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## Geek Your Costume... On A Budget

Halloween is THE season for geeks (other than Comicon). A time where geeks everywhere get set to out-geek one another, in public. Here's costumes you could do on a budget:



1. **Jax Briggs** from *Mortal Kombat*.

2. "Handsome Jack" from *Borderlands*.



3. **Google Maps**

4. **Lakitu** from *Mario Kart*



5. **The PlumbBob** from *The Sims*

6. **Green Link** from *Legend of Zelda*  
In honor of cat YouTube Videos everywhere.



For more geek costumes, go to: <http://www.uproxx.com/gammasquad/2013/10/geeky-homemade-halloween-costumes/#page/1>

## Top 10 'Most Dangerous' Celebs to Google

Looking for pictures of celebs on the internet? Be careful. You may get more than you bargained for.

Cybercriminals consistently take advantage of consumer interest around award shows, new movies and TV shows, as well as the latest cultural trends driven by celebrities. They capitalize on the public's fascination with celebrities, to lure them to sites chocked with malware that enables them to steal passwords and personal information.

This year, searching a celebrity name, coupled with the search terms "free app download" and "nude pictures" resulted in the highest instances of malware-laden sites.

Anti-virus software company McAfee rates the top 10 celeb searches most likely to give you bugs that no amount of antibiotics will get rid of. Although the list is dominated by women, the men aren't left out entirely.

1. Lily Collins: The "Mirror Mirror" star tops this list. She replaces last year's #1 Emma Watson. Searching for this celeb (with the above search terms) will give you more than a 14.5% chance of hitting a website that's tested positive for spyware, adware, spam, viruses and other nasties.
2. Avril Lavigne: The "Sk8er Boi" singer rates second, with a 12.7% chance of catching a case of the nasties.
3. Sandra Bullock: She has a 10.8% chance of potentially infecting your computer.
4. Kathy Griffin: Really??
5. Zoe Saldana: You'll need a guardian against this 'Guardians of the Galaxy' actress.
6. Katy Perry: The only surprising thing about her being on this list, is that she's so low on the list.
7. Britney Spears: Apparently "Toxic" for your computer too.
8. Jon Hamm: The "Mad Men" star has the dubious honour of being the lone male in the top 10. If you search for him, you run a 10% chance of catching something.
9. Adriana Lima: This Victoria's Secret model, is evil for your computer.
10. Emma Roberts: Slipped from #1 to #10, it's still not a good idea.

Those of you that are surprised that Miley Cyrus isn't on the list...she's #20

## September 2013 Trivia Winner:

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so the it actually helps!

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## Surface Tablets Soaring!

The new 'Surface 2' tablet, which is a collaboration between Xbox One and Microsoft Research, has been impressing businesses and organizations around the globe.

U.S. airline Delta, is reportedly equipping 11,000 of their pilots with Microsoft's 'Surface 2' tablets. Delta states the Surface 2 electronic flight bag devices, which will be filled with thousands of pages of easily accessible electronic documents, charts, navigational aids, checklists and other key reference materials, will replace the paper copies which were previously kept in the pilots' heavy flight bags.

Delta joins other businesses and organizations that have made the move to the Surface 2, such as Hokkoku Bank, The London School of Business & Finance, and Novartis.

Surface GM Brian Hall reports that the pre-order stock of several Surface 2 products have already sold out, and several others are close to it.

## Spin Doctors

There are 2 types of music lovers: those who like music, and those that love music so much, they want to hear every beat and note as if their favorite band was in front of them. There is a 3rd type: those nostalgic music lovers that love the look, feel, and sound of vinyl.

Now, nostalgia lovers and music lovers can come together. The McIntosh MT5 turntable caresses every groove of your precious vinyl.

Using finely tuned noise-suppression technology, the MT-5 will allow you to hear the nuances of your favorite records, without any of the rumbles or vibrations that you usually get with vinyl. The area that the record rests on, is a massive silicon acrylic platter, that is stable, weighs 5 pounds, and measures 1 1/2" thick. It's suspended magnetically, and driven by a high-end Swiss-made motor. The platter also glows the same McIntosh-bright blue-green as the front glass panel.

However, at the \$6500 U.S. price tag, your old turntable from 1970 may sound better and better.

## SEPTEMBER TRIVIA QUESTION:

**Which one of the A Team was a Pilot?**

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## **The New York Public Library Releases List of 100 Greatest Childrens' Books of The Past 100 Years**



September 30, beloved authors such as Judy Blume and Eric Carle celebrated with the New York Public Library as they released their list of 100 great books from the last 100 years.

The list includes books for preschoolers up to teenagers, includes newer releases such as Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, as well as older classics such as The Hobbit, The Cat in the Hat, Pippi Longstocking, and Where the Wild Things Are. The list accompanies an exhibit on children's literature at the library's main building in midtown Manhattan.

Blume, who started publishing her books in the 1970s states, "Books that are loved by children are often the books that scare adults". Many of Blume books have been banned by authorities who considered her topics of racism, divorce and sexuality, inappropriate for children.

Check out the list of 100 Great Children's Books at: <http://www.nypl.org/childrens100>

## **MS Paint Finds New Fame**

When 98 year old Hal Lasko's vision was impaired in 2005, people assumed he'd give up his beloved hobby of painting. He just switched methods.

Wet macular degeneration, an eye disease that causes blindness in the centre of the vision, caused Hal to put down his paintbrush because "I wasn't able to get the brush quite where I wanted it". However, he then pushed around a mouse.

Hal has spent the last 13 years creating huge works of art pixel by pixel in Microsoft Paint. Although most people have long moved on to other programs, Hal spends up to 10 hours a day on his work. Lasko states, "When I got into the art program on the computer, I appreciated that I could blow it up 800 times larger and be sure I was hitting the right spot."

*The Pixel Painter*, is a short documentary about Hal and his art. It runs about 8.5 minutes, and documents an entire weekend with Hal discussing his love of making art in MS Paint. Check out the documentary on YouTube at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EVOHeowMdjl>

Lasko now has a website selling 16" x 20" prints of 8 different works. He may begin printing on canvas as well.

Check out Hal's website at:

<http://www.hallasko.com/collections/prints>

## **BACK UP YOUR DATA!**

We all know that we should be backing up our data. Yet less than 30% of us do!

Ask yourself "What if I lost all my data today?" Would you lose business? How long could you afford to be down for? 1 day, 1 month?

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# TechTip Postcard

Insider Tips and Secrets to Get The MOST Out of Your Computer

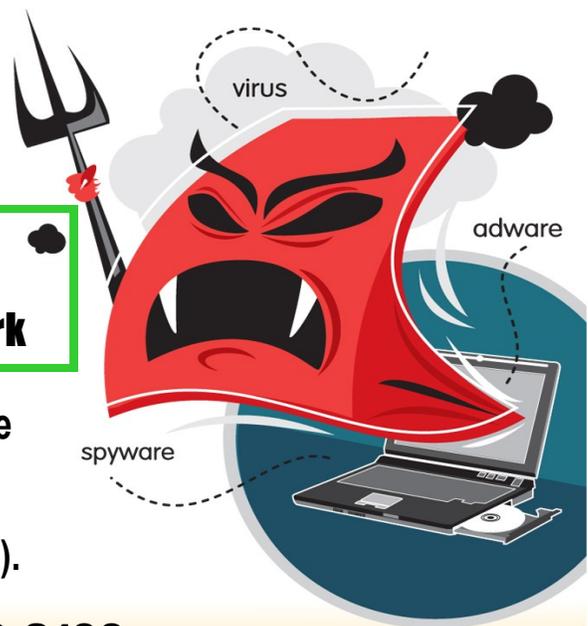
## 7 Reasons Why Getting Rid Of Windows XP Will Likely Exorcise Hidden Gremlins And Goblins Lurking In Your Computer Network

Although many businesses have been getting rid of Windows XP for at least the last 3 years, the fact remains that as of early this year, around 500 million business computers were still running Windows XP. While the witching hour for Windows XP is still a few months away (April 9, 2014), here are 7 of the top reasons running Windows XP should scare any business owner right now:

1. **Tons Of Viruses.** There is a huge library of viruses aimed at Windows XP and limited antivirus support still available.
2. **XP Is OLD** (almost 12 years old!). The 1st iPod was released the same year as Windows XP. In a world where the 5th iPhone has been released, no one should be left using an O/S that pre-dates the 1st iPod!
3. **Least Secure Operating System** (By Far!). ALL other platforms, including Linux, all versions of Mac OS X, Windows 7 and Windows 8 are more secure than XP by a huge margin. Windows Vista is actually a far safer option (scary!).
4. **Built For A Simpler Time.** XP was created for a simpler world of technology. It was formatted to fit to a screen only 640 pixels wide, and it showcased IE6 as a new product. The internet was a different place when XP was developed. Smartphones were non-existent, laptops were a luxury and tablet computers were science fiction.
5. **No More Band-Aids.** Only so many band-aid fixes on top of each other can be effective.
6. **Support Is Ending.** All support of XP will end on April 9, 2014. It's time to replace your systems now while you can plan ahead.
7. **Malware Everywhere.** You can continue to use XP, but with more malware than ever. XP is by far the most vulnerable platform to connect to the internet.

**Our Free Service Call Will "Exorcise" The Ghosts, Gremlins And Goblins Causing Problems In Your Computer Network**

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