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**Windows 11** resources.

[Guided simulations for Windows 11 Enterprise: \*\*Launch the simulation\*\*](#)  
[Windows 11 Basics](#)

[Amazon Drive is shutting down](#)

Amazon is shutting down its cloud storage service on Dec. 31, 2023. Photos and videos in Amazon Drive accounts have been automatically saved to Amazon Photos.

**Windows 8.1** support ends on January 10, 2023.

[Gmail interface redesign](#) coming soon. [More](#) from Google.

[Microsoft is blocking Office macros by default](#), once again.

Older MS Office add-ins may be affected.

[Google shut down a data center](#) to save it during London’s heatwave.

July 19 was the hottest day on record in London.

[Heat.gov](#) shows predictions of hot temperatures in the US.

## ECONOMY

[Tech spending on cloud services](#) likely will not drop.

[Congress approves \\$52B for the US semiconductor industry.](#)

"it will accelerate the manufacturing of semiconductors in America, lowering prices on everything from cars to dishwashers...".

[Semiconductor market to dip 2.5% next year](#) as inflation hits.

**Intel** Is Preparing to [Raise Chip Prices](#)

The price increase is expected to be above 20% for some processors.

New [laptops](#) and [desktop PCs](#) will have slightly higher prices, as well as other equipment with “Intel inside”.

**Computer [Chip prices increasing](#):**

Chip maker TSMC is raising prices.

Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp is raising prices.

Chip materials manufacturers are raising prices.

## SECURITY

[US federal courts data breach.](#) [More](#) from Politico.

Digital security giant [Entrust breached](#).

[T-Mobile settles regarding 2021 data breach](#) impacting 76M people.

**IT services giant [SHI was hit by a "professional malware attack"](#).**

[The Marriott hotel chain hit by another data breach.](#)

... including some credit card info and other confidential information.  
[Uber admits covering up massive 2016 data breach](#) in settlement with US prosecutors.  
The personal information of 57 million people was exposed in the hack.  
**Shanghai National Police** billion-record database [allegedly stolen](#) was [posted](#) for sale for 10 Bitcoin (around \$200,000) in early July. [More.](#)

### **The Dangers of TikTok**

“[Remove TikTok from your phone immediately.](#) Even if you don’t create content on the app, the company still collects data on you.”

[FCC Commissioner Carr’s](#) open letter to Apple and Google ([PDF](#)). His findings include:

- TikTok collects everything from search and browsing histories to keystroke patterns and [biometric identifiers](#), including faceprints and voiceprints.
- The app collects location data.
- It collects text, images, and videos stored on a device’s clipboard.
- It accesses users’ most sensitive data, including passwords, cryptocurrency wallet addresses, and personal messages.

[TikTok to provide researchers with more transparency](#) as damaging reports mount.

[ICE now operates as a domestic surveillance agency.](#)

The **Department of Homeland Security** (DHS) is touting ‘[Enhanced Border Security Agreements](#)’, offering access to its biometric databanks in exchange for other countries reciprocating.

**HUMOR**



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**Unattended  
Laptops Will Be  
Upgraded To  
Windows 11**

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