

FRIDAY MORNING: F FOR FREE AND FAVORITE



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Congratulations! You made it to another Friday! The end of the week means jazz here, until I run out of genres. This Friday I'm not covering a genre, though. I'm pointing you to one of the most surprising and utterly awesome gifts jazz lovers and historians could get.

1,000 hours of free jazz, ready to download.

Holy mackerel! I almost fainted when @OpenCulture tweeted last week about David W. Niven's collection shared with the public at Archive.org. Just as amazing is Niven's commentary, providing context we would never otherwise have about each piece.

I'll embed some Louis Armstrong at the bottom of this post to get your weekend started. Mark this collection as one of my favorite things ever.

Malware discovered, targeting non-jailbroken Apple iOS devices in China

This is the second China-specific malware that researchers at Palo Alto Networks have found this year. Gee, why China?

UK's Labour Party wankers want 'Snoopers' Charter' because Snowden

Just the wankers, mind you, though it's hard to tell which MPs were the wankers as Labour and SNP sat on their hands during the vote for the Investigatory Powers Bill (IPB), not wanting to appear obstructive. Fondly called the 'Snoopers' Charter,' the bill replaces Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) and passed in the House of Commons on its second reading. The bill allows the UK government to amass all Internet Connection Records (ICRs) for a year's time, including telecommunications connections. Restrictions on which government entities have access to these records and for what purpose is muddy at best, and the cost of collecting and storing these records will be borne by the network service providers who in turn will need to raise their rates. Sane people understand the IPB as passed is atrocious. The bill would not have passed the second reading at all had all of Labour and the SNP voted against it, but a number of wankers argue Edward Snowden is reason enough to dragnet the entire UK's internet activity – which makes no sense whatsoever, based on the bill's current formulation. The 'Snoopers' Charter' now enters the Committee Stage, where it's hoped somebody catches a cluestick and puts the brakes on this current iteration of government panopticon.

U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and FBI warn about automobile hacking

Hmm. A little late to the party after at least four different vulnerabilities were revealed over the last year, but better late than never. Rather annoying the public needs to be on guard against automakers' naiveté/stupidity/hubris.

Google's parent Alphabet selling its robot division Boston Dynamics

Remember the creepy four-legged robot 'Big Dog'? It and its developer are up for grabs. Google (before it became Alphabet) bought Boston Dynamics in 2013, but now finds the firm doesn't fit its strategy. Worth noting differences in

reaction to the news:

- Why Google Is Selling Off Some of the Coolest Robots Ever Built (MIT Review)
- Robot maker Boston Dynamics put up for sale by Google, reports say (The Guardian)

The tone of the MIT Review piece – technology’s coolness is sufficient rationale for its creation and existence – offers interesting insight, explaining how awful technology ends up commercialized in spite of its lack of fitness.

Let’s call it a week and get on with our weekend. Have a good one!