



Q&A

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Follow-up

Stamping Out Robocalls

FCC Cracks Down on Robocalls Using a New Mitigation Database



- As of Sept. 28, 2021, phone companies must refuse incoming traffic from services not listed in the Robocall Mitigation Database

<https://www.pcmag.com/news/fcc-cracks-down-on-robocalls-using-a-new-mitigation-database>

- Telecom industry has developed new technology to combat spammers
- STIR/SHAKEN* protocol verifies that the caller ID information matches the caller's actual phone number
- Our message to providers is clear... Certify under penalty of perjury the steps you are taking to stop illegal robocalls, or we will block your calls.

* *Secure Telephone Identity Revisited*

Signature-based Handling of Asserted Information using toKENs



When is STIR/SHAKEN coming to Canada?

“STIR/SHAKEN is planned for June 2021”

<https://www.itworldcanada.com/article/shake-them-and-stir-them-how-canada-is-fighting-scam-calls/438865>

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Compass Steel



- There are a lot of compass apps but I think I like this one. Very simple, no ads, free.
- For the armchair experts who ask why not a real compass, I could suggest that a real compass will only give magnetic north.
- A real compass is always a good thing to have around, but this is for the folks who want one on Android.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.simplywerx.compass2d>

Stewart Bruce



- Multiple color themes
- True and magnetic north modes
- Sun and Moon positions
- Sunrise and sunset times
- Moonrise and moonset times

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More of Tom's Favourite Apps



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P Est-ce c'est necessaire d'imprimer ce courriel ?

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Absum! -- Quidquid latine dictum sit altum viditur.



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Komoot – Cycling, Biking, Maps



Komoot – Cycling, Hiking
& Mountain Biking Maps

🏆 Editors' Choice

komoot GmbH Health & Fitness

★★★★★ 192,357 👤

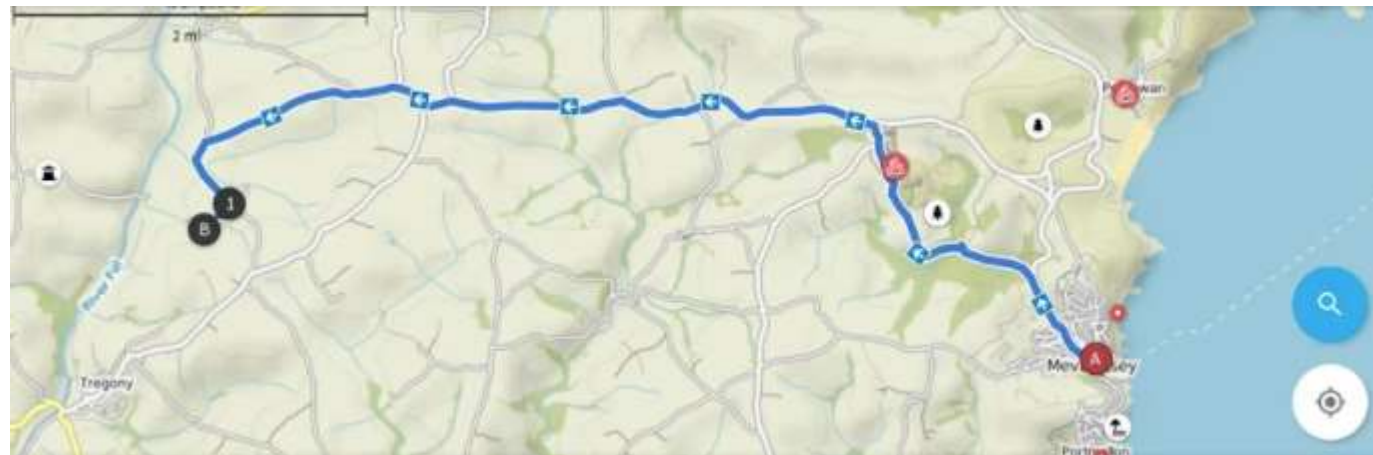
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Offers in-app purchases

⚠️ You don't have any devices

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<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=de.komoot.android>

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Precise GPS



Precise GPS

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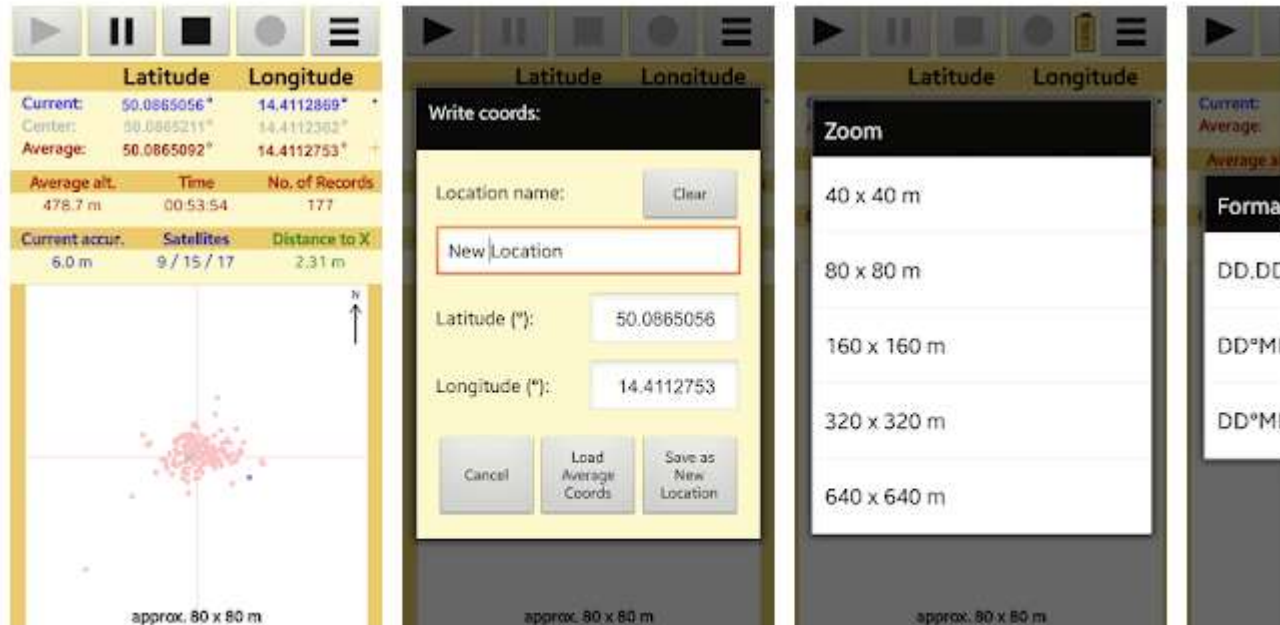
★★★★★ 20

Everyone

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<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=precise.GPS.v2.free>

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Maps.ME



MAPS.ME – Offline maps,
travel guides & navigation

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MAPS.ME (CYPRUS) LTD Travel & Local

★★★★★ 1,186,881 👤

E Everyone

Contains Ads

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Driving, walking and cycle navigation

Travel guides

and more...

Worldwide coverage

Traffic data

Points of interest

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?
id=com.mapswithme.maps.pro](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.mapswithme.maps.pro)

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Walkmeter GPS Pedometer – Walking, Running, Hiking

- Turn your smartphone into a powerful fitness computer
- Maps, graphs, splits, intervals, laps
- Announcements, zones, training plans and more...



<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.abvio.meter.walk>

2:35

Stopwatch

New Route Walk

WALK TIME **28:14**
0:00

DISTANCE **2.67**
km

PACE **11:03**
/km

CALORIES **140**

Reset

GPS Done Mar. 20, 2021 2:31 p.m.

2:49

Map

LOCATION ROUTE MANUAL

Se George-Étienne Cartier Pkwy
Fine Strings
via Pelling
Fillmore Crescent
Blue Jay Crescent
Eastvale Dr
École élémentaire
catholique La Vérendrye
Eastvale Park
Henry Munro
Middle School

28:14 2.67

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Excel Pivot Table Tips



Kevin Stratvert on YouTube

Natural language	Click values for details	Use multiple tables of data
Field layout & sorting options	Calculated fields	Sort values
Show values differently	Summarize values	Slicers
Timelines	Pivot charts	Pivot table layouts
Grouping	Customize row labels	

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3g1CSG5zvQ0>

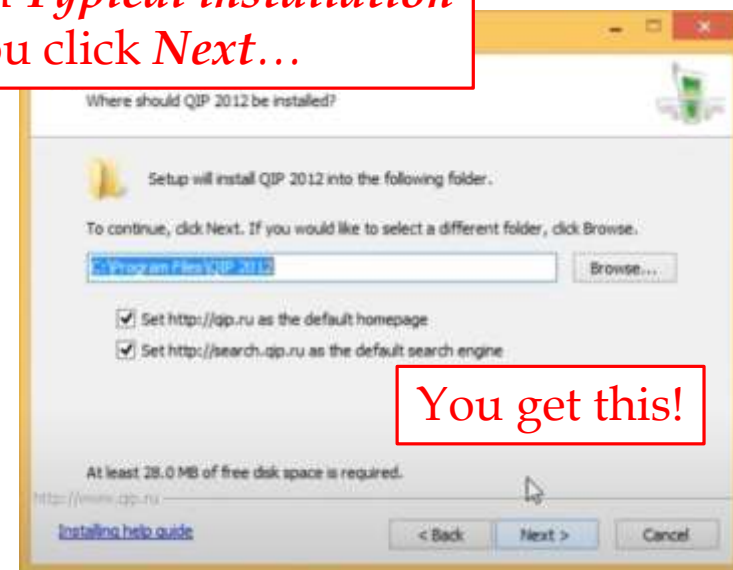


Is Unchecky still supported?

- Unchecky
 - watches software installations
 - if “*option*” check boxes want to make unrelated changes
 - install additional software
 - change browser home page search engine
 - Unchecky
 - unchecks boxes
 - warns you if you check boxes
- Result
 - ***no*** unwanted software installed
 - ***no*** unwanted changes to configuration
 - “no”? really? well maybe...



**With *Typical installation*
If you click *Next*...**



You get this!

<https://unchecky.com/>

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Unchecky support

- *Updates automatically*
 - *Install and forget. Unchecky automatically updates whenever a new version is available, so you don't have to worry about running the latest version.* (<https://unchecky.com>)
- Last updated
 - v1.2 (April 8, 2018)
 - (<https://unchecky.com/changelog>)
- Attempts to contact author unsuccessful
 - Blog has recent user postings

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Safe to use? Still useful?

- Safe?
 - probably
 - it *shouldn't* do any harm
- Still useful?
 - maybe
 - depending on how it was coded
 - might only help with three year old software
 - might help with some newer software
 - **might give a false sense of security**



Headphone stutttter

- Sony WH1000xm3 Bluetooth headphones
 - Stutter when using Zoom
 - Work (mostly) well
 - Connected to Android
 - Listening to music on PC using Foobar2000



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Many having same problem

<https://answers.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/forum/all/audio-stuttering-through-bluetooth-devices/137ed922-92dd-41b9-8dd6-897d08c4a178>

https://www.reddit.com/r/sony/comments/aiiks0/sony_wh1000xm3_headphones_cause_stuttering_and_go/

<https://community.sonylatvija.com/t5/portable-audio/wh-1000xm3-frequent-audio-cuts/td-p/2645465>

<https://heygents.com.au/2019/10/sony-wf-1000xm3-noise-cancelling-earphones/>
(newer model – same noise-cancelling chip)

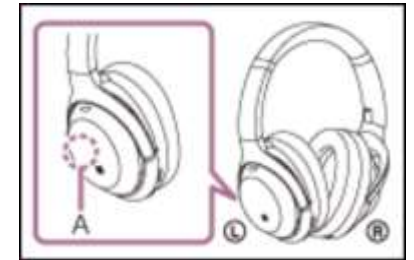
<https://linustechtips.com/topic/1287730-bluetooth-headphones-sony-wf-1000xm3-stuttering-under-windows-10/>
Solution – new Bluetooth 5 USB stick on computer

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Sony advice

<https://helpguide.sony.net/mdr/wh1000xm3/v1/en/contents/TP0001703090.html>

- Set headset to “Priority on stable connection” mode
 - <https://helpguide.sony.net/mdr/wh1000xm3/v1/en/contents/TP0001703137.html>
- Remove obstacles between antennas
 - body, wall, microwave oven, 2.4 GHz WiFi (within 10m)
- Change wireless playback quality settings or fix wireless playback mode to SBC
 - see operating instructions(?)



Follow-up

Problems with video on Zoom calls



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Beyond Calibri: Finding Microsoft's next default font - Microsoft 365 Bl...
We've commissioned five new custom fonts—which should be the next default font?

 microsoft.com

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Video conference

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Typography

(because...)

type can be

elegant

easy to read

bold

eye-catching

emotive

...and beautiful



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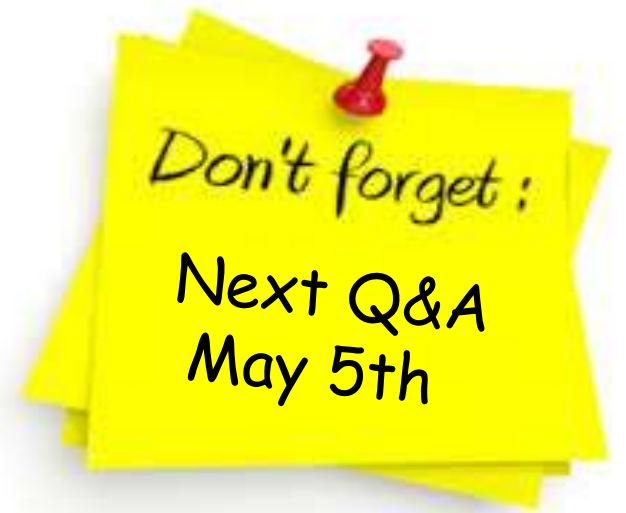
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