

JAVA Update

Received notification that there was an update for Java. Clicked to update from Windows 10 notifications and nothing happened. Checked task bar on lower right and found another indicator that update was available. Clicked on that and it opened the Updater but indicated Java hasn't been used in 6 months and recommended uninstalling it.

Proceeded with uninstall.

Looks like it also checked if there were any older versions of Java and none found.

Logitech Unifying Receivers Vulnerable to Key Injection Attacks

NOTE: The attacker must get physical access to your computer in order to initiate this attack, although, does not need continued access to continue the attack. So, if you don't leave your computer unattended in public places, this isn't likely to be an issue.

<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/logitech-unifying-receivers-vulnerable-to-key-injection-attacks/>

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/logitech-wireless-usb-dongles-vulnerable-to-new-hijacking-flaws/>

ZVOX AccuVoice TV Speaker - Model AV155

<https://zvox.com/collections/accuvoice/products/accuvoice-av155-tv-speaker-with-6-levels-of-voiceboost>

The AccuVoice AV155 offers six levels of voice boost using our patented hearing aid technology. Each new level delivers stronger dialogue emphasis, while minimizing the non-vocal parts of the soundtrack.

Three 2"x 3" high output full range speakers. Has headphone/subwoofer output jack.

Purchased from HSN for \$129.99. There are more expensive versions of the ZVOX. Have seen it on HSN several times but didn't seriously consider it until Sound System stopped working after latest power outage. Some reviews reported problems but so far it has been working good. With HSN have 30 days to return.

Can be wall mounted. Have mine sitting on TV stand. Dimensions 17" w x 3.3/8"d x 2.7/8" h., 2.8 lbs.

Connected with optical cable but are other options for connecting.

Also levels sound so commercials aren't louder than shows. Has other adjustments. when going from Cable to Roku had wide swings in volume but that seems to have leveled out also.

On Spectrum remote, set AUX button to control sound bar which is how it was set to control surround sound system.

On Spectrum remote can select which components to automatically turn on / off with System On/Off button. Had problems using this to automatically turn on Cable box, TV, and AUX (Sound bar). Not sure why but sound bar automatically turns on when the Cable box turns on so appears what was happening is when System On/Off button pressed, first signal went to Cable box and turned it on, second signal to TV turned it on, and third signal to AUX/Sound bar, since it was already on, turned sound bar off. There is a setting on sound bar that is supposed to control whether sound bar turns on when it senses sound on the television or whether it has to be turned on manually but that setting seems to work the same, regardless of how it is set. Haven't decided whether or not to call ZVOX re: this. Have Spectrum remote System On/Off button set to send on/off signals to Cable box and TV only and seems to work okay.

(On second TV that has different Spectrum remote, instructions for setting which devices are controlled by System On/Off button don't specify how to get it to only send signal to Cable box and television.)

Have HDMI extender connected to TV with ZVOX and discovered that pressing some buttons on the HDMI extender controller changes options on the ZVOX. For example, pressing the 1 to select device 1 on the HDMI switch cause the Bass Adjustment setting to display on the ZVOX. Possibly relocating the HDMI switch might help but so far it hasn't been enough of a problem.

The television / sound bar is in a room that is 24' long. The television / sound bar is in the center at one end and I get consistent sound level anywhere in the room.

NOMOROBO

If you have enabled Nomorobo on your landline or cell phone, you may be getting calls from 608-371-6666 (NOMO). Here's why.

To ensure that we don't block important calls made by humans, when a suspected robocaller calls you, we answer the call and play a message to them.

If the caller successfully enters the random number (technically called a CAPTCHA), we send the call back to you but we change the Caller id to 608-371-6666 (NOMO). If we didn't do this, the call would get caught in an endless loop.

Here's an example. Let's say that Shady Charity, Inc is making some calls to ask for donations. Their phone number is 800-555-0100 and, of course, it's blacklisted. When they call, they'll hear the message asking them to type in a random number but, since they have live people making the calls, they're able to get through.

You'll first get a call from 800-555-0100 and then it will stop after one ring (because we answered it). After a slight delay (while the worker types the random number) you'll get another call (it'll be the same Shady Charity worker) but this time, the Caller ID will show as 608-371-6666.

NOTE: Nomorobo is a free service for landlines and \$1.99/month for cell phones. You can sign up through Nomorobo. If you have Spectrum phone service on your landline phone, you can enable Nomorobo through your Spectrum account.

Calling myself? – Another SCAM.

Phone rang on July 15th about 4:30 pm. Incoming call information showed my phone number. Wonder if this is some type of scam where they attempt to get into voicemail. Expect it is possible to write a program that would call random phone numbers and then enter either star (*) and then enter random number to try guessing voicemail password. They would probably have to have a human to respond to prompts but seems like some scammers might be doing that already.

However, found this explanation dated April 11, 2018, from:

<https://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2018/04/11/scam-own-phone-number-calls>

“I answered and they said hey this is so and so from the phone company and I’m just calling to tell you that your account has been hacked and I want to verify a few things with you to let you know,” Kiara Milks told reporters. Scammers – who likely already have the victim’s name and number – are reportedly looking for people to tell them their social security and telephone account numbers.

Your KardiaMobile just got smarter

Two new heart arrhythmias can now be detected.

In addition to Atrial Fibrillation and Normal rhythm, Kardia is now able to detect two common heart arrhythmias, Bradycardia and Tachycardia, making it the only personal EKG device in the world that is FDA-cleared to detect the 3 most common arrhythmias.

Bradycardia - A slower-than-normal heart rate, with no Atrial Fibrillation detected.

Tachycardia - A faster-than-normal heart rate, with no Atrial Fibrillation detected.

Atrial Fibrillation - An irregular, often rapid heartbeat.

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Did You Know?

Most people take great care to not scratch the bottom of their CDs and DVDs, but in reality, it’s the top that you should protect. The actual data on an optical disc is stored in an extremely thin layer of aluminum under the label side and, if scratched, it cannot be polished back to a showroom shine like the plastic bottom layer.

How to Detect Hidden Surveillance Cameras With Your Phone - April 21, 2019

A family recently discovered a rude surprise at their Airbnb: a hidden camera disguised as a smoke detector in the living room. Here are two ways to check for cameras—in an Airbnb or elsewhere—using only an iPhone or Android phone.

<https://www.howtogeek.com/411095/how-to-detect-hidden-surveillance-cameras-with-your-phone/>

What is RAT Malware, and Why Is It So Dangerous? – April 22, 2019

A Remote Access Trojan (RAT) is a type of malware that allows hackers to monitor and control your computer or network. But how does a RAT work, why do hackers use them, and how do you avoid them?

<https://www.howtogeek.com/410634/what-is-rat-malware-and-why-is-it-so-dangerous/>

What is an OTA Box, and How Does it Enhance Free TV? – April 26, 2019

Cutting the cord and switching to over the air (OTA) TV can be difficult, especially if cable TV's DVR functionality has pampered you. Thankfully, a simple OTA box can make your free TV experience more akin to cable.

<https://www.howtogeek.com/411743/what-is-an-ota-box-and-how-does-it-enhance-free-tv/>

How to Generate Random Text in Word – April 26, 2019

Sometimes, you might need some boilerplate or filler text in a Word document. One solution is to head over to a lorem ipsum or dummy text generator to create that text. Alternatively, you can create the text yourself directly in Word.

<https://www.howtogeek.com/412277/how-to-generate-random-text-in-word/>

The Worst Things About Owning a Smarthome – April 28, 2019

Smarthomes are convenient and powerful. From self-locking doors and automated lights to video doorbells and voice control, there's so much to love. But, sometimes, owning a smarthome is an incredibly frustrating experience. Here are a few reasons why.

<https://www.howtogeek.com/411860/all-the-worst-parts-about-owning-a-smarthome/>

How Email Bombing Uses Spam to Hide an Attack – April 29, 2019

If you suddenly start receiving an endless stream of junk email, perhaps asking for confirmation of a subscription, you're the victim of email bombing. The perpetrator is probably trying to hide their real goal, so here's what to do.

<https://www.howtogeek.com/412316/how-email-bombing-uses-spam-to-hide-an-attack/>

How to Customize the Taskbar in Windows 10 – April 29, 2019

The Windows 10 taskbar works much like previous Windows versions, offering shortcuts and icons for every running app. Windows 10 offers all kinds of ways to customize the taskbar to your liking, and we're here to guide you through what you can do.

<https://www.howtogeek.com/225568/how-to-configure-and-customize-the-taskbar-in-windows-10/>

Amazon's Choice: Who Chooses It, and How Does It Work? – May 2, 2019

Amazon's Choice is a fantastic little program, and it's probably informed a handful of your purchases. But have you ever stopped to ask who chooses Amazon's Choice, or how the program works behind the scenes?

<https://www.howtogeek.com/412610/amazons-choice-who-chooses-it-and-how-does-it-work/>

How to Watch Videos at Faster Speeds – May 4, 2019

Who said you had to watch videos at their normal speed? Speed up playback to get through slow lectures or binge-watch a slow TV series. These tips work with YouTube, Netflix, local videos, and anything you can stream in Chrome.

<https://www.howtogeek.com/412629/how-to-watch-videos-at-faster-speeds/>

Why Netflix Doesn't Care If You Share Your Account - May 11, 2019

With Netflix's yearly price hikes and severe lack of sitcoms, account sharing can look a lot more appealing than a monthly subscription fee. But how does Netflix feel about account sharing, and why hasn't the company stopped the practice?

<https://www.howtogeek.com/413360/why-netflix-doesnt-care-if-you-share-your-account/>

Alexa Will Still Work With Nest (and That's a Problem) – May 16, 2019

Google is shutting down its Works with Nest program, cutting off access to Nest products for third-party companies and requiring the use of Google Assistant. But Google announced one exception: Alexa will still be able to control Nest hardware.

<https://www.howtogeek.com/414217/alexa-will-still-work-with-nest-and-thats-a-problem/>

How to Stop Your Google Home From Recording All Your Conversations

– May 12, 2019

Google may be storing everything you say to your Google Home and keeping the recordings forever, just as Alexa does. Google recently changed the default behavior not to keep the recordings. But that change only affected new users—not existing ones.

<https://www.howtogeek.com/413778/how-to-stop-your-google-home-from-recording-all-your-conversations/>

Alexa, Why Are Employees Looking at My Data? – April 15, 2019

Everyone's been talking about Bloomberg's report that Amazon workers are listening to the voice recordings created when you speak to Alexa. But Amazon is far from alone. Here's how tech companies can—and have—looked at that private data you upload.

<https://www.howtogeek.com/411096/alexa-why-are-employees-looking-at-my-data/>