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WHAT WOULD YOU LOVE TO SEE NEXT?

Is it just us, or have productivity tools improved really dramatically over the last couple of years?

OK, so a little thing called Covid-19 may have had something to do with it. But as business owners and managers, we're really reaping the rewards that the hasty change to the way we work was brought about.

Compared to a few years ago, we save so much time by holding video meetings and collaborating using tools like Teams and SharePoint. We've even figured out how to book meetings without countless emails back and forth trying to find a time when everyone is available.

And the even greater thing is, there seem to be updates and new apps being released pretty much every week.

We're truly being spoilt 😊

With this in mind, in our office we've been talking about the next apps we'd like to see on our computers and devices. While it might be a while until we get an app that can freeze time, there have been some great ideas.

So we wanted to ask you: What application would you LOVE to see to make your business better, or even help you out in your free time?

Would you like something that automatically prioritises your day's work? Or how about a gadget that makes you a coffee when you really need it?

We'd love to hear your ideas...

DID YOU KNOW?



In a recent report, 63% of businesses said they'd had a security breach as a direct result of a member of their team side-stepping security measures.

Doh.

To help your team make sensible cyber security decisions, they need training to understand why security measures are in place.

How often does your business talk openly about cyber security? How often do you do formal training for them?



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Are you still running your business from your office?

Surprisingly, I'm NOT talking about hybrid or remote workers.

Instead, the question in the headline refers to your servers, your systems and your network. Are they all in-house? Or have you – like countless other businesses – moved everything over to the cloud yet?

Migrating your business systems to the cloud can be a big and scary process. Then why are we seeing so many companies doing it?

That's simple - there are SO many benefits

First, it saves you money. That's because you only pay for the data you need rather than having a little bit more 'just in case'. And it means that your systems won't hold you back as your business grows.

But then there's the security aspect too. When you migrate to cloud services you benefit from a higher level of protection against data breach and theft. Plus, cyber security aside, if you had a disaster in the office such as a burglary or a fire you'd know your data is safe.

Of course it's a tricky process and there's a lot of planning involved. But if you're working with an expert to make the transition, you can rest assured that things will go to plan.



We recently wrote a guide to cloud migration. It goes into more detail on the pros and cons of moving your business to the cloud. Would you like a copy? Just drop us an email and we'll send it over to you.

Business gadget of the month

Still spending lots of time on video calls and meetings? You need a great headset. How about the £100 Logitech Zone Wired Headset.

It's useless for calls on the go. But at your desk this is the perfect headset for clear audio. The noise-cancelling microphone even picks up low volume speech. It is Teams-certified which means you can launch Teams from the headset with a single button push.



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QUESTION

How does speech recognition work?

ANSWER

Software breaks down your speech into individual sounds, then analyses them using algorithms to find the most probable word that fits. It will also look at sentence structure that humans typically use.

QUESTION

How can I make my passwords more secure?

ANSWER

Use a password manager. It will generate and store long strong random passwords for all your accounts. We can recommend the best one for your business.

QUESTION

Is a paperless office really better for security?

ANSWER

While paper documents are impossible to steal remotely, once they are lost there's no chance of recovery. Go paperless and invest in a good backup... just make sure your IT partner is regularly checking it's working properly.