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## *PC Works Plus Celebrates 29 years in Business*

It is hard to believe that 29 years ago, David Wertz started the company in the bedroom of his childhood home in Tyrone after returning home from the Army.

Joining forces with high school friend, Bill Latchford, and Army friend, Kevin Devin, they started what is now a 19 person business that has kept up with the technologies and changing ways of IT for 29 years. Bill and Kevin have moved on many years ago, but they are part of the legacy.

The company is now run as a husband and wife team for 25 years, with awesome employees and has stayed successful. Many peoples ask us how we have survived our marriage being together every day... well, there are some challenges, but I think it has strengthened the company and given it a family feel.

Thanks to everyone for their trust in the company over the last 29 years.



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## **This stuff really happens!**

If you have been reading this newsletter for a while, I am sure you have seen articles about hackers trying to extort money from people via email. Well, I have one that hits close to home. Luckily, I was aware that my password for Martin Grocery Store (yes, the local grocery store that everyone visits) was stolen about a year ago, because we do frequent Dark Web searches.

The other day, I received this in my email:

I do know, ilovea, is your password. (**this was my password**) You may not know me and you're most likely wondering why you're getting this e mail, right?

actually, I installed a malware on the adult video clips (pornography) web site and guess what, you visited this web site to have fun (you know what I mean). While you were watching videos, your web browser initiated operating as a RDP (Remote Desktop) that has a keylogger which gave me access to your display and also web cam. Immediately after that, my software gathered all your contacts from your Messenger, FB, as well as email.

What did I do?

I created a double-screen video. First part shows the video you were viewing (you've got a nice taste hehe), and second part displays the recording of your web camera.

exactly what should you do?

Well, I believe, \$2900 is a reasonable price tag for our little secret. You will make the payment by Bitcoin (if you do not know this, search "how to buy bitcoin" in Google).

BTC Address: 191mNZxDqGpPbCoQMZ1G1s3KKbUN45rGL1  
(It is cAsE sensitive, so copy and paste it)

So, to let you know, I did NOT visit this site, but if I was not already aware that my password had been compromised, I would have been freaked out that they actually knew my password and would be afraid that they would somehow black mail me with information they had made-up.

This is a variation of a spear phishing attack, because it is a little more personal. This goes right along with the CEO Fraud attacks that I have mentioned in previous emails.

If you are interested in seeing if you or anyone in your organization might be on the Dark Web for sale, email [compliance@pcworksplus.com](mailto:compliance@pcworksplus.com) for your first FREE Dark Web search.

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# Cutting the cord



One of the common themes in our office is “Cutting the Cord”. Many of you know this phrase, but have probably worried that it would take away your favorite tv time, because you can’t find your shows or your sports team.

Here are some options to consider...

- 1) Over the air HD channels. The most basic of the options. This is for those that really want to cut the cord and just watch local stations. This would require an antenna that can cost as little as \$20, depending on the range of distance . No monthly fee required. See what channels are in your area by checking out <https://www.tablotv.com/tools/>
- 2) Cable-replacement services that act like cable. This option is a subscription that let you pick and choose only the stations that you want to see. Some are Sling TV, Playstation Vue and YouTube TV. Instead of paying \$250/mo for all those stations you will never watch, you can pay for what you actually want to watch.
- 3) Streaming services that are pay as you go. Some of the most popular are Netflix, Hulu and Amazon Prime. There are a range of options for these services, but if you bought all 3, you would more than likely be only paying \$33/month. The premium stations, like HBO and Showtime, also have their own subscription based offers. Don’t worry you sports junkies, because the NFL, NHS, MLB and NBA all have their own streaming subscriptions, so you do not have to miss any of your games. They can be a little more at \$100- \$300/yr, but you will be sure to see your team.
- 4) For the tech savvy, there are other services that will allow you to set up a home pc that can be made into a media library. Plex and Crackle are two popular services.

This sounds a lot better, right? There is a little more to it than just subscribing. It is preferable to have a Smart TV that will allow you to get to those subscriptions, but if your TV is not set up this, or you like a little more functionality, there are streaming devices like Kindle Fire TV, Chromecast Ultra and Apple TV. These range in price from \$35 to \$400 for a one time purchase. It all depends on your home entertainment set up.

One nice thing about most of these services is the portability of your TV watching. Not only can you view your subscriptions on your tv, but you can view on your smartphone, tablet and pcs. You can also set up profiles for each family member to have their own selection of favorite shows. Most have some sort of parental controls, too.

If you would like to read more about cutting the cord, there is a great article on [Tom’s Guide](#).

**Get ready to save some money!**



## Using multiple monitors

One of the best kept secrets in productivity is the use of multiple monitors on your PC. Multiple monitors allow you to have a view of multiple programs open at the same time. This helps with productivity because you are not switching back and forth between programs.

Most pcs are already capable of using multiple monitors. If your pc is not multi-monitor ready, there is usually an upgraded video card that can be installed.

**If you are interested in seeing if your pc is capable of multiple monitors, email [help@pcworksplus.com](mailto:help@pcworksplus.com)**

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