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Perform a Proper Restart Regularly On Your Device

Regular restarts on your device are necessary to clear temporary data and reset processes, helping your system run smoothly. Powering off your device does not get the job done, you need to restart to initiate a reboot. Remember to save your open files and close your programs first!

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Tech Holidays and Observances

- IT Professionals Day - September 15th
- National Google.com Day - September 15th
- Education Technology Day - September 23rd

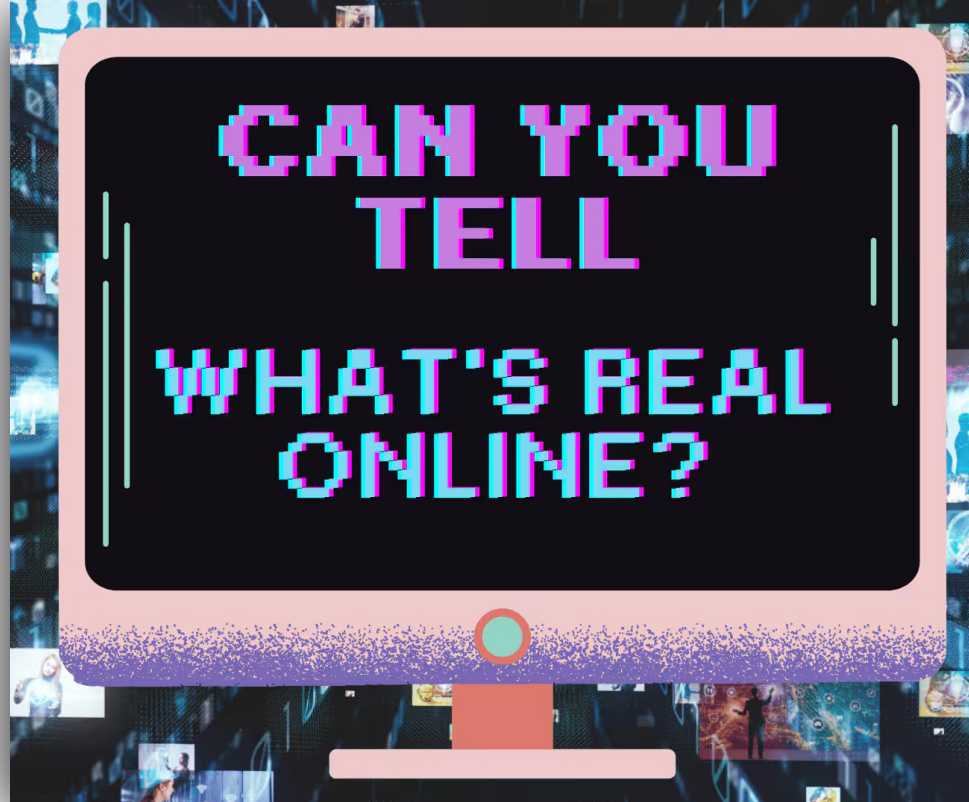
Did You Know?

High-tech electronics can be made from autumn leaves. Organic waste matter can be converted into a porous carbon material that can be used to produce high-tech electronics. Now you know!



How to Spot AI

Is it real or is it fake? In an era of seamless AI editing, the line between real and fake is blurrier than ever. Shift your focus: instead of obsessing over whether an image is altered, ask yourself what it's trying to make you believe. Below is a checklist (the FAIK process) you can use when trying to decide if digital media is real or fake:



F stands for “Freeze and feel.” What emotion is the media eliciting?

A stands for “Analyze”. Consider the story or claim, the creator’s goals, and emotional triggers they used.

I stands for “Investigate.” Can the claim be replicated by multiple news sources? Who is the original information attributed to? (Hint: if you cannot replicate the claim, suspect deception.)

K stands for “Know and confirm.” Keep vigilant about what is fact and what is a partial truth, symbol, metaphor, or a distortion of partial truths. Knowing the context of the image is important.

Signs of fake or AI-manipulated media:

- Visual Flaws: Look for distorted shadows, mismatched lighting, broken background lines, strange geometry, or warped fingers and teeth in images.
- Facial and Body Oddities: Watch for unnatural skin smoothing, lack of blink patterns, odd eye reflections, or jerky movements in video.
- Audio Mismatches: Check if speech audio syncs poorly with lip movements or sounds artificially flat.
- URL and Source Red Flags: Inspect website addresses for typosquatting (e.g., fake extensions like .ltd instead of official news domains) and check “About Us” pages.

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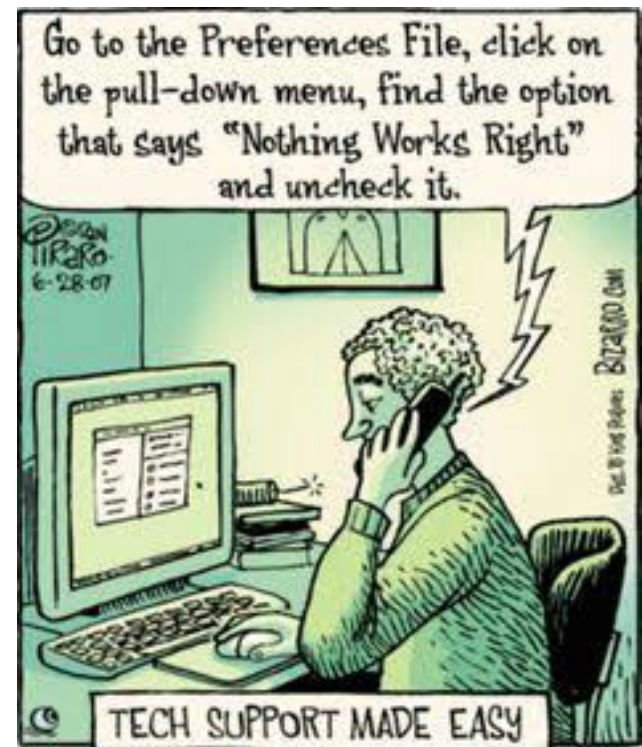
Adobe Express for Education

Our district does not allow Canva because of unrestricted access to YouTube and non-approved AI tools. We do, however, offer Adobe Express for Education that uses classroom-safe tools to engage student imagination and build future-ready skills. You'll find the Adobe Express app on your ClassLink launchpad; just login with your Google account.

~The Technology Department exists to support, enhance, and strengthen the FCSD Mission Statement by providing secure, reliable, and integrated technology solutions in alignment with academic and administrative goals.

We Are Here!

We know that technology, such as programs and devices, can give you trouble, but we are here to assist you. A lot of the time it is a quick fix, but sometimes we have to investigate or get our hands on the device. Either way, we will get you taken care of!



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