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[The May 2019 Windows 10 Feature Update was released May 21st.](#) We recommend not installing it till the bugs get worked out, as usual. Last time this took several months. [Microsoft will force an upgrade](#) before the version you are on becomes unsupported. This is a change – previously it would not be forced. Support will end for Version 1803 in November. You can see your version by typing Winver at a dos prompt or looking at the properties of “my computer”.

Known issue with the May Feature Update are [listed here](#). Some older drivers including Realtek and Qualcomm Bluetooth and Intel display audio drivers are incompatible.

Microsoft Office users on a subscription (perpetual version) will see updates to the ribbon and look of MS Office programs. [The “simplified ribbon” in Outlook](#) can be turned on/off (for now) by selecting the “Coming Soon” switch in the top right.

[Desktop Icons have a new look](#) as well.



Teams will now be automatically installed as a part of the MS Office suite for subscription users.

If you write in [Microsoft Word Online](#), you’ll soon have an AI-powered editor. Word will soon get [a new feature called “Ideas”](#) that will offer writers all kinds of help with their documents.

Security companies Sophos, Avast, Avira, ArcaBit and McAfee acknowledged [issues with May updates](#).

[OnePlus 7 Pro Phone - First Impressions.](#)

[Gmail scans emails for receipts](#) and collects these automatically. The purchases are neatly listed on a hard to find [Purchases page](#) on Google's My Account portal.

[CCH \(ProSystem\) will be discontinuing support for Server 2012](#) as of November 30, 2019.

Entertaining [podcast with Elon Musk](#).

SpaceX [Launches First Starlink Satellites](#) to provide worldwide internet service. Other competitors such as [Amazon](#), [Telesat](#) and [OneWeb](#), are [also launching satellites](#).

Yesterday the U.S. State Department [began implementing its requirement](#) that nearly all **U.S. visa applicants** submit their social media usernames, previous email addresses and phone numbers as part of the application process.

**Border entry searches** of electronic devices [up nearly 50 percent last year](#).

## Security

### Microsoft [Office 365 Security Observations](#)

CISA recommends that administrators implement the following for Office 365 accounts:

- **Use multi-factor authentication.** This is the best mitigation technique to use to protect against credential theft for O365 users.
- Enable unified audit logging in the Security and Compliance Center.
- Enable mailbox auditing for each user. (New Office 365 customers get mailbox auditing turned on automatically, but prior to January 2019 it was off for new customers.)
- Disable legacy email protocols, if not required, or limit their use to specific users.

Newly discovered **vulnerabilities in Intel chips** can be used to steal sensitive information directly from the processor under the right conditions. Computer makers Apple and Microsoft and browser maker Google have [released patches](#), with other companies expected to follow.

The [ZombieLoad attack](#) allows **stealing sensitive data and keys** while the computer accesses them.

**First American Financial Corp.** [Leaked Hundreds of Millions of Title Insurance Records](#).

[POS Malware Found at 102 Checkers Restaurant Locations](#).

[2.3B Files Exposed in a Year](#) due to misconfigured cloud storage.

A publicly accessible Elasticsearch database discovered on March 27 [exposed various types of personally identifiable information \(PII\)](#) and medical info of more than 100,000 individuals.

[50k Servers Infected with Cryptomining Malware](#).

[Billing Details for 11.9M Quest Diagnostics Clients Exposed](#).

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