

Computer Club

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Chrome Browser - Security Alert

- Google warns everyone to update their Chrome browser right now
- make sure you're on version 72.0.3626.121
- two zero-day vulnerabilities have been discovered in Google Chrome.
- First reported on February 27th
- Google has “observed active exploitation against Windows 7 32-bit systems,” so if you're on Windows 10 (or even Windows 8), you're probably in the clear.

The 'Con' in Consent

On February 3, the New York Times carried an editorial entitled "How Silicon Valley Puts the 'Con' In Consent."

- The average person would have to spend **76 working days** reading all of the digital privacy policies they agree to in the span of a year.
- Reading **Amazon's** terms and conditions alone out loud takes approximately **nine hours**.
- Why would anyone read the terms of service when they don't feel as though they have a choice in the first place? It's not as though a user can call up Mark Zuckerberg and negotiate his or her own privacy policy on Facebook.

The 'Con' in Consent (con't)

- Facebook advertised their app on services beloved by teens, such as Snapchat and Instagram, seeking participants between the ages of 13 and 35. The sign-up process required minors to get parental consent. How rigorous? Users simply had to scroll down and click on a check box.
- Data is powerful and can inform on us in unexpected ways. Companies learn all about us, but also all about our friends who haven't signed up for these services.

Teacher wins \$10,000 from St. Pete company for reading fine print on insurance policy

- Squaremouth, a insurance comparison firm with offices in St. Petersburg, began a secret promotion to reward the first person who read through the end of their policy.
- On the final page, buried in the fine print, was a section titled "Pays to Read," where it says the following:
- *If you are reading this within the contest period, February 11th, 2019 through January 31, 2020, and are the first to contact us, you may be awarded the Pays to Read contest Grand Prize of ten thousand dollars.*

Ode to the Spell Checker

- Open the document in MS Word
- What would Grammerly find?

Favourite Apps

- Todoist
 - a simple task management system, good documentation, helpful tips
 - Hierarchy: projects, sections, tasks, subtasks
 - Create tasks in inbox, move to project later
 - you can also add recurring due dates to your tasks
- Shazam
 - Name any song in seconds
- Insight Timer (meditation)
 - The largest free library of guided meditations on earth

He had over 2000 Facebook friends.
I was expecting a bigger turnout.

