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

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

## The following are some items I found interesting during November 2021.

*How To Disable The Smart Compose Feature In Gmail*

<https://techviral.net/disable-smart-compose-gmail/>

I keep the Smart Compose feature turned off because I distrust the AI figuring out what I want to say. So if you have not turned this feature off in your Gmail, I suggest you do it now.

*Is Charging Your Phone Overnight A Bad Idea?*

<https://www.online-tech-tips.com/smartphones/is-charging-your-phone-overnight-a-bad-idea/>

This question pops up from time to time. The people at Online Tech Tips answer this and some other questions regarding battery charging.

*HTTPS vs. VPN: 5 Reasons You Do Need Both*

<https://www.makeuseof.com/https-vs-vpn-reasons-you-do-need-both/>

If you don’t have a VPN, always use HTTPS. However, if you have a VPN, this post explores why using both is a good idea. (Note: I always use both when I am away from my home network. Sometimes, I even use both, especially with banking and shopping sites.)

*Five Simple Rules For Spotting A Scam*

<https://cynmackley.com/2021/11/22/five-simple-rules-for-spotting-a-scam/>

I am sure you keep hearing about scams; I know I do all the time. This post has some simple and easily remembered tips for spotting scams. Check this post out.

*How Using BCC Reduces Spam*

<https://askleo.com/bcc-reduces-spam/>

Everyone should know this already, but I still get things from others who don’t know or don’t care. (Note: As a former user group officer and newsletter editor, I learned to use BCC early on, and I think everyone should too. If I see multiple recipients in an email, I flag future emails from that sender to go to a specific folder and email the sender back requesting that they use BCC in the future.)

*The 6 VPN Features That Matter Most*

<https://www.howtogeek.com/758704/the-6-vpn-features-that-matter-most/>

If you are in the market for a VPN, check out this post to see what features you should be looking to have.

*My Debit Card Was Hacked*

<https://firewallsdontstopdragons.com/my-debit-card-was-hacked/>

In this post, the author explains how his debit card was hacked and provides some advice gathered from the experience.

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