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SENIORNET NORTH SHORE NEWSLETTER

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HOLIDAY DROP-IN DAYS

JOIN US FOR FUN, CONVERSATION, AND SUPPORT!

The holiday season can be a quiet time for some, but at SeniorNet North Shore, we're keeping the doors open for a bit of cheer and connection! Whether you're at a loose end or simply want to enjoy the company of like-minded members, our **Drop-In Days** are a perfect opportunity to relax, chat, and even tackle some tech challenges.

What's Happening?

Ruth Healy, our Chairperson, will be hosting several Drop-In Days in December and January. She will have the coffee brewing and the chocolate biscuits ready to share. These informal sessions are all about companionship, conversation, and the friendly atmosphere that makes SeniorNet North Shore so special.

Here's what's planned so far:

- **Friday, 20th December at 10:00 am**
- **Monday, 23rd December at 10:00 am**
- **Friday, 27th January at 10:00 am**

The aim is to see how much interest there is, and if members enjoy these sessions, Ruth will arrange a couple more in the New Year.

Why Should You Come Along?

- **Relax and Socialize:** It's a great chance to share stories, enjoy some light refreshments, and meet up with other members.
- **Get Tech Help:** If you have any niggling tech issues, there might be someone around who can help you out.
- **Stay Connected:** For those not traveling or spending the holidays with family, this is a wonderful way to keep the festive spirit alive.

Even if you just feel like a casual chat and a cuppa, drop in and make the most of the opportunity to connect with our vibrant community.

Stay Tuned for More Dates

We're planning to hold additional Drop-In Days over the holiday period, and dates will be confirmed soon. Keep an eye on your email or check the SeniorNet North Shore website for updates.

So, if you're looking for some friendly faces and a bit of fun, mark your calendar and come along to one (or all!) of our Drop-In Days. Let's make this holiday season a little brighter together.

We look forward to seeing you there!



VISIT TO AYRLIES GARDEN

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL JURGEN EVENT



Ayrlies is a private 6-hectare country garden, sculptured from bare paddocks by Beverley McConnell since 1964. Ayrlies takes its name from the McConnell family farm in Scotland. The head gardener, Ben Conway leads a team of paid and volunteer gardeners.

Ayrlies was awarded a six-star certificate as a Garden of International Significance by The New Zealand Gardens Trust.

Pushing out our visit to Ayrlies Garden by a day proved beneficial, after a light drizzle of rain as we headed into the gardens, the sun came out and we were able to enjoy the splendour of the gardens in full Spring bloom without rain or wind. 13 North Shore SeniorNet members were left to wander through the garden at their own pace.

Even the trip there was most fascinating coming through the new suburb of Ormiston, which has sprung up in the last decade and from there it was a ride into rolling rural country.

Entering the garden, we followed the Cascades path around the stream and New Pond through native plantings. A Gallery displayed photos of past and present, where you could rest and take in the views over pastoral land out to the sea and Rangitoto Island

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Let our membership secretary know if you have changed your email address and/or phone numbers so we can update our records

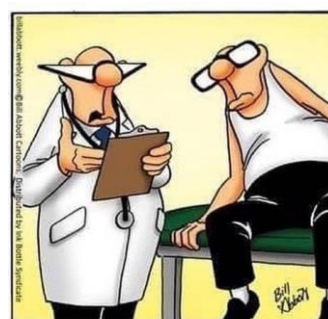
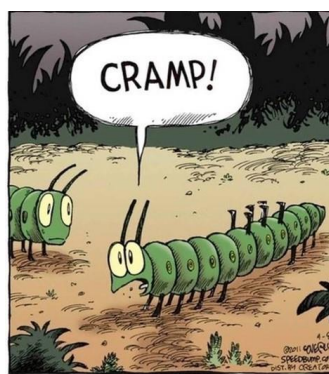
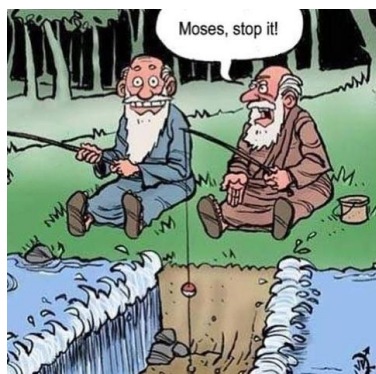


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"High sodium, high cholesterol, lots of toxins - your blood test is remarkably similar to a potato chip."

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CHAIR REPORT JANUARY 2025



It seems like yesterday I was writing up the last report. The month has been full of sessions which loads of us have enjoyed. We had an amazing Christmas Sunday Meeting so thank you to all that contributed in any way.

I have managed to meet more of our members and hopefully in the New Year many more. Summer is here and some days I find it too hot. I forget to drink water (well I don't really like it much so it's easy to forget) but I am trying to remember more. I hope you are all doing the same. Apparently, it is very important for us!! So, remember to Hydrate.

Over the next few weeks there will be some coffee drop-in sessions. In December they are Friday 20th, Monday 23rd, Friday 27th and Monday 30th. January dates to be confirmed.

A huge thank you to you all. Our Tutors are amazing, giving of their time and knowledge. Our Committee work hard behind the scenes making sure it all works well. And our members always are ready to help, putting out the chairs, doing the dishes and cleaning our Rooms. We are truly blessed.

Over the next month I would like you all to think about what you would like to get out of our Super Little Club next year. Any Technology things you would like to learn more about? or any more social meetings you would like us to look into running. We want to make this about You, and it is important you let us know what we can do more. Please get in touch with me with suggestions.

So enjoy the next few weeks. Some of us have family that go away or live far away so for some it is not so festive. But I hope that we can reach out to each other as needed and be those people who care.



For me it is the end of an era. I write this after just returning from my little Thea's Leaving Circle at Pre-School. My youngest grandchild heading to school in the New Year.



Ruth Healy



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CALENDAR

JANUARY 2025

Select a class, discussion group or tutorial that appeals from the tutors notes on pages 6 to 9. This calendar details date, time and venue for activities, including type, cost and whether it is necessary to book (if booking is required please contact the tutor). Pay at door. All welcome.

Monthly meetings are held in the hall 10am – 12:00 noon on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Come along and listen to some interesting speakers. Gold coin donation appreciated. Everyone welcome. Please wear your name tag to all sessions to put name to a face. Free refreshments are provided at all Discussion Groups, Tutorials, and Monthly Sunday Meetings.



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TUTORIALS

D = DISCUSSION GROUPS

TIMES: AM = 10.00 to 12.00

PM = 1.00 to 3.00

Schedule - Jan 2025								
Day	Date	Time	Session	Tutor	Phone	Email	D/T	Cost
Wed	1	am	New Year's Day					
Wed	1	pm						
Thu	2	am	Cryptic Crosswords and Sudoku	Bridget Taylerson	09 410 8309	taylersonb@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	2	pm						
Fri	3	am	First Friday Genealogy	Ian Handricks	029 477 4491	ianhandricks@gmail.com	D	\$3
Fri	3	pm						
Sat	4	am	Tips N Tricks incl iPad and iPhone	Ian Handricks	029 477 4491	ianhandricks@gmail.com	D	\$3
Sat	4	pm						
Sun	5	am						
Sun	5	pm						
Mon	6	am						
Mon	6	pm						
Tue	7	am						
Tue	7	pm						
Wed	8	am						
Wed	8	pm	Build Your Own Website	Ian Handricks	029 477 4491	ianhandricks@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	9	am	Handcrafts	June McCullough	021 885 117	june.apollo@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	9	pm	Card Playing Group(12:45)	Campbell Stanford	021 717 008	camstan69@gmail.com	D	\$3
Fri	10	am						
Fri	10	pm						
Sat	11	am						
Sat	11	pm						
Sun	12	am						
Sun	12	pm						
Mon	13	am						
Mon	13	pm						
Tue	14	am						
Tue	14	pm						
Wed	15	am						
Wed	15	pm						
Thu	16	am	Cryptic Crosswords and Sudoku	Bridget Taylerson	09 410 8309	taylersonb@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	16	pm						
Fri	17	am	Genealogy Workshop	Bernice & Barbara			D	\$3
Fri	17	pm						
Sat	18	am						
Sat	18	pm						
Sun	19	am						
Sun	19	pm						
Mon	20	am						
Mon	20	pm	Nostalgia	Host varies			D	\$3
Tue	21	am	Computer Chat Group	Ian Handricks	029 477 4491	ianhandricks@gmail.com	D	\$3
Tue	21	pm						
Wed	22	am						
Wed	22	pm						
Thu	23	am	Our World	Glen Plaistowe	027 541 2241	glenp19925@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	23	pm	Card Playing Group(12:45)	Campbell Stanford	021 717 008	camstan69@gmail.com	D	\$3
Fri	24	am						
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Sun	26	am						
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Mon	27	am						
Mon	27	pm						
Tue	28	am						
Tue	28	pm	Photoshoot - (email Rex for location details)	Rex Oddy	021 758 851	rex.oddy@xtra.co.nz		
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TUTOR NOTES

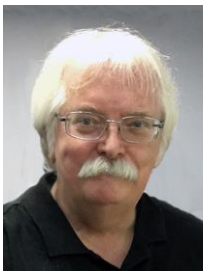
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GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Tutor: Lois Kay

Please continue to bring any treasures to our Genealogy Workshop – we have had many items in the past that have had wonderful stories attached to them and they add colour and significance to our life stories. We will continue with worthy websites and although many of our group are already skilled at researching we always run into the odd “brick wall” scenario which is where others can assist. Barbara & Bernice will be running January session

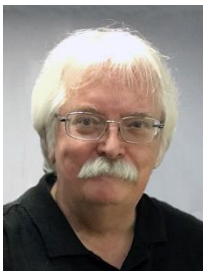


TIPS'N'TRICKS including iPHONE & iPAD

Tutor: Ian Handricks

ideas, tips and tricks to explore and use.

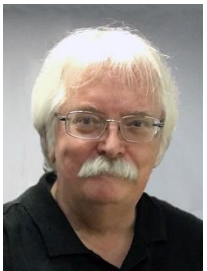
A tutorial and discussion forum where you can ask questions and get answers and also learn tips and tricks for a wide range of computer/ipad/iphone/laptop situations. We will endeavour to provide solutions for your questions and will introduce you to a bevy of useful tips, shortcuts, hidden features, useful tools, actions and ways to achieve results on your computer and technology devices. Each session, we will provide you with a hot list of new



1ST FRIDAY GENEALOGY

Tutor: Ian Handricks

Ian will talk about new research sites, search techniques, AI solutions for genealogy and a collection of tips and tricks. Maybe you have solved some brick walls or found new information over the break, or found a new site, if so, bring it along. It will be good to see you all again. We will enjoy helping you.



BRIDGE

Tutor: Ian Handricks

Ian Handricks, runs a regular session on learning and playing Bridge. No previous experience is required and Ian will show us how to play the game. Bridge is known as the “Brain Game” and is an excellent method of using those hidden-away grey cells! For those who have no idea what the game is – it’s similar to 500 and is played with 4 people at a table. Ian will show us the rest!



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CARD PLAYING GROUP

Tutor: Campbell Stanford

What a fun time playing cards can be! For raw beginners and cardsharps alike. Beginners are appreciating the comfortable pace at which they can learn and hone their skills. Great camaraderie in a very friendly group that is much more than just card playing. Learning and developing strategies combined with luck and great humour alleviates stress and keeps your mind sharp and active. Currently our most popular game is "Oh Hell" which goes down well with all players with winners switching around from session to session. Depending on the number of participants, we also play 500 and Euchre and have dabbled with cribbage, one of the best games for as little as 2 players. We have sessions twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays between 12:45 and 2:45pm. Please come and try it. You are also most welcome to bring a guest with you for a free session.



OUR WORLD

Tutor: Glen Plaistowe

Our World is a mix of current affairs, a sharing of places we have visited, events that have been part of our lives or what we have explored - people and places that are of interest. You do not have to have skills in PowerPoint. You just need to have an interest in our world and world events and are happy to share any insights or experiences you have.



NOSTALGIA

Host: Ian Robinson

This session will allow us to remember the good, crazy and unusual. Join us for thought-provoking conversations, fun memories, and interesting insights. You'll have the opportunity to share your own experiences and hear from others in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. The topic for January is books – our likes and dislikes.



BETWEEN THE BOOKENDS

Tutor: Patricia Lough

This is not a 'Book Club'. We will discuss all sorts of things to do with books, complete with trips down memory lane with short cuts and detours. Give some thought to books you've read and enjoyed and those which you read and thought "Well that was a waste of time" but couldn't quite stop reading in case it improved. It isn't necessary to book (excuse the pun). Those who know me, will know what to expect and those who don't – well take a chance. (Next session February 2025)



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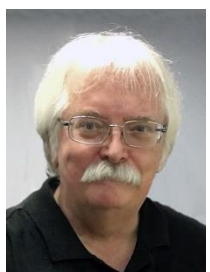
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FILM APPRECIATION

Host: Marina Sanderson

Experience the magic of cinema at SeniorNet North Shore's newest session, "Film Appreciation." Join us in the cosy clubrooms as we transport you through time with a curated selection of timeless classics and contemporary masterpieces. Dive into the world of storytelling, cinematography, and emotion as we explore the art of filmmaking together. Discover the rich history of cinema and share your thoughts and insights with fellow film enthusiasts. Whether you're a cinephile or just looking for a delightful movie, this session promises to be a "reel" treat for all.



COMPUTER CHAT GROUP

Tutor: Ian Handricks

Ian will be available to have your computer questions answered and discussed – and with luck – resolved! What a great opportunity for us all! We have great attendance at these sessions (up to 20 people) and benefit from Ian's extensive knowledge.



CRYPTIC CROSS WORDS & SUDOKU

Tutor: Bridget Taylerson

Bridget will be hosting another session on cryptic crosswords & sudoku. The last session enabled participants to develop skills and techniques to solve these mysteries. The January 2025 session will be happening



PHOTOGRAPHY

Tutor: Rex Oddy

Each month photography group members are invited to bring along digital images or videos that are either based on the theme for the month or are of a personal interest. We have a theme each month, because having a theme can create a challenge and meeting that challenge helps us to improve our photography. Above all, photography like all hobbies and art forms is a personal activity. We take photos for ourselves, it doesn't matter if other people don't quite get the point, it's whether we like them or not that matters most and being part of a group helps us to learn and improve. Most months in addition to our workshop there is a photoshoot, a photographic fieldtrip. Everyone is welcome to join the photoshoot but the location is not decided until just before the date of the outing. The date of the photoshoot is on the monthly schedule but for time and location details email rex.oddy@xtra.co.nz. (Next session February 2025 but January 2025 photoshoot will be happening at the Auckland Botanical Gardens on the 28 January 2025)



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XMAS CRACKER JOKES

PULL THE OTHER ONE!

Christmas crackers originated in Victorian England, created by London confectioner Tom Smith in 1847. Inspired by the French "bon-bon" sweets—sugar almonds wrapped in paper—Smith brought the idea to England, adding his unique touch. Initially, he sold sweets wrapped in paper with love notes, but the concept gained popularity when he added a "bang" using chemically treated paper that snapped when pulled, mimicking the sound of a crackling fire.

By the 1850s, crackers evolved to include small toys or trinkets, jokes, and paper crowns. These items replaced the sweets, and the crackers became festive decorations. Smith's sons later introduced themed crackers for various celebrations, solidifying their role as a staple of Christmas traditions.

Christmas crackers symbolize surprise and joy, blending entertainment with the holiday spirit. Over time, they gained international popularity, particularly in Britain and countries influenced by British culture. Today, they remain an essential part of Christmas celebrations, known for their distinctive design, which includes the snap, a small gift, a joke or motto, and a colourful paper hat. Their enduring appeal lies in their ability to bring fun and a sense of togetherness to holiday gatherings.

- What do frogs wear on their feet? Open toad sandals.
- Why did the orange take a prune to the Xmas party? Because it couldn't find a date.
- Why was the snowman looking through the carrots? He was picking his nose.
- Why does Santa go down the chimney on Xmas Eve? Because it 'soots' him.
- What do you call a couple of spiders who just got married? Newly webs.
- How does Darth Vader like his Xmas turkey? On the dark side.
- Why did nobody bid for Rudolph and Blitzen on eBay? Because they were two deer.
- What do you get if you cross an apple with a Xmas tree? A pineapple.
- How did Scrooge win the football game? The Ghost of Xmas passed.
- What could you call an elf who has just won the lottery? Welfy.
- Why don't scientists trust atoms? Because they make up everything!
- What do dentists call their x-rays? Tooth pics!
- What did one ocean say to the other ocean? Nothing, it just waved.
- Do you want to hear a construction joke? Sorry, I'm still working on it.
- Why should you never trust stairs? They're always up to something.
- When does a joke become a "dad" joke? When it becomes apparent



DECEMBER SUNDAY MEETING SPEAKER REPORT

JULIE BRESNAN

Julie Bresnan gave a very lively presentation as a make-up artist. Born in Ireland, she helped out at the make-up and fragrancy counter of a pharmacy and found herself in her element, gaining a great deal of experience dealing with a constant stream of clients of different ages and skin types. Her next step was studying hairdressing and make-up and her career began with make-ups for special social occasions and photo shoots.

Moving to New Zealand, Julie broke into film and television and worked on a number of films such as 'Outrageous Fortune', 'Westside', 'Nothing Trivial', 'The Predator' and recently the Disney franchise 'Zombies'. All this involved making-up actors looking tired, aged, battered or as alien, zombies or corpses, often taking many hours to achieve the desired effect. The work was long hours with many demanding outdoor scenes inclusive of one time standing in waders in a flowing river.

We heard the New Zealand conditions are harsh with strong sun light and moist are all making extra demands on the skin and hair. It was a delight to listen to Julie. The words flowed easily off her tongue and combined with the wonderful Irish lilt we could not get enough of her.



One of our members volunteered as model for a make-up, a subject of particular interest to all the ladies present. This was followed by giving one of our male members a 'black eye'. Everyone enjoyed the presentation and there were many questions.

The morning was also our end of year function and we had the largest attendance ever since before Covid.



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THE ORIGIN OF SANTA CLAUS AND THE COCA-COLA CONNECTION

When we think of Santa Claus, a jolly man in a red suit trimmed with white fur, a twinkling eye, and a hearty "Ho, ho, ho!" immediately comes to mind. But did you know that this image of Santa Claus, so beloved and iconic, wasn't always the standard? In fact, his evolution from a 4th-century saint to the red-suited bringer of joy we know today is a story as colourful as his famous outfit.

The Roots of Saint Nicholas

Santa Claus can trace his ancestry back to Saint Nicholas, a 4th-century Greek bishop from Myra, in present-day Turkey. Known for his generosity and kindness, Saint Nicholas became the patron saint of children, sailors, and the poor. Legends tell of him secretly delivering gifts, such as gold coins tossed through windows or down chimneys, to families in need.

This charitable figure became celebrated across Europe, especially in Holland, where he was known as "Sinterklaas." Dutch settlers brought the tradition of Sinterklaas to America in the 17th century, where he gradually transformed into the jolly Santa Claus we celebrate today. His red outfit? Well, that's where things get even more interesting.

Santa's Fashion Journey

Before he donned the iconic red suit, Santa's attire was much more varied. Early illustrations in the 1800s depicted him in everything from green robes to bishop's vestments. Thomas Nast, a 19th-century American political cartoonist, played a pivotal role in standardizing Santa's image. His illustrations for Harper's Weekly often showed Santa in a red, fur-trimmed suit, although the colours and styles still varied.

So, how did Santa's outfit settle permanently on red? Enter Coca-Cola.

Coca-Cola's Santa: A Marketing Genius

In the 1920s and 1930s, Coca-Cola sought to boost sales of its soda during the winter months. To achieve this, they hired Haddon Sundblom, an illustrator, to create a new image of Santa Claus for their advertisements. Sundblom's Santa, introduced in 1931, was a game-changer.

Sundblom's depiction of Santa was warm, relatable, and full of life. He portrayed Santa as a plump, cheerful man with rosy cheeks, a big belly that shook like a bowl full of jelly, and a red suit trimmed with white fur—the very colours of Coca-Cola's branding. Sundblom's Santa became so popular that it defined the modern image of Santa Claus and solidified his association with the red-and-white outfit.



Contrary to popular belief, Coca-Cola didn't invent Santa's red suit, but their advertising campaigns made it ubiquitous. Sundblom's Santa graced magazines, billboards, and stores, becoming a beloved figure not just in America but around the world.

The Legacy of the Coca-Cola Santa



The Coca-Cola Santa didn't just transform how we see the jolly man; it also brought a sense of warmth and tradition to the holiday season. Sundblom's illustrations often showed Santa in cosy, domestic settings—sharing a Coke, reading letters from children, or delivering presents with a twinkle in his eye. These images resonated deeply with families and helped cement Coca-Cola's place in Christmas celebrations.

Even today, Coca-Cola continues to use the Santa Claus imagery in its holiday advertising, reminding us of the enduring charm of this festive figure.

Beyond the Suit

While Coca-Cola's contribution to Santa's appearance is undeniable, his charm goes beyond his outfit. Santa represents joy, generosity, and the magic of believing in something bigger than ourselves. Whether you imagine him with a bag of toys slung over his shoulder or sipping a Coke by the fire, Santa Claus continues to bring happiness to millions around the globe.

So, the next time you see Santa's red suit, take a moment to appreciate the fascinating blend of history, folklore, and clever marketing that brought us the Santa we know and love. And maybe, just maybe, raise a glass—or a bottle of Coca-Cola—to Saint Nicholas and the generations of storytellers and artists who made his story unforgettable.

Merry Christmas, SeniorNet members!



VISIT TO AYRLIES GARDEN

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL JURGEN EVENT ... CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Walking past the tennis court, homestead and swimming pool areas the plantings were subtropical with bright reds, orange and yellow flowers planted under large Palms.

At the Rockery, the oldest part of the garden, there were 60-year-old maples bursting with new bright green spring leaves and equally old conifers, some shaped in Bonsai form.

Pockets of Rhododendron and Azalea lead you along a pathway to the Temple House shipped out from England in 1987 as a commemorative area for the McConnell family and Ollie Briers (the inaugural head gardener who arrived at Ayrilies from England in 1974).

As you follow paths over bridges, under giant California Redwoods, along rambling streams and past mirror lakes your sensors buzz with the smell of old roses, pops of colour from Camelia, Clematis and many perennials and catch Tui, Rosellas and many other bird species enjoying spring in the garden.

I also spotted a baby bunny hopping along a path up by the pool and bumble bees gathering nectar, while ducks lazily slept on the side of the pond.



We had a wonderful two hours wandering the picturesque gardens then made our way to The Lime Tree Café at Whitford for a well-earned coffee and lunch.

Thank you to Jürgen for organising this trip and I look forward to joining along on more adventures.

Debbie Seekup



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COMING TO TERMS

50 UNUSUAL COMPUTER TERMS

Here's a table of 50 unusual computer terms, their meanings, the year they were first mentioned, and their inventors. Note that some terms may have origins that are debated or unclear.

Term	Meaning	Year First Mentioned	Inventor/Contributor
Algorithm	A process or set of rules to solve a problem or perform a task.	9th century (modern use: 1936)	Al-Khwarizmi / Alan Turing
Bug	An error in a computer program or system.	1947	Grace Hopper (popularized term)
Byte	A unit of digital information, typically 8 bits.	1956	Werner Buchholz
Cookie	Data stored by websites on a user's device to remember preferences.	1994	Lou Montulli
Cryptojacking	Unauthorized use of someone's computer to mine cryptocurrency.	2018	Unknown
Cyberpunk	A genre of science fiction focusing on dystopian futures and advanced technology.	1983	Bruce Bethke
Daemon	A background process that runs on a computer system.	1963	MIT Project MAC
Easter Egg	Hidden features or messages in software or digital content.	1979	Warren Robinett
Firewall	A network security device that monitors and controls traffic.	1983	Digital Equipment Corporation
Fork	Creating a copy of a software project to develop independently.	1980s	UNIX Community
Gopher	A protocol for distributing and retrieving information on the internet.	1991	University of Minnesota
Hash	A function that converts data into a fixed-size string of characters.	1953	Hans Peter Luhn
Honeytrap	A decoy system to attract and analyze cyber threats.	1990	Clifford Stoll
Hypertext	Text that links to other text or content.	1965	Ted Nelson
Kernel	The core part of an operating system, managing hardware and software interactions.	1969	Ken Thompson
Lint	A tool for analyzing source code for potential errors.	1978	Stephen C. Johnson
Malware	Software designed to disrupt, damage, or gain unauthorized access.	1990	Unknown (popularized in the 1990s)
Meme	A concept, behaviour, or idea that spreads online.	1976 (term) / 1990s (digital use)	Richard Dawkins / Internet Culture
Metadata	Data that describes other data.	1968	Philip B. Crosby
Middleware	Software that acts as a bridge between operating systems and applications.	1968	IBM



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Nanobot	Tiny robots, often theoretical, used in computing or medicine.	1986	K. Eric Drexler
Neural Net	A computational model inspired by the human brain.	1943	Warren McCulloch & Walter Pitts
Null	A special value representing the absence of data.	1960s	Tony Hoare
Onion Routing	A method of anonymous communication over a computer network.	1995	Paul Syverson et al. (US Naval Research)
Overclocking	Increasing a computer component's clock rate beyond its factory settings.	1980s	Enthusiast Community
Packet	A unit of data transmitted over a network.	1969	ARPANET Development
Phishing	Fraudulent attempts to obtain sensitive information.	1996	Coined by hackers
Ping	A network utility for checking connectivity.	1983	Mike Muuss
Pivoting	The act of using one compromised system to access others.	2000s	Cybersecurity Community
Quantum Computing	Computing using quantum-mechanical phenomena.	1980	Paul Benioff
Rainbow Table	A precomputed table used for password cracking.	2003	Philippe Oechslin
Sandbox	A testing environment for software or code.	1970s	Xerox PARC
Script Kiddie	A non-expert hacker relying on prewritten scripts.	1990s	Cybersecurity Community
Segfault	A specific kind of error caused by invalid memory access.	1960s	UNIX Developers
Slackware	A Linux distribution known for its simplicity.	1993	Patrick Volkerding
Sniffing	Monitoring network traffic to capture sensitive data.	1990s	Cybersecurity Community
Spoofing	Imitating a trusted entity to deceive users.	1990s	Cybersecurity Community
Spyware	Software that secretly gathers user data.	1990s	Unknown
Trojan Horse	Malicious software disguised as legitimate software.	1975	Daniel Edwards (concept)
Turing Complete	A system capable of performing any computation given enough resources.	1936	Alan Turing
Virtual Machine	A software emulation of a physical computer.	1967	IBM (CP-40 Project)
Virus	A type of malware that replicates by inserting copies of itself.	1983	Fred Cohen
Waterfall Model	A sequential software development methodology.	1970	Winston W. Royce
Wiki	A collaborative website editable by users.	1995	Ward Cunningham
Worm	A standalone malware that replicates to spread.	1971	Bob Thomas
Yottabyte	A unit of data equal to one septillion bytes.	1991	International Electrotechnical Commission
Zombie	A computer controlled remotely without the user's knowledge.	1990s	Cybersecurity Community



ADVANCED COMPUTERS

TIPS TO KEEP YOUR COMPUTERS RUNNING SMOOTHLY OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Christmas is just around the corner, and we're all looking forward to spending quality time with family and taking a well-deserved break. Before you head off, here are some essential tips to ensure your computers stay in top shape over the holiday period.

1. Update Your Software

The week before a holiday can be chaotic as you rush to wrap everything up. Amidst the frenzy, don't forget to update your antivirus software, operating systems, and applications.

Although most systems are set to update automatically, this feature can sometimes be inadvertently turned off. Additionally, we've all been guilty of skipping updates. Ensuring everything is up to date before you leave will:

- Protect your systems from malware and viruses.
- Keep them stable during the break.
- Save you from dealing with tedious update notifications when you return.

If you use a laptop, updates will also help preserve your battery life and ensure that if you need to log in over the holiday, everything works seamlessly.

2. Backup Your Data

Imagine starting the new year with a system failure—what a nightmare! Prevent this by backing up all your data, including mobile devices, before you go. Should a system crash occur during the break, you'll be able to restore your data quickly. And if a device is lost or damaged over the holiday, you'll have peace of mind knowing your data is safe.



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3. Ensure Emergency Access

While nobody wants to work over Christmas, it's wise to prepare for emergencies. Double-check that you can access critical systems remotely. You might already have access to emails on your phone or some documents on your laptop, but can you reach all the essential services if needed? Take a few moments to identify potential gaps and set up remote access where necessary.

4. Power Off Non-Essential Devices

When it's finally time to head off, pack your bags, draw the blinds, and water the plants. Before you leave, remember to power off all non-essential work hardware, including desktop PCs. This not only saves energy but also gives your devices a break—just like you!

Wishing You a Merry Christmas!

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TEKZONE TIPS

UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN IPHONES AND ANDROID PHONES

In today's tech-driven world, choosing the right smartphone can feel like navigating a maze. For many seniors, this decision often comes down to two options: iPhones and Android phones. Each platform has its unique features, benefits, and challenges, catering to different user preferences and needs. In this article, we'll explore the primary differences between these two smartphone ecosystems and offer guidance on making the most of their basic functions.



The Basics: What Are iPhones and Android Phones?

An iPhone is a smartphone designed and manufactured by Apple. It runs on Apple's proprietary iOS operating system. Android phones, on the other hand, are made by various manufacturers like Samsung, Google, and Motorola, all running on Google's Android operating system. This distinction is at the heart of many differences between the two.

User Interface and Ease of Use

iPhones are often praised for their simplicity and consistency. Apple's iOS is designed with a clean and straightforward interface, making it an excellent choice for users who value ease of use. Menus and settings are uniform across all iPhones, ensuring a familiar experience when upgrading to a newer model.

Android phones offer a more customizable experience. With various manufacturers creating Android devices, the interface can differ significantly depending on the brand. This customization is a double-edged sword—while it allows users to tailor their devices to their preferences, it can also create a steeper learning curve.



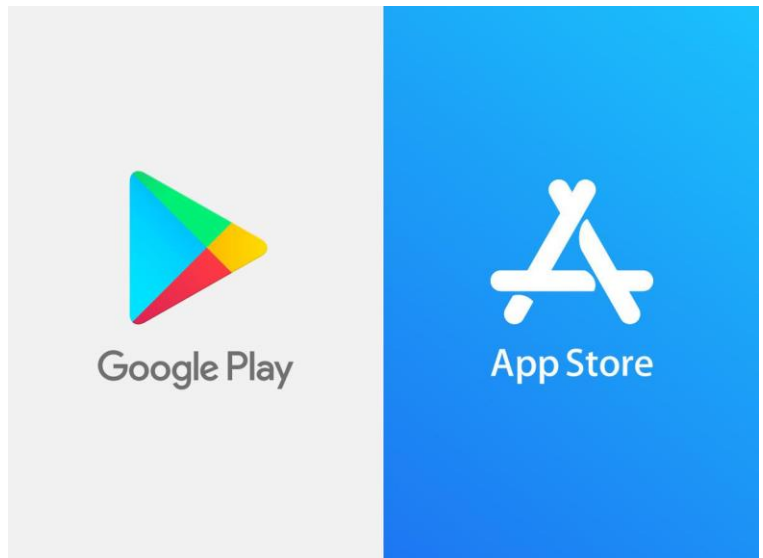
Hardware and Design

Apple has tight control over its hardware, ensuring that every iPhone model meets its high-quality standards. This results in a seamless integration of software and hardware, but it also means fewer choices in terms of size, features, and price range.

Android phones come in a wide variety of designs, sizes, and price points. This diversity allows users to find a device that fits their specific needs and budget. However, it also means that the quality and performance can vary depending on the manufacturer.

Apps and App Stores

Both iPhones and Android phones have access to millions of apps through their respective app stores: the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store. While most popular apps are available on both platforms, Apple tends to have stricter quality control, which can result in a smoother and more secure app experience. Android's open nature allows for more experimental and diverse apps, but this can also increase the risk of encountering low-quality or malicious apps.



Security and Privacy

Apple prioritizes user privacy and security, with features like encrypted messaging and regular updates to combat vulnerabilities. iPhones are often considered more secure because of Apple's strict control over its ecosystem.

Android phones also offer robust security features, but the open-source nature of Android can make them more susceptible to malware and hacking, particularly if apps are downloaded from third-party sources. Regular updates are crucial, but not all Android manufacturers deliver them consistently.

Price

iPhones are generally more expensive than Android phones. Apple's flagship models come with premium price tags, although older models or budget-friendly options like the iPhone SE are available.

Android phones cover a broader price spectrum. From high-end models like the Samsung Galaxy series to budget-friendly devices, there's an Android phone for almost every budget. This affordability makes Android an attractive choice for cost-conscious users.



Longevity and Software Updates

Apple supports its devices with software updates for several years, often longer than most Android manufacturers. This ensures that even older iPhones can access new features and security patches.

Android phones vary in their update policies. While Google's Pixel phones and some high-end models receive regular updates, many budget devices receive limited support, which can impact their longevity.

Ecosystem and Integration

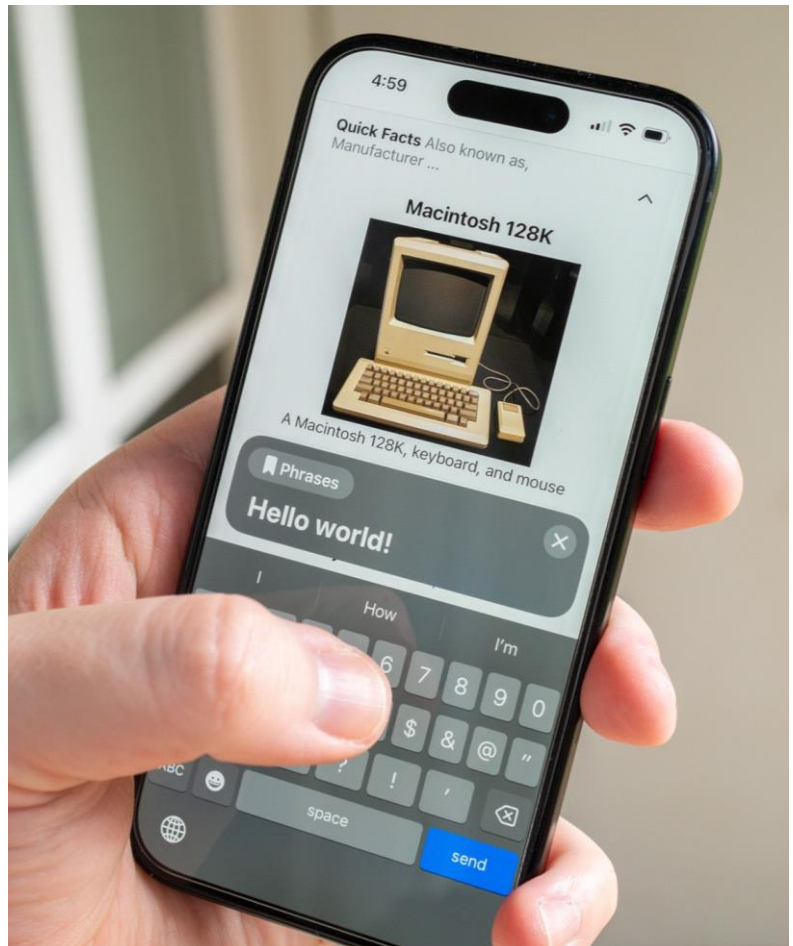
iPhones shine in their integration with other Apple devices like the iPad, Mac, and Apple Watch. Features like AirDrop, iMessage, and Handoff create a seamless experience for users invested in the Apple ecosystem.

Android phones offer integration with a wide range of devices and services, including smart home systems and Windows PCs. However, the experience can be less cohesive compared to Apple's tightly controlled ecosystem.

Choosing the Right Phone

When deciding between an iPhone and an Android phone, consider the following:

- **Ease of Use:** If you prefer a simple and intuitive interface, an iPhone may be the better choice.
- **Budget:** Android phones offer more options across various price points.
- **Customization:** If you like to tweak settings and customize your phone, Android is more flexible.
- **Ecosystem:** If you already use Apple products, an iPhone can integrate seamlessly with your existing devices.
- **Longevity:** For long-term use, consider a phone with reliable software updates.



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Quick Reference Table: Performing Basic Functions

Function	iPhone	Android
Turn On/Off	Press and hold the side button	Press and hold the power button
Unlock Screen	Swipe up and use Face ID/Touch ID or passcode	Swipe up and use fingerprint, PIN, or pattern
Make a Call	Open Phone app, tap "Keypad," dial the number	Open Phone app, tap "Keypad," dial the number
Send a Text Message	Open Messages app, tap "New Message" icon	Open Messages app, tap "Start Chat" or "New Message"
Install an App	Open App Store, search for app, tap "Get"	Open Play Store, search for app, tap "Install"
Take a Photo	Open Camera app, tap the shutter button	Open Camera app, tap the shutter button
Adjust Volume	Use the volume buttons on the side	Use the volume buttons on the side
Connect to Wi-Fi	Go to Settings > Wi-Fi, select network	Go to Settings > Network & Internet > Wi-Fi
Check Battery	Go to Settings > Battery	Go to Settings > Battery

By understanding the differences and similarities between iPhones and Android phones, seniors can make an informed choice and enjoy the benefits of modern technology with confidence

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UNDERSTANDING CLOUD STORAGE: A SIMPLE GUIDE FOR US ALL



In our digital age, managing and preserving our photos, documents, and other files can feel overwhelming. That's where **cloud storage** comes in—a term you've likely heard but might not fully understand. Let's explore what cloud storage is, how it works, and which platforms are most suitable for us.

What is Cloud Storage?

Imagine a digital safe deposit box where you can store your important items. Instead of being in a physical space, this box lives on the internet—accessible anytime, anywhere, as long as you have an internet connection. That's the essence of cloud storage.

Files stored in the cloud aren't tied to your computer or phone. This means you don't need to worry about losing everything if your device breaks or gets lost. The "cloud" simply refers to servers, which are powerful computers that safely store your data in large data centres around the world.



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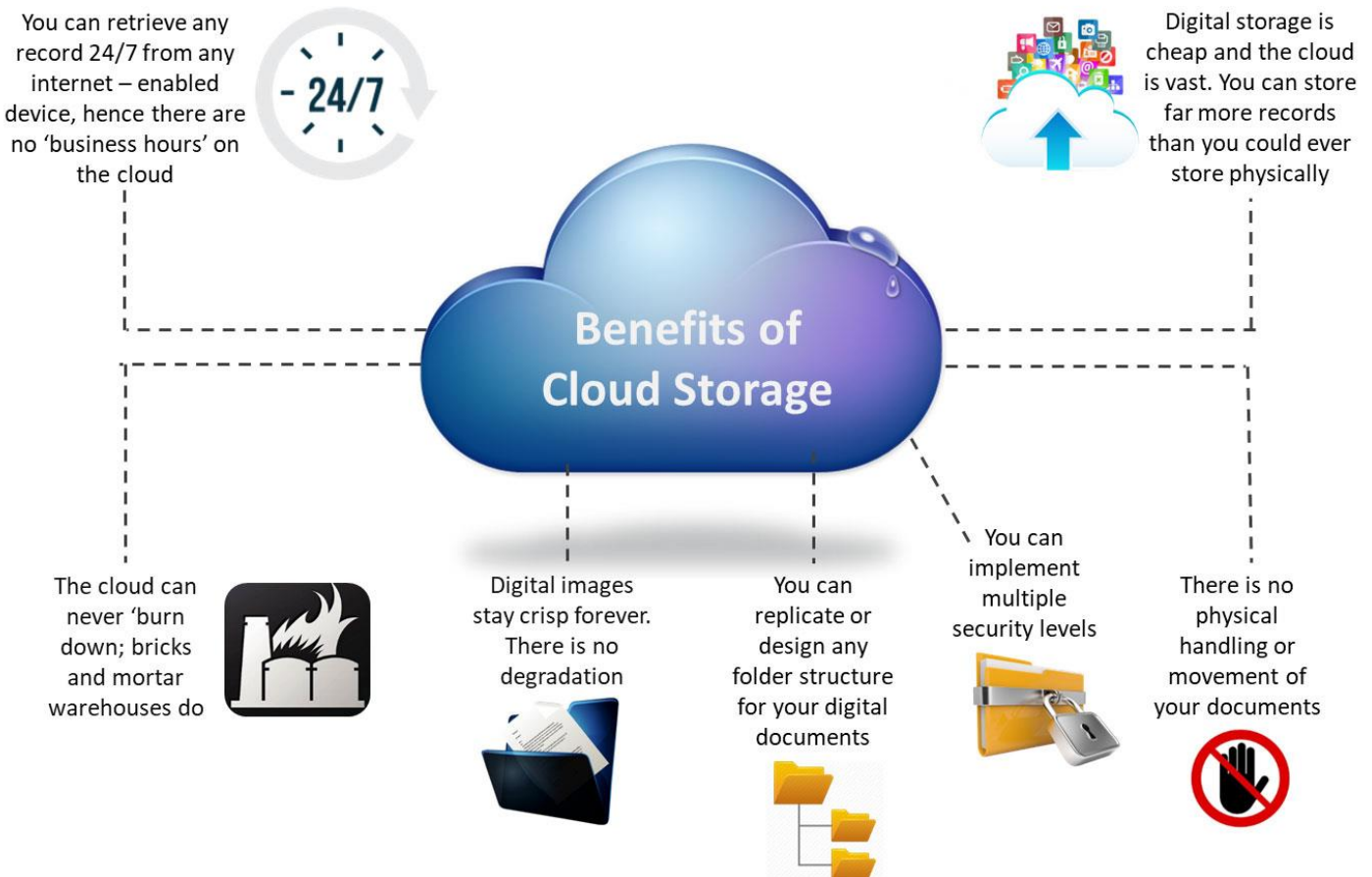
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How Does it Work?

When you save a file on your computer, it's typically stored on its internal hard drive. With cloud storage, you upload that file to an online server instead. Here's how it works in three simple steps:

1. **Sign Up for a Service:** Choose a cloud storage platform (we'll discuss good options shortly). Most providers offer free storage up to a certain limit and charge small fees for extra space.
2. **Upload Your Files:** Using an app or web browser, you drag and drop files into the platform's folder or interface. Some services even back up files automatically.
3. **Access Anywhere:** Once uploaded, you can access your files from any device—whether it's your smartphone, tablet, or another computer. All you need is your login details.

Think of it like sending a letter, but instead of a physical envelope, your files are sent digitally. The "post office" in this case is the internet, and your files are kept securely in the cloud.



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Why Should We Use Cloud Storage?

Cloud storage offers many benefits:

- **Peace of Mind:** Your memories, like family photos, are safe from accidental deletion, theft, or hardware failure.
- **Sharing Made Simple:** Easily share files, like a family recipe or a photo album, with friends and family.
- **Declutter Your Devices:** Free up space on your phone or computer by storing files online instead.
- **Flexibility:** Access your files from wherever you are—even on holiday.



Popular Cloud Storage Platforms for Seniors

With so many options out there, choosing the right platform can be tricky. Here are four user-friendly platforms particularly suited to us:

- 1. Google Drive:**
 - Free storage: 15GB (plenty for most people).
 - Simple to use, especially if you already have a Gmail account.
 - Includes Google Photos, which automatically organizes and backs up photos.
 - Accessible on any device via an app or browser.
- 2. Dropbox:**
 - Free storage: 2GB (good for small files or occasional use).
 - Known for its simplicity and reliability.
 - Excellent for sharing files with family or friends.
- 3. Apple iCloud:**
 - Free storage: 5GB (ideal for Apple users).
 - Integrates seamlessly with iPhones, iPads, and Macs.
 - Automatically backs up your photos and files if set up correctly.
- 4. Microsoft OneDrive:**
 - Free storage: 5GB (with more available through Microsoft 365 plans).
 - Perfect for Windows users.
 - Includes automatic syncing for documents and photos.

How to Get Started

Here's a step-by-step guide to help you begin:

- 1. Choose Your Platform:** Decide which cloud storage service suits you best. If unsure, Google Drive is a good all-around option.
- 2. Set Up an Account:** Visit the platform's website or download its app. Follow the instructions to create an account.
- 3. Start Small:** Upload a few files or photos to get comfortable with the process.
- 4. Organize Your Files:** Create folders to keep your files tidy and easy to find.
- 5. Ask for Help:** If you get stuck, reach out to a tech-savvy friend, family member, or attend one of our SeniorNet workshops.

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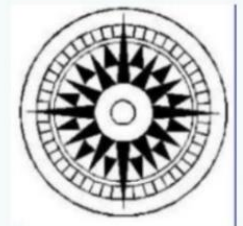
- **Create Strong Passwords:** Use a mix of letters, numbers, and symbols.
- **Enable Two-Factor Authentication:** Adds an extra layer of security by requiring a code sent to your phone.
- **Be Cautious with Sharing:** Only share files with people you trust.



Cloud storage can simplify your digital life, giving you peace of mind and freeing up space on your devices. With a little practice, you'll wonder how you ever managed without it!

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