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No more cookie pop-ups?

Does Brave's cookiecrumblcr reject or accept cookies when it withholds the display of a related pop-up message

Answer


Sources 10

1 task ↗

 brave
enhancing online privacy by
automating cookie notice...

 BleepingComputer
Brave's Cookiecrumblcr tool taps
community to help block cookie...

 Cybernews
Brave brings AI muscle to block
annoying cookie consent pop-...

 +7 sources

When Brave's Cookiecrumblcr withholds the display of a cookie consent pop-up, it does not interact with the pop-up to either accept or reject cookies. Instead, it simply blocks or hides the consent banner, preventing users from seeing or interacting with it ³ ⁷. This means:

- **No explicit acceptance or rejection:** Brave does not submit a choice to the website's consent management platform; it neither clicks "accept" nor "reject" on your behalf ³.
- **Cookies are handled by Brave's built-in protections:** Brave blocks third-party cookies and trackers by default, regardless of whether the consent pop-up is shown or hidden ⁶ ⁹. Even if a website attempts to set cookies, Brave's privacy settings take precedence.
- **No form interaction:** Since Brave blocks the pop-up entirely, you cannot interact with it to make a selection.

In summary, when Cookiecrumblcr hides a cookie consent pop-up, it does not accept or reject cookies via the pop-up. Instead, Brave relies on its own privacy controls to block unwanted cookies, making the consent banner unnecessary for most users ³ ⁶.

Follow Up

Turn Off or Leave On?

What are the pros and cons of turning the computer off vs. leaving it on all of the time?



Harvey

- It's recommended to restart your computer at least once per week to refresh memory, etc.
- Personally, I choose to shutdown daily to maintain parts longevity

Tom

- If you leave PC on, turn off Internet access

Timothy

- With a laptop turning off every night, will save the battery.

Key Issues and Impacts: Turning Computer Off vs. Leaving It On

Issue	Turning Computer Off	Leaving Computer On
Energy Savings	Maximizes energy savings-shutting down can reduce energy use by up to 80%, saving \$25–\$75 per computer annually and lowering environmental impact.	Consumes more power, increasing electricity costs and carbon footprint; always-on systems can use up to 60–70% more energy.
Convenience	Less convenient-must wait for boot-up and cannot access remotely or run background tasks during off periods.	Highly convenient-immediate access, supports remote access, and allows background updates, scans, and backups.
Maintenance & Updates	Interrupts scheduled updates, backups, and security scans unless specifically scheduled to run while on.	Enables automated maintenance, updates, and scans to run during off-hours without user intervention.
Component Longevity	May slightly extend lifespan of some components by reducing heat and mechanical wear.	Continuous operation may marginally increase wear on components like fans and hard drives, but modern hardware is designed for longevity.
Security	More secure when off-disconnected from the network, reducing exposure to cyber threats.	Greater exposure to cyber risks, especially if left unattended or unpatched, though always-on is sometimes necessary for remote management.
Noise & Distraction	No noise or light when off-ideal for bedrooms or quiet spaces.	Fans and notifications may cause noise and light, potentially disruptive in quiet environments.
Environmental Impact	Reduces overall environmental footprint by minimizing unnecessary energy consumption and associated cooling needs.	Higher energy use increases environmental impact, including greater demand on cooling systems.

Additional Notes

- **Sleep and Hibernate Modes:** These modes offer a compromise, saving significant energy while allowing for quick resume, and are recommended for short breaks.
- **Organizational Solutions:** Power management software can automate energy savings without disrupting productivity, offering features like scheduled wake-up for updates and remote management.
- **Device Type Consideration:** Laptops benefit more from being turned off or put to sleep, as continuous operation can degrade battery life more quickly.



Your old PC is now trash



YouTubeTech

- **Dave's Garage**
 - *Microsoft's Dirty Secret: Your Old PC is Now Trash!*
- Very good explanation of Windows 11 requirements for:
 - Trusted Platform Module (TPM)
 - Secure Boot
- Has your
 - perfectly good technology prematurely relegated to sidelines?
- Have you
 - tried bypassing the requirement checks for TPM and CPU?
- Dave suggests:
 - *it's crucial to understand the potential downsides and risks*
 - *trade-offs each individual user has to consider*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGj0rVZGfuk>

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Little Language Lessons

- Google experimental site for learning languages
- Bite-sized learning using Google Gemini AI models
 - Tiny Lesson
 - useful vocabulary, phrases & grammar tips for specific situations
 - Slang Hang
 - authentic conversations to help learn expressions & slang
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<https://labs.google/ll/en>

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Little Language Lessons

- *Learning a language isn't just about textbooks or exercises. It's about curiosity, and seizing every tiny opportunity to learn – whether it's ordering a coffee, catching a phrase in conversation, or describing the objects around you.*
- *These experiments aren't about replacing traditional study, but about complementing it: helping people build habits, stay engaged, and weave learning into their everyday lives.*

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EXPERIMENT NO. 001

Tiny Lesson

Find relevant vocabulary, phrases, and grammar for any situation.

Choose language → LANGUAGE: French (Canada)

Type in purpose → PURPOSE OR THEME: hiking in the wilderness

Generate ✨

Canadian French for hiking in the wilderness



Vocabulary

Phrases

Tips

Sound it out

Vocabulary

la montagne the mountain		l'ours the bear	
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See more ▾

Phrases

Où est le sentier? Where is the trail?		Quelle est la distance jusqu'au sommet? What is the distance to the summit?	
Il y a des ours dans cette région. There are bears in this area.		J'ai besoin d'eau. I need water.	

See more ▾

Tips

Using "en" to replace a place introduced by "de"

When discussing hiking in the wilderness, you'll often want to talk about where you're coming from or what you're bringing from a specific location. The pronoun "en" is super handy for replacing a place introduced by the preposition "de." Think of "en" as meaning "from there" or "of it/them" when referring to a place. This avoids repetition and makes your sentences flow more naturally. "En" always goes before the verb it modifies. The preposition "de" usually means "from" or "of," and it's used to indicate origin, possession, or separation. The pronoun "en" is a type of pronoun called an "adverbial pronoun". Adverbial pronouns replace phrases that function as adverbs (i.e., phrases that modify verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs).

EXAMPLES

Je reviens de la montagne, j'en reviens fatigué.	On a besoin d'eau de la rivière, on en a besoin pour cuisiner.
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EXPERIMENT NO. 002

Slang Hang

Learn expressions, idioms, and regional slang from a generated conversation between native speakers.

Choose language

LANGUAGE

French (Canada) ▾

Generate ✨

Scenario & first phrase

Slang Hang Site Language: English

Two strangers, Marie and Jean-Pierre, are waiting at a remote bus stop in the Gaspésie region of Quebec. The bus is significantly delayed, and they've struck up a conversation to pass the time. Marie, a local, is returning home after visiting her sister in Montreal. Jean-Pierre is a tourist from France, hoping to explore the area's natural beauty.

MARIE
 Voyons donc, il est jamais venu, ce maudit autobus!

JEAN-PIERRE
 Il y a souvent du retard comme ça, dans le coin?

MARIE
Ben, ça arrive. Surtout avec la construction sur la 132. C'est le bordel à matin.

Well, it happens. Especially with the construction on Highway 132. It's a mess in the morning.


Press space to continue

Sound it out

Click for translation

Next phrase

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EXPERIMENT NO. 003

Word Cam

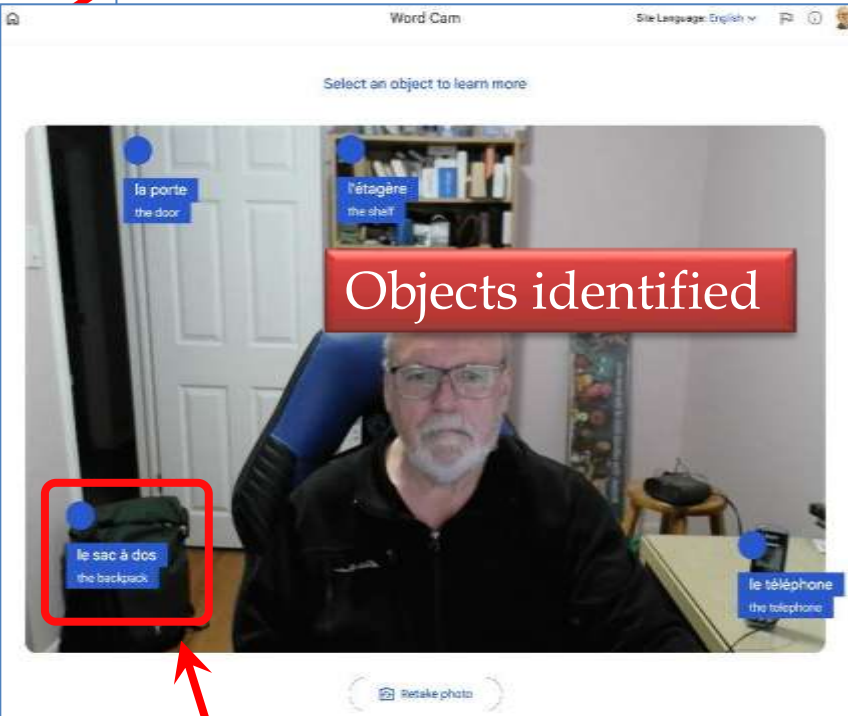
Snap a photo to learn how to speak about your surroundings.

LANGUAGE

French (Canada)

Open camera

Choose language



Select an object to learn more

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the door

l'étagère
the shelf

le sac à dos
the backpack

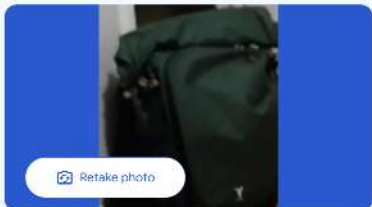
le téléphone
the telephone

Retake photo

Objects identified

Click for more

Word Cam Site Language: English



Canadian French

le sac à dos the backpack Retake photo Describe it **vert** green Je préfère un sac à dos vert foncé pour mieux cacher la saleté. I prefer a dark green backpack to better hide the dirt. **grand** large/big Ce sac à dos est trop grand pour une simple randonnée d'une journée. This backpack is too big for a simple day hike. **pratique** practical Est-ce que tu trouves ce sac à dos pratique pour voyager? Do you find this backpack practical for traveling? **résistant** resistant/durable Il cherche un sac à dos résistant pour ses voyages en montagne. He's looking for a durable backpack for his mountain trips. **neuf** new Elle est contente de son nouveau sac à dos. She is happy with her new backpack.

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Accessing eBooks from OPL

- To access eBooks (EPUB version) from the Ottawa Public Library, you need Adobe Digital Editions 3.0 when using Windows 10
- The software works well with NET Framework 3.5
- Adobe does not seem concerned in updating the software for Windows 11 users who have access to NET Framework 4.8
- How does one access the older NET Framework in Windows 11 without creating a new set of problems?
- A web search suggests turning off Windows features in Control Panel and selecting NET Framework 3.5

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Pruning at the Play Store

- Google has purged almost half the apps it hosts on its Play Store
- 3.4 million apps worldwide in Jan, 2024 to just about 1.8 million
- *“The reduction should mean Android users won't need to deal with as many low-quality apps”*

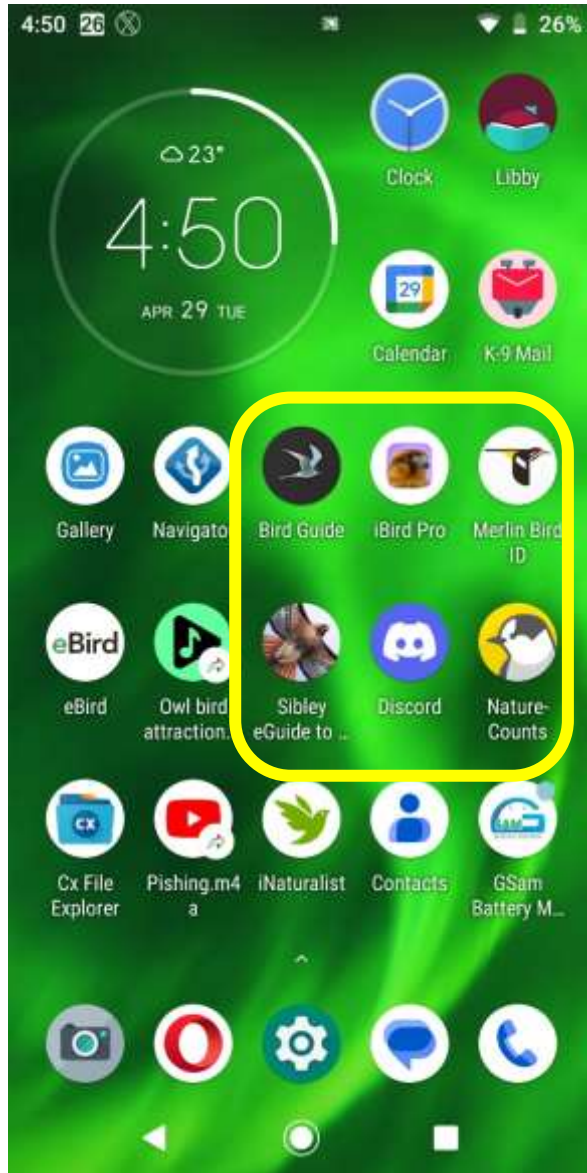
MobileSyrup 

<https://mobilesyrup.com/2025/04/30/google-play-store-app-purge/>

Stewart Bruce

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Transfer an App from one Android Phone to Another



Merlin Bird ID

Free app; download and install

Sibley eGuide to Birds

Purchased app; download and install

iBird Pro

Purchased app; **no longer available in the Google Play Store**

So, what now...?

LocalHero

Posted March 6, 2023



Members



I was having problems with my old phone and replaced it recently. I believe the problems were software related so I don't want to simply transfer information en masse (my phone was randomly rebooting). I figured I'd just reinstall iBird Pro but it doesn't seem to be available anymore. Tech help says, "The iBird apps were removed from the Google Play Store because they were not compliant with Google's new privacy policies. We need to update them to meet the requirements, then they will be back in the store and you can redownload your app. Unfortunately I do not have a release date for that update, but we appreciate your continued patience in this matter."

iBird Pro - What's New History

Interactive Field Guide to Birds

This page describes updates to the latest version of iBird Pro for iOS Version 13.0 as well as a history of previous updates.

Version 13.2 App Changes - August 15, 2023

We switched iBird Pro from a paid app to a subscription-based app in July of 2022.



Sorry, we're doing some work on the site

Thank you for being patient. We are doing some work on the site and will be back shortly.





How To Manually Transfer A single App from one Android Phone To Another



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- Download and install File Manager Plus from the Google Play Store
- Navigate to *Apps > iBird Pro*
- Long press and select *Backup*
- Navigate to *Main Storage > backups > apps*
- Locate *iBird Pro 7.6.825.apk*
- Transfer this file to the second phone
- Select the APK file and install


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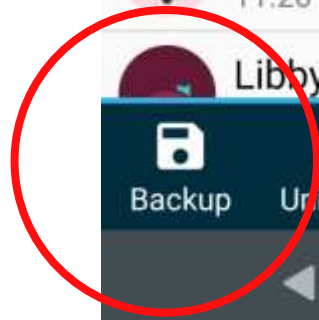
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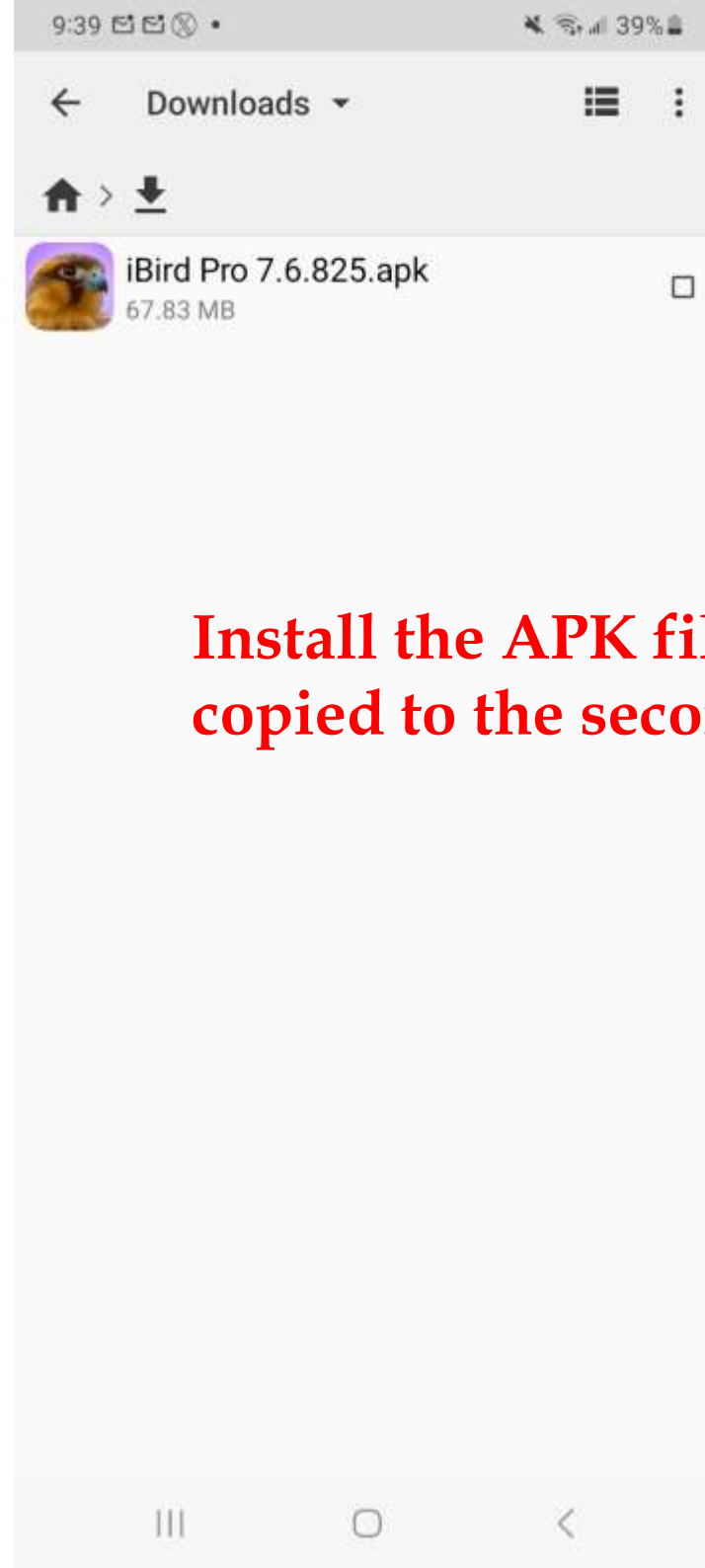


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**Transfer APK file via USB
plugged into router**



Install the APK file that has been copied to the second phone



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iBird Pro

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GUIDE TO BIRDS PRO



Mitch Waite Group's
Field Guide to Birds of North America
for the Android Smartphone & Tablet

iBird Pro Guide to Birds



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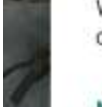
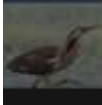
To use iBird offline, please use the navigation menu and select Download Database.

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Log in to iBird Cloud to back up your data.

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Downloading iBird data

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Allow **iBird Pro** to access **photos, videos, music, audio, and other files** on this device?

Allow

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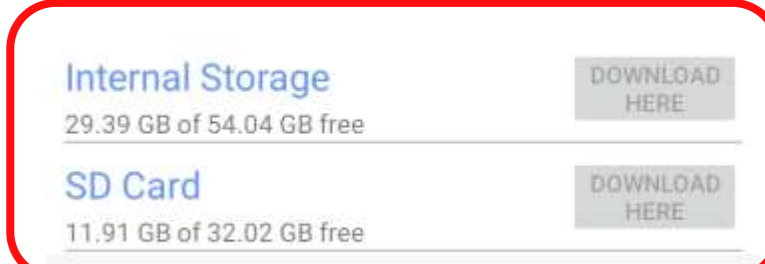
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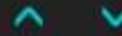
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Alder Flycatcher



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Alder Flycatcher: Small flycatcher with olive-brown upperparts, white underparts, and indistinct white eye-ring. Wings are olive-brown with two white or pale bars. Bill is short with orange lower mandible. Black legs and feet. Weak fluttering direct flight with shallow, rapid wing beats.

Empidonax alnorum
Tyrant Flycatchers (Tyrannidae)

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Multi-factor authentication *with humans*

We're all familiar with multi-factor authentication when signing in to online services

Typically

- you provide username & password
- one-time code sent to a device or email
- enter code at website

But what about when dealing with humans?

- could anyone call Service Ontario, my bank, my cell service provider, etc. pretending to be me?
- could they change my service, cancel my insurance, get personal information?



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How are callers authenticated?

Hopefully, every service provider you deal with has *some* way of authenticating who you are when you phone them...

Often, you are only asked simple stuff anyone could find out

- address, phone number, birth date...

If a provider offers a better method, take it!

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Rogers sent me an email

Enable Voice ID or set up a PIN so only you can access your Rogers account. To enrol, give us a call at 1-888 ROGERS-1 and speak with an agent

Avoid Voice ID

- with AI, voices can be faked
- would Rogers place too much faith in it & bypass other checks?

While talking over the phone, I

- set up a PIN
- set up a secret question/answer pair
 - question: **favourite subject in school?**
 - answer: **light bulb**
- recorded details in my password manager





**Any other:
Questions
Comments
Shares?**





OPCUG PRESENTATIONS AT THE OTTAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Armchair Travel - Beautiful British Columbia

Lynda Buske

Centennial, Thursday May 8, 2025 at 6:00pm

How to Take Better Vacation Photos

Lynda Buske

Ruth E. Dickinson, Tuesday May 20, 2025 at 2:00pm

Quick Tips: how to use free AI tools in your daily life

Chris Taylor

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May Meeting

Computers to the Moon

Mark Schulman
Central Florida Computer Society

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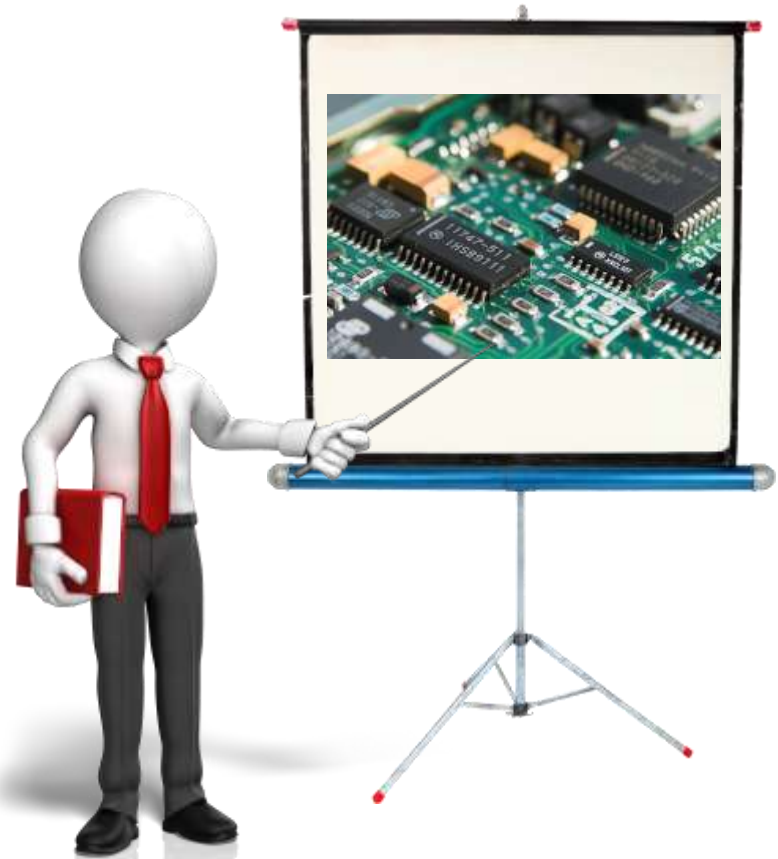
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What do you need to know about computer hardware, operating systems, applications...?

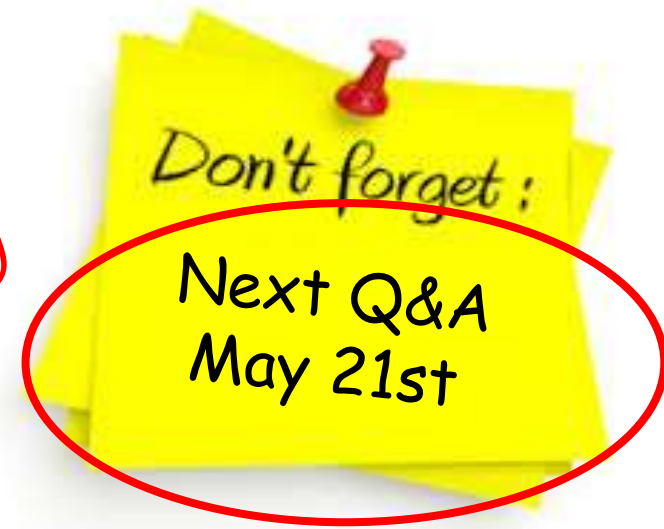
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