

# 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!

This is Episode 11 of the Lounge, and despite it being almost the middle of April already, it's the first show of 2016. Because life. ☹ And to ease back into it, I'm starting with another Five Five Tech edition, where I discuss 5 items in 5 minutes. You can find show notes with related links at [ludditelounge.com/episode11](http://ludditelounge.com/episode11).

Let's go!

**Number 1:** If there was ever a piece of technology I had a love-hate relationship with, it would be the Firefox browser. It wasn't always that way. For a very long time, I had a love-looove relationship with it. But it's not the browser it used to be and I usually have to Ctrl+Alt+Delete at least once a day to shut it down. The problem is that I'm very particular about how I want my browser to work and Chrome doesn't provide a lot of the features that are important to me. So I was pretty distressed to learn today that Firefox may be revamping their browser and building it on Chrome's code base. Nooooo!!!

<http://www.digitaltrends.com/web/firefox-chrome-back-end>

In the meantime, I found a great how-to article that had a couple of Firefox tips I wasn't aware of, including introducing me to the OneTab add-on, which may reduce the number of times the stupid thing crashes on me...

<http://www.cnet.com/how-to/7-firefox-shortcuts-you-should-start-using-right-away>

**Number 2:** Back in the early days of the Interwebs, aka the 1990s, the prevailing wisdom was that the technology's limiting factor was the lack of bandwidth to transmit all that data. (Anybody besides me remember starting to load a web page then going into the kitchen to make a snack while waiting for the images to download?)

For the last decade, however, I have maintained that the biggest limit on technology is battery power. It's amazing to me that after this many years, cellphones still can't last a full day on a single charge. But today information was leaked about a new version of Amazon's Kindle E-Reader that will have a rechargeable battery case that will power the device for – are you ready? – 20 months!

<http://www.theverge.com/2016/4/11/11407696/amazon-new-kindle-oasis-leak-details-features>

Now I've never used the Kindle E-Readers myself, but I'm hoping this advance will also come to future versions of their Kindle Fires, my tablet of choice.

**Number 3:** Speaking of Fire tablets, consider this item a heads up that I'm about to start working on a series about them—the good, the bad, and the ugly. So if you have any questions about the Fires or tablets in general, feel free to ask them in the comments box for the show notes or email me at [elizabeth@techforluddites.com](mailto:elizabeth@techforluddites.com) and I'll try to address them in the posts.

**Number 4:** Last week, Facebook made some announcements about their Facebook Live Video service. Now you can post live videos to group and event pages in addition to your own Timeline, apply filters to your videos, replay them with comments appearing at the same time they did during the live show, and take advantage of a few other new features.

<http://newsroom.fb.com/news/2016/04/introducing-new-ways-to-create-share-and-discover-live-video-on-facebook>

But I'm curious... Are any of you using Facebook Live Videos, either making them or watching them? I haven't, nor have any of my Facebook friends as far as I can tell. I've been notified about a couple from big-name brand pages, which I didn't watch. And I would give them a try from the Tech for Luddites, except at the moment you have to be a verified big-name brand page to be able to post them. Hopefully at some point they'll be available to all page owners. I think they'd be a great way to do demos and Q&A sessions with T4L readers.

If you are using Live Videos – again, either making or watching—I'd love to hear about your experiences. Pop over to the show notes and leave a comment!

And finally...

**Number 5:** Just in time for the Season 6 premiere of Game of Thrones, Verizon Wireless has a promotion going on to give new and upgrading customers three months of free access to HBO NOW, the network's standalone streaming service, which normally costs \$15/month. There are a bunch of caveats in terms of which Verizon plans and phones are eligible; you can find a link to the promo page with full details in the show notes.

<http://www.verizonwireless.com/news/article/2016/04/enjoy-3-months-of-hbo-now-in-exclusive-offer-from-verizon-wireless.html>

**Bonus Tip:** If you're an Ebates user, you can get up to \$75 cash back depending on what Verizon plan you sign up for. If you're not using Ebates and want to, you can find more info about the program at [techforluddites.com/ebates](http://techforluddites.com/ebates).

And that's it for this episode of Five Five Tech. Again, you can find the show notes at [ludditelounge.com/episode11](http://ludditelounge.com/episode11).

Thanks for listening! Until next time...