

Kaspersky Labs banned in US

Sam Altman Admits That OpenAI Doesn't Actually Understand How Its AI Works

Apple to call its AI "Apple Intelligence"

AI Systems Are Learning to Lie and Deceive, Scientists Find

Microsoft Edge will soon use AI to translate YouTube videos while you watch.

NETFLIX

[Netflix is ending support for some older TV models](#)

Reference: MakeUseOf

What does this mean? The Netflix app will no longer work. The reason is performance needs and limited software capabilities.

The Good news is — There are ways to get around this and they are;

- By connecting a separate device with a HDMI cable you can still watch Netflix
- Connect the Screen Mirror feature on your TV and a separate device.
- Use a steaming device like Roku, Chromecast, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV stick.

You may already know this is a Russian company. The US has banned the popular antivirus software vendor from selling its software or providing updates in the US due to national security concerns. In addition, Kaspersky's global entities AO Kaspersky Lab, OOO Kapersky Group (Russia) and Kaspersky Labs Limited (UK) have also been blacklisted.

Editor: If your subscription is coming up for renewal you may want to reconsider.

OpenAI Wants AI to Help Humans Train AI

[Spy agency issues warning to billions of smartphone users](#)

Reference: The Independent

The US National Security Agency advises you to protect yourself against many hacks by turning your phone off and on.

[Recall now opt-in \(Microsoft\)](#)

Reference: PCMag

Further to last month's newsletter article on Microsoft's recall feature. Its reported that Microsoft will encrypt user data recorded by Recall, and access will be tied to the Windows Hello option that requires biometric or PIN authentication.,

However a report in *The Byte*. indicates there's concern the data can be hacked, or at least the potential for abuse.

Microsoft has advised users will have to proactively opt-in or the tool will be turned off by default.

Microsoft has now advised that Recall will not be part of its new Copilot + PC range due to security concerns and further testing will be carried out before it is launched.

Editor : Lindsay Chuck

E: sandslifestylebfs@outlook.com

Here we are halfway through the year and there's still plenty happening on the AI front. You will have noticed quotes on the front page. Aren't they interesting?
Apple like other companies is reportedly looking to charge users to access certain features of its AI system.
YouTube now allows you to request the removal of AI that impersonates you.
Another Scam—Scammers are pretending to be from the National Anti-Scam Centre, telling you your number is being used in China and offering to help clear your record.

YouTube Experiment

Reference: Techradar

YouTube aims to make ad blockers ineffective when watching its videos, by adding server-side ad injection, or server side ad insertion.
Ad blockers do not work against this method as the advertisements are indistinguishable from the video.
In addition, limited logout of video access may also be coming. i.e. you will need to log into YouTube. This may make it difficult to share YouTube videos.
Note: This is experimental at this stage.

YouTube Update

Reference: Techradar

Inconsistent volume levels while watching YouTube regularly has been an annoying problem for users. To those users this feature will be a welcome addition.
The free update available for Google TV and Android TV, includes a stable volume feature. that will be on by default, so check whether you have version v4.40.303. The YouTube mobile app already has the feature.



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Kaspersky Labs banned in US	24-07-P1
Netflix is ending support for some older TV models	24-07-P1
Spy agency issues warning to billions of smartphone users	24-07-P1
Recall now opt-in (Microsoft)	24-07-P1
YouTube Experiment	24-07-P2
YouTube Update	24-07-P2
Google TV network	24-07-P3
Microsoft makes it harder to use a local account when setting up a new computer	24-07-P3
DuckDuckGo-AI chat	24-07-P3
Private Cloud Compute	24-07-P3
Microsoft Update causes taskbar problems	24-07-P3
SMS sender ID register	24-07-P3
Office suites - Are you paying too much?	24-07-P4
LibreOffice	24-07-P4
Apache OpenOffice	24-07-P4
G Suite	24-07-P4
WPS Office	24-07-P4
Virtual Desktops	24-07-P4

**SOUTHERN DISTRICTS
COMPUTER USERS CLUB Inc**
<https://sdcuci.com>

Topic: Monarto Zoo

Presenter: Bev Beerens

**Next meeting
Wednesday 17th July 2024 at 7.30pm**

Bev is well known in the club, is an active volunteer and supporter, and attends nearly all our meetings. She has been a member for over 10 years and visited Monarto Zoo.

Bev's presentation will give us an insight into what's available at the zoo, and an account of her experience during her visit. Have you visited the zoo? I'm sure the presentation will leave you wanting to book a visit.

**St Mary's Catholic Church hall, Cnr
South and Bains Roads, Morphett Vale**

**Entry is \$3 (includes tea, coffee &
supper)**
<https://sdcuci.com/>



Google TV network

Reference: *The Verge*

Viewers of Google TV's free channels watch on average 75 minutes per day. There are 20 million monthly active Google TV and Android TV OS devices, and more than 125 live channels.

Google TV network is a new advertising network that serves targeted ads to Google TV powered streaming boxes and smart TVs.

So if you are a regular viewer, expect ads, or if you haven't tried Google TV as its free, take a look.

Microsoft Update causes Taskbar problems

Reference: *techradar*

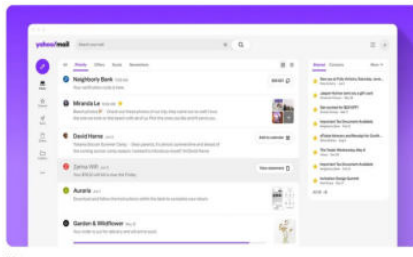
This update affects some Windows 11 users, so if you are using Windows 10 you can breath a sigh of relief.

Update KB5039302 in June was paused due to a bug which caused some PCs to enter a reboot loop. Users found their taskbar is broken and will not load at all while others advise their taskbar is not working properly. Its claimed the issue affects Windows N edition or if you manually disable the Media features toggle in Control panel. The bug has been fixed and the rollout of the update is continuing. Update KB5039302 is optional so you can avoid it for now, however it is in the July full release.

Yahoo Mail Update

Reference: *ZDNet*

Considered the "most significant update to its desktop experience in nearly a decade" the update has a cleaner user interface, and new AI-powered features to elevate your email experience.



- You can take actions straight from your inbox, track a package, view a schedule, etc.
- A starred panel for viewing most important tasks. A new priority inbox will populate the most important messages accompanied by AI generated one line summaries of emails.
- You will have an opportunity to opt in to the new desktop experience in coming months.
- You can link other email accounts to Yahoo.
- A mobile experience is to follow the desktop rollout.

Microsoft makes it harder to use a local account when setting up a new computer

Reference: *PCMag*

Microsoft recommends using a Microsoft account when signing into Windows as it allows for seamless integration of Microsoft services, enhanced security and sync across devices.

A local account is specific to the Windows machine. Information o a Local Account is now harder to find.

DuckDuckGo—AI chat

Reference: *PCMag*

You probably aren't surprised that another search engine is involved with AI. However there is a difference. DuckDuckGo AI Chat has been designed to privatise all chats between the user and the AI model and your data will not be used for AI training. The company has deals with various chatbot providers like OpenAI and Anthropic, and as a precaution, DuckDuckGo will use its own IP address instead of users. While this is free, AI chatbot will not have access to the older GPT 3.5 turbo model.

Editor: If you want to try an AI chatbot without your data identifying you give it a try.

Private Cloud Compute

Reference: *Computerworld*

A network of renewable energy powered Apple Silicon servers is being deployed across US data centres. These will run Apple's own genAI models remotely when a query demands more computational power on an Apple device.

Apple is committed to ensuring data you share will not be shared with either Apple or other users.

Users outside of the US will likely see these services in 2025.

SMS sender ID register

Laws have been introduced into federal parliament to set up an **SMS sender ID register** to better protect Australians from scammers.

Companies sending text messages can lodge their details so telcos can detect scammers trying to impersonate their business. i.e. banks, etc. A trial has been in place since December.

Why was the mobile phone wearing glasses?

Because it lost its contacts

Office suites—Are you paying too much?

An article titled “Still using Microsoft Office?

Stop now here’s why....” by Bob Rankin

<https://askbobrankin.com/>

And a question from a friend—Do you know of any free office suites? Highlighted it is probably time to remind everyone there are alternatives to Microsoft Office.

Anyone using Windows 10 or 11 will know about Microsoft Office because you get plenty of reminders to use it.

Alternative Office Suites

LibreOffice is free (you can make a donation), and is an alternative to Microsoft Word, excel, powerpoint, publisher, and access. It can import and export Microsoft Office file formats and is available for Windows, Mac OS, Linux, with versions available for Android and iOS via Collabora. 200 million active users gives you an idea of how popular it is.

OpenOffice—Was popular in years gone by and had its final release in January 2011.

Apache OpenOffice is free.

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

According to Google this program has been discontinued.

WPS Office (Kingsoft Office)

Has free and paid versions.

Mobile and desktop versions for Windows, Mac, Linux and Apple iOS.

Free version has ads and includes Writer, Spreadsheet, Presentation, PDF Editor and is-compatible with 47 common document formats.

BeConnected

G Suite

Google has a suite of productivity tools including Google Docs, Google sheets and Google slides, Google Forms, Google drawings.

Its free and web based.

A Google account is required.

Available for mobile devices—Android, iOS, ChromeOS.

Stores files in Google Drive. (Cloud)

Files can be shared.

Summary of readers comments (Bob Rankin website)

Its not always about the cost. Some readers have tried other office suites and have gone back to Microsoft office, while many used Microsoft Office during their working career and were happy to move to LibreOffice. Others use standalone versions of office 2010, 2019.

Consider whether you need a full office suite?

Virtual Desktops

Reference: Windows Intelligence

Virtual desktops are a way of keeping your work separate. i.e. different projects.

Each virtual desktop has its own set of open windows.

Available in Windows 10 and 11.

Press Windows + Tab or click Task view button on the task bar.

Switch between virtual desktops by pressing

Windows + Ctrl + Left arrow or

Windows + Ctrl + Right arrow

PAST SANDS TECH GROUP NEWSLETTERS can be found at this link. <https://1drv.ms/f/s!Ajl7M4b3DZWxgTgA5lpSIR4cn5cT>

Disclaimer:

The information contained in this newsletter is of a general nature. Always do your own research and seek advice before acting on the information provided.