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# Interesting Internet Finds June 2021 Steve Costello scostello AT sefcug.com

## While going through more than 300 RSS feeds, I often run across things that might be interesting to other user group members. The following are some items I found during May 2021.

*How Do I Access Gmail Without Phone Verification?*

<https://askleo.com/access-gmail-without-phone-verification/>

Leo explains how you can access your Gmail without your phone verification, but you need to make preparations beforehand. If you use Gmail, make sure you prepare as described so you can access your account without phone verification in the future.

*8 Best Google Photos Alternatives Of 2021*

<https://www.fossmint.com/google-photos-alternatives/>

Google ended unlimited Google Photo storage as of June 1, 2021. If you are running out of storage because of that, check out the alternatives listed in this post. (Note: I have a Flickr Pro account, which is unlimited, so I have switched to using the auto-upload feature instead of Google Photos. My public photos are available at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/sefcug/>.)

*Yes, You Can Use Libreoffice As A PDF Editor – Here’s How*

<https://www.makeuseof.com/libreoffice-pdf-editor/>

If you have LibreOffice you can edit PDFs. This MakeUseOf post explains what you need to know about using LibreOffice this way.

*How & When To Use A Passphrase*

<https://firewallsdontstopdragons.com/how-when-to-use-a-passphrase/>

This post explains the differences between passwords and passphrases, as well as which to use when. The author also highly recommends using a password manager. (Note: I use a password manager, make sure there are no duplicate passwords, and use long passphrases for various things.)

*How To Download Your Google Photos*

<https://www.theverge.com/22440156/google-photos-download-save>

You can download your Google Photos and store them locally, and back them up with the rest of your data. This post explains how to download them. If you have lots of photos, it might take a long time for the data to be available.

*How To Make Your Headphones Louder*

<https://joyofandroid.com/make-your-headphones-louder/>

Have your headphones gotten less loud over time? If that is the case or to know more about making your headphones louder, check out this post. Not only does this post advise how to make headphones louder, and it also explains some reasons why sound levels decrease sometimes.

*Slow VPN? Here’s How To Make It Faster*

<https://www.howtogeek.com/727017/slow-vpn-heres-how-to-make-it-faster/>

This post first explains how to determine that the VPN is the problem. If the VPN is the problem, the post goes into several ways that might speed up the VPN connection.

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