

The Luddite Lounge – Five Five Tech

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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 29 of The Lounge and today's episode is another edition of our Five Five Tech segment, where I'll be discussing five topics in five minutes. You can find show notes with related links at ludditelounge.com/episode29.

Let's get started!

Number 1:

Google Maps has recently updated the ride sharing feature in its iOS and Android apps. The update not only includes a new interface, but also lets you book and pay for an Uber ride directly from within Maps itself. There's a link to the Google blog post about the changes in the show notes and it includes a couple of videos demonstrating how the new features work.

<https://blog.google/products/maps/new-year-new-look-ride-services-mode-gets-update/>

Number 2:

One of T4L's most popular topics is streaming media and most of the posts have to do with streaming videos, music, and other content directly from online services like Netflix, Amazon Video, Hulu, HBO, and so on to your TV. However, a lot of people have videos saved on computers, mobile devices, and external hard drives that they'd like to watch on a bigger screen as well. Well, now there's a T4L post for that!

<http://techforluddites.com/streaming-personal-videos/>

Number 3:

A super quick tip... If you spend a lot of time browsing the web, you've probably experienced the frustration of starting to type in a URL and it autofilling to a different page than what you wanted to go to. The easiest way to prevent that is as soon as you've typed the URL to the point where you do want to go, type a space and that will end it. You're welcome.

Number 4:

Amazon has added two new exclusive benefits for its Prime members. The first is a new Amazon Video Channel called Anime Strike, which has a whole bunch of – you guessed it – anime content. There's a 7-day free trial and then the cost is \$4.99 a month.

<http://amzn.to/2k2eZMa>

The second benefit lets you purchase sample sizes of select products in beauty, sports nutrition, and snack categories. And when you buy them, you'll get credits towards full-sized purchases from the brands you sampled.

<http://amzn.to/2jWsGYW>

You can find a long list of other benefits at techforluddites.com/prime.

And finally...

Number 5:

Unfortunately, for every communication method out there, there are scammers ready to take advantage of it. In December I heard about a particularly awful one where people were receiving text messages saying the sender had been paid to kill them. Of course, then they want the recipient to send them money to call off the hit. And while when you hear about it in the third person, it can seem like something you would never fall for, getting a message like that can easily throw your thought processes off kilter. So if you ever get a text, email, or phone call from someone you don't know with upsetting news, please take a moment to do a Google search to see if others have had the same thing happen to them before doing anything. Stay safe on the Interwebs everyone!

And that's it for this episode of The Luddite Lounge. Again, you can find the show notes at ludditelounge.com/episode29. If you've been enjoying The Lounge, please consider heading over to iTunes to rate and/or review the show or share ludditelounge.com with your friends on social media.

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