

100 Tech Hacks

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1.	Need to jot down something quickly? Open a temporary notepad in your browser by typing data:text/html, <html contenteditable> into the address bar.	
2.	Ambient music to boost your productivity.	http://www.rainymood.com/ http://endlessvideo.com/watch?v=HMnrI0tmd3k http://endlessvideo.com/watch?v=Dlx3aMRDUL4 https://coffitivity.com/ (optional)
3.	At website login pages, you can view masked passwords by changing the password input type as text.	
4.	Test battery easily by dropping it few inches from the ground. A fully charged battery bounces very little, whereas a dead battery bounces around.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwrfBUVxpac
5.	Broken keyboard feet? Replace them with binder clips.	
6.	Find expensive stuff for cheap on Craigslist using the following search terms: divorce, wife, husband, new baby, pcs, Kia, health, surgery, moving	
7.	In Windows, create a new folder and name it Control Panel Shortcuts.{ed7ba470-8e54-465e-825c-99712043e01c} . Access any control settings in the folder.	
8.	In Chrome, go to Settings -> Extensions -> Allow Adblock Plus in incognito	
9.	Google [food] vs [food] to compare nutritional values.	
10.	Use wall hooks to attach iPad to the wall.	http://cdn4.carlcheo.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Wall-mount-iPad.jpg
11.	Amplify iPad speaker with tennis ball.	http://cdn4.carlcheo.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Amplify-iPad-speaker-with-tennis-ball.jpg
12.	On calculator, the C (clear) button is to clear all entry, whereas the CE (clear entry) button is to clear the most recent entry only.	
13.	Project Naptha is a browser extension that allows you to select, copy, modify, erase, and translate text in images.	https://projectnaptha.com/
14.	Not sure whether your remote control is working? Use any camera to check whether it emits light when you press a button.	
15.	Watch age restricted YouTube videos without signing in by adding nsfw before youtube.com .	
16.	Sugru is a Play-Doh-like substance, but it's much stronger, durable, resistant to heat, and flexible. A nifty product for life hacking.	http://amzn.to/1KWzOMZ
17.	Use LEGO minifigure as cable holder.	http://amzn.to/1QEDuGg

18	Sleepyti.me helps you to calculate the best time to go to bed/wake up for optimal sleep.	http://sleepyti.me/
19	Ninite.com helps you to install many programs at once. Just select all the apps you want. No more junk software and clicking next.	https://ninite.com/
20	HowLongToReadThis.com estimates time required to read a book. Pretty accurate for me.	http://howlongtoreadthis.com/
21	Laptop charger keep falling out? Use Velcro.	http://cdn3.carlcheo.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Velcro.jpg
22	PizzaCodes.com shows pizza coupon codes based on your location.	http://pizzacodes.com/
23	Want to sign up for free trials? Use a gift card.	
24	Add a fake email address into your contact list. If a bot starts sending out spam using your email address, you'll get an undeliverable mail notice.	
25	Before going to a porn suspicious site, Google safebrowsing:(website) to see a 90-day history of malware attempts on its visitors.	
26	Check whether a username is taken or available on popular sites using Namechk.com.	http://namechk.com/
27	To avoid spam from certain sites, use disposable temporary email services to sign up for stuffs.	http://maildrop.cc/ http://www.spamgourmet.com/index.pl https://10minutemail.net/ http://www.fakemailgenerator.com/ https://www.guerrillamail.com/ http://www.throwawaymail.com/ http://mailinator.com/
28	AccountKiller.com guides you on how to delete your online accounts from popular websites.	https://www.accountkiller.com/en/
29	Search recipes by ingredients you have at Supercook.com.	http://www.supercook.com/
30	HaveIBeenPwned.com checks if your email has been compromised in a data breach.	https://haveibeenpwned.com/
31	Want to convert YouTube video to GIF? Add gif before youtube.com .	
32	SumoPaint.com is the closest online free version of Photoshop.	http://www.sumopaint.com/home/
33	Always accidentally close your important tabs? Pin them.	
34	Time to clean your email inbox. Search unsubscribe and unsubscribe from useless newsletters. Do it now!	
35	Forgot where you parked? Amplify the car remote signal with your head.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Uqf71muwWc
36	Organize and filter your Gmail by using address aliases.	https://support.google.com/mail/answer/12096?hl=en
37	Your laptop is overheating? Place 2 forks underneath.	http://cdn2.carlcheo.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Forks-under-laptop.jpg
38	To extend laptop's battery lifespan, try to keep the battery meter between 40% and 80%.	

39	Read free magazines at Magastack.com.	http://magastack.com/
40	Super glue a dot on your phone charger so at night you don't fumble around like a fool.	http://cdn3.carlcheo.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Super-glue-a-dot-on-your-charger.jpg
41	Use different color for your earphone tips to differentiate left and right side easily.	http://amzn.to/1lui6lS
42	Want to edit an online image in Paint? Paste the image URL directly into Paint to open it.	
Online Shopping		
43	FatFingers.com finds eBay items with typos, which often have no bids because no one can find them.	http://www.fatfingers.com/default.aspx
44	When online shopping, begin the checkout process but don't complete it. Most online stores will send you coupons codes to encourage sales.	
45	For Amazon, use camelcamelcamel.com to get alerts when prices drop.	http://camelcamelcamel.com/
46	You can also try your luck with Honey, which automatically applies coupon codes at checkout.	http://www.joinhoney.com/
47	mySupermarket.com gathers groceries at the lowest prices from leading online stores.	http://www.mysupermarket.com/
48	LOZO.com finds grocery coupons based on the grocery item names you entered.	http://lozo.com/
49	ThisIsWhyImBroke.com finds and lists cool and unbelievable products.	http://www.thisiswhyimbroke.com/
50	FillerDeals.com is similar to ThisIsWhyImBroke.com but everything is under \$15.	http://www.fillerdeals.com/
51	ThePriceGeek.com shows you the market price of product you searched.	http://www.thepricegeek.com/
52	WornOnTV.net sells outfits that characters wear on TV shows.	http://wornontv.net/
Travel		
53	Currently in foreign country? Use Google.com/NCR to avoid country specific URL redirect. NCR stands for No Country Redirect.	http://google.com/ncr
54	Bypass expensive airport Wi-Fi by adding ?.jpg at the end of any URL.	
55	Get free Wi-Fi passwords for local places in Foursquare's comment sections.	
56	HotelWiFiTest.com ranks hotels' Wi-Fi speed and shows hotels with free Wi-Fi.	http://www.hotelwifitest.com/
57	Put your phone into plastic bag and hang it.	http://cdn4.carlcheo.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Phone-in-plastic-bag.jpg
58	When purchasing items online esp. airline and train tickets, use incognito mode on your browser, because the prices might increase the more you revisit the item pages.	
59	Skiplagged.com finds "hidden city" flight tickets which may save you up to 80%.	http://skiplagged.com/ http://www.theflightdeal.com/ https://awardwallet.com/
Mobile		
60	Send text messages by email.	Too long, refer to http://carlcheo.com/tech-life-hacks#60
61	Pushbullet.com displays phone notifications on your computer, so that you don't have to switch between devices everytime.	https://www.pushbullet.com/
62	If you want to turn off your phone to avoid calls, remove the battery instead. Switching off phone will notify mobile switching center (MSC) and callers will receive the switched off notification.	

63	Set @@ as the keyboard shortcut for your email address. Now you don't have to type your email again and again.	
64	Lost your Android phone? Ring, erase, or lock your smartphone remotely using Android Device Manager. Ringing works even if your phone is in silent mode.	https://www.google.com/android/devicemanager
65	You can also Google find my phone to locate your Android.	https://www.google.com/search?q=find+my+phone
66	Forgot where you park your car? Don't worry, Google Now remembers.	https://plus.google.com/+google/posts/UaexoHGfMCU
67	Make your call anonymous by dialing *67 (North America) before the number.	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caller_ID#Disabling
68	Want someone stop texting you? Send this SMS: SERVICE ERROR 305: MESSAGE DELIVERY FAILED. FURTHER MESSAGES WILL BE CHARGED TO YOUR ACCOUNT. 10:15 AM - 24 Jun 2012	
69	How to talk to a human ASAP when calling customer service: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GetHuman.com shows you how to get customer service faster and easier. • Keep pressing 0. • Repeat keywords like agent, representative, and operator. • Speak nonsense and mumble. • Drop an F-bomb. Not when you're speaking to a real person though. 	http://gethuman.com/
70	Put a folded up bill in the case of your phone for emergencies. Do it now!	
71	Text and walk at the same time.	Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.biztech.typewhilewalk&hl=en iOS: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/type-n-walk/id331043123
72	Can't wake up in the morning? Boost your smartphone's volume by placing it into a cup.	
73	Can't use phone with gloves on? Attach a stylus to your jacket zipper pull.	http://amzn.to/1GRE0JR
74	Turn binoculars into smartphone zoom lens.	http://cdn4.carlcheo.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/binoculars-zoom-lens.jpg
75	Turn a paper clip into a simple phone stand.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nmgTKDrheYs
76	If you haven't seen this video, it has some pretty cool smartphone photography tips & tricks.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTz4Nhgm_SQ
77	If you find a locked iPhone and Siri is still enabled, ask Who do you belong to? to see the owner's contact information.	
	For Study & Work	
78	Writing an essay? Copy and paste it into Google Translate. Listen to it. This can help you to find errors easily.	https://translate.google.com/

79	Use clothes hanger to clip notes side-by-side with display.	
80	Roommate's alarm going off? Calling the phone will disable the alarm.	
81	Create a book from Wikipedia articles.	http://cdn2.carlcheo.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Create-a-book-in-Wikipedia.png
82	Can't finish your assignment before deadline? Corrupt-a-file.net corrupts your assignment files so that you can ask for extra time.	http://corrupt-a-file.net/
83	Whenever you need to study for an important test, Google site:edu [subject] exam . You'll find tons of sample and similar exam questions.	
84	BetterExplained.com explains tough math concepts in a better and intuitive way.	http://betterexplained.com/
Fun		
85	No Internet? No problem. In Chrome's error page, press spacebar to start the T-Rex game.	
86	Search Atari Breakout on Google Images.	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Google_hoaxes_and_easter_eggs
87	Search Do the Harlem Shake on YouTube.	https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=do+the+harlem+shake
88	Some fucking awesome websites.	http://wtfsigte.com/ http://wtfsigfd.com/ http://whatthefuckshouldimakefordinner.com/ http://whatthefuckismysocialmediastategy.com/ http://goodfuckingdesignadvice.com/ http://thefuckingweather.com/ http://fuckinghomepage.com/
89	Anyone can be a hacker at HackerTyper.net. Press F11 to enter full screen and ALT to show "Access Granted" message.	http://hackertyper.net/ http://geektyper.com/ http://fakeupdate.net/
Music & Movies		
90	For iPhone users: If you're signing up for Spotify Premium, do it on their website (\$9.99/month) instead of mobile app (\$12.99/month).	
91	Forgotify.com lists music tracks that have never been played on Spotify. 4 millions of them.	http://forgotify.com/
92	Gnoosic.com is a music recommendation engine. Enter 3 bands you like to get suggestions.	http://www.gnoosic.com/
93	Build your own theater at home. To watch Frozen of course!	
94	Have a Hulu Plus account and want a free month credit? Click "cancel my account" and they'll give you the next month free.	
95	DocumentaryHeaven.com is, well, a documentary heaven.	http://documentaryheaven.com/
96	To find direct download link for movies, search [movie name] -inurl:(htm html php pls txt) intitle:index.of "last modified" (mkv mp4 avi) .	

97	Watch feature films and documentaries legally at Internet Archive.	https://archive.org/details/moviesandfilms
98	Use CanIStream.It to find where a movie is available at the lowest price.	http://www.canistream.it/
99	Not sure what movie to watch? AGoodMovieToWatch.com randomly suggest you highly-rated yet little known movies to watch.	http://agoodmovietowatch.com/ http://www.whatisonnetflix.com/ http://instantwatcher.com/ http://www.jinni.com/ http://www.criticker.com/ http://televisor.com/ http://www.tastekid.com/
100	RunPee.com tells you the best time to pee while watching a movie.	http://runpee.com/

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