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# Interesting Internet Finds October 2019 Author: Steve Costello scostello (at) sefcug.com

## In the course of going through the more than 300 RSS feeds, I often run across things that I think might be of interest to other user group members.

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## The following are some items I found interesting during the month of September 2019.

*How To Reinstall Windows Without An Installation Disc*

<https://askleo.com/how-to-reinstall-windows-without-an-installation-disc/>

This question comes up all the time at user meetings. Leo Notenboom provides several excellent answers. Basically everything he says in the post boils down to being ready before the need comes up.

*Is Linux Really Immune To Viruses and Malware? Here’s the Truth*

<https://www.leetvofficial.com/is-linux-really-immune-to-viruses-and-malware-heres-the-truth/>

Linux is becoming more popular now, especially with support for Windows 7 coming to an end. Before you switch you should be aware of the virus and malware issues.

*How (And Why) To Use Google’s Chromebook Simulator*

<https://www.howtogeek.com/439256/how-and-why-to-use-googles-chromebook-simulator/>

If you are like me and considering buying a Chromebook, you should check out this post.

*4 Things To Look For When Buying A USB Hub*

<https://www.maketecheasier.com/things-look-out-for-buying-usb-hub/>

There are still a lot of USB devices around, and less USB ports on computers these days. If you don’t have enough ports on your laptop, or desktop, you will need a USB hub. This post tells you what you need to look for to make the best purchase. (Note: I have several hubs that I use often.)

*How To Optimize Your Google Drive Storage*

<https://www.online-tech-tips.com/google-softwaretips/how-to-optimize-your-google-drive-storage/>

If you use Google Drive storage (and if you have a Google account you should) it should be optimized. This post explains how to optimize the storage.

*Encrypt Public WiFi With Firefox Private Network For Secure Connection*

<https://www.ilovefreesoftware.com/12/windows/internet/plugins/encrypt-public-wifi-with-firefox-private-network-for-secure-connection.html>

If you use Firefox there is now an option to have a free secure connections. Check out this post to learn all about it. It is not the best option, but is better than no VPN at all.

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