

TUESDAY TECH TIP



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DECEMBER 19, 2017: GCF LEARNFREE AND TECHBOOMERS

Need a quick overview of a topic or skill? Required to learn how to use a website or computer program but short on time? We recommend checking out GCF Learn Free and Tech Boomers for access to informative and easy-to-follow videos and courses on a wide variety of topics, including technology and career skills.

GCF LEARN FREE



For more than a decade, the GCFLearnFree.org program has helped millions around the world learn the essential skills they need to live and work in the 21st century. From Microsoft Office and email to reading, math, and more, GCFLearnFree.org offers more than 180 topics, including more than 2,000 lessons, 800+ videos, and 55+ interactives and games, completely free.

[GCFLearnFree](#) hosts a vast collection of videos and lessons on basic and advanced computer skills, including classes on Microsoft Office, computer mouse use, typing, graphic design, Linux and online safety. In addition to technology skills, the website has courses on reading, writing, math, career planning, money skills, cooking and even taking public transportation! Courses can be browsed via the homepage, or by going directly to the [Topics page](#).

An account isn't required to do the activities and watch videos. However, with a free account, your viewing history and course progress will be saved. You can also download self-paced transcripts from the My Account page.

Welcome, librariankimi!

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- Work and Money Podcasts
- Food and Cooking
- Beginning Graphic Design

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TOPIC	STATUS	DATE COMPLETED	PRINTABLES	CEUS
Beginning Graphic Design	In Progress (2 of 6 lessons)	-	-	-
Food and Cooking	In Progress (1 of 8 lessons)	-	-	-
Work and Money Podcasts	In Progress (2 of 6 lessons)	-	-	-
Digital Photography	In Progress (0 of 8 lessons)	-	-	-

For learners on the go, GCFLearnFree produces three podcasts:

- [Turning the Blind Corner: Finding the courage to make a career change](#)
- [Professional Rejection Podcast](#)
- [Happiness in the Workplace](#)

The podcasts can be downloaded with iTunes or streamed in the Soundcloud app or directly from the GCFLearnFree website.

TECHBOOMERS



Our founder, Steve Black, got the idea for Techboomers when he ran into the problem of how to teach his mom and other relatives how to use the Internet while he was busy running his SEO consulting business.

[Techboomers](#) hosts tutorials for websites and apps for the computer and mobile devices. Courses range from topics like basic computer use and internet safety, to use of PayPal, eBay and Netflix.

Like GCF Learn Free, users aren't required to create an account to view tutorials, but signing up allows users to save topics to *My Courses* for future viewing and progress tracking.

If users have questions after viewing tutorials, Techboomers has an option for users to comment on content for additional help. To access this feature, users will need to log in with their Facebook account.

A screenshot of a Facebook comment thread. The main post asks "Did you learn what you wanted to?" and includes a text area for comments. There are four comments shown. The first is from Isobel Pearson, who thanks the page for helpful video clips. The page replies to her. The second is from Dwayne Sykes, who asks how to delete Facebook posts. The page replies with a link to a tutorial. The third is from Techboomers, who replies to Dwayne. The fourth is from Techboomers, who replies to Dwayne with another link and a "Hope that helps!" message.

Did you learn what you wanted to?

Was something in this tutorial missing, confusing, or out of date? Or did it give you all the information you needed, and you just want to say "thanks"? We'd love to hear what you thought!

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Isobel Pearson · Perth, Western Australia
I'm reviewing these short video clips for use with a small group of Seniors learning how to use social media on their ipads. They're fabulous - short, simple, easy to understand language. All my training is done on a volunteer basis so the availability of your videos to assist is invaluable.
Like · Reply · Aug 8, 2017 11:53pm · Edited

Techboomers
Hi Isobel,

Thank you so much for your awesome comment! We're so happy to hear that people are finding our content helpful and sharing it with others to help them learn as well.
Like · Reply · Aug 10, 2017 10:20am

Dwayne Sykes · School crossing guide at Las Cruces, NM Police Dept.
How do I delete Facebook postings on my timeline? Are they there forever? How do I "unfriend" people who turn out to be idiots?
Like · Reply · Jul 7, 2017 3:38pm

Techboomers
Hi Dwayne,

We definitely know where you're coming from! If you want to delete or hide posts on Facebook, check out this tutorial: <https://www.facebook.com/help/252986458110193...>

Check out this tutorial to learn how to unfriend someone:
<https://www.facebook.com/help/172936839431357...>

Hope that helps!
Like · Reply · Jul 10, 2017 6:43am