

# TechTips Newsletter

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## Return of Flappy Bird

Everyone has had at least one game they have had an addiction to. Flappy Bird was that game for many people, but after just a few months on the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store, was taken off suddenly. The game's developer, Dong Nguyen, said he removed the app after finding out how much time was being spent on it, as well as the news that too much time on the app was "ruining lives". People had lost jobs, children were ignored, all because of obsession with a game.

After Nguyen removed the game, users were so upset that the developer actually received death threats on his account.

Even after all this, there has been some indication from Nguyen that he has been making plans to return Flappy

Bird to the App Store. When asked about the possibility of the game's return, he has said that yes, it will come back, "but not soon". He has decided if he does bring the app back, it will feature the message "please take a break" every once in a while.

Good news for us who still need to beat their friend's scores!



## Nerdy Easter Eggs

Some nerds are just too creative.



## UPGRADING YOUR COMPUTER?

Did you know that we are a Microsoft Certified Refurbisher?

If you have a computer that is running Windows XP or Vista that still has some life left in it and you don't want to add it to the landfill, give us a call and we will pick it up, have our techs refurbish it, and then these computers are often donated to non-profit organizations or put back into the community.

Do you know someone who runs a non-profit organization, who would benefit from a "new" refurbished computer? Give us a call or email us for more information about how we can help you get, or get rid of a computer!



## TWITTER HELPS TURKISH CITIZENS TWEET DESPITE BAN

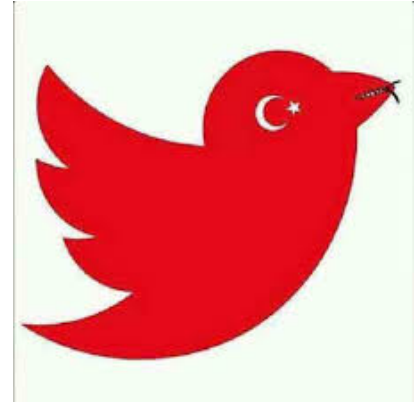
Hours after Turkey banned Twitter for news, photos and videos that were posted on the site about the country, the hashtag #TurkeyBlockedTwitter became one of the trending tags across the world. More surprising than that, Twitter has told as many Turkish users as possible that not only can they still post through mobile devices, but there is an alternate DNS IP address which will allow users to access the site.

The alternate DNS has been graffitied and passed off throughout Turkey, and an image on Twitter has been flashing saying "Keep Calm", followed by the alternate DNS. By the next morning following the ban, the people of Turkey has posted more than 2.4 million tweets.

Data from Twitter and the social media agency, We Are Social says that the ban on Twitter actually encouraged more people from Turkey to tweet

messages. Robin Grant, the global marketing director from We Are Social, stated:

It appears people in Turkey are enjoying the challenge, tweeting via text message, through an anonymous VPN, by changing their DNS - and it seems even those who may have had little interest in tweeting before are now getting involved. As numerous politicians all over the world have discovered to their detriment in the past, it's not clever to pick a fight with social media. It's not one they're likely to win.




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## TEACHER THREATENS STUDENTS WITH SPOILERS

Being a teacher can be hard when you have a class full of unruly, troublesome students. One Belgian teacher, knowing that many of his students were fans of the "Game of Thrones" show, threatened to write all the names of the people who died on the board- unless they started behaving.

The students didn't believe at first, but after writing a few

names on the board, along with a description of how they die, they all became quiet. He then told them all "[the dead] are enough to fill the whole year and I can even describe how they die".

How can a teacher have access to information like this? How would a teacher have access to any kind of

information at all? He read the books.

His students immediately took to social media, some calling him a "genius" for thinking of using this against them. It's my guess that the class is either going to be very quiet this year, or some students are going to start reading very quickly.

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## GOOGLE SAYS "DON'T BE A GLASS-HOLE"

It's been no secret that the Google Glass still seems to be a mystery to many of us, and those that do have it, seem to be getting a lot of questions. This, and to get a bit more information out to non-users, is why Google made a list of "do's" and "don't's", telling you how, in their words not to be "a glass-hole".

Included in the list of "do's" is to ask for permission, take advantage of the voice commands, and be an active member of the Glass community. In the don't's, they mention that playing high impact sports are not a good idea, and that you can't expect to be ignored.

This list came out just a few weeks before Google announced their partnership with Luxottica, the makers of Ray-Ban and Oakley in hopes of having the Glass appear more stylish and in more versions than currently available.

**DRINK LIKE A KLINGON**



the galaxy after being given the official "Star Trek" blessing. "Warnog" is being made in a brewery in Indiana, the Tin Man Brewing Company, in partnership with the Federation of Beer, which has already produced a product called Vulcan Ale.

The Klingon Warnog is said to have flavours of banana, clove, and caramel, which doesn't sound like something a real Klingon would drink (we think it would have flavours of blood, steel, and victory), but sounds pretty good to us non-Klingons.

The ale is said to be released a little later on this year after making its debut at the Nightclub & Bar Show, March 25th in Las Vegas.

Though many fans will buy the ale just for the sake of collection, many people believe it should be used to fuel some sort of Star Trek drinking game, where you need to take a sip whenever Captain Kirk violates the Prime Directive, or Spock says "fascinating".

The Klingons have shared their ale with us! A Klingon-inspired beer is coming to our corner of

**OFFICE FOR IPAD**

Microsoft Office was released for iPad for all those Microsoft users who decided to go to Apple for their tablet needs. After one day of being on the App Store, Microsoft Word for iPad has gone to the number one rated spot, and Excel has gone to the third spot in the US. The App was in the top

App ranks in multiple countries, as well as top in the productivity category as well, as shown in the chart (left being rank overall, and left being in the productivity category).

This is exciting because it gives those who use their iPads as business tools a new way to create

and view their documents. It means that users have the option to use the programs they (most likely) learned on. It also means that after multiple versions of the iPad, Apple has finally decided it would play nice with Microsoft and give users a different option other than their own product.

Country	Overall Rank	Productivity Rank
United States	1 new	1 new
Czech Republic	2 new	1 new
Austria	2 new	1 new
Poland	3 new	1 new
Slovenia	4 new	1 new
United Kingdom	8 new	-
Malta	15 new	1 new

# EXPIRATION NOTICE

## An **URGENT** Security Warning For Businesses Running Windows XP Or Office 2003

If your organization is currently running either Windows XP or Office 2003 on one or more computers in your office, you need to know about a dangerous security threat to your organization that must be addressed within the next 3 months. Please take a moment to read this important announcement.

As your local Microsoft Registered Partner, we are aggressively reaching out to all businesses within the Winnipeg area that use Windows XP and Office 2003 to alert you of this serious security risk to your organization and inform you about what you need to do now to protect your company.

### **XP And Office 2003 Changes Must Be Made By April 8, 2014**

Microsoft has officially announced that it will retire support on the XP operating system and Office 2003 software suite on April 8, 2014. That means any computer with these software programs installed **will be completely exposed to serious hacker attacks** aimed at taking control of your network, stealing data, crashing your system and inflicting a host of other business-crippling problems you do NOT want to have to deal with.

This is such a serious threat that all companies housing financial and medical information **are being required by law to upgrade any and all computer systems** running XP or Office 2003 because firewalls and anti-virus software will NOT be sufficient to completely protect them (or you).

Unless you don't care about cyber criminals running rampant in your company's server, you **MUST** upgrade any equipment running these programs.

### **FREE Microsoft Risk Assessment And Migration Plan**

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