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Make Me Useful...again

By Be Phan

We all were given new toys over the holiday but that doesn’t make your old ones obsolete, especially for those of us that still have an old iPod Touch or even an iPhone 3GS. So pull it out from your nightstand, or wherever you have it locked up, and turn it into something useful with Manything. Manything turns your old iOS devices into a monitoring camera. It allows for live streaming, motion detection, alerts, recording and cloud storage of your recordings. It’s a quick and easy way of turning your old devices into a monitoring/security system for your house or for keeping tabs on your cute little Chihuahua. Best of all, it’s FREE. So keep your dog and your house in check by checking out Manything.

For more information go to: https://manything.com/index.html

Dell World 2014

By Brian Weston

Hosted in what people call the weirdest part of Texas (Austin), Dell World showcased Dell’s new technology and software. The first day there I sat down at the first workshop and brought out one of the newest laptops from work to start taking notes, but looked around and saw a myriad of tablets and people holding up iPads to take photos of the slides. The theme of using tablets and phones was continued throughout the conference and demo of products.

Dell showcased the world’s thinnest tablet (Venue 8 7000 series) during the event and for good reason. People are becoming more mobile in the workplace and want to take their machines with them to meetings and on the road. Dell has a business line of laptops called the Latitude that we purchase for the college, and this was the first time they have added a new model within that line. It’s called the Latitude 13. This is a 2-in-1 laptop (the screen detaches from the keyboard). The specifications of the laptop are the same as a full laptop model and this model offered a nice feature of the charger having a built-in battery pack to store extra power on the road.

Intel, one of Dell’s partners, had a sold-out breakout session about upcoming products. Intel is going to start offering wireless charging through surfaces as thick as 2 inches. An idea of this in action is a user with a laptop can go to their desk and set the laptop on the desk and get charged up without docking or plugging anything in. Another example is a coffee shop with power mats mounted under the tables, allowing customers to charge their devices while sipping their favorite drinks.

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Putting your browser in Legacy Mode

By Justin Smith

Are you on top of your updates? Is the latest security patch on top of your list of things to do? Is your machine updating before you take that first sip of coffee? You’re not alone. But sometimes these updates get a little ahead of our various online resources. Every once in a while it helps to activate what we call Legacy Mode. This allows you to take a step back in time and mimic an older version of your browser. So in the time it takes to update that website, you can still use your newer browser!

Internet Explorer 11 will allow you to enable legacy mode IF that website has a compatibility view. The easiest way to enable it is to click the gear icon to the right of the address bar and click Compatibility View Settings. Then add the URL to your list of websites to run in compatibility view. You can also access it from the Tools Menu.

Safari 7 allows such access via a Developer menu. Click Safari > Preferences > Advanced. And check off the box next to Show Develop menu in menu bar. Once enabled you’ll have a Develop menu in your tool bar and can select User Agent and select the version, and possibly an alternative, of the browser’s framework you’re looking to mimic.

Happy Surfing! ~ Justin

Securing Print Jobs with the new CopyStar Copiers

By Chris Neal

Have you been concerned about someone else picking up your print jobs? How about printing confidential information? The solution is here with the new CopyStar copiers’ “Private Print” feature. It’s secure, easy, and you set up your own numeric code. Here’s how to turn on Private Print:

Once the file is opened and ready to print.
1. Go to File, print or <CTRL><P>
2. Choose the copier from the drop-down menu.
3. Click on “Print Properties” or “Print Option” link or box depending on the program.
4. Within the tabs on the left choose “Jobs”.
5. Check the box “Job storage (e-MPS)”

Note: Uncheck the box “Prompt for access code” if you want the same access code every time.
6. Enter four-digit code.
7. Click “OK”.
8. Click “print”.

Now go to the copier

1. From the home screen, press “Job Box”.
2. Select “Private Print”, then press “open”.
3. Choose your user name, then press “open”.
4. Check the document, press “print”.
5. Enter your code.
6. Enter the number of copies you want, then press “Start Print”.

NOTE: There might be slight differences when printing from different programs.