the same publisher, especially the very popular Clean Master app which is the world's most widely used Android device cleaner.

The number two rated security app was Malwarebytes Anti-Malware, which also had the highest five-star rating. Gizmo says, "Runs as a stand-alone program on a user's computer. Very easy to use. Fast and effective anti-malware engine. Useful set of privacy tools." The only issue that the reviewers had with the Malwarebytes app was the amount of battery power used, and the quirky update check.

The Gizmo reviewer community gave four other popular Android security apps a four-star rating; these apps are avast! Mobile Security & Antivirus, Comodo Mobile Security, Sophos Free Security & Antivirus, and Lookout Security & Antivirus. Another app, 360 Security, earned a three-star rating. Several other security apps,

including a few from the major PC security publishers, were reviewed, but not rated for a variety of reasons; three other security apps were rated "Not Recommended."

Another very popular Android resource, "AH", also known as "Android Headlines", published in its January 14, 2016 edition an article "Top 10 Antivirus Apps for Android" (androidheadlines.com/2016/01/featured-top-10-antivirus-apps-for-android.html). Unlike Gizmo's list, this listing from "AH" includes both paid and free security apps, including several paid apps from the well know PC security publishers. As with the Gizmo list, all of these recommended apps are available from the Play Store, but some of them have a subscription charge. The first recommended product is McAfee's (now an Intel product) "Security & Power Booster -free", which is free to download and use, but has some features available as in app purchases ranging in price from 99 cents to \$29.99 for such services as phone support, media uploads, and for the removal of ads from the product.

Other "AH" recommend Android security apps which offer paid or optional "premium" features include Norton Security and Antivirus, which is free to download,

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- Medical (5)
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- Security (1)
- Web Browsers (1)

Clean up your Windows System Disk

By Ed Bott



Now that Microsoft is offering Windows 10 as a free upgrade to anyone currently running Windows 7 or Windows 8.1, the Disk Cleanup utility is an essential tool. Much of what it does is mundane, like emptying the Recycle Bin and removing old files from the Temp folder. But its superpower is the ability to remove the big chunks of data that are created during Windows upgrades--like the Windows.old folder, which contains a saved copy of your previous Windows version.

To get started, type *Cleanmgr* in the search box. Then right-click the Disk Cleanup entry in search results and choose Run As Administrator. (If you see the Clean Up System Files button, click it to switch to Administrator mode.) Each entry in the list shows how much space it takes. Select a check box and click OK to remove those files for good.



Apple vs FBI



From <http://www.macrumors.com/>

Apple has officially [filed a motion \(via Re/code\)](#) to vacate the court order that would require the company to help the FBI hack into the iPhone 5c of San Bernardino shooter Syed Farook. "This is not a case about one isolated iPhone," reads the filing, going on to say the FBI is seeking a "dangerous power" that would undermine the security and privacy interests of hundreds of millions of people.

As expected, Apple argues that the All Writs Act, which the FBI is using in the case, does not give the government a pass to "conscript and commandeer" the company. "No law supports such unlimited and sweeping use of the judicial process," Apple writes. "And the Constitution forbids it." Apple believes setting a precedent for allowing the All Writs Act to be used in this way could lead to more insidious demands in the future, such as turning on the microphone or camera to aid in surveillance.

Apple says FBI's demand for new code would violate its First and Fifth Amendment rights, as it is the equivalent of compelled speech and is contrary to Apple's core principles.



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Cato Weekly Dispatch -The first thing to understand about **Apple's latest fight with the FBI**—over a court order to help unlock the deceased San Bernardino shooter's phone—is that it has very little to do with the San Bernardino shooter's phone. It's not even, really, the latest round of the Crypto Wars—the long running debate about how law enforcement and intelligence agencies can adapt to the growing ubiquity of uncrackable encryption tools.

Says Cato scholar [Julian Sanchez](#), "It's a fight over the future of high-tech surveillance, the trust infrastructure undergirding the global software ecosystem, and how far technology companies and software developers can be conscripted as unwilling suppliers of hacking tools for governments."

Best Free Security Android Apps -Updated 2016

from www.techsupportalert.com



Best Free Anti-malware for Android



avast! Mobile Security & Antivirus (8.5 MB), a feature-rich security app includes not only a virus scanner to scan all your installed apps and SD card content against viruses, but also other useful tools such as privacy advisor, app manager, web shield, SMS and call filter and anti-theft. It also adds a firewall which works only on rooted phones.

([Review](#))



Lookout Antivirus & Security (7.7 MB), protect your device and data easily by blocking viruses, spyware or other malware and scanning every app you installed with automatic antivirus updates, backup your contacts to the web or restore data to an existing phone, find your missing phone and more. Privacy Advisor is only available to the paid-for premium version. ([Review](#))



TrustGo Antivirus & Mobile Security (4.9 MB), a simple yet powerful security app with awesome anti-malware capabilities, secure web browsing and a secure app advisor. This app has low impact on your device's resources. ([Review](#))



CM Security - FREE Antivirus (9.7 MB), tap on a big Scan button to start scanning the installed apps and file system to detect any viruses, trojan, vulnerability, adware and spyware that could exist on your device. It's lightweight and its scanning process is pretty fast. ([Review](#))



VirusTotal for Android (492 KB) helps get your system and user apps in your device scanned by more than 40 antivirus vendors and flag any malicious apps. Tap a flagged app and you can view its detailed scan results from the vendors.

Best Free Apps Protection for Android



APP Lock (638 KB), protect your installed apps with a number or pattern lock using this handy app, with other useful features such as locking the install and uninstall functions, incoming calls, settings, hiding the APP Lock icon and short exits without the need to unlock again.



Perfect App Protector - FREE (3.7 MB), lock your selected apps with a password or pattern, reduce screen brightness and control screen rotations on the apps you chose, plus stealth mode and other useful features.



Application Protection (328 KB), easily help protect applications and data on your device with a passcode to prevent unauthorized usage. Upon first running, press "?" to get the original code, add apps to the list then set your own unlock code.

Best Free Device Tracker for Android



Wheres My Droid (651 KB), finding your misplaced phone is made easy—use another phone to text "Where's my droid" to make your lost phone ring even if it's on silent mode, or text "GPS my droid" to know its whereabouts. Simple as that.



Prey Anti-Theft (3.0 MB), "Once the device has been instructed to go into *missing* mode, the app springs into action and does whatever you've told it to do. You can either trace your device, lock it or delete the files on it," ([Review](#))

Why you should focus on defeating distraction

<http://www.techrepublic.com/article>

Your attention span, both personal and profession is one of your most important assets. Spend it wisely.

By [Patrick Gray](#) | February 1, 2016

Ask what business Facebook or Google is in, and the average person might mention advertising, social networking, or apps. The companies themselves take an even higher-minded approach, with Facebook extolling that its mission is nothing short of "[giving] people the power to share and make the world more open and connected." The truth of the matter is that these companies, along with the cadre of enterprise vendors you employ, are in the distraction business. And they're not the only threats to your focus.

Distraction and dollars

Social media is a fairly obvious example of the breadth and depth of the distraction industry. Left unchecked, a half dozen providers will flood our devices with hundreds of notifications every hour, each requesting just a tiny slice of our attention and focus. They attempt to capture a moment of our attention, asking everything from "Wouldn't you like to see that photo that your third grade crush posted?" to "Check out the latest data center uptime reports, now with 86 animated graphs that don't actually mean anything but look very impressive!"

Everyone has heard the old bromides about time being money, or

that time is the only non-renewable resource, yet few of us jealously guard our attention, and hence our time, as jealously as we'd guard even minor sums in our bank accounts. We'd be appalled if an enterprise software vendor picked our pocket for five dollars while on-site, yet we'll happily grant them an hour to pitch an application we don't need, delivered by a salesperson who doesn't understand our company. Worse yet, we'll unthinkingly accept every conference call invitation that comes across our desk, and then spend an hour with someone droning on in one ear, while aimlessly browsing the web and throwing bills into the wind.

Become a miser with your attention

Just as most people make a quick economic calculation before spending money, do the same with your time. Before clicking accept to that 30-minute conference call, or clicking on a marketing email, determine whether you're willing to spend the time required for an activity that may provide no benefit. If the benefit is unclear, ask the requester to clearly state why you're needed and what benefits you or the company will accrue. You'd never say "yes" if someone asked you to purchase a product without explaining its benefits, so stop doing that with your attention.

Similarly, minimize the opportunities for small attention stealers to

turn into large ones. Every six months turn off the useless notifications on your phone, and disable the various pop-ups that attempt to pick your attention pocket while you're trying to work. If work or pleasure brings you into the bosom of the distraction industry, do so on your own terms. Set aside time to troll social media and catch up once or twice a day, or shift to broadcast only mode during the business day and browse during a fixed time later in the day.

If you frequently find yourself responding to a small distraction and then suddenly lose an hour of valuable time, helpful tools abound. For the technologically inclined, I've used a site called [Rescue Time](#) that tracks where you spend your time when working on your desktop, but a simple time log in a notepad can be equally effective.

The magic of focus

Winning the battle for your attention does not mean you focus solely on work to the exclusion of all else; rather, that you apply 100% of your focus to the task you choose, not whatever the distraction industry is throwing in your direction. Putting aside a PowerPoint or hanging up from an irrelevant conference call can give you time to take a call from a loved one, or focus unashamedly on a hobby or personal activity. You'll be more engaged, and also in command of one of your only non-renewable resources: your attention.

IRS: Electronic tax scams surge 400%

Kevin McCoy, MSN



Email and texting scams designed to trick U.S. taxpayers into providing personal data have surged 400% so far this year, the IRS warned Thursday in a renewed consumer alert.

The schemes involve so-called phishing messages designed to trick taxpayers into believing the emails and texts represent official communications from the IRS, tax software companies or others in the tax industry.

The messages typically ask for data related to tax refunds, filing status, or seek confirmation of personal information, including ordering IRS transcripts or verification of IRS Personal Identification Numbers, the tax agency said.

When consumers click on the email links, they are sent to what appear to be government websites that ask for Social Security numbers and other personal information that identity thieves can use to file false tax returns and collect refunds, the IRS said. The sites may also contain malware that infect tax-

payers' computers and enable cyberthieves to gain access to files or track consumers' keystrokes to get personal data.

"This dramatic jump in these scams comes at the busiest time of tax season, IRS Commissioner John Koskinen warned. "Watch out for fraudsters slipping these official-looking emails into inboxes, trying to confuse people at the very time they work on their taxes. We urge people not to click on these emails."

Summarizing scams reported across the U.S., the IRS said:

- January featured 1,026 phishing and malware incidents, up from 254 during the same month last year.
- The trend continued in February, with 363 incidents reported through Tuesday. The total topped the 201 full-month total in 2015.
- The 1,389 incidents reported to date represent more than half the 2,748 total for all of last year.



Additionally, tax professionals have reported being targeted by similar phishing scams that seek their online credentials to IRS services.



The IRS said it is working with state revenue departments, tax preparation companies and others the tax industry to address the scams.

"We continue to work cooperatively with our partners on this issue, and we have taken steps to strengthen our processing systems and fraud filters to watch for scam artists trying to use stolen information to file bogus tax returns," said Koskinen.

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but has a \$29.95 charge in order to use the premium features which include enhanced anti-malware protection, privacy protection, and intrusive behavior, as well as the ability to run this Norton product on multiple portable devices. Another free to download security app that has in-app purchases is Kaspersky Internet Security, a Russian product, which can perform basic security scans and other basic security functions on the Android device. In app purchases ranging from \$9.99 to \$14.95 per item include real-time protection, cloud based protection to protect against the newest threats, web protection, Phishing (identity theft) protection on incoming SMS text messages, and enhanced privacy protection.

Android Headlines (AH) also recommended several of the same free security apps rated and recommended by Gizmo including Lookout Security & Antivirus, Anti-Virus Dr. Web Light, Malwarebytes Anti-Malware, AVG Antivirus Free, avast! Mobile Security & Antivirus, CM Security, and 360 Security Antivirus Boost.

It should be noted that several of the commercial (paid) multi-license

PC and MAC security suites also include a license for the paid version of their Android security apps as one of the available licenses. For those who have an Amazon Prime account, the "Amazon Underground" (amazon.com/underground) app store offers totally free downloads of otherwise paid commercial apps, including all in-app purchases become free, if the app is downloaded from Amazon Underground. Two of my family Android devices have the complete, otherwise paid versions of a major security publisher's security app (regularly \$14.95 to \$29.95), including all of the otherwise paid premium features, running on our devices, which were downloaded for free when the app was listed on

Amazon Underground. While this particular security app is not presently listed on Amazon Underground, it has been listed for a limited time several times since we downloaded it; it may be worthwhile to periodically check Amazon Underground listing of newly listed "totally free" apps to see if any more of the otherwise paid commercial apps are available for free.

It is up to you to decide if your Android device needs a security app. While many believe that they are an unnecessary burden, I am of the school that believes in being safe rather than sorry. The choice is yours.

★CM Security received the Oscar of the antivirus world for the 7th time★

CM Security ranked #1 by the AV-TEST again! AV-TEST, a leading independent organization in Germany, conduct regular appraisals of all antivirus products on the market and hand it awards for excellence. Their award is regarded as like an Oscar in the field of IT security and antivirus research. AV-TEST evaluates antivirus software based on how well they can detect viruses, how user-friendly they are, and awards high-quality products their commendations.

★ AppLock is your best security guard

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★ AppLock Hide Private Chats

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- The private texts showing on the notifications of Whatsapp will be hidden!

Massive MacKeeper Data Breach

By Thomas Reed

From tugnet.org
March 2016 Newsletter

Kromtech, the developer of MacKeeper, has suffered a major breach that has exposed more than 13 million users' data.

Chris Vickery, a security researcher who has uncovered a number of similar data breaches in the past, found that a Kromtech data-base full of sensitive data was accessible over the Internet... without any log-in required.

Vickery found the Kromtech server while searching for open Mongo DB servers. He posted his findings on Reddit, also providing a screenshot of the structure of the database, while trying to get in touch with Kromtech to report the issue.

Shown clearly is a "users" table with more than 13 million records, and entirely accessible without the

need for any kind of password.

Among the data found there, according to Vickery, were names, e-mail addresses, phone numbers, computer serial numbers, license codes, and, worst of all, usernames and very weakly hashed passwords (meaning that a determined hacker could extract passwords from the hashes given time).

On the upside, he did not manage to find any leaked credit card data, according to a comment on Reddit.

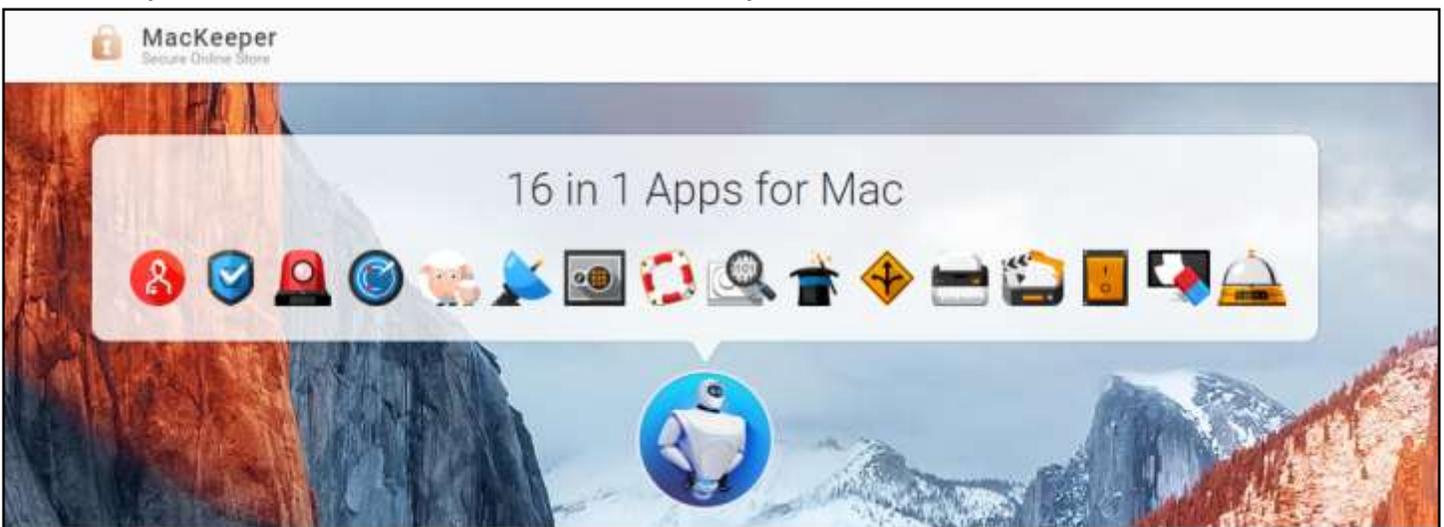
For customers of Kromtech, including, but probably not limited to, purchasers of MacKeeper – this means that it's time to change passwords. If you use your Kromtech account password on any other online accounts, go change those as well.

I'd also advise shutting down any Kromtech accounts you have, as

well as uninstalling any Kromtech software – particularly MacKeeper – from your hard drive. This is just the latest in many incidents involving Kromtech, and the former owners of MacKeeper, ZeoBIT, including accusations of fraud, a successful class-action lawsuit ruling against ZeoBIT, and even a case of malware being installed through a MacKeeper vulnerability.

So, if you have MacKeeper installed, do yourself a favor and re-move it. Unfortunately, if you have purchased MacKeeper, the deadline has passed for joining the class-action lawsuit to receive your share of the settlement.

However, if you purchased it recently, you should hopefully still be able to get a refund from Kromtech.



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4. **and then Send**

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NOTE: Annual 2016 Membership Dues are now due... see page 17.

During the February 9th meeting (the first general meeting during year 2016), we view videos showing some of the new gadgets introduced at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas at the beginning of January 2016.

October 2016 Club Meeting



The Opportunity Drawing Winners



left to right ...

- Screw Driver key light...Russell Teeter
- Cup.....Lori Marquart
- Thermal bag..... Albert Neal
- UniBall pens.....Del Johnson

Monthly Calendar and Account Balance

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1	Board Meeting
8	Club Meeting



Group Newsletter Sites



An International Association of Technology & Computer User Groups



January 2016 Cash Flow	
Beginning Bank	\$1,339.06
Membership Dues	0.00
Workshops	0.00
Total Income	\$1,339.06
Bank Charge	\$ 0.00
Equipment	0.00
Supplies	0.00
Advertising	0.00
Total Expenses	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$1,339.06

How to Disable Smart Quotes in Word 2013 or Word 2010

Back in the 19th and 20th centuries, electric typewriters had open and close quote keys on them. However, since the advent of computers, we use simple straight quotes and so-called "smart quotes" (aka curly quotes) don't work well in a number of applications, particularly web apps. By default, Microsoft Word changes all your single and double quotes into smart quotes, which can cause problems when you try to copy and paste them into other programs or online forms. Here's how to disable smart quotes in Microsoft Word 2013 or Word 2010.

1. Click the File tab in the upper left corner of the screen.
2. Select Options
3. Select Proofing in the left pane.
4. Click AutoCorrect Options.
5. Select the AutoFormat tab.
6. Uncheck "Straight quotes with smart quotes." and Click OK.

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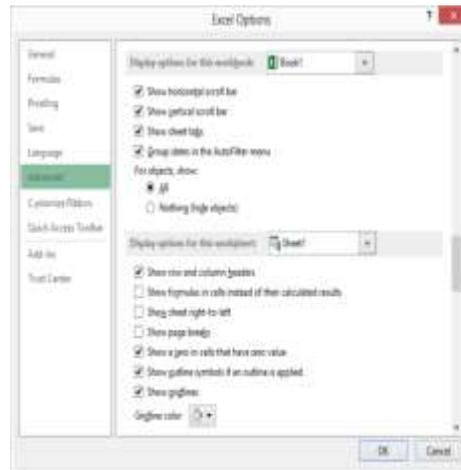
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Turning on or off Headers

To control whether headers are turned on or off, follow these steps:

1. Display the Excel options dialog box. (In Excel 2007 click the Office button and then click Excel Options. In Excel 2010 and Excel 2013, display the File tab of the ribbon and then click Options.)



2. At the left of the dialog box click Advanced. Scroll through the available options until you see the Display Options for this Worksheet section.

3. Make sure the Show Row and Column Headers check box is selected. If cleared, then the header area is not displayed.

4. Click on OK.

Notice that Excel does not allow you to control the display of row and column headers individually—they are either both on or both off.



The Finder: Use Color to Identify Your Folders and Documents

Yosemite and Mavericks:

Tags identify an item with a colored dot AND you can search for items associated with a particular Tag color. You can also Arrange window contents by Tags.

1. Select the item you want to Tag
2. From the File menu, choose a label color or Right Click or Control + Click on the item and choose a color or Drag the item on top of the Tags in the Sidebar of any open window

Pre-Mavericks:

Labels color the entire line of text of the item.

1. Click on the item you want to change
2. From the File menu, choose a label color or Click on the gear icon and choose a color or Right Click or Control + Click on the item and choose a color

To search for all items that are Tagged a certain color, just click on that color in the Sidebar.



Helpline

The following members have generously offered to help you with your PC problems by phone or by email:

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Persons with all levels of computer knowledge are welcome to attend the club's open meetings.

**Your First 2 visits are free!
Bring a friend.**

**Annual Membership is \$25 and spouse \$5.
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- Tech News and Virus Alerts
- Door prize drawings
- Bearly Bytes, our award-winning monthly newsletter emailed
- Website: bigbearcc.org
- Free Software Review
- Member Help Line
- Member E-mail Notifications
- Member-only Discounts
- Training workshops

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For each Family Member (s) add \$5/year towards your dues.

Name _____ E-mail _____

1. Mail your application and a \$25 check for dues to:
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PO Box 645
Big Bear City, CA 92314
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2. Bring your application and dues to a meeting
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