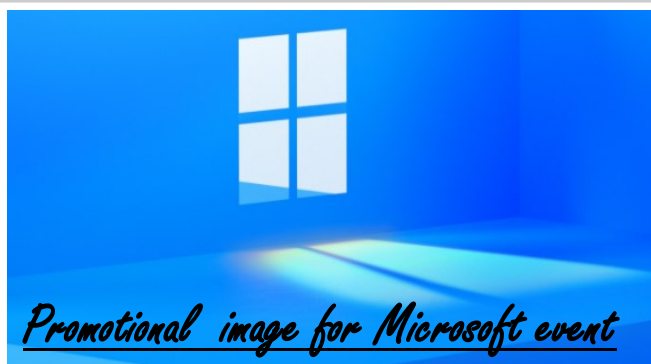


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Microsoft will hold an event "What's next for Windows" on 24 June 2021

While few details are available on the event, some experts believe announcements will include the Windows 10 Sun Valley Update, Cloud PC streaming service and other products.



Promotional image for Microsoft event

Windows 10 version 21H1 is now available

Apple Users
Don't forget to Update. See Page 2

Is Windows 11 coming?

Google is following Apple and looks to stop Android apps from tracking users.
Reference: Techradar

Microsoft has announced June 15 2022 as the official end date for Internet Explorer although some products will not be affected by this retirement

Google is about to switch users to a compulsory **two factor authentication** system to make it harder for hackers to break into your Gmail.
Reference: ITPRO

Windows 10 bug can corrupt some FLAC music files but there's a fix.
Reference: Windowslatest

About Mozilla Firefox



Firefox has had a redesign in version 89

The short video link below gives you a look at the changes. (38 seconds)
[The New Firefox Redesign - YouTube](#)

DID YOU KNOW

Ransomware Demands

The average demand is AUD\$1.25 million
According to Dale Heath of Rubrik.

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Wednesday 16th June 2021
Password Manager

Presenter: Tim Mathie

Who hasn't had a problem with passwords? How can you remember all of them? Don't use the same password for all of your accounts they say. Change your password regularly. If you aren't using a Password Manager this session will provide an insight into an option you may consider. Tim previously gave us a demonstration on Virtual Reality which was very interesting,
St Mary's Catholic Church Cnr South and Bains Roads Morphett Vale
Entry is \$3 (includes tea, coffee & supper)
<http://sdcuci.com>

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.

Editor:

Free Google photos has come to an end (see page 3) although I did read that some android smartphones will still qualify for free unlimited storage. I haven't seen a free alternative to Google Photos with the same advantages however don't forget you can pay for a Google plan.

Microsoft has confirmed that it is working on the next generation of Windows OS for desktop. Some consider that it will be called Windows 11, so watch for the outcome of the June 24 event.

Ransomware continues to be in the headlines with Fuji film corporation one of the latest companies hit.

Happy Computing



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Windows 10 version 21H1

Reference: Computerworld

This feature version offers a few minor changes and is unlikely to benefit many users. However the next version is likely to be released later in the year and will be the one to watch for.

Fission— Browser security Another reason to be using Firefox

Reference: Techrepublic

Security is becoming more important everyday so Mozilla developers have focused their attention on browser security.

A new feature called *Fission*, (also known as *Site Isolation*) works by isolating each site into a separate process making it harder for malicious websites to access private information like passwords, credit card details, etc. The information is loaded by other sites. The feature helps prevent the use of exploits that collect this sensitive data from in memory content.

Note: This feature is a beta release (experimental) but can be activated. Contact the Editor if you would like the instructions.



Facebook is testing a prompt to stop people sharing articles they haven't read This is to stop the spread of misinformation

The feature will warn users who attempt to share an article that it hasn't been read;

A message "You are about to share an article without opening it" and ""Sharing articles without reading them may mean missing key facts""

Apple iPhone Users—Another Urgent Update

Reference: Forbes

Users are urged to update to iOS 14.6 to address 43 vulnerabilities found, some of which are serious. Updates to WebKit, the engine that powers the Safari browser are included. The fixes aim to protect users against hackers. On the bright side this update has some new features.

WhatsApp—New Features

Reference: Independent

New features coming include, users having the option to use their account on up to four devices. Messages that can only be seen once and then disappear.

Google's Free unlimited Photo storage comes to an end.....



The 1st June 2021 brings to an end Google's free unlimited storage for your photos and videos.

What happens from the 1st June?

Any photos and videos uploaded via Google Photos will count towards your free 15GB of storage. Photos and videos uploaded prior to the 1st June will not count against the storage limit. ie they are exempt.

What is allocated against the free 15GB of storage? Emails in Gmail, documents saved on Google Drive and photos and videos.

Google claims that 80% of users will have three years before they will have to pay for storage.

Have I Been Pwned


Reference: ITPro

Good news if you think your user name or password has been compromised. The founder of this service, Troy Hunt has been approached by the FBI to collaborate on compromised data. The FBI will use the database for its purposes and in return provide passwords to the database. Users will have the benefit of their data being checked against more usernames and passwords. There isn't a timeframe available at this stage. However its still worth checking out this website if you have a concern about your email address and password being compromised.

To improve better management of the data the website code (HIBP) is being converted to open source.

Microsoft Edge Vertical Tabs

Microsoft has been adding features to its browser for a while now and version 91 lets you stack tabs vertically without the title bar.

Click on  Go to the top left corner and left click the icon. The tabs will be shown vertically. Its worth a look and you can check other features on page 4.

What is Cloud Computing?

Many people don't realise they are using it everyday. Cloud Computing is the delivery of different services through the internet via tools and applications like data storage, servers, databases, networking and software. Examples include, streaming ie Netflix, Stan, Foxtel, Binge, Spotify, Youtube, accounting services and more.

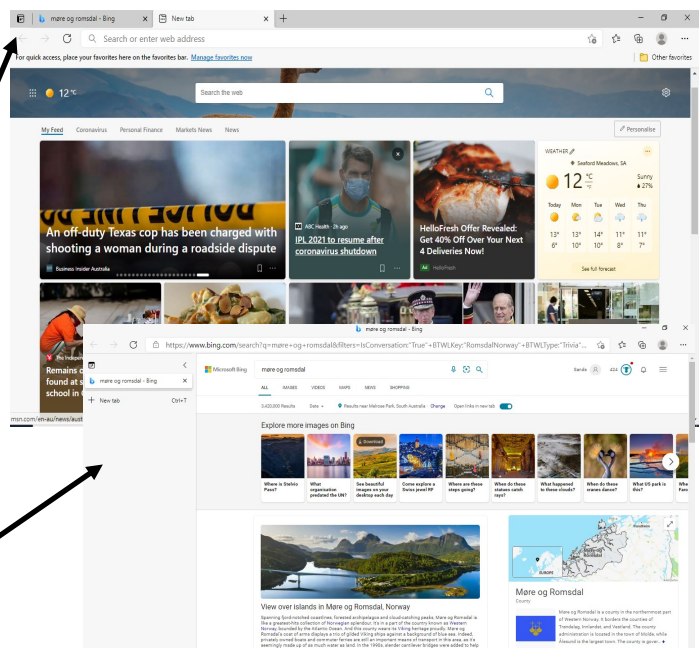
You only have to think about Apple, Google and Microsoft and their products for photos, spreadsheets, slides, docs and storage. Using desktops/laptops/tablets and smartphones there's the good and the bad of Cloud Computing.

Disadvantages— privacy, security, data usage, internet speed, technical problems causing lack of service.

Advantages—backing up your data, syncing your files across different devices , reduced space use on your devices ie computer/tablet/smartphone.

Encrypt your sensitive files

Storage is one of the popular features of Cloud Computing, and one used by millions of people. If you are using Cloud storage like Google Drive, OneDrive or one of the many other service providers, encrypt your sensitive files before uploading them to the cloud. Two encryption programs to consider using are Duplicati - <https://www.duplicati.com/download> and Cryptomator - <https://cryptomator.org/downloads/>



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VLC Player Revisited

VideoLAN is a project by a non profit

organisation. It is shareware and is open source. Its **free** and a donation is encouraged. This program has been around for many years and its features are worth highlighting. **Available for** Windows/Mac OS X/iOS/ Linux/Android ie Desktops/Laptops/ Tablets/Smartphones. Check out the stores for the app. There's also a portable version. **Input formats**—There are too many formats to mention here but this player reads most formats which is one of its advantages.

Conversion—Another feature I have found useful is being able to convert video clips MP4 to an audio file MP3.

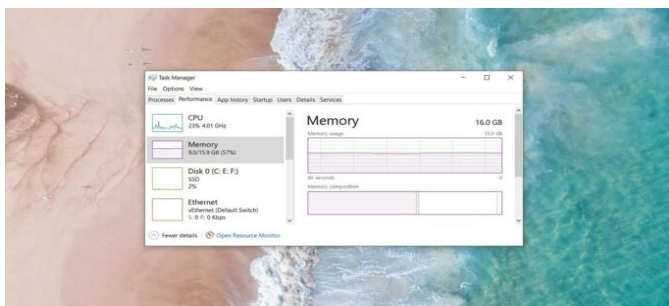
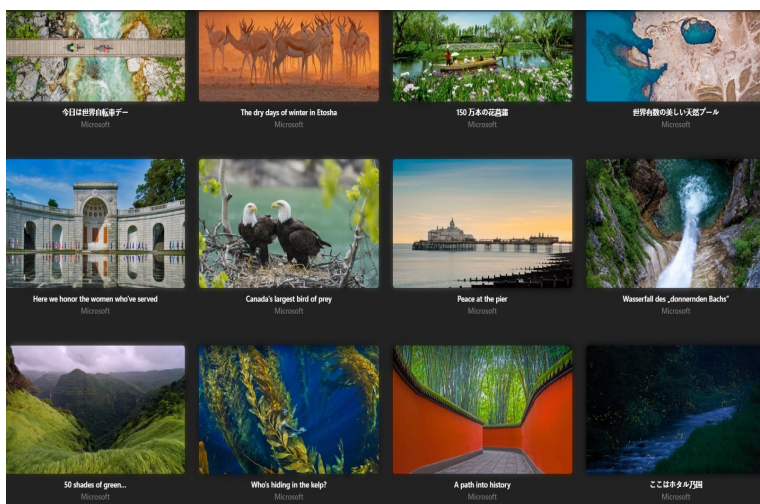
To download it to Windows go to this link <https://www.videolan.org/>

<https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/>

Windows Wallpapers

If you enjoy Windows wallpapers, there are some fantastic ones available check out. The wallpapers and creators at the link below. If you are after a background for your chat session there are plenty to choose from.

<https://wallpaperhub.app/>



Windows 10 Task Manager Revamp coming

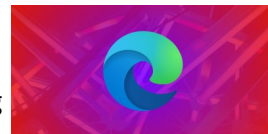
Reference: *Windows latest* by Mayank Parmar

New Fluent icons for Task Manager and MSI installers will be coming in the Windows 10 Sun Valley Update later in the year.

Microsoft Edge version 91

Reference: *Makeuseof*—Author Joe Keeley.

New features in this version have allowed Microsoft to claim it is the best performing browser.



Startup boost is claimed to launch Edge 41% faster than previously due to core Edge processes in the background.

Sleeping Tabs—this feature assists users who run multiple tabs at the same time. When the tabs are not in use resources are freed up so they can be used elsewhere in your system. Its claimed this feature helps achieve 82% memory savings overall.

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