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a) Elon Musk on $16.5B Samsung-Tesla Deal
b) A new Windows feature could allow your PC to fix itself
c) Google's AI agent 'Big Sleep' just stopped a cyberattack before it started
d) Netflix uses AI effects for first time
e) Is your Ring camera showing strange logins?
f) Wi-Fi Experts Reveal How Trump's Budget Bill Could Slow Down Your Wi-Fi
g) Amazon warns 200 million Prime customers that scammers are after their login info
h) Microsoft Launches Edge's Copilot Mode, Ushers in New AI Browsing Experience

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Help-Desk is a free drop in program to assist Seniors with their tech issues. Seniors can get help with their computers: PC, laptops, tablets: Android and Apple, and phones: Android and Apple.

Articles for August

a) Millions of people spied on by malicious browser extensions in Chrome and Edge by Pieter Arntz 07.09.2025. "Researchers have discovered a campaign that tracked users' online behavior using 18 browser extensions available in the official Chrome and Edge webstores. The total number of installs is estimated to be over two million. These extensions offered functionality, received good reviews, touted verification badges, and some even enjoyed featured placement. But when an extension has been available in the web store for a while, cybercriminals can insert malicious code through updates to the extension. Reportedly, 1.7 million people installed these malicious extensions from the Chrome web store and a total of 2.3 million users were affected." The article lists 17 browser extensions that have been infected with malware. Check this list over to see if you have any of these extensions installed for

a) Chrome or Edge. If you do, you can follow the instructions given in the article.
malwarebytes.com/news/millions-of-people-spied-on-by-malicious-browser-extensions

b) Should You Sign Up for Extended Security Updates (ESU) for Windows 10? by Leo A. Notenboom. "Microsoft has announced something new: the ability to keep getting security updates to Windows 10 after its end-of-support date. Microsoft will offer an extra year of paid security updates past the October 2025 end-of-support date. This Extended Security Updates (ESU) option for Windows 10 Home and Pro users will cost $30. While this adds protection, users can safely continue using Windows 10 with vigilant security practices. Microsoft Defender updates will continue until 2028." Read the article to learn what the options are and which one Leo Notenboom recommends for you.
askleo.com/175852

c) Welcome to the Era of Online Age Verification. Are You Ready to (cont)

c) Identify Yourself? by Katie Collins, 07.29.2025. A new law, The Online Safety Act, in the UK "requires companies to ensure that people under the age of 18 don't have access to harmful content, including porn and material relating to self-harm, suicide and eating disorders. If sites choose to allow this content, they must verify the ages of people using their platforms to confirm that they're adults. Failure to do so could result in fines of £18 million or 10% of annual revenue, whichever is greater. Melanie Dawes, chief executive of regulator Ofcom, said in a statement, 'Our message to tech firms is clear -- comply with age-checks and other protection measures set out in our Codes, or face the consequences.'The main objection to the legislation": "Asking people to share their government-issued identification with private companies poses a threat to their privacy. The British public is being forced to hand over sensitive personal data to unregulated age assurance providers if they want to have full access to platforms such as Reddit...depending on regulations and methods chosen, age verification can introduce serious privacy, security and access risks. Whether age verification is truly effective at keeping kids safe online is a question that can only be answered as the Online Safety Act and similar legislation comes into force...We're also starting to see the ripple effect in the US of the legislation the UK and EU have enacted, says Vaishnavi J, founder of online child safety consultancy Vys. Just last month, the US Supreme Court upheld a Texas law requiring porn sites to verify the age of all visitors."

cnet.com/tech/welcome-to-the-era-of-online-age-verification-are-you-ready-to-identify-yourself

d) 11 dead-simple ChatGPT prompts that make everyday tasks easy by Dave Parrack, 07.29.2025. Most of us have heard of ChatGPT, but haven't actually used it. This article gives you some ideas of how and what to ask AI to help you with. Need ideas for a meal. "ChatGPT can

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d) help. Just list the staple (and otherwise) ingredients you have available and ask ChatGPT for some meal ideas using them. As an example, I asked, 'What meals can I make with rice, eggs, and frozen mixed vegetables?' ChatGPT suggested egg fried rice, a vegetable rice omelet, and baked egg fried rice muffins, among others. Pretty nifty in a pinch." Here is a list of other examples of what ChatGPT can help with: "Troubleshoot tech and home repair problems, Create tailor-made workout routines, Generate comprehensive checklists, Explain concepts (like I'm 5), Summarize online articles, See what happened on a day in history, Answer simple trivia questions, Learn a new word every day, Translate words or simple phrases, and Convert units of measurement. Just make sure you never share sensitive personal data with ChatGPT!" pcworld.com/11-simple-chatgpt-prompts related article:

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