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2021 World Backup Day



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World Backup Day WORLD BACKUP DAY LOGO

World Backup Day is March 31. This annual event reminds people to backup their data before they lose it by accident or malice, and make themselves an April Fool.

The World Backup Day Pledge
"I solemnly swear to backup my important documents and precious memories on March 31st."



Help wanted with presentations!

- Topics
- Speakers
 - monthly meetings
 - members' favourites
 - Q&A



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Topics Received



Speakers Wanted!

USB plugs, ports, and more

- What is the history of the various kinds of USB plugs and ports?
- What uses are made of the different types?
- Are there compatibility issues?
- What are the differences between hubs and powered hubs?
- Anything else I should know about USB's?

If you can speak to this topic, please contact us at SuggestionBox@opcug.ca



Any writers out there?

- Lynda Buske noted that...
 - we often see
 - ...at Q&A
 - ...in the OPCUG-Member-Forum
 - ...while browsing the web
 - web sites with interesting
 - ...emerging technologies
 - ...fun game sites
 - ...clear explanations of a concept
 - Would anyone be interested in compiling a short list for the monthly newsletter?



Any writers out there?

Seen lately *by a club member*

A monthly column of random bits and pieces with links where you can find out more

- **Why the prices of computer components are rising and things are sold out.** It may not be (completely) why you think - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3A4yk-P5ukY>
- **Intel releases their latest tiny computer (NUC), Phantom Canyon** with 11th gen Tiger Lake processor, discrete RTX 2060 graphics, 16 GB RAM (max 64 GB), m.2 SSD, 8 USB ports and more - <https://simplynuc.com/phantom-canyon/>
- **Features added recently to Zoom.** Suppress background noise, have your video appear on top of slides when you present, share multiple windows, adjust video for low light, and more - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WjwZTRve3Zc>
- **A powerful charging hub** for your USB devices: PinePower can provide all the charging you need. It has 4 USB type A ports with up to 15W and a USB-C PD (power delivery) port that can pump out 65W - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=60IG0XmHtcY>
- **Golfing on your PC, tablet or phone for free** with stunning graphics - <https://m.wgt.com>
- **Training on office ergonomics** (not free!) - https://www.yowcanada.com/course_outlines_office_ergonomics.asp?lang=E

Follow-up

Fewer posts to a semaphore?

- Still nothing on Feedback Hub
- About to post bug report to audacityteam.org
- Ran the program and... Bug fixed!



DataDisk



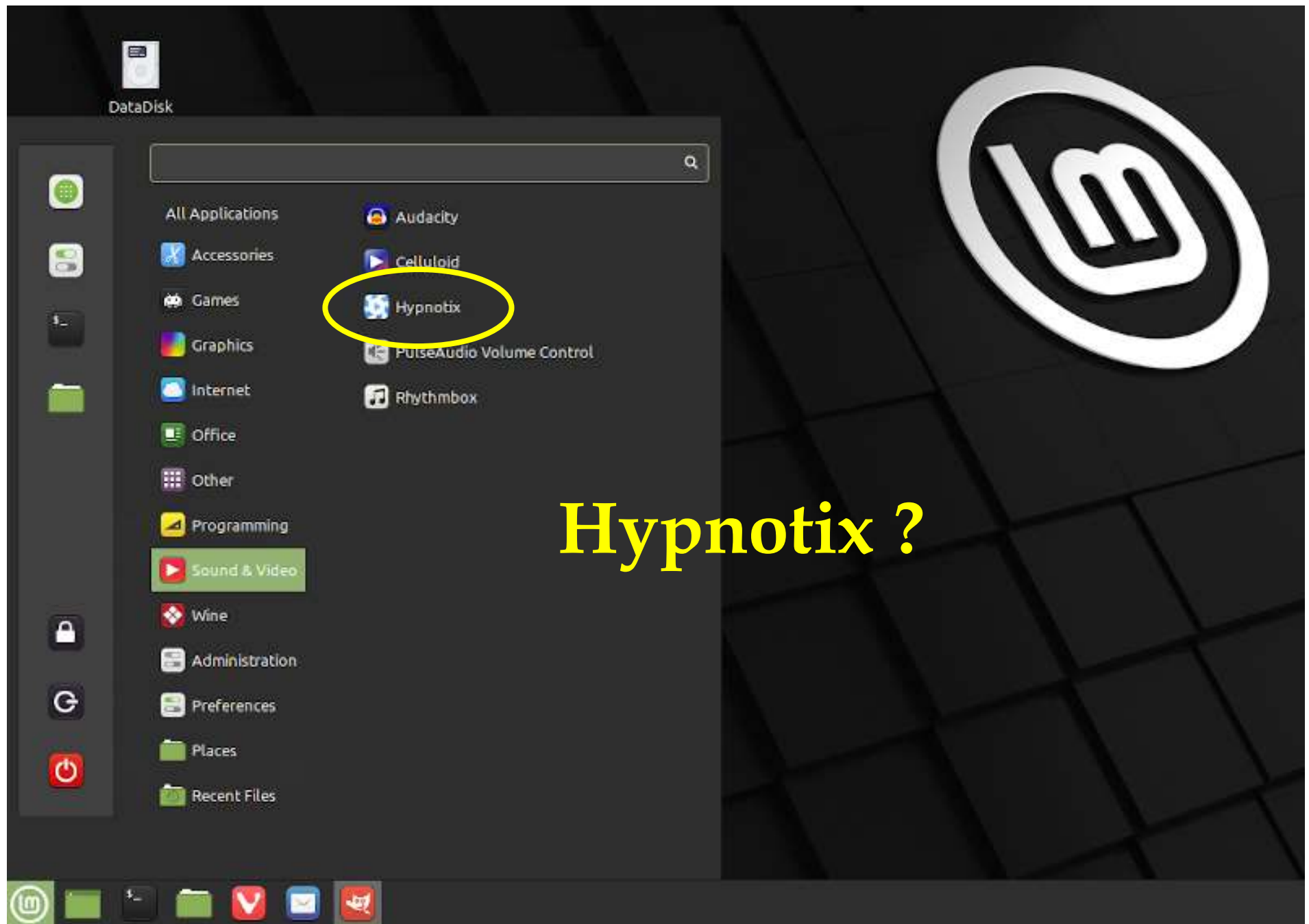
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- All Applications
- Accessories
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- Office
- Other
- Programming
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- Wine
- Administration
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- Places
- Recent Files

Applications listed in the right column:

- Audacity
- Ceasaroid
- Hypnotix
- PulseAudio Volume Control
- Rhythmbox





Hypnotix ?

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Hypnotix - Free IPTV



New features in Linux Mint 20.1 Cinnamon

Hypnotix

Another application which is new in Linux Mint 20.1 is Hypnotix, an IPTV player for M3U playlists.

TV Channels and media content

Hypnotix does not provide content or TV channels, it is a player application which streams from IPTV providers.

By default, Hypnotix is configured with one IPTV provider called Free-IPTV: <https://github.com/Free-IPTV/Countries>.

This provider was chosen because it satisfied the following criterias:


- It only includes free, legal, publicly available content
- It groups TV channels by countries
- It doesn't include adult content



Free-IPTV TV Channels



GERMANY (35)	GERMANY SG TV PLUS (61)	GERMANY PLUTO (88)	GERMANY Etc (5)	GERMANY LOCAL (56)
AUSTRIA (22)	SWITZERLAND (34)	LIECHTENSTEIN (1)	USA (192)	USA LOCAL (74)
USA GALXY TV (2)	USA DISTRO (33)	USA MYTVTOGO (11)	USA PLUTO (278)	USA REDBOX (41)
USA ROKU (34)	USA STIRR (118)	USA STIRR CITY (100)	USA TVS (38)	USA FILMRISE (6)
USA Bumblebee (46)	USA UDU (7)	USA AMC (5)	USA GINIKO (37)	CANADA (79)
GEM ONLINE (25)	BRAZIL (68)	BRAZIL PLUTO (34)	MEXICO (19)	MEXICO PLUTO (80)
AUSTRALIA (55)	NEWZEALAND (7)	JAPAN (18)	INDIA (117)	CHINA (36)
TAIWAN (11)	SINGAPORE (1)	KOREA (14)	UK (115)	UK PLUTO (111)
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Crime TV


Cruise1st TV


Discover.Film


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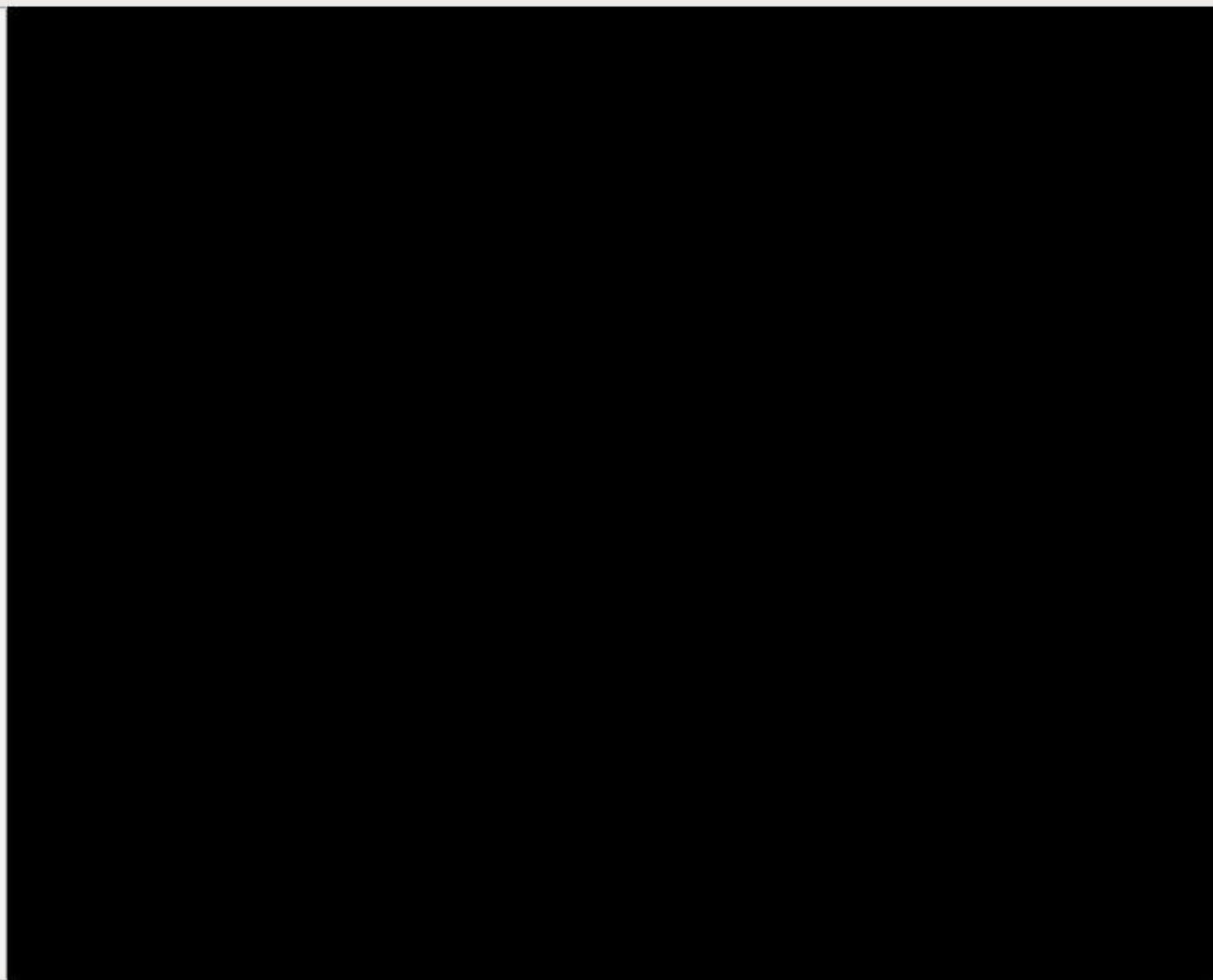
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Euronews


family



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TV Channels > UK



- Crime TV
- Cruise1st TV
- Discover.Film
- Diy Daily
- Drama
- Dust
- Edge Sport
- Euronews
- family

- Introuble
- Inwild
- Inwonder
- ITV
- Kerrang
- Kid Gamer TV
- Kidoodle TV
- Kiss
- Kool London Radio (Webradio)
- MUSCLE

- QUEST TV Classical
- QUEST TV Jazz and Beyond
- QUEST TV MIX
- Real Stories
- Red Bull TV
- Reel Truth
- Relevation TV
- Sheffield Live 93.2 FM (Webradio)

- Sheffield Live TV
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Big Names



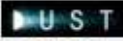








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Edge Sport
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Euronews
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Family Movies
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Failarmy
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Fashion TV
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Future Development

- EPG (Electronic Program Guide) support
- PVR: pausing, time-shifting, recording
- Custom channel categories
- Favorite channels
- Hide unused content



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Completely remove software

- Some software not **completely** removed using *Settings | Apps*
- Some vendors provide utilities to do a more thorough job
 - McAfee
 - <https://service.mcafee.com/webcenter/portal/cp/home/articleview?articleId=TS101331>
 - Microsoft Office
 - <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/uninstall-office-automatically-9ad57b43-fa12-859a-9cf0-b694637b3b05>
- Anyone know of similar utilities for other software?

Two Good to Miss!

- Join OPCUG before March 31st
- Pay the annual membership fee of \$20.00
- Receive a free-year's membership

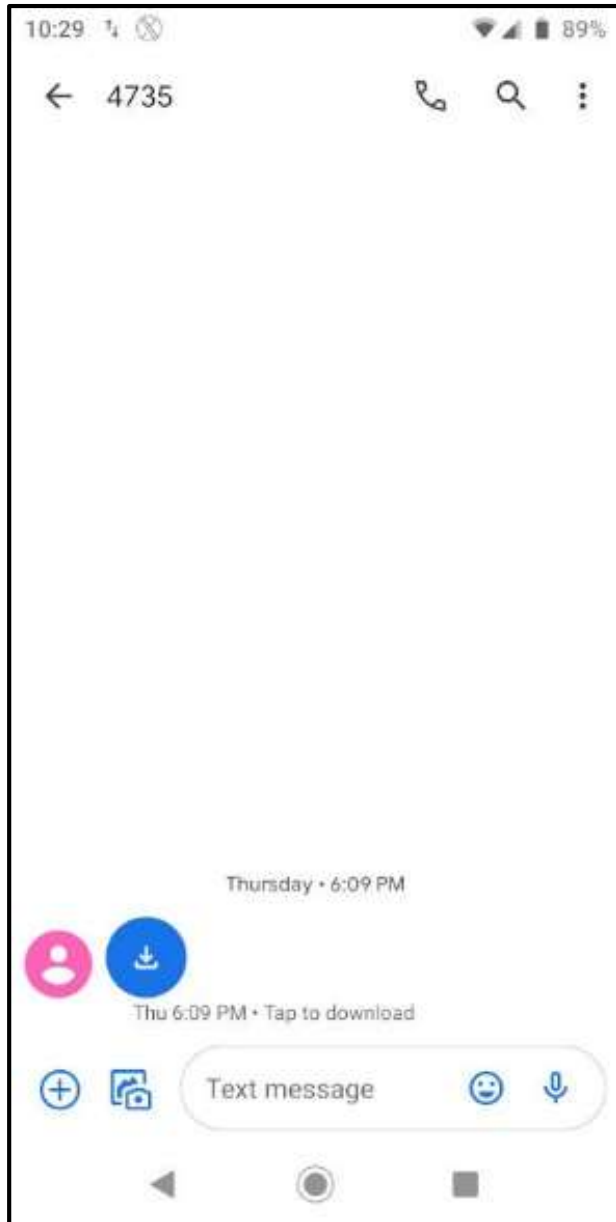
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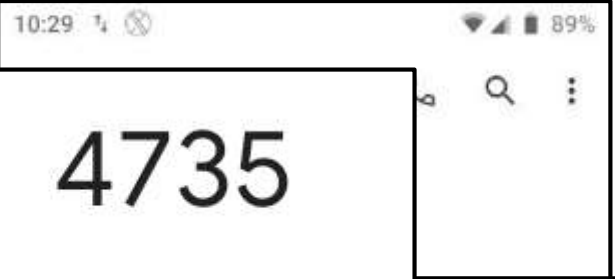
Last call - Only hours left on this special offer!

<https://opcug.ca/join-or-renew/>



Scam or spam?



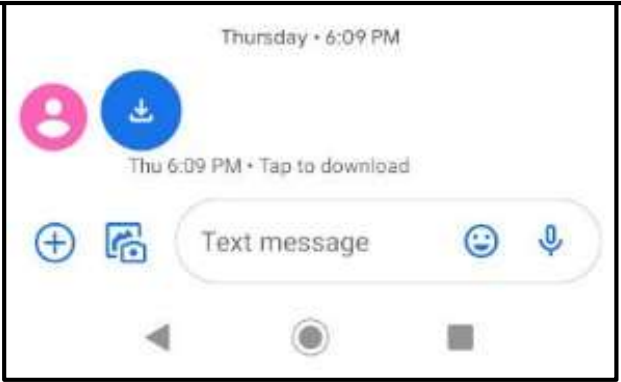


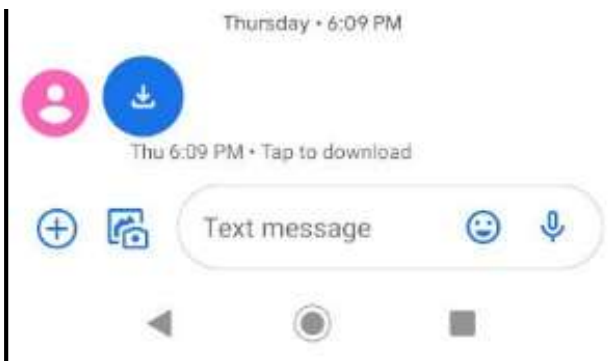
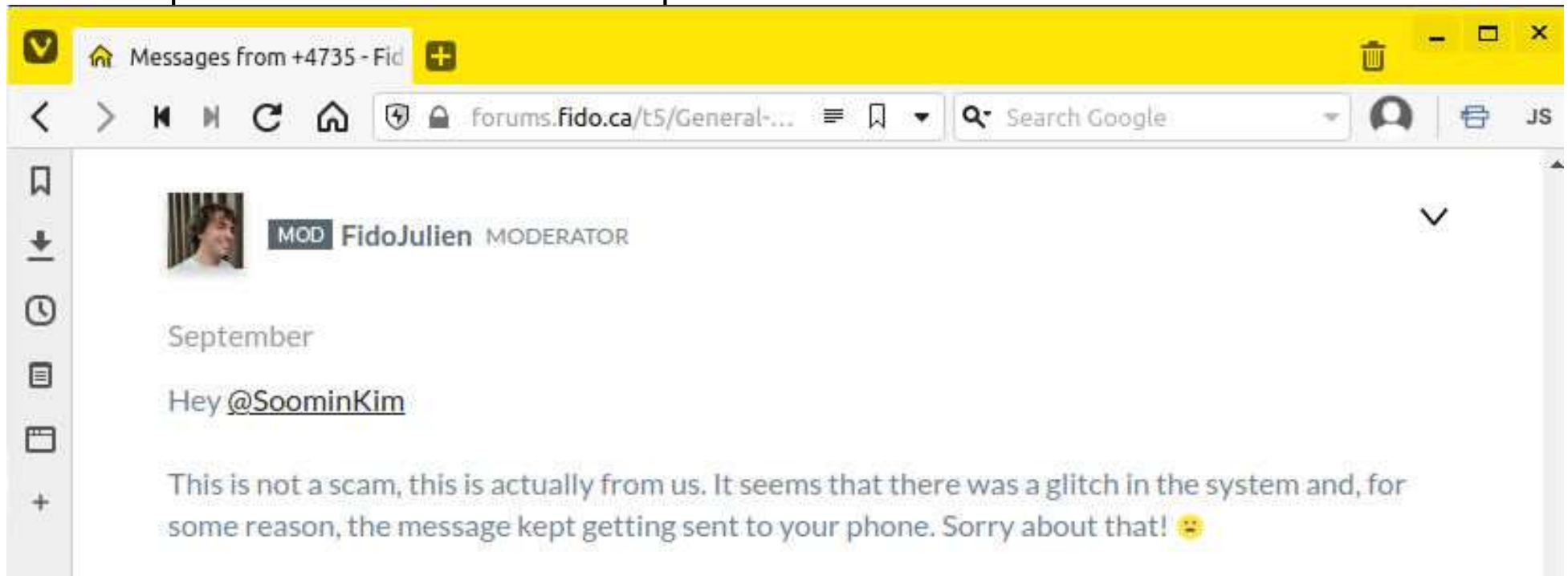
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This is not a scam. This is actually from us...



What's Currently in Circulation?

Have you received any scam messages or telephone calls recently?

Send us a copy (anonymized) of the message or a description of the call.

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Last call - Scams to be reviewed next week!



Upgrading to Windows 10

- Has anyone done a recent upgrade to Win 10?
- I spoke to a computer tech who said that over the last 3 months, about 50% of his upgrade attempts for customers have failed (Windows 10 wouldn't activate).
- Now that I replaced the hard drive on my old laptop (still on Windows 8.1), I was going to upgrade to Windows 10, but now I'm unsure.

A Foolproof upgrade

- Make a full-disk image, then upgrade
- IF anything goes wrong, contact Microsoft
<https://www.microsoft.com/accessories/en-ca/support/contact-us>
- Getting help from Microsoft
<https://opcug.ca/Articles/2102NEWS.pdf>

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February, 2021



- If all of the above fail, restore the backup!



Microsoft Teams/Password

- Has anybody used Teams recently?
- Did this trigger a security alert from Microsoft asking you to check a password change on your Microsoft account?

Microsoft account

Your password changed

Your password for the Microsoft account [*@gmail.com](#) was changed on 3/26/2021 2:35 AM (GMT).

If this was you, then you can safely ignore this email.

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Security info used: 19045140128

Country/region: United States

Platform: Android

Browser: Chrome

IP address: 2601:340:4280:84a0:21e1:1fe8:f364:7cd5

If this wasn't you, your account has been compromised. Please follow these steps:

1. [Reset your password.](#)
2. [Review your security info.](#)
3. [Learn how to make your account more secure.](#)

You can also [opt out](#) or change where you receive security notifications.

Thanks,

The Microsoft account team



Scam in Gmail Promotions?

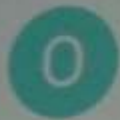
- This week I've been getting an AD in the "promotions" tab on my Android Phone and I cannot delete it.
- It doesn't appear in Gmail on my laptop, so it appears to be a scary problem only on my phone.
- Any suggestions as to what I can do?
- The Ad is gone today.
- It came back!!!!!! This morning!!!!

6:54

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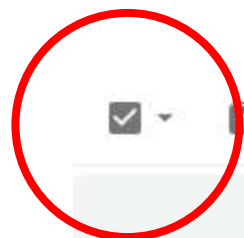


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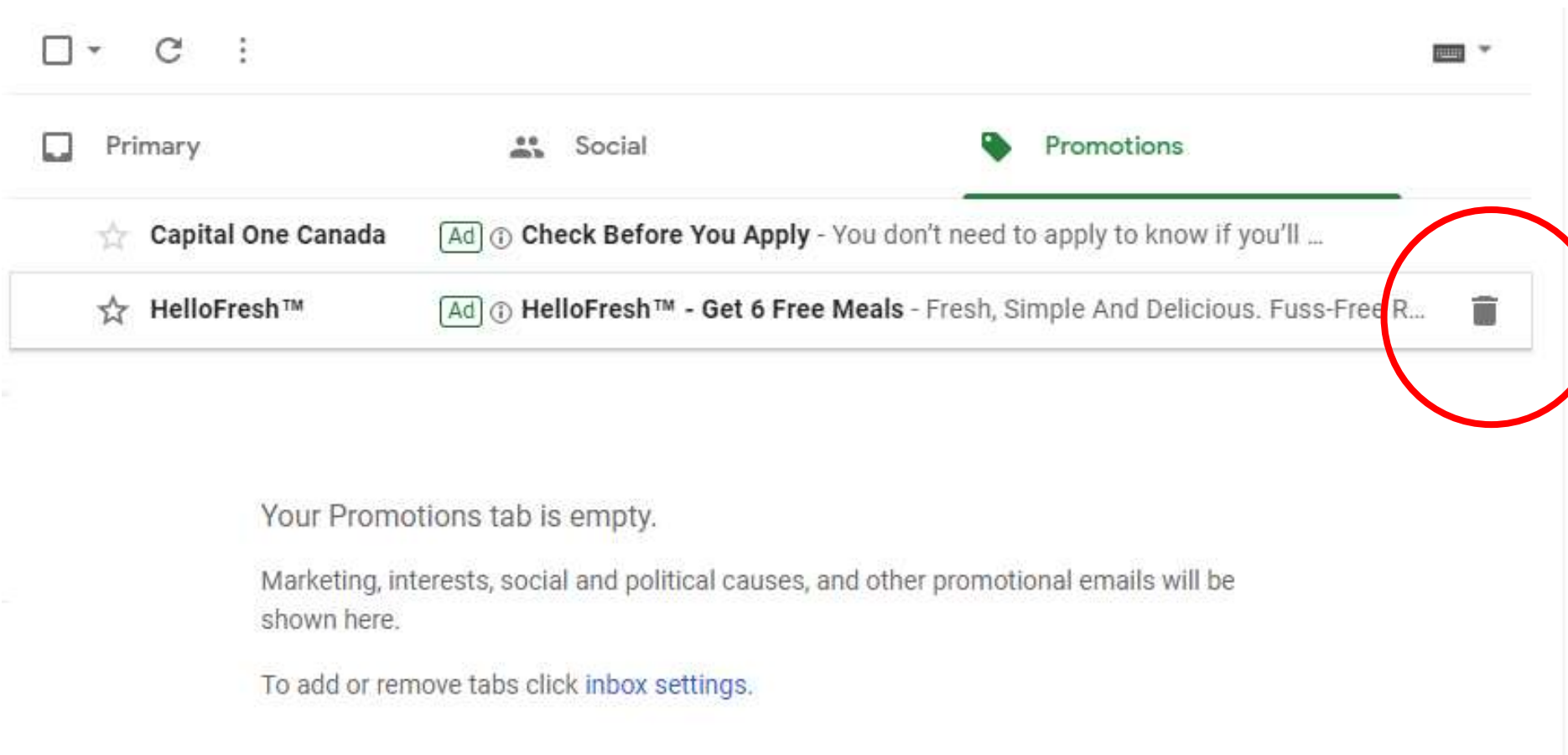
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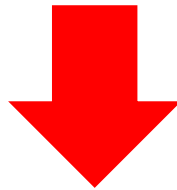
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or will it?**

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Now, it really is!

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☆ iLunn

Ad ⓘ **Blue Light Glasses - Blue Light Blocking Glasses - Computer Glasses - Gaming ...**

☆ XDA Developers

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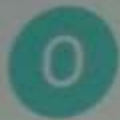
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<https://support.google.com/mail/answer/8253?hl=en#zippy=,report-a-phishing-email>



Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre

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- Browse scams
- Protect yourself
- Report fraud
- What to do if you're a victim

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre collects information on fraud and identity theft. We provide information on past and current scams affecting Canadians. If you think you're a victim of fraud, [report it!](#)

Recent scams and fraud

Fraud Prevention Month

The impact of COVID-19 fraud

Between March 6, 2020 and February 28, 2021

Canadian reports of COVID-19 fraud:
13,553

Canadian victims of COVID-19 fraud:
11,789

Lost to COVID-19 fraud:
\$7.2 M

The impact of fraud so far this year

As of February 28, 2021

<https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca>



Ubuntu Linux EOL

- I am running Ubuntu 20.10. Its end of life is Jul-2021
- Ubuntu 21.04 is scheduled for release in Apr-2021 with an end of life in Jul-2022
- I need to install Ubuntu 21.04 sometime between April and July 2021 to ensure continuing security updates of my Linux operating system
- New releases of software (e.g. Windows) often have bugs that can afflict or inconvenience "early adopters". Do new releases of Linux typically have bugs as well?
- If so, how long do you recommend that I wait before installing that new version of Ubuntu?

A Foolproof Update

- Windows has an Insiders' programme that tries to avoid bugs, but this is not always successful given the wide range of hardware, software, and users (!) out there.
- Linux does essentially the same thing and, on the whole, fairs better. But, there still can be glitches in Linux distros and there are frequent patches over time, not only at the beginning of a new release.



A Foolproof Update

- I always update my development machine immediately with a new release but will usually delay installation on my production computer.*

*(*This is mainly because the Supreme User [SU = Spousal Unit] doesn't like changes in the system!)*

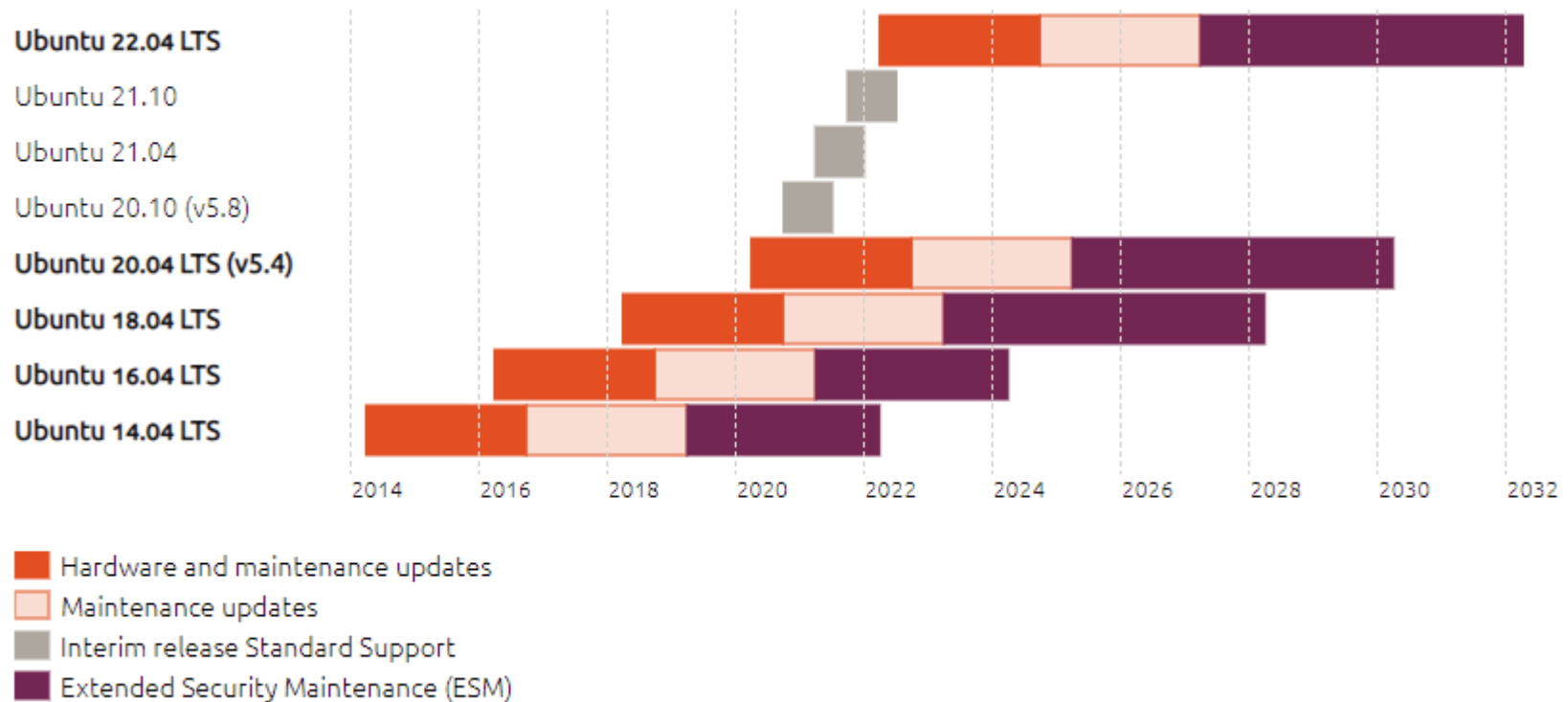
- I make a disk image before installation as a fallback-restore option, and I always do a new install rather than an upgrade.
- I have a to-do list of software to install and things to tweak after a new installation.

A Foolproof Update

- However, I don't think I have ever had a serious issue with a new release so I would be happy to install a new LTS version at any time.
- I don't bother with non-LTS releases as I don't find any real value-added in short-term updates.
- Of course, there's also nothing wrong with waiting for a month and monitoring the web forums for any difficulties...



Note that Version 21.04 is not an LTS release.
The next LTS release will be Version 22.04 (April, 2022)



<https://ubuntu.com/about/release-cycle>

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Firewall Demo

Malwarebytes' Windows Firewall Control



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**Any other:
Questions
Comments
Shares?**

How the Internet Works... and Doesn't

Chris Taylor

Monday, April 12, 2021

4:00 pm



Register at <https://bibliottawalibrary.ca/en/program?text=tech+cafe>

April Meeting



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