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## Interesting Internet Finds March 2019By Steve Costelloscostello (at) sefcug.com

## In the course of going through the more than 300 RSS feeds, I often run across things I think might be interesting to other user group members. The following are some items I found interesting during the month of February 2019.

*What is Google Voice and How Do I Use it?*

<https://www.groovypost.com/howto/what-is-google-voice-how-to-use/>

I have been using Google Voice for years and am always surprised by people I meet knowing nothing about it. It started out as the designated phone number for user group contacts so no matter where I was the calls forward to my house and cell numbers and if still missed the voice mails get transcribed to text. Google Voice was free then and is still free now.

*How to Protect Your Accounts with Two-Factor Authentication*

<https://www.techlicious.com/tip/best-practices-for-using-2-factor-authenication/>

Do you keep hearing about two-factor authentication and want to learn more about protecting your accounts with it? If so check out this post. (Note: If you are not using two-factor authentication, you really should.)

*Search Images with Creative Commons License: Free Tool by Creative Commons*

<http://www.ilovefreesoftware.com/22/webware/search-images-creative-commons-license-free-tool-by-creative-commons.html>

As a blogger I look to use creative commons licensed images a lot. Sometimes I will even use tools such as this one to browse a broad group for images serving as inspiration. Free stock photos are also good, but I feel they don’t work as well and it is harder to properly use them without copyright concerns.

*Which Wifi Channels Should I Use for My Wireless Network?*

<https://lifehacker.com/which-wifi-channels-should-i-use-for-my-wireless-networ-1832788063>

Are you having trouble with your wifi speed? If so, check out this posting to see how to find out which channels you are using and which you should be using.

*5 GHz Wi-Fi Isn’t Always Better Than 2.4 GHz Wi-Fi*

<https://www.howtogeek.com/405105/5ghz-wi-fi-isnt-always-better-than-2.4ghz-wi-fi/>

This post explains why sometimes one band is better than the other for dual band wifi. Something else to check if you are having wifi speed issues.

*How I Write on My Phone … WITHOUT Typing on a Fiddly Touchscreen*

<https://www.aliventures.com/writing-on-phone/>

I have been thinking about only taking only my smartphone and maybe my tablet on vacation, instead of lugging a laptop around. I do have a bluetooth foldable keyboard that I only used to use at meetings with my tablet. After reading this post I am actually going to do it next vacation. Check it out for yourself to see if it might be right for you too.

*Is There a Real Alternative to Windows?*

<https://askleo.com/is-there-a-real-alternative-to-windows/>

With support for Windows 7 ending soon many who don’t want to move to Windows 10 are asking this question. Leo Notenboom explains that there is no direct replacement, but there are alternatives that may or may not work for you. (Note: I have experimented with several distributions of Linux, and probably will go with Linux Mint. If I need a laptop my top choice will be a Chromebook.)

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