

# THE NetworkGuy

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## Learn from The Network Guy

I don't have anything to hide. Why should I still use a Virtual Private Network (VPN)?

### The Network Guy:

Your privacy is important. Look at it this way, you may not have anything to hide at home either, but you still use curtains and lock your doors. A VPN is an important privacy tool to have available. Think about your home router and Wi-Fi connection as your personal private network. When you browse the Internet on your private network, that data is visible and traceable back to you by anyone with access to that connection, including advertisers and malicious actors. Connecting to a VPN transforms that readable data to a string of characters through a process called encryption. The encrypted data arrives at the VPN's server through a secure "tunnel" and is unreadable by anyone in transit. Once the data arrives at the server, it is decrypted and sent to its destination.

## It Wouldn't Be April Without a Few Jokes...

Where do birds vacation during April break? *Someplace cheep.*

What did the calendar say after April Fool's was declared a holiday? *"Prank you, prank you very much."*



How can you tell when April is happy? *It has a little spring in its step.*

Why is everyone so tired on April 1? *Because they just finished a 31-day March.*

**APRIL FOOL'S DAY**

## The Network Guy Quiz Challenge

PenTeleData is giving one lucky winner a \$150 Amazon Gift Card. Just visit [www.ptd.net/quiz-challenge](http://www.ptd.net/quiz-challenge) by **April 30, 2026** to answer the contest question. We will select a winner at random from all correct entries. **Good Luck!**

Click the Quiz Challenge link and select which is not true about malware.

## Tech Myth Buster

### MYTH:

Turning off Wi-Fi on your phone saves significant battery.

### FACT:

Modern phones manage Wi-Fi efficiently and switching to cellular data can drain more power in weak signal areas.



## Things That Make You Go Hmmm...

According to Forbes, AI analyzes data that helps Netflix make decisions about which new shows and movies to produce.

During the Apollo mission in 1979, they needed to gather some moon samples. This led to the creation of the first mini cordless vacuum cleaner.

The domain name “insurance.com” made history by being sold for \$35.6 million, which made it the most expensive domain in the world in 2010.

The first digital camera ever built didn't fit in your pocket. It didn't even fit comfortably in your hands. It was roughly the size of a bread toaster and weighed around eight pounds.

73.2 percent of the world's total population uses the Internet, indicating that close to three-quarters of all the people on Earth are now online.

The original planned name of Windows was “Interface Manager.”

In the early 2010s, the word “selfie” was added to the dictionary due to its viral following, but the fact is, this concept is older than that. Robert Cornelius took the first selfie in 1839 using a photographic process which was called daguerreotype.

### Did You Know?

*After the war was over the Washington administration forgave all the war debt of every colony. Virginia had paid back its war debt already and was not happy. As a compromise it was agreed that the new capital city would be on Virginia land. Washington DC.*

## PenTeleData is Proud to Serve McAdoo, PA

McAdoo, Pennsylvania was incorporated in 1896 and known for its deep roots in anthracite coal mining. Before McAdoo borough was chartered, it had a post office. It opened in late August 1895 and served people living in the area, mostly those who worked in the coal mines. It was housed in the Dailey building on South Tamaqua Street. The Daily Standard announced the post office's opening, mentioning that while the “flourishing” community was known by the “flattering title” of Pleasant Hill for several years, it would now be known as McAdoo, as there was already a Pleasant Hill post office in existence. The borough was incorporated nearly a year later. They passed 27 ordinances to govern the borough, including a 50-cent tax on male dogs and a \$1 tax on female canines, and the prohibition of indecent exposure, firearms, nuisances, loitering, obscene language and snowballing. Snowballing was exactly what it sounded like: throwing snowballs or other projectiles into a street or alley. Nuisances, while not as clearly defined in the ordinance as they are today, had to be removed or abated within 24 hours. The speed limit for vehicles was set at 6 miles per hour.

McAdoo had its own school district, including a high school that opened in 1928 with its first graduating class in 1931. The 1944-45 McAdoo High School Maroons became the first team in the state to capture the PIAA Class B boys' basketball championship with a 52-28 overthrow of Conneautville in Allentown. Later, in 1962, the school district merged with nearby Hazleton.

Most of McAdoo's streets were named after former U.S. presidents, but its main drag would be renamed decades later. Route 309, originally known as Tamaqua Street, was renamed Kennedy Drive in 1964, after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Today, McAdoo is a small borough that is home to fewer than 2,500 people. While it was once a flourishing industrial town in Pennsylvania's coal country, today it is a quiet and friendly community.

## Malware – The Unwanted Visitor



**Have you ever gotten an unwanted visitor to your home and it seems impossible to make them leave? The same can be true when it comes to connected devices and malware. There are several types of malware, including viruses, ransomware, scareware, worms, spyware, trojans, adware, and fileless malware.**

Malware is usually distributed through malicious websites, emails, and software. Malware can also be hidden in other files, such as image or document files. It's easy to unintentionally install malware by clicking on a link in a phishing email or downloading and installing software from a website that is not reputable. It can also be installed from an infected USB drive or when a user visits a website that's infected with malware.

Luckily, there are a few simple steps that can help protect your devices from being infected with malware:

- > Use strong passwords and multifactor authentication.
- > Avoid clicking on unknown links.
- > Be selective about the websites you visit.
- > Keep your operating system and applications updated.
- > Never click on a link in a popup.
- > Stick to official app stores. While spyware can be found on official app stores, they thrive on obscure third-party stores promoting unofficial apps.
- > Limit the number of apps on your devices. Only install apps you need and will use regularly.
- > If you no longer use an app, uninstall it.
- > Beware of emails requesting personal information.
- > Be cautious about downloads and other software purchases.
- > Purchase and use security software from the official website or retail store of a reputable company.
- > Do not open an email attachment unless you know what it is, even if it came from a friend or someone you know.
- > Install antivirus software and keep it up to date.