

# Newsletter

## Microsoft U Turn for Microsoft 365

*Reference: Rael Hornby*

Microsoft previously announced Windows 10 users support for Microsoft 365 apps would finish on 14 October 2025.

Although support for Windows 10 users will cease on 14th October 2025 unless you pay \$30 for a one year extension, support i.e. security updates for Microsoft 365 apps including Word, Excel, Teams, Outlook, and OneDrive will continue until October 2028.



## Google's scam prevention tips

*Reference: Liz Ticong—eWeek*

- **Take a close look at website addresses**

Scammers often register domains that closely resemble real ones.

- **Use the About This Result feature**

Learn more about a site or business before visiting it.

- **Stick to official sources**

Be cautious of odd formatting, fonts, or characters that may signal a fraudulent website.

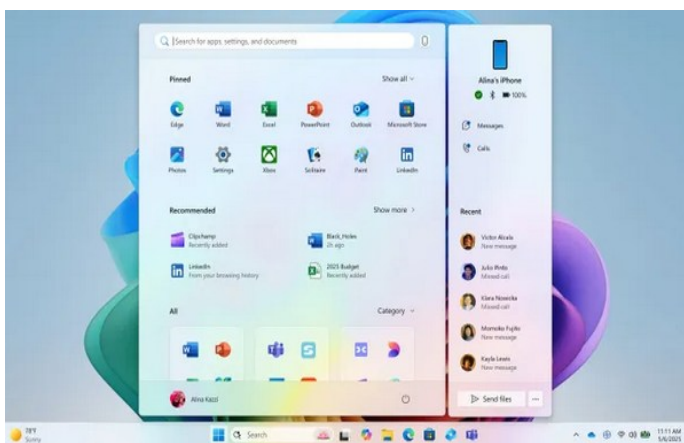
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## Windows 11 new Start menu

*Reference: Windows Central*

A more customisable layout with a phone Link integration is being rolled out for Android and iPhones devices to sync contacts, messages and calls. Three different views of the all apps list with a number of AI features are included.



There are alternatives to Microsoft 365 and if you don't want an office suite without the bells and whistles of Microsoft 365 ONLYOFFICE apps may be a solution for you.

### Pros

- ◇ Available for Windows, macOS, Linux and for mobile devices in the Google Play and iOS app stores
- ◇ Free for personal use, its open source
- ◇ Compatible with Microsoft Office Documents
- ◇ Includes a fillable PDF creator
- ◇ Desktop and online versions are available

### Cons

- ◇ Limited document viewing options
- ◇ Limited keyboard and interface customisation
- ◇ No document word counts



*Editor: With any new program there is a learning curve. Read the reviews, consider what the program does and if its for you give it a try.*

## Google is using On-Device AI to spot Scam Texts and Investment Fraud on Android

Google's "Scam Detection" in Google Messages has been expanded and will provide alerts for crypto scams, financial impersonation, gift card and prize scams, technical support scams and more. The AI security features run locally on users' devices and do not share data or message content. Android now detects about 2 billion suspicious messages a month.



## Beware of this Facebook scam 'AI Video Tools'

*Reference: Daily Tech Insider*

This new cyber scam uses legitimate looking ads on Facebook for fake AI tools. The ads aim to trick users by prompting them to upload an image or video for the Ai tool to generate content. The downloaded content is a zip file with malicious software. The malware is the type designed to steal browser passwords and crypto data.



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Hi everyone, we are halfway through the year with no slow down in the continued changes to our programs/apps. AI continues to impact our lifestyle with no end in sight, and while there are many good things happening, we need to watch out for the bad things. Scammers using AI. Missed my AI presentation? See details below.

*Happy Computing*

*Lindsay*

### Southern Districts Computer Users Club Inc <https://sdcuci.com>

Topic:	Artificial Intelligence: How IT can help you
Presenter:	Lindsay Chuck
Date & Time:	Wednesday 18th June 2025 at 7.30pm
Where:	St Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Cnr South and Bains Roads, Morphett Vale
Entry:	\$3 per person



### Using Safari as a primary browser

*Reference: Raul from Hulry*

An article by Raul comments on a few tricks to make a better overall experience like,

#### ⇒ Copy Links to all web pages in a tab group

Long press a tab group name and tap "Copy N Links" to copy links to all opened web pages in the group. Then paste all copies of links as usual anywhere.

#### ⇒ Quickly toggle Reader mode

Long press the address bar options on the left to toggle between regular and reader mode,

#### ⇒ View the navigation history of the active tab

Long press the back button on a tab to show the entire navigation history for that tab. Tapping an item in the list takes you back to that previously opened web page

#### ⇒ View recently closed tabs

Long press the new tab button to view all recently closed tabs. Tapping an item in the list reopens the closed tab.

**Editor:** Safari is a free web browser installed on Apple devices. A version is available for Windows devices, but an updated version isn't.

Learn more by doing the Beconnected module at the link. <https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/topic-library/advanced-online-security/understanding-web-browsers/browsing-with-apple-safari#>

### Orion browser—Mac and iOS

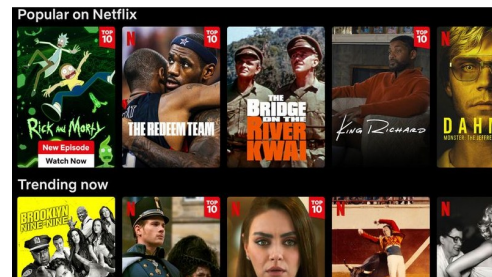
This browser has the same Webkit rendering engine as Safari but it has **stronger ad-blocking and privacy protections**, and uses vertical tabs and lets you install Chrome extensions..

### AI chatbot coming to Netflix to help you pick your next show

*Reference: PCWorld*

"I need a good cry" or "something funny and upbeat" or "stories about dancers" and similar preset phrases will be available to use, or type your own phrase, are aimed at helping you select a movie of your choice. Generative AI chatbot will open a new way of selecting movies and please viewers.

Netflix's home page is also having a makeover to include moving shortcuts like Search and My list appearing at the top of the screen. Also a tik Tok style vertical feed with clips of Netflix shows and movies is coming to mobile devices.



### Fact Checkers

FactCheck.org

Google Fact Check

Snopes

POLITIFACT  
The Poynter Institute

How can you make an informed decision from information displayed on the internet?

These tools allow users to check a specific claim or an article's credibility of online information

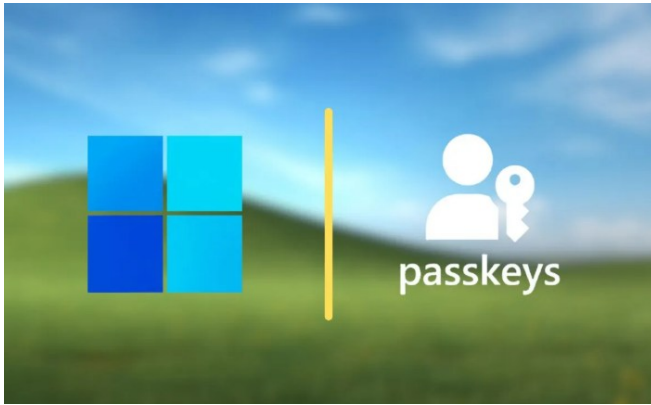
<https://toolbox.google.com/factcheck/explorer/search/list:recent;hl=en> Google Fact Check

<https://www.snopes.com> Snopes

<https://www.factcheck.org> FactCheck.org

<https://www.politifact.com/> PolitiFact





## Passwords to Passkeys Microsoft

*Reference: Techrepublic -Megan Crouse*

Microsoft has begun replacing passwords with passkeys.

A passkey is facial recognition, fingerprint scans or PINs and signing into an account with passkeys (32%) is three times more successful than signing in with a password (98%).

From the 1st May 2025 the default for new users signing into their account will be a passkey. They are more secure than passwords and less vulnerable to phishing or data breaches and you don't have to remember a complex password.

Existing Microsoft account users can still log in using passwords but the device will prompt the user to use the "best available method on your account".  
Microsoft want everyone signed up with PIN numbers or biometrics.

**Lonely Boomers Are Doomed as Scammers  
Use AI to Make Themselves Look Like  
Beautiful Women**

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## Extend Phone Battery Life

### Android

There is a feature in settings on Samsung phones called Power Saving Mode. Its recognized that charging your battery to 100% reduces battery life so you can customize how your phone uses power via options that limit CPU speed, reduce brightness and turn off Always On Display, etc. On my phone I'm able to set the phone to one of three settings Basic, Adaptive, or Maximum. Maximum charges the phone to 80%.

### iPhone and iPads

Low Power Mode temporarily reduces background activity to extend battery life when the battery level gets low.

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## Microsoft Edge to lose features

*Reference: Windows Central*

Edge is having the following features removed. Image Editor, image hovers menu, the mini menu, Video super resolution, and wallet hub.

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## **Hide Google AI Overviews**

If you don't like the AI overviews on Google search you can stop them.

The browser extension **Hide Google AI overviews** can be used. It removes the AI generated overviews and is available in the chrome web store.

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## Dual boot bug fixed

*Reference: PCMag*

A Windows 11 bug on some computers that made it harder to dual boot Linux on the same PC was fixed in the May 13 update. The bug was caused in the August 2024 update.