

NEW MEMBER PROMOTION

Member Get a Member and Win a Prize!

Reach out to friends, family, acquaintances - anyone! If you introduce a new member* to PATACS, and they list you on their application form as having told you about the club, you'll receive a six month's extension of your membership.

You could even give someone a gift membership, and receive this bonus!

Annual dues are \$25.00 and when you give a gift membership, you receive a six month extension of your membership — which is worth \$12.50. Therefore, the membership gift you have given results in a cost to you of only \$12.50.

Hmmmmm — quite a lovely and economical gift that you have given!

Think of everyone on your gift list who would both greatly appreciate and greatly benefit from your economical gift. :)

*New Member - may not have been a member for previous 36 months.

PATACS POSTS Special Edition

You can expect the special history edition of the PATACS POSTS this summer. A few members have provided me with wonderful information about their membership experiences in PATACS — very wonderful and also very few. Please contact me with your comments. Feel free to join that “exclusive“ group. You may write your comments or , if you prefer, I will be happy to interview you and write your comments.

OPCUG / PATACS Joint Meeting

Saturday, June 20, 2015

Learn 30

Phone, Tablet, BlueTooth and Cloud

Using an array of technology to enable work and contact 'on the move' without needing a luggage cart to haul it all around. Learn about employing Windows 8.1 tablets, cloud computing, and Bluetooth for keyboards, mice, and HDMI.

“Switching from PC to Mac”

Presentation by Lorrin Garson

Why would someone switch from PCs to Apple computers? In terms of functionality, how do PCs compare with Macs? What about price, support, repairs, software availability, backup and recovery , user interfaces, culture...?

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What about moving files from PC to Mac? Which changes are the most challenging? How painful is switching? What about mixed PC/Mac environments? What about the social implications of switching? Learn about the experience of one family's move from PCs to Macs.

PC Clinic in the Annex

Get hands-on help with your computer problems from PATACS experts. Bring in your computer, and we'll help you lose the 'blues' - system slowdowns, unwanted programs, virus and malware. We can help install new RAM, optical drives, hard disks, and software. Be sure to read the Clinic Rules – click this link: <http://patacs.org/clinicpat.html>

(Ed. Are you concerned about a virus in your computer? Want to know if you are adequately protected? Considering new hardware?

Software? Not comfortable installing new hardware or software? Familiarize yourself with this valuable “gift” - expert and accurate/honest analysis of your computer. Enjoy!)

PATACS - Arlington
Carlin Hall Community Center
5711 S. 4th Street, Arlington, VA 22204

Wednesday, June 3rd, 7 PM.

"Let's Learn About Picasa" A Free Program for Editing, Organizing, and Sharing Photos

June 24, 2015

Technology & PC Help Desk

Extended Question and Answer session; discuss topics of interest, share knowledge and get help with technology issues.

Linux and Open Source News
Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society
[linux\(at\)patacs.org](mailto:linux(at)patacs.org)

Zoom Teleconference Beta Client for GNU/Linux



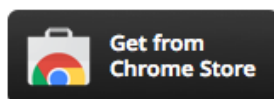
Zoom Support Center > PC, MAC & Linux > Installation

Will Zoom Run On Linux?

Zoom on Linux is currently on a controlled release for early adopters/testers. Please submit a [ticket](#) to be added to the waiting list. Please indicate the Linux distro/s that you like to test with.

Zoom Extension for Google Chrome

The Zoom Extension for Chrome allows you to start or schedule your Zoom meeting with a single click from your browser or within Google calendar.



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PATACS members can participate in meetings via Zoom teleconferencing. Until recently, free client software was available for Microsoft Windows, Apple OS X and iOS, and Google Android devices only.

Users have been vocal since 2013 on the Zoom support forum requesting a Linux-compatible client.

Zoom Video Communications, Inc. released a beta release Linux client in April. The first indication was a 17 April screenshot posting by Toby

Murray on the Zoom support forum on the Zoom support forum (<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362293-Will-Zoom-Run-on-Linux?page=6>). Further postings indicate the client works on Arch Linux, Fedora 21, Ubuntu 14.04, and Linux Mint 17, though there were some dependency problems and various glitches. However, a user of OpenSuSE 13.1 reported that the client did not work. To give it a try, use your Linux system to download the client software from <https://zoom.us/download>.

Zoom Client for Meetings

The web browser plug-in will download automatically when you start or join your first Zoom meeting, and is also available for manual download here.

[Download](#)

Version 3.5.16903.0522

Zoom Client Plug-in for Sharing iPhone/iPad

The Zoom client plug-in will be automatically installed when you try to share your iPhone/iPad screen to remote meeting participants during your Zoom meeting time.

[Download](#)

Version 3.5.16903.0522

Featured Open Source Software of the Month: June 2015

Dust Racing 2D – v1.11. <http://sourceforge.net/projects/dustrac/>. Free GNU General Public License source code and executables for Microsoft® Windows® and GNU/Linux® by Jussi Lind. Dust Racing 2D (Dustrac) is a tile-based, cross-platform 2D racing game written in Qt(C++).

Play against challenging computer cars or use the split-screen mode to play against your friend. A level editor for easy level creation is included. Dust Racing 2D is inspired by Super Cars and Slicks'n Slide.

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Features include:

1-2 human players against 11 challenging computer players

3 difficulty settings: Easy, Medium, Senna

Split-screen two player game (vertical or horizontal)

Game modes: Race, Time Trial, Duel

2D graphics with some 3D objects

Smooth game play and physics

Finishing in TOP-6 will unlock the next race track

Engine and collision sounds

Star ratings based on the best positions on each race track

Easy to create new race tracks with the level editor

Pit stops

Multiple race tracks

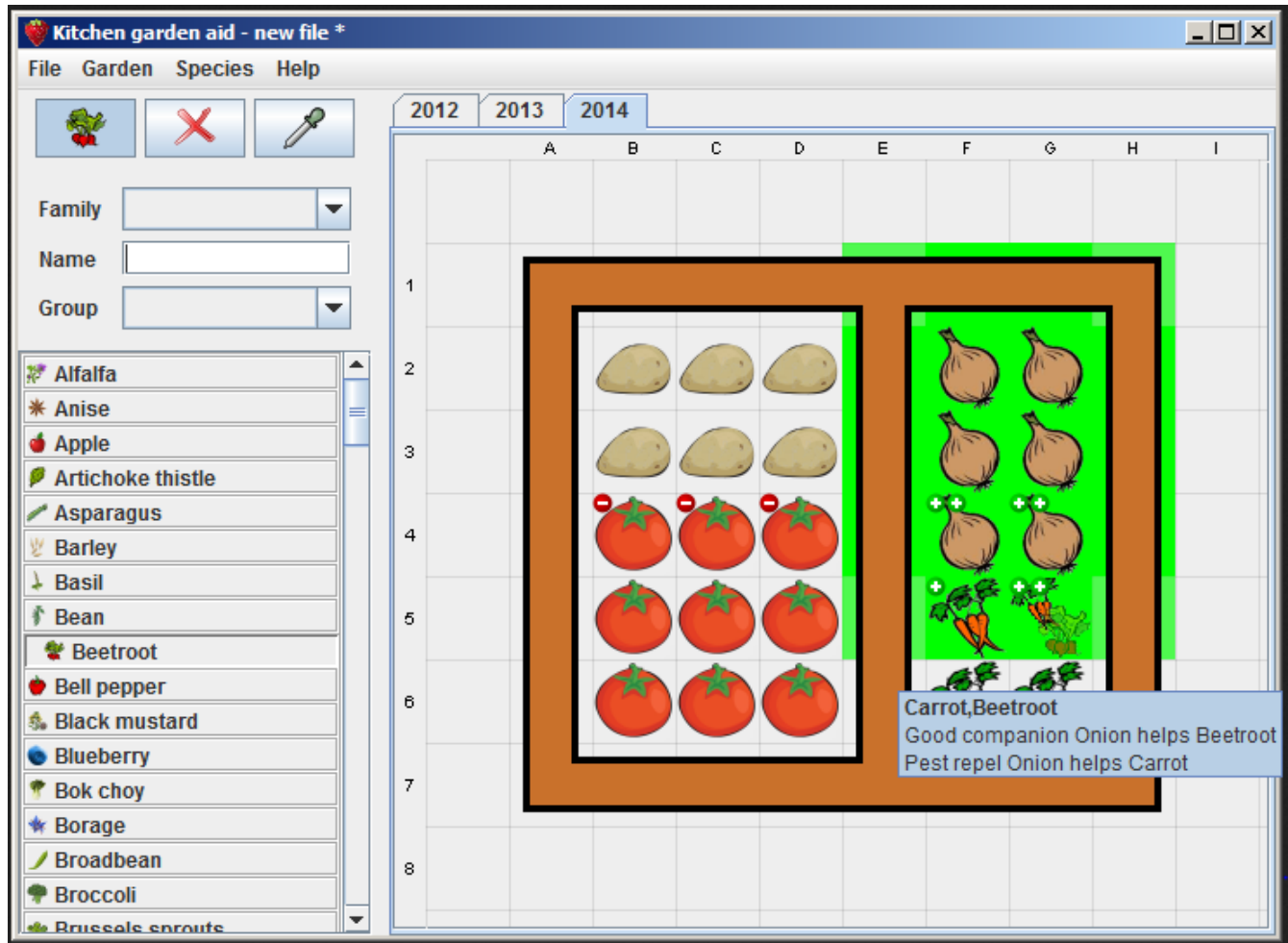
Runs windowed or fullscreen

Portable source code using CMake as the build system

Will be forever completely free



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Kitchen Garden Aid

– v1.6.2. <http://sourceforge.net/projects/kitchengarden>. Free GNU General Public License Java source code and executables for Microsoft® Windows®, Apple® OS X® and GNU/Linux® by Christian Nilsson and Tiberius Duluman. An easy to use application to design your kitchen garden. Helps you place your plants (vegetables, fruit trees, herbs, flowers) so that it respects the rules of crop rotation and companion planting. Based on square foot gardening. Requires Java 7. Features include:

Draw your kitchen garden

Keeps track of crop rotation and companion planting

Square foot gardening visualization

Database of companion plantsx

Online version available at <http://smigo.org>

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JSHint – v2.7.0. <https://github.com/jshint/jshint>. Free MIT License JavaScript code by Rick Waldron, Caitlin Potter, Mike Sherov, and Mike Pennisi. JSHint is a community-driven tool to detect errors and potential problems in JavaScript code. It is very flexible so you can easily adjust it to your particular coding guidelines and the environment you expect your code to execute in. An online version is at <http://jshint.com/>.

abcMIDI – v2015-04-29. <http://abc.sourceforge.net/abcMIDI/>. Free GNU General Public License C source code for Microsoft® Windows®, Apple® OS X® and GNU/Linux® by Seymour Shlien. abcMIDI is a package of command-line programs developed by James Allwright for processing ABC music notation files. abc2midi (v3.49) is probably the

most advanced program for creating MIDI files from ABC files. It contains special features, such as handling multivoiced files, expanding guitar chords into bass chordal accompaniment, transposing individual voices, and adding percussion accompaniment. abc2abc (v1.79) is a useful utility for reformatting ABC files, checking the syntax, transposing to another key, extracting particular voice lines, updating the chords or slur notation and for other functions. yaps (v1.61) converts an ABC music file into a PostScript file containing the common music notation. Midi2abc (v2.95) produces an ABC file from a MIDI file.

Kernel Source – v4.0. <http://www.kernel.org/>. Free GNU General Public License source code for all platforms by the Linux community.

What are Websites Doing With Your Personal Information?

by Ira Wilsker



WEBSITES:

<http://www.govtech.com/data/How-Do-Websites-Use-Your-Data.html>

<https://identity.utexas.edu/privacycheck-for-google-chrome>

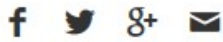
<https://identity.utexas.edu/idwise>

<https://identity.utexas.edu/strategic-partners>

<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/privacycheck/poobeppenopkcbjejfjenbiepifcblg>

<https://www.ghostery.com>

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What is IDWise?



You have likely noticed that the banner ads and other forms of advertisements on many of the web pages visited appear to "coincidentally" be for many of the same items that you have recently searched for online. You may even notice that many of these ads are also from many of the same online sellers whose web pages you have recently visited. In some cases, you may also see online ads for direct competitors of previously visited websites, offering many of the same or similar products that you have looked at on other websites. It should not be surprising that the owners of many websites, as well as many third party advertisers, use a variety of tracking technologies to gather information on you, as an individual, the types of websites that you visit, and the products and services viewed. While many users find this targeted advertising interesting and useful, and even possibly necessary in order to support "free" web sites and online services, many others consider the gathering of such personal information as a gross violation of personal privacy.

data which are by default, placed on the hard drive or other storage of the device being used to view a website; while some types of cookies are benign and necessary to compile shopping carts, store passwords and other login information, and save other information that can speed the web process, some other types of cookies may not be so desirable.

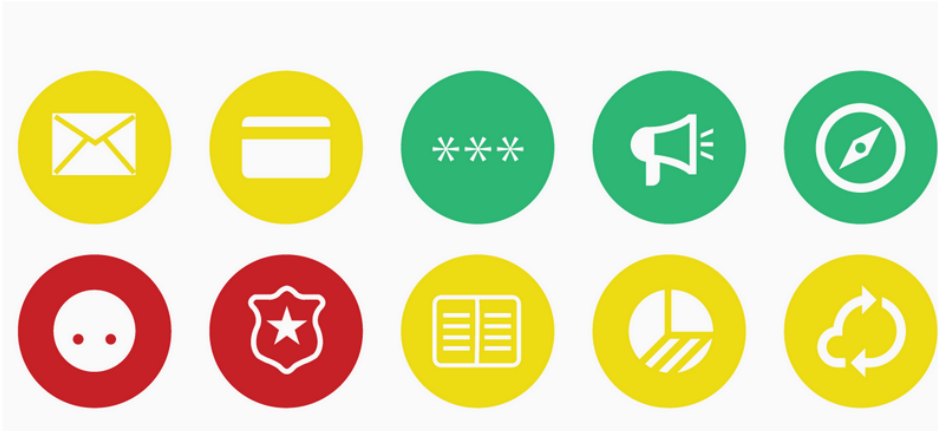
The most common type of unwanted cookies is often known as "tracking cookies", which are typically placed on the hard drive or other storage medium, just as other cookies, but these cookies can also be read by other third parties as a method of gathering information about the user, mostly for targeted marketing purposes. There are many companies that have a lucrative and highly profitable business selling access to the tracking cookies which they have previously been placed in storage, most often by simply visiting a web page. Almost all browsers give the users the option to control which cookies can be saved and accessed, but the default is to

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HOME > INTERACT : PRIVACYCHECK FOR GOOGLE CHROME



PrivacyCheck for Google Chrome



accept all cookies. Tracking cookies that are currently saved in the device storage can often be easily and quickly removed by most of the reputable (and often free) security scanners, such as Malwarebytes (malwarebytes.org) and SuperAntiSpyware (superantispyware.com).

What many users might find shocking is that they unknowingly and explicitly allowed many of the websites that they visit to place tracking cookies and other marketing information on their computers and smart devices. When I mention this to users at some of my security and privacy presentations, some of those present get very agitated, and vehemently deny that they ever gave permission for websites to place such information on their computers and other devices. My typical response is something to the effect of "Did you ever read the privacy statement on those websites when displayed, or simply click on the "I Agree" box when first visiting them?" Most of the honest, but still aggrieved users, acknowledge that they never fully read the privacy statements on the websites visited, with the typical response being that the privacy statement is too long to read, or it is written in "legalese" which they cannot readily understand, so they simply "agree" in order to get access to that particular website.

Complex privacy statements, often blindly agreed to, have been a popular tool to legitimize

commercial tracking information on your computer, smart phone, tablet, or other device. These tracking devices are often a significant source of revenue for the website owner, and are often utilized by some of the largest and most reputable online vendors. In a recent article by Omar L. Gallaga, of the Austin American-Statesman, dated May 11, 2015, and reprinted by "Government Technology", Gallaga wrote, "How Do Websites Use Your Data? A new tool in Google Chrome puts website privacy policy language in plain English, letting you easily know whether your email address is shared or the site has access to your Social Security number, and if it tracks your location."

This free new tool, currently only available for Google's Chrome browser, is "PrivacyCheck", a Chrome browser extension (plug-in) which was developed by the Center for Identity at the University of Texas - at Austin (identity.utexas.edu). According to the Center for Identity, "PrivacyCheck is a browser add-on intended to provide consumers an overview of the ways in which companies use their personal data in a graphical, 'at-a-glance' format. ... PrivacyCheck surpasses existing add-ons, apps, and certifications by using a Data Mining algorithm to access the text of any webpage. The user provides the URL for the company's privacy policy and PrivacyCheck searches the page, returning


IDWISE

Funded by a partnership with the Texas Legislature, and powered by the Center for Identity, IDWise is a resource center for the public on identity theft, fraud, and privacy.

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icons that indicate the level of risk for several types of PII (Personally Identifiable Information)". PrivacyCheck can be downloaded for Chrome from the Chrome web store at chrome.google.com/webstore, and entering "PrivacyCheck" in the search box. The latest version of PrivacyCheck, as I am typing this, is version 1.0.5, dated May 14. It is important to know that federal and state laws require businesses with a web presence to post their privacy policies, and there are often harsh penalties for violating those posted privacy policies.

To use PrivacyCheck to determine the degree of privacy risk on a particular web site, download and install PrivacyCheck from the Chrome web store (chrome.google.com/webstore). Once installed, open the selected website using the Chrome browser, and locate the privacy statement, often linked at the very bottom of the webpage; open the privacy statement page. On the top right of the Chrome address bar is a small icon which is light brown in color, and has what appears to be a lower case "i" within a brown circle; click on that icon. Once clicked, "Browse to a privacy policy and click Start". Within seconds a series of 10 larger icons will appear, with an easy to comprehend green, yellow, and red coloration, indicating the degree of privacy risks associated with that privacy policy and website.

Moving the cursor over each of the large icons will explain what it represents: the "envelope" icon represents what the website does with the user's email address, red indicating that the website uses, sells and shares the email address to others; the second icon represents the magnetic stripe on a credit card, and indicates what the site

does with credit card information; the three asterisks "***" represent what is done with the user's social security number, green indicating that it is not collected or otherwise used; the "megaphone" indicates the marketing use of your private information, red indicating that the website sells your information to others for marketing purposes; the "compass" icon indicates what the website does with detected location information, red indicating that the website sells the user's location information to third parties; the sixth icon, circular with two eyes, indicates the policy on information gathered from children; the "badge with star" icon indicates the distribution of information to law enforcement, red indicating that the site will provide information to law enforcement without a warrant or subpoena; the "open book" indicates the policy on posting privacy policy changes and giving the opportunity for users to opt-out; the "pie chart" icon indicates whether or not the user can modify his own information; the tenth icon, which looks like a cloud with directional arrows, indicates what the website does with aggregated information, yellow indicating that aggregated information is distributed, but personally identifiable information has been removed.

PrivacyCheck is an excellent method to determine what commercial websites are really doing with your personally identifiable information (PII), but its major weakness is that it (currently) only works with the Chrome web browser. Users of other browsers may find some privacy utilities that provide significant privacy protection while online.

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 ID Experts
 Identity Theft Assistance Center
 Identity Theft Council
 Identity Theft Resource Center
 National Cyber-Forensics & Training Alliance
 Ping Identity
 Safe Bio-Pharma

On all of my PCs, as a browser add-on, I have been using a free, popular browser extension called "Ghostery" (www.ghostery.com), which will seamlessly run on computers using any of the major and popular browsers including Firefox, Chrome, Opera, Safari, and Internet Explorer, as well as on mobile devices running the Android and iOS operating systems. According to its website, Ghostery claims to have, "The largest tracker database on the internet, constantly growing; Ghostery has the largest tracker database available on the web. We meticulously select, profile and cull over 2,000 trackers and 2,300 tracking patterns." Ghostery displays the tracking information on almost every web page opened, and gives the user the ability to allow or block trackers as desired.

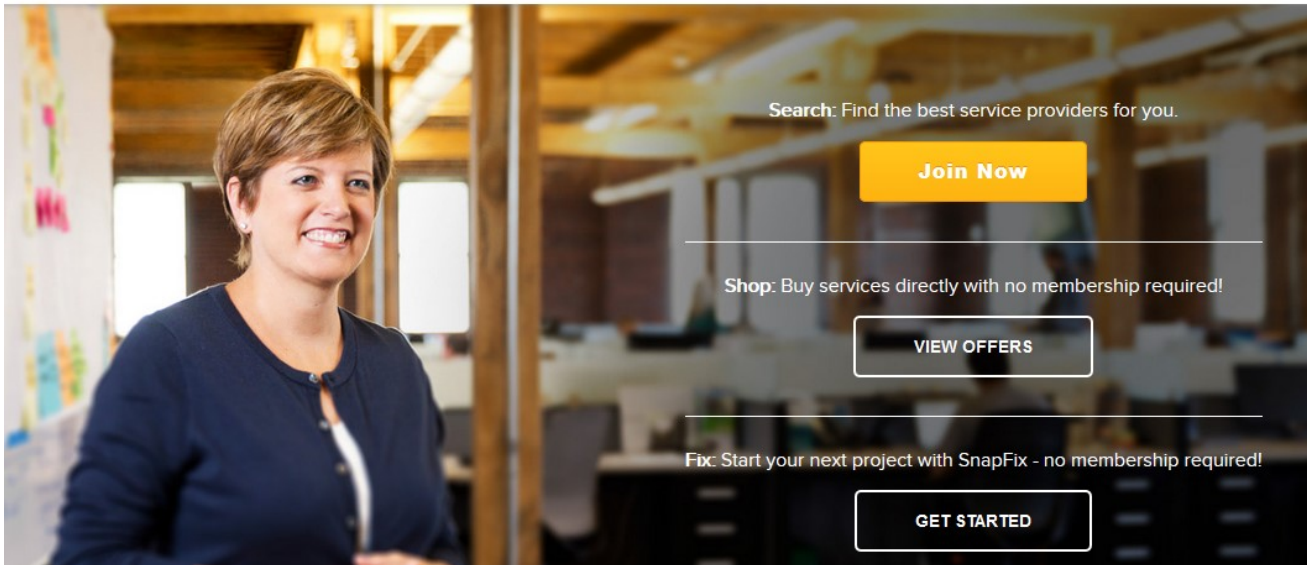
Our personal privacy should be taken very seriously. Once third parties have access to our personal information, it is virtually impossible to get it back. Most of the browsers offer an option or setting to control privacy, which may be called "Do Not Track", "Reject Third Party Cookies", or some similar name. By using PrivacyTracker, Ghostery, browser privacy settings, and other utilities, our individual privacy may be better protected.

New Amazon Home Services Take On Angie's List and Home Advisor by Ira Wilsker

WEBSITES:

<https://www.amazon.com/services>
<https://youtu.be/F-jYn1kA9q0>
<http://consumerist.com/2015/03/30/amazon-officially-launches-program-connecting-customers-to-local-service-providers/>
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<http://www.angieslist.com>
<http://www.homeadvisor.com>

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[1-888-888-LIST \(5478\)](tel:1-888-888-LIST)
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You have probably seen the multitudes of TV commercials touting the paid online subscription service offering referrals for home improvement and maintenance services through Angie's List, and its primary free competitor Home Advisor. Not to be outdone by competitors in the growing field of offering prescreened home services, in late March the powerhouse Amazon publically announced its aggressive entry into the field by offering the public its new Amazon Home Services (www.amazon.com/services).

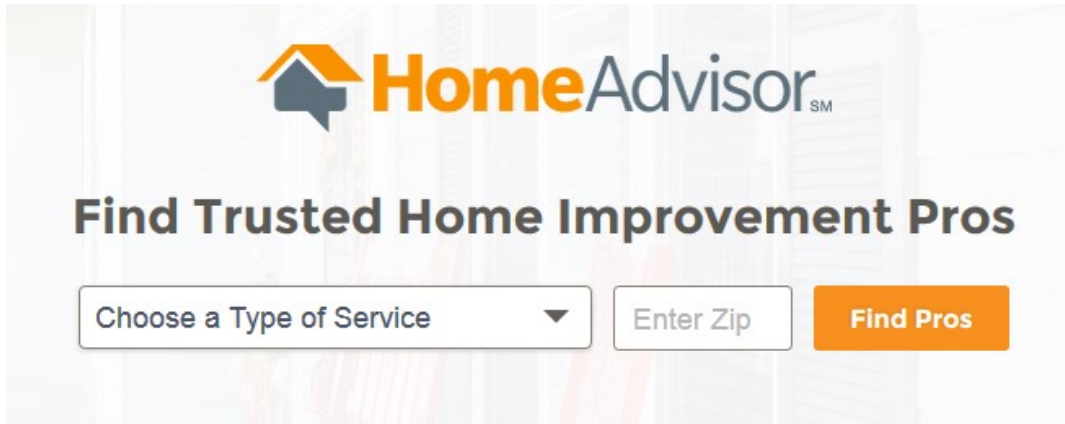
Using the slogan, "Need Help Around the Home?", at the time of its official launch on March 30, 2015, Amazon Home Services had already compiled a collection of over two million of what Amazon calls "unique service offers" from over 700 household professional services. Amazon offers consumers the same ease of shopping for household services as it had done for tangible goods, along with the same backing and support that Amazon is famous for. Amazon backs any services booked through Amazon Home Services with its "Amazon's Happiness Guarantee", and will support the consumer if any issues arise with the purchased services.

Designed for speed and efficiency, Amazon claims that its Home Services marketplace can

match the needs of its customers with quality "on-demand professional services" in less than a minute. Just as consumers can easily search products online and read reviews posted by others, Amazon is now offering a similar procedure for consumers needing household services or home improvements. For the over 700 services listed by Amazon, including wall mounting a new flat screen TV, house cleaning, or installing a garbage disposal, Amazon offers clear upfront pricing on prepackaged services, all backed by its Happiness Guarantee.

While currently in the process of compiling additional locally screened contractors on a nationwide basis, the greatest selection of available services are currently in the major metropolitan areas including Los Angeles, Miami, San Francisco, New York, Houston, Seattle, Chicago, Washington DC, Philadelphia, Boston, Dallas, Atlanta, Phoenix, San Diego, San Jose, Portland, Minneapolis, Detroit, Baltimore, Denver, Riverside, Tampa, Orlando, Austin, Sacramento, Pittsburgh, Nashville, Cincinnati, Charlotte, and St. Louis. While the selection of available Amazon Home Services is currently the most comprehensive in the major urban areas, Amazon is actively signing up contractors who meet its rigid standards all over the country, including here in southeast

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services purchased are guaranteed. If customers are not satisfied at the end of the service, Amazon will work with customers and the pro to ensure the job gets done right or provide a refund; Upfront Pricing: Service pros compete

Texas. At present in the Golden Triangle area of southeast Texas, Amazon Home Services lists a variety of available services including general household repairs and odd jobs, BBQ grill assembly, TV wall mounting, car coaxial speaker installation, automotive backup system installation, car stereo installation, home theater installation, and other services. For services needed locally, but not yet available in this (or any other) locality, Amazon may be able to locate an appropriate contractor through its "Don't see what you need? Create a custom request" hyperlink on the local Home Services webpage.

for a customer's business based on price, quality and availability. If customers find a lower price for the same service and pro, we will match it. Customers can add pre-packaged services right to their cart with just a few clicks on Amazon and are only charged when the service is completed;

According to the Amazon website, Amazon Home Services offers its customers distinct benefits that may not be available in a less sophisticated search of household services providers. Amazon states, "Amazon Home Services provides customers:

Verified Reviews: All Amazon Home Services reviews are from verified purchases, so customers know they are hearing from real customers. No special sign up or subscription is required to read reviews and ratings."

Handpicked Pros: Amazon curates an invite-only marketplace for professional service providers. Invited pros are background checked, required to maintain insurance, and expected to maintain a high performance standard; Happiness Guarantee: Amazon doesn't just refer customers to providers, but stays with them every step of the way. All

Amazon Home Services can be accessed online at www.amazon.com/services, and includes an impressive list of available household needs that may be met by Amazon

To determine the market and demand for Amazon Home Services, Amazon researched the market, and disclosed the results of its local pilot projects in a handful of major cities. On an infographic dated March 1, 2015 (media.corporateir.net/media_files/IROL/17/176060/AHS_Infographic_Final.jpg), Amazon published its findings which confirmed the need for its ser-



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vices, along with the measures of its early successes in Amazon's pilot programs. Amazon found that 85 million of its current customers are shopping for or otherwise considering household professional services. One out of three Amazon users were not satisfied with the results of their own "do it yourself" projects. In order to meet the projected need for these services, as of March 1, Amazon had already arranged for 2.4 million prepackaged services with fixed prices, consisting of over 700 distinct services available.

The same infographic showed that Amazon customers appreciated Amazon's "100% Happiness Guarantee - We stand behind every service; if you are not completely satisfied, we will make it right." According to Amazon, on average, only about "3 out of 100 pros invited to participate in your area", and those who have passed Amazon's stiff requirements in order to be included in its listings, have earned an "Average service pro rating" of 4.7 out of 5 stars. In an obvious swipe at Angie's List, Amazon also said, "... and you don't have to pay to read them!" when referring to the performance ratings. Amazon listed that it had spent 123,000 hours background checking its professionals, and proudly stated that approximately 95% of the pros selected for inclusion in its Home Services directory are "local, neighborhood businesses."

With a touch of humor, Amazon disclosed that the most unusual services which were requested by customers, and then researched and eventually included by Home Services was a "Goat Grazing Service" in Seattle, and "Aerial Yoga" classes in Los Angeles. In its testing program, Amazon found that the typical user could complete the purchase of professional home services in under 60 seconds.

While Amazon is just commencing the promotion its Home Services offerings (currently offering a \$20 Amazon gift card with a purchase), other competitors are already well established in the field. Nationally, such services as Angie's List and Home Advisor offer listings similar to Amazon's, and big box home stores such as Home Depot and Lowe's have made arrangements with local professionals to install products sold by the stores. While it is purely anecdotal and not necessarily representative of the professionals recom-

competitors are already well established in the field. Nationally, such services as Angie's List and Home Advisor offer listings similar to Amazon's, and big box home stores such as Home Depot and Lowe's have made arrangements with local professionals to install products sold by the stores. While it is purely anecdotal and not necessarily representative of the professionals recommended by the big box stores, I have personally had a negative experience with a referral made by one of the local big box home improvement stores. Unlike the claims made by Amazon in its 100% Happiness Guarantee, the big box store customer service at both the local and national levels were of absolutely no help in resolving my issue with the professional who did some work at my house, for which I believed that I was grossly overcharged. I am a firm believer that healthy competition is good for both the consumer and local businesses; since 95% of the professionals listed by Amazon Home Services are "local, neighborhood professionals", I welcome the additional services from Amazon Home Services, in competition with the other competing services. I like the idea of having meaningful choices along with readily available accurate and appropriate information to assist in making those choices. Amazon Home Services can provide that accurate and meaningful information necessary to make appropriate choices for home services.



Freeware/Crapware

Old freeware download site favorites, such as download.com, cnet downloads, tucows, etc., are now bundling crapware, including superfish style malware. Even others like Source Forge and File Hippo are not as safe as they once were; they don't wrap their downloads, but they do make it hard to find the right download link.

If what you want is on ninite.com, that is the safest way of getting it. If you must get it from somewhere else, make sure you don't install using the defaults, check and only install what you need, not the crapware. Further, make sure you research it to make sure it is really what you want, and check for/remove malware immediately after the install to make sure.

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<http://www.ghacks.net/2015/03/13/report-all-major-download-sites-serve-potentially-unwanted-programs/>

Google Search

Google Search now blocks crapware in the search results for downloads.

<http://www.howtogeek.com/210568/google-is-now-blocking-crapware-in-search-results-ads-and-chrome/>

f.lux

f.lux is an application to change your display to match the lighting by time of day.

<https://justgetflux.com/>

Web of Trust

<https://www.mywot.com/en/aboutus> says:

"Web of Trust (WOT) is a website reputation and re-view service that helps people make informed decisions about whether to trust a website or not. WOT is based on a unique crowdsourcing approach that collects ratings and reviews from a global community of millions of users who rate and comment on websites based on their personal experiences. "

Web of Trust is an add-on for Firefox, Google Chrome, Opera, Internet Explorer, and Safari browsers.

From the Faq:

"WOT shows you which websites you can trust based on millions of users' experiences around the world to help you stay safe when you search, surf, and shop online."

<https://www.mywot.com/>

Wi-Fi Slow Down

According to the HowToGeek blog, using slower wi-fi devices can slow your entire wi-fi network. The post explains why, and what you can do about it.

<http://www.howtogeek.com/210062/how-802.11b-devices-slow-down-your-wi-fi-network-and-what-you-can-do-about-it/>

Other Items Discussed

VPN - <https://www.witopia.net/>

Firefox Add-ons - <https://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/hello/> and <https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/ghostery/>

On-line Spell Checker - www.afterthedeadline.com/

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Notes and Links By Steve Costello, Moderator sig at sefcug.com

Shopping on Amazon.com?

Remember PATACS!

If you shop online at Amazon.com, don't forget to start each session by clicking the Amazon link on the PATACS home page, then continue shopping on Amazon as usual. Doing so earns PATACS a 4 to 6.5% commission on your purchase at no additional cost to you.

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