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Interesting Internet Finds for February

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

The following are some more items I found interesting during January 2019

Crank Your Password Strength Up to 11!

https://askleo.com/crank-your-password-strength-up-to-11/

Leo explains the current password strength recommendations. As you can probably tell from the post title, the most important one is the length of the password.

Using Macrium Reflect Boot Media

https://www.tweakhound.com/2019/01/24/using-macrium-reflect-boot-media/

This post explains how and why the author only uses boot media (USB in his case) to make operations system backups. Editor’s Note: I use Macrium Reflect with the desktop application. But, after reading this am going to start using boot media instead.

How Do I Know When to Repair or Replace My Computer?

https://www.askdavetaylor.com/know-when-repair-or-replace-computer/

This is a common question regardless the operating system. Dave provides some basic answers depending upon the reason.

A reader asks: “What do I do with the USB drive that I found in a department-store changing room?”

https://langa.com/index.php/2019/01/17/a-reader-asks-what-do-i-do-with-the-usb-drive-that-i-found-in-a-department-store-changing-room/

Fred Langa answers this question with four choices. If you should happen to find a USB drive and don’t know what you should do refer to this post for options. Note: This has happened to me and I have taken it to the front office in case someone realizes they lost it they can get it back.

Why Use A VPN At Home On Your Windows PC

https://reviews.thewindowsclub.com/why-use-vpn-windows

Do you use a VPN on your Windows PC at home? I do. If you don’t, check out this post for reasons you should too.

How to Get In-Ear Headphones to Fit Properly

https://www.techlicious.com/how-to/tips-for-getting-in-ear-headphones-to-fit-properly/

Have problems getting your in ear headphones to fit properly? If like me you sometimes have a problem with this, check out this post.

I Cut Google Out Of My Life. It Screwed Up Everything

https://gizmodo.com/i-cut-google-out-of-my-life-it-screwed-up-everything-1830565500

This post emphasizes how dependent we are on Google in our internet life. This post is included just because I found it very interesting. Note: I regularly use Gmail, Google Calendar, Google Photos, the Chrome browser, and many other Google items, so this is not because this is a Google bashing thing.

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