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**Computer Help-  
Desk Drop-In  
sessions are every  
second and fourth  
Mondays of the  
month 1-3 PM.**

**Feb Help Desk  
sessions:  
Monday Feb 9,  
and Feb 23, 1-3.**

**Help-Desk is a free  
drop in program to  
assist Seniors with  
their tech issues.**

## In the News:

- a) [Elon Musk Aims for Orbital Data Centers After Record-Setting Merger](#)
- b) [UPS Axes 30,000 Jobs as Amazon Era Comes to an End](#)
- c) [TikTok Deal Will Keep It Online in the US, but Your Experience of the App Might Change](#)
- d) [Amazon Reportedly Set to Lay Off Another 14K Workers](#)
- e) [Samsung's Galaxy Z TriFold finally gets a US launch date and a jaw-dropping price tag](#)
- f) [Tesla Prepares to Retire Model S, Model X to Build More Humanoid Robots](#)
- g) [Meta Confirms Testing of Premium Instagram, Facebook and WhatsApp Subscriptions](#)
- h) [Apple has confirmed that Siri's big AI reboot will be powered by Google's Gemini](#)
- i) [Blue Origin joins the satellite internet race with its 6 Tbps TeraWave network](#)
- j) [Data Leak Exposes 149M Logins, Including Gmail, Facebook](#)
- k) [Instagram security breach](#)
- l) [Panther Lake isn't just a laptop chip. It's Intel's Hail Mary](#)

## Articles for February

### a) How to disable or remove Microsoft Copilot from Windows

by Lance Whitney, 01.12.2026.

Microsoft has added a new feature called Copilot to Windows 11. It's a built-in help tool powered by artificial intelligence, but many people don't want it on their computer. This article explains several safe ways to turn Copilot off or remove it, depending on which version of Windows you use. You won't damage your computer, and you can always turn it back on later if you change your mind. **Why this matters to you:** If Copilot feels confusing, intrusive, or unnecessary, this shows how to regain control of your PC. Learn more here: [how-to-disable-or-remove-microsoft-copilot-from-windows](#)

### b) Windows 11 has 1 billion users - and they're furious

by Ed Bott, 01.30.2026. Many users are still unhappy with Windows 11 — even years after its release. Common complaints include forced updates, extra ads and suggestions, fewer customization options, and changes that make familiar tasks harder to find. "Those complaints fall into five broad categories, and Microsoft is making a big mistake if it doesn't pay close attention." This article explains what frustrates people most and why Windows 11 often feels less user-friendly than earlier versions like Windows 10. **Why this matters to you:** Understanding these issues can help you decide whether to adjust settings, stick with what works, or plan ahead for future changes. Read more: [why-people-hate-windows-11](#)

**c) Stop Windows 11 from tracking you: reclaim privacy with this setting** by Roland Freist, 01.13.2026. Windows 11 quietly collects information about how you use your computer. The good news: one simple privacy setting can greatly reduce this tracking. This article shows you where to find the setting, what it does, and how turning it off limits how much information is sent back to Microsoft — without affecting how your computer works. **Why this matters to you:** Fewer companies tracking your activity means better privacy and peace of mind. Complete article here: [stop-windows-11-from-tracking-you-reclaim-privacy-with-this-setting](https://askleo.com/2026/01/13/stop-windows-11-from-tracking-you-reclaim-privacy-with-this-setting)

**d) OneDrive Backup just got a massive change for the better - how it works now** by Ed Bott, 01.13.2026. Some Windows 11 users are surprised to find that OneDrive has automatically backed up their Desktop, Documents, and Pictures folders. If you prefer to keep your files stored only on your own computer, this step-by-step guide shows how to safely undo the backup, move your files back, and stop Windows from turning it on again. No files are deleted if you follow the instructions. **Why this matters to you:** You stay in control of where your personal files are stored and avoid unexpected cloud syncing. [how-to-undo-onedrive-backup-windows-11](https://askleo.com/2026/01/13/how-to-undo-onedrive-backup-windows-11)

**e) Can I trust cloud backups?** by Leo A. Notenboom. Backing up your important files to an online service (“the cloud”) can be useful, but it isn’t enough on its own to protect all your data. This Ask Leo! article explains that while online backups are convenient and let you access files from anywhere, they can be slow, may not include everything you need, and could be at risk if someone gains access to your account. For the best protection, combine cloud backup with a local full-system backup stored on your own external drive — that way you’re prepared whether a disk fails, malware strikes, or your computer stops working. **Why this matters to you:** A strong backup strategy helps



**e)** ensure your personal photos, documents, and files are safe no matter what goes wrong with your computer. Read the full article here: [askleo.com/20208](https://askleo.com/20208)

**g) This OS quietly powers all AI** by Steven Vaughan-Nichols, 01.21.2026. Most artificial intelligence systems, including tools like ChatGPT, run on Linux, not Windows or macOS. This article explains why: Linux is faster, more flexible, and better suited for handling very large computer workloads. Even if you never use Linux yourself, it plays a major role behind the scenes in many of the AI tools you use every day. **Why this matters to you:** It helps explain where AI really lives and why it works the way it does. Read more here: [why-ai-runs-on-linux](https://askleo.com/2026/01/21/why-ai-runs-on-linux)



## URLs

**Verizon reveals the cause of massive outage (and how to get your free \$20 credit)** [zdnet.com/verizon-outage-sos-phone-us](https://zdnet.com/verizon-outage-sos-phone-us)

**How to wipe your car’s data before you sell it** [komando.com/how-to-wipe-your-cars-data-before-you-sell-it](https://komando.com/how-to-wipe-your-cars-data-before-you-sell-it)

**4 ways Microsoft made Windows worse in 2025 (and how to undo them)** [howtogeek.com/ways-microsoft-made-windows-worse-in-2025](https://howtogeek.com/ways-microsoft-made-windows-worse-in-2025)

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**AI PCs aren't selling, and Microsoft's PC partners are scrambling** [zdnet.com/article/ai-pcs-arent-selling](https://zdnet.com/article/ai-pcs-arent-selling)

**Anthropic Shows Caring Side With Claude for Healthcare Launch** [eweek.com/news/claude-healthcare-launch](https://eweek.com/news/claude-healthcare-launch)

**Google AI Mode Can Now Use Gmail, Photos to Personalize Search Results** [eweek.com/google-ai-mode-personal-intelligence-gmail-photos](https://eweek.com/google-ai-mode-personal-intelligence-gmail-photos)

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