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Fun Holiday Facts

Did you know that...

- Over 25% of all emails are sent during the holidays.
- There are now three days of note after Thanksgiving—Black Friday, Cyber Monday and Giving Tuesday.
- Poinsettias are now grown in all 50 states and represent over 85% of potted plant sales during the holidays.
- The modern New Year's ball is made of Waterford crystal, covered with 696 light bulbs, 96 strobe lights and 90 rotating pyramid mirrors.
- The most prominent public Chanukah program in the world is the annual light ceremony of the National Chanukah Menorah on the Ellipse, just across from the White House in Washington D.C.
- Kwanzaa is celebrated by African-Americans on December 26.

Repurposing Your Old Android Device

It's a fact of life that electronic devices don't stay on top of the market for very long. That nice new Android tablet with all the latest apps and games will soon be replaced with a newer version, demanding that you upgrade or risk being left in the dust with a useless piece of metal and plastic. Fortunately, there is a future for your old Android tablet. Let's learn about five ways to repurpose that old Android tablet into something unique and useful.

Security Camera

As long as your Android has a workable battery and screen, you can turn it into a webcam security system. Simply download a security app like Salient Eye (easily found on Google Play) or At Home Video Streamer, set it up as per the directions and place it where you want to observe. It can even be rigged to turn on as it senses movement.

Digital Camera Photo Frame

Don't spend \$30 on a digital picture frame when you can use an old Android tablet. Again you will have to visit the Google Play or

other app store, search for a program similar to Photo Slides, plug the Android into a wall socket, and you have pictures you can scroll through whenever you want and display on your mantel.

Portable Reference Library

You have probably used your Android for book storage already, so why not turn it into a functional library? Visit Amazon Kindle or Google Play Books and download your choice of reference books and eBooks. Kwix, the offline version of Wikipedia, can provide



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Office 365 Upgrades

The latest Office 365 updates add productivity solutions and increased security to business owners who utilize the cloud-based program. Azure Information Protection, Enterprise Mobility + Security Suite, and Productivity Insight were slated to be released in late 2016. Read on to learn more about Office 365's new features and how you can use them in your business.

Azure Information Protection

Using Office 365 protection technology, also known as Azure RMS, this feature allows business leaders to mark sensitive documents and control who has access to information in various documents. The protection travels with the data, whether it is online or provided through another device. Business owners can

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Repurposing Your Android Device (cont.)

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you with encyclopedia-like entries without having to go online.

Radio or Wireless-only device

You can download Pandora or I Heart Radio and use your Android to play your favorite music without interfering with other open computer programs and without using valuable memory.

Universal Remote

It is so easy to lose the remote in the folds of the couch or slots in a magazine rack. It's not so easy to lose an Android tablet. By installing a universal remote app like Peel Smart Remote, AnyMote, or Irdroid, you can use your old Android as a universal

remote for televisions and other electronic systems in the office.

There is no reason to throw your old Android tablet into a drawer when you upgrade -- especially not when there are so many apps available that can help you repurpose your device into something useful and unique. For more information on how to recycle your old tech devices, give us a call. We'll be glad to help you save money and find a new use for your old tablet.



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Office 365 Upgrades (cont.)

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mark a document as internal and keep it from being sent outside the company. Drop-down menus also allow users to apply trackable data protection in order to identify potential leaks and gain insight into how a business is structured.

Enterprise Mobility + Security Suite

Re-branded from the Enterprise Mobility Suite, this feature adds more security potential to sensitive data while allowing business owners to manage apps on any device from one location. Users have more control over identity-driven access and also encrypts data to allow secure collaboration among employees.

Productivity Insight

This feature, an addition to Delve Analytics, tracks an employee's time management at the office. MyAnalytics for Outlook allows business owners

or managers to see who has read, replied, and forwarded their email while also providing them with information on the the email sender. The feature also acts as a storage receptacle for shared files and contact information so they can be accessed quickly.

As Office 365 expands its services to include security and productivity features, companies using cloud-based servers have an advantage over old-school computer users. Not only do they have access to the technology to keep their data safe and accessible to employees, but they also have the management software to see where their efforts are paying off by way of productivity programs. If you need to know more about the new features of Office 365, give our professionals a call. We can answer your questions and help you get the most out of the new Security and Productivity Insight additions.

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Fun Holiday Activities

Bake holiday cookies * Attend a holiday performance * Take supplies to an animal shelter * Go ice skating at an outdoor ice skating rink * Visit a holiday exhibit * Go see holiday light displays * Take treats to a police or fire station * Pay for a stranger's coffee * Donate toys to a charity * Go caroling at an assisted living center * Donate food to a food pantry * Watch your favorite holiday movies



Microsoft Insider Program for Skype Users

Skype is a free video call service which also includes Instant Messaging as well as Group Video calling and Screen Sharing. It does not need a lot of equipment and the software is quite user-friendly which means a user can get started just a few minutes after downloading it. If you are calling a fellow Skype user, there are no costs although there is a fee if you call a landline or cell phone and if you use any of the advanced services. Microsoft purchased Skype in 2011.

The latest announcement from Microsoft is an extension of its new and beloved Insider Programs. If you are a Skype user -- whether for business, personal use, or both -- then this new program just might be for you. Android, iOS, OS X, and Windows users can join the Skype Insider Program and gain access to benefits and features not available to the average Skype user. If you are interested in maximizing your VoIP experience, we've compiled all the necessary information in this article.

At its core, the new Skype Insider Program is a way to allow Skype users to beta test cutting-edge features and software fixes. In addition to granting users access to the latest features before they become public, this program also gives Microsoft a major advantage because more beta testers means it can roll out full updates and upgrades more quickly. After joining, users can test out a wide array of improvements for any Skype platform, including Android, iOS, OS X, or Windows.

Make sure you know exactly what you're getting into before joining this Insider Program, or any betas for that matter. It exists to test out how well new features work "in the wild," and there is potential for bugs. The catch 22 is that with so many users beta-testing the software, those problems and bugs will be fixed far more quickly than before, and participants will have a head start on using those features when they officially roll out.

VoIP has been around for years now, and most vendor offerings are similar to one another. In our opinion, getting access to new VoIP technology is definitely worth it. You'll be able to get a head start on the competition, and Microsoft will reward your contributions with a faster, more secure Skype connection.

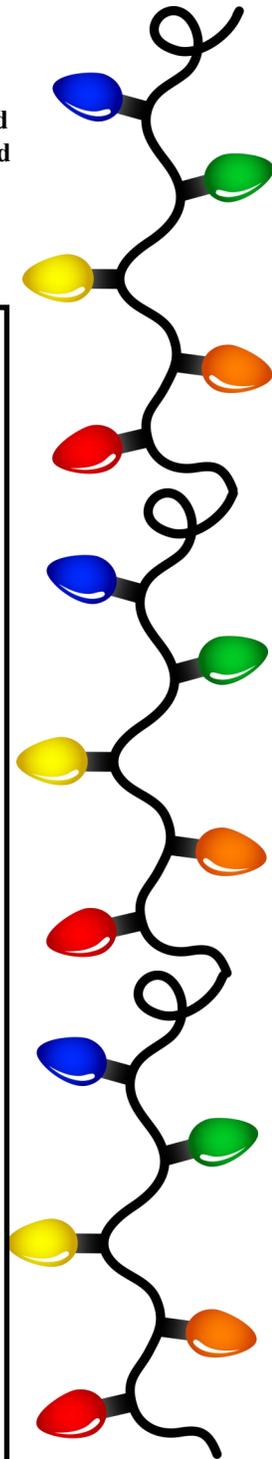
An open and well-populated beta program almost always means great things for users and the software they're using. If you are interested in becoming part of Skype's Insider Program, or if you have any VoIP-related questions, contact us today.

Holiday Novelties

The gingerbread Star Wars AT-AT with Luke hanging on for dear life!



Bubbling Christmas lights—some mineral oil, food coloring and alka seltzer are part of the magic!



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Inquiring Minds...

Google Photo Scan

Google is releasing a new app called Photo Scan that helps people to digitize old printed photos and upload them. Everyone knows what a hassle it is to scan them or get them scanned professionally. Some have started taking photos of them to upload but oftentimes you're left with a glare. With Photo Scan, you get a reflection-free image and it's easy!

Holiday Light Displays in Southern California

Most likely you have some favorite places to visit in your neighborhood or nearby neighborhoods but don't forget about these others which might be further afield including the Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade, Christmas Tree Lane in Altadena, December Nights in Balboa Park in San Diego, Wakefield Court in Saugus, Historic Mission Inn Festival of Lights in Riverside,

Downtown Los Angeles
Walking Tours, San Diego
Boat Parade of Lights,
Disneyland, Wild Lights
Living Desert in Palm
Desert and LA Zoo Lights
at the LA Zoo.



Office 365 Hub

Office 365 Hub is a dashboard management program that makes it easier for you to integrate all your Office 365 apps in one location and manage the different programs without the need to get on a browser.

Users can:

- Manage their payment and subscription information
 - Optimize Office apps for mobile devices
 - Access files, programs and apps on the cloud drive from any device
 - Switch between a personal and business account
- Office Hub, like other dashboard management programs, allows you to access multiple apps and programs in one place. Clicking on the Home tab displays a summary of recent documents accessed as well as your commonly used Office apps.

At the moment, Office 365 Hub is only available to those who are Office 365 subscribers and members of their Insider program. They also have to be set as Fast Ring subscribers, members who receive builds before they have been completely debugged and updated. Otherwise, you can expect the general release of Office 365 Hub and its benefits in the first half of 2017.

Holidays are about
experiences and people, and
tuning into what you feel
like doing at that moment.
Enjoy not having to look at
a watch.

-Evelyn Glennie