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Digital Corner



I recently picked up a donation of computer peripherals, including a number of wireless mice and keyboards. Very few of them had the right wireless receiver (the small nub that plugs into the USB port).

Fortunately, Logitech has a program which can re-assign receivers and peripherals. If the receiver has an orange box with a star (🌟), or a green hexagon with a bolt (⚡), it can be paired with mice, keyboards, webcams, etc. with the same symbol.

You can download the Unifying Software or the Logi Bolt app from the Logitech website to pair these devices to the receivers, or even pair multiple devices to the same receiver!

If you have an old wireless device without a receiver, consider getting a replacement one before tossing the device! Many other brands have similar re-pairing capabilities.



This issue

Dealing with corrupted data

Mom in Bulgaria, and Dad's
passing

Windows 10 end-of-life solution

Close Call

"I'm sorry, all of your data has been corrupted."

This was the result of what was supposed to be a fairly routine operation.

A couple had driven from several hours away so that I could do a fresh install of Windows on their laptop and then transfer their documents back onto their device.

I began by transferring all of the documents that they needed onto an external drive for temporary storage. Then I reinstalled Windows on the computer, erasing all of the data.

When I plugged the external drive back in to transfer the files back onto the computer, I got an error message, telling me that the external drive couldn't be read. It had just been connected with the exact same computer, with everything working. But now, everything was lost.

I prayed, started up a recovery program, and called the couple to give them the news. It looked like the recovery program was finding files, but it was all renamed (e.g. "recovered pdf (103)"). I called to update them, presenting them with the best and worst case scenarios. They were very understanding, which helped my mentality.

The process was going to take longer than my normal working hours, and they were going to rent a motel room rather than having to drive back and forth to their house. I volunteered to stay late so that they wouldn't need to rent a room.

The recovery program finished, with what seemed like all of their data (just misnamed). As I was sitting down with them to show them where all of this data was, I discovered that the recovery program had *also* saved the files in a folder with their proper names and folder structure! It was everything that I had tried to do in the first place, just several hours later than I had planned.

Praise God that everything worked out well! My predecessor Gordon Jones would often say that Satan conducts spiritual warfare through microelectronics, and I can definitely see that now.

Family check-in

In June, Mom got to visit Deborah's family in Bulgaria. She had a great time, although the trip was physically taxing for her. Laura was at home with two women who stayed with her, and she had an absolute blast, doing all sorts of activities.

June 21st was the anniversary of Dad's passing. Our family is doing very well. I would love it if he were still with us, but we are

Spiritual Thoughts

For the past few months, I have had some consistent prayer requests. Raising financial support, and finding a wife—this one is actually years old!

In the past, I've felt a little ashamed of asking people to pray for the same prayer requests, time and time again. As if I somehow needed to bring up something novel every time.

My small group recently read through the book *Extreme Prayer*, by Greg Pruet. His book highlighted the parables of the widow who pestered the unjust judge, and of the persistent neighbor asking for food.

It's easy to fall into the mindset of "Well, God knows what I need, and I've brought it up to him before." But God wants us to continue to ask for things according to his will. Both so that we can better realize our dependence on him, and so that our thanksgiving when he answers our prayers will be that much greater.



confident that he's with God now, and that we'll see him again in Heaven. We truly did grieve well as a family, and we've been fine for months now.

What's going on at work?

We're gearing up for the end of Windows 10 support in October, and I've finally settled on a solution for the computers that we support.

On Windows 10 computers which are still decent but technically don't meet the Windows 11 requirements, I will use a program called Rufus to perform upgrades, keeping files and applications and ignoring the arbitrary Windows 11 requirements. These computers will receive security updates and patches, but they won't receive the big yearly update that Microsoft releases. The current version of Windows 11 will still be supported for another 2 years past this time, but I will likely want to update them to the newest release of Windows 11 when it comes out.

There are a few dozen computers which I will need to service this way. Fortunately, only a few minutes are necessary to start the procedure.

Did you know?

The hottest day on record in Dallas was 113° on June 27th, 1980.

Our receptionist was out for a couple of weeks in late June (which was the subject of my office whiteboard comic, seen above), so I was screening phone calls for the department, in addition to my normal duties. About half the calls that we get are from vendors trying to sell us something, and it's hard not to draw a comparison between their cold calls and myself when I call different churches to introduce myself.

Prayer Points

Thank you so much for praying! Here is what is currently on my mind and heart.

- Financial support from churches and individuals.
- That I find a godly woman to be my wife, and that God would be preparing both of our hearts for each other.

Thanks for reading and praying! I would love to hear back from you as well, so please drop me a message to let me know how you're doing and how I can be praying for you.

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