

The Luddite Lounge

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You're listening to The Luddite Lounge where we're serving up news, views and how-tos for the digital world we've all come to depend on—whether we like it or not!

Hey there glad you can join me today in The Luddite Lounge. I'm Elizabeth Kricfalusi, publisher of the Tech for Luddites blog and Chief Luddite.

This is Episode 6 of The Lounge and a new edition of Five Five Tech, where I discuss five items in five minutes. Definitely make sure you listen all the way to number 5 today 'cause it's going to be a good one! You can find show notes with related links at ludditelounge.com/episode6.

Number 1. The Roku 4 is a rumor no more. The new model has just been announced, and this one seems to be targeted at the super high-end entertainment consumer. It supports 4K ultra HD video, and it adds an optical audio out port. The new Roku also comes with a remote finder, has improved speed and WiFi, a new mobile app, and will also include updated software. Although, that same software upgrade will be rolled out to existing devices, so you don't have to buy the new model to get it.

The upgrades come with an upgraded price as well. The Roku 4 will be \$129.99, compared to the Roku 3's \$99.99 list price. The good news is that all the previous models are still available. So you can still get the Roku 1, 2, and 3, and the streaming stick, so there are really good options available for everybody.

Number 2. Twitter is rolling out a new feature today called, "Moments." Instead of having that completely unorganized stream of all tweets from all the accounts you follow, Moments provides a curated list of tweets around top news, sports, entertainment, and other types of big stories. The feature will be available on the desktop and mobile apps starting in the U.S. and then coming to other countries soon, they say.

Number 3. I mentioned in my first podcast that I'm not a big podcast listener myself. As I've started to listen to more of them, because I want to learn from them, I still haven't found very many that have really grabbed my interest. However, I have found one tech podcast that I've actually started listening to regularly, so I'm going to recommend it to my listeners as well.

It's The Vergecast hosted by Nilay Patel, who's Editor-in-Chief of The Verge, which is a tech-focused online publication. He usually has other members of the Verge's editorial team on the panel, as well as one or two guests from other places. They produce the show live once a week on Thursdays, and they provide both a video and audio recording, which lasts about an hour. I like it because they cover tech topics in a fairly easy to understand way. And they're obviously having a lot of fun while they're doing it, which makes it fun to listen to. They talk about a lot of topics I'm never going to cover like, say,

the Apple watch, so if you're looking for another source of tech info, this is one I would definitely suggest you check out.

Number 4. I haven't had a lot of problems with Windows 10 since I upgraded on my computer, but one thing that seems to have happened is it seems to have made my trackpad much more sensitive. So a lot of things keep happening that I didn't intend to happen. Here I'm sharing a tip that helps fix one of the most common things that has been happening, which is that my browser keeps zooming in and out without warning. This is something you might want to do anyway, so you don't actually have to have Windows 10 to take advantage of this tip.

If you do want to zoom into a web page press Control plus the plus sign key. To zoom out you would press Control and minus sign, and to return to just the default zoom level you can press Control plus zero.

And finally...

Number 5. You may have already seen the page on The Luddite Lounge website where I ask listeners to record a message that I can use on the show. So far, I have received—drumroll please—zero submissions. I'm not actually too surprised about that, especially given how new the show is, but I've decided to start offering an incentive.

Today I am introducing The Luddite Lounge's Tipline, which means if you record a message sharing your favorite tech tip, and if I use it on the show, I will add your name to a drawing for that month to win a \$50 gift card from Amazon. Honestly, it can be any kind of tech tip—it doesn't have to be related to any of the topics I write about regularly. It can just be anything that you found that helps you use any kind of technology. It can be computers, mobile devices, social media, home electronics, household appliances, something in your car, anything that you think will help other people save time, money or, most important, frustration.

So if you want a chance to win that gift card just head over to ludditelounge.com/tipline and submit your tip. And don't forget to share that link with your friends, especially any that you think might decide to spend their prize on you. 😊

And that's it for this episode of Five Five Tech. Again, you can find the show notes at ludditelounge.com/episode6.

Thanks for listening! Until next time...