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UNIX at 50!

1969 The Beginning The history of UNIX starts back in 1969, when Ken Thompson, Dennis Ritchie and others started working on the "little-used PDP-7 in a corner" at Bell Labs and what was to become UNIX at AT&T's Bell Laboratories.



Arguably the predecessor to computer operating systems today, including Linux, Mac OsX, and even Android, just to name a few that have their roots in the UNIX coding.

At Beatrice, we have tested various versions of UNIX, and of course Linux, and have implemented upgrades to customer computers for both home and businesses as an alternative to MS Windows, and the response has been positive, and we continue to expand further offerings for our customers in the Linux arena. What most do not appreciate is the fact that computer servers that are in many large corporations, and virtually all Internet data searches are performed using UNIX or UNIX-like systems (Linux). Essentially, without UNIX, you would not have the Internet as we know it, as the global Internet runs on UNIX

As Ubuntu 14.04 LTS Trusty Tahr reaches End of Life on 30 April 2019, it is encouraged for users and organizations to upgrade to the latest LTS release to ensure systems remain patched against security vulnerabilities.

For organizations operating systems with longer production lifespans or development cycles, and for those requiring GDPR compliance across legacy deployments, Extended Security Maintenance (ESM) provides ongoing critical and important security patches for 14.04.

Beatrice customers that have Ubuntu 14.04 LTS on their systems can receive support to help transistion to the newer 18.04.2 LTS

Source:

https://www.ubuntu.com

Consumer Watchlist

A new section to our newsletter to help assist with navigating the digital world we live in. The Consumer Watchlist will contain tips on how to protect you, your business, and even your family. We hope this new section will be of benefit.

• From the U.S. Federal Trade Commission https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0497-credit-freeze-faqs

If you're concerned about identity theft, data breaches, or someone gaining access to your credit report without your permission, you might consider placing a credit freeze on your report. (Credit freezes are free, and easy to use, and highly recommended to protect your identity)

Equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services 800-685-1111

Experian Experian.com/help 888-EXPERIAN (888-397-3742)

Transunion
TransUnion.com/credit-help
888-909-8872

craigslist https://www.craigslist.org

A rather nasty, and one might call down right evil scam has been circulating on craigslist and hitting unsuspecting sellers of just about anything, from furniture, vehicles and electronics. Listed below is how this scam works.

- 1. You list an item for sale on craigslist of substantial value, say a dining room set for \$1,500.00
- 2. You receive a notification within an hour of just listing the item, and the "buyer" wants you to stop the sale so they can FedEx a check to your address for not only the amount of the sale item, but will add an additional amount to cover moving the dining room set. So, you get a check delivered to you for \$3,000.00 total.
- 3. Buyer now asks you to go immediately to Walmart to wire the money to them. This is all predicated on you depositing the check you received from the buyer.
- 4. It will take a couple of days for you to get a notice from your bank that the check you received from the buyer was in fact a fraudulent check, and you are out of real money that you withdrew from your account to wire to the fraudulent buyer, and now you owe the bank \$3,000.00 that you thought was yours, but never really existed.

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Bottom line is, do not ever except payment from a buyer that will send you a check by FedEx or any other method. In fact, craigslist recommends that you do your transaction in person, as this will be a reassurance that you will not be defrauded. Hopefully those that fraudulently steal from those that are selling on craigslist will get the due punishment they deserve, especially since they prey on the elderly.

• Tutanota Secure Email https://www.tutanota.com

A highly secure and private email system that employs AES with 128 bit and RSA with 2048 bit encryption. Tutanota has both free and paid services, and does not share customers messages with advertisers and third parties. Your big well-known email providers, which are based in the U.S.A. sadly do not respect your privacy, and freely share your information, or a very lax in ensuring that your information will not be screened. Take back your privacy, and try Tutanota.

• One America News Network https://www.oann.com

Americans are getting more and more frustrated about the news coverage, and the highly charged political activism that has been occurring on pretty much all the major news networks. Well, there is a channel that dispels that notion, and that is One America News Network. This channel is refreshing in the fact that they report actual news, without the yelling and political activism seen on the other news channels. It is available on the following distribution platforms:

DirecTV Channel 347 Verizon FiOS Channel 116 (SD)

Channel 616 (HD)

CenturyLink Prism Channel 208 (SD)

Channel 1208 (HD)

AT&T U-verse Channel 208 (SD)

Channel 1208 (HD)

DirecTV Now https://www.directvnow.com KlowdTV https://www.klowdtv.com

(C-Band/Ku-Band)

127.0°W Galaxy 13/Horizons 1 C 42-44 4052 H [DVB-S2 8PSK MPEG-4 HD 1080] 127.0°W Galaxy 13/Horizons 1 C 42-44 4052 H [DVB-S2 8PSK MPEG-2 17500 5/6]

101.0°W DirecTV 4S/8 USA Ku DSS

102.8°W DirecTV 10/12 Ku DVB-S2 MPEG-4 HD

Contact your local cable TV provider and request that they carry One America News