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# Interesting Internet Finds November 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 October 2021.

*Do Random Words Make Better Passwords?*<https://askleo.com/do-random-words-make-better-passwords/>

In this post, Leo Notenboom explains why using three or more random words can be better for making passwords than the current method of long strings of random characters. Caveats to the random word method are also presented. Check it out and find out if random words work out better for you.

*How To Charge Laptop With HDMI?*<https://www.techtricksworld.com/how-to-charge-laptop-with-hdmi/>

I did not even know it was possible to charge a laptop with HDMI until I read this post. So now, if I forget my laptop charger on vacation, I have other solutions than ordering a new one from Amazon again.

*What's The Reason For Free Software?*<https://askbobrankin.com/whats_the_reason_for_free_software.html>

I used to get this question when moderating the BRCS Freeware SIG. (Some files from the SIG meetings are still available at <https://app.box.com/v/brcs-freewaresig> and are probably still useful.) Bob Rankin provides a detailed answer to the question in this post.

*What Is A VPN Kill Switch And Why You Should Enable It?*<https://www.online-tech-tips.com/computer-tips/what-is-a-vpn-kill-switch-and-why-you-should-enable-it/>

OK, I know there has been a lot of talk recently about using a VPN with unsecured Wi-Fi. If you are using a VPN for security with unsecured Wi-Fi, you need to know if it has a kill switch enabled or even has one. This post explains why the kill switch is a must-have. (Note: I use two different VPNs, and they both have a kill switch enabled.)

*Beware QR Code... Articles*<https://firewallsdontstopdragons.com/beware-qr-code-articles/>

The author of this blog explains that contrary to recent articles warning about malicious QR codes, QR codes are not malicious in and of themselves. Furthermore, he explains how to make sure QR code scams do not take you in. I think this is a must-read to clear up a lot of confusion.

*Can I Use The Web Anonymously From My Android Phone?*<https://www.askdavetaylor.com/use-web-anonymously-privately-from-android-vpn-incognito-tor/>

Dave Taylor answers this question with a few possible solutions.

*What Is DNS-Over-HTTPS and How Does It Work?*<https://www.makeuseof.com/what-is-dns-over-https/>

This post explains what DNS-Over-HTTPS is, how it works, the advantages and the disadvantages.

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