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Microsoft will [end support for Windows 10 version 21H1](#) on December 13, 2022. [Windows 10 22H2](#) is the current version.

[Microsoft Turns Off Basic Authentication for Autodiscover](#) (used by smartphones and devices). This is part of [disabling Exchange basic authentication](#) for email.

Microsoft is testing several additions to the [Windows 11 Start Menu that will introduce advertisements](#).

Google [side-rail ads](#) for web pages.

The [Matter Smart Home Standard](#).

The connectivity protocol from Amazon, Apple, Google, Samsung, and others promises to make all your smart home devices work together.

[Why you shouldn't plug space heaters into power strips](#).

[CloudFlare price increase](#). The Pro plan will be \$25/month, Business plan \$250/month.

[WordPress 6.1 released](#).

[PayPal's Inactivity Fee](#). Log in or use your account at least annually to avoid problems.

Amazon [Alexa's 'Colossal Failure'](#).

Voice assistants are not being used for purchasing as hoped.

The [chaos of Elon Musk's Twitter takeover](#) (Fortune).

[Twitter Quietly Removes Its Covid-19 Misinformation Policy](#).

[Twitter alternatives](#) that users are turning to.

[Mastadon – a popular Twitter alternative](#).

[Twitter competitor Hive has been taken offline due to security concerns](#).

[Twitter Data Breach](#) is bigger than initially reported.

The database contained phone numbers, account names, account bios, and verified status.

A few days before a potential new breach at Twitter, the previously announced database of 5.4 million accounts was made available on a popular hacker forum for free.

ECONOMY

[Holiday return policies](#) for major retailers.

[China's tech suppliers brace for disruption after COVID protests](#).

[US bans sales of Huawei, Hikvision, ZTE, and Dahua equipment](#).

[Huawei leads the way in stealthily building a domestic semiconductor supply chain](#).

California Cities Brace for [Water Cuts and a Fourth Year of Drought](#).

"..the worst drought the country has experienced in over 1,000 years."

California's [Water Thieves](#).

SECURITY

[Russian Gangs Obtain 50 Million Passwords](#).

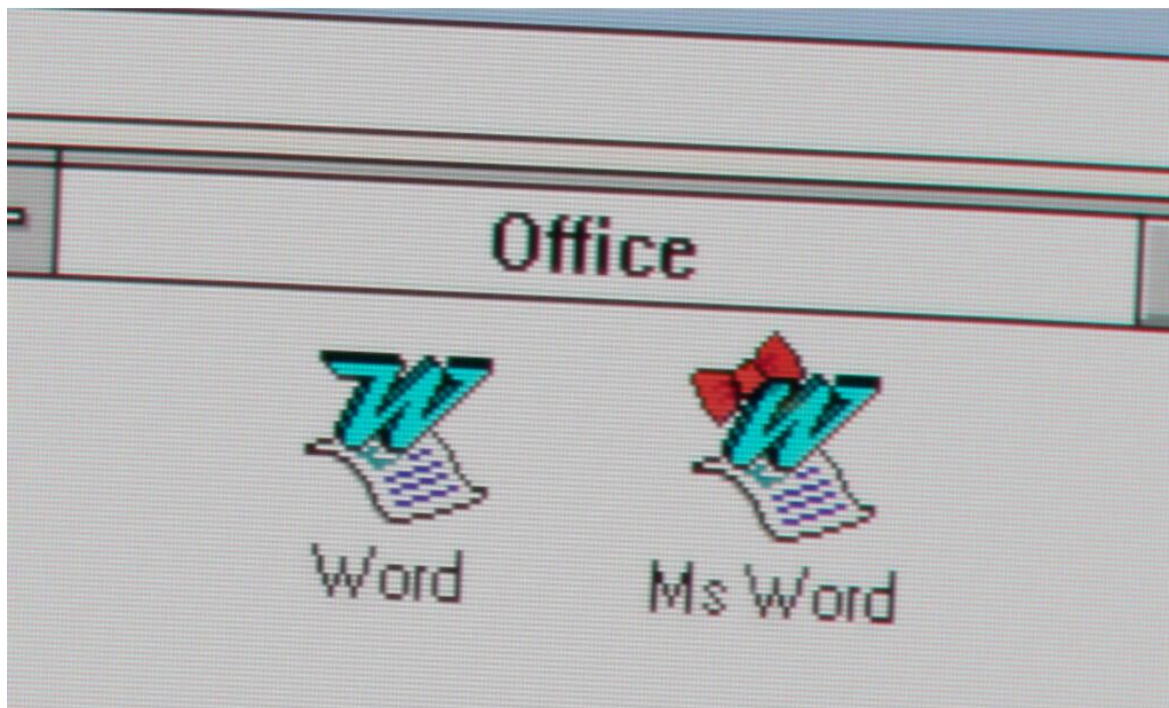
[LastPass customer data accessed](#) after cloud storage service hack. [According to LastPass](#), no passwords were compromised.

[Sirius XM Bug could be used to hijack cars](#).

[Researchers discovered flaws](#) in some apps linked to car brands that allowed for personal details and remote control of vehicles using easily-obtained IDs. Brands include Nissan, Honda, Infiniti, FCA, and Acura. The bug was patched, but it shows how cars are vulnerable to hacking.

[Major tax-filing websites secretly share income data with Meta \(FaceBook\)](#).

HUMOR



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We will raise our hourly rate to \$150/Hour (7% increase) starting on April 1, 2023 to keep up with costs. Travel time will be \$80/Hour.

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