



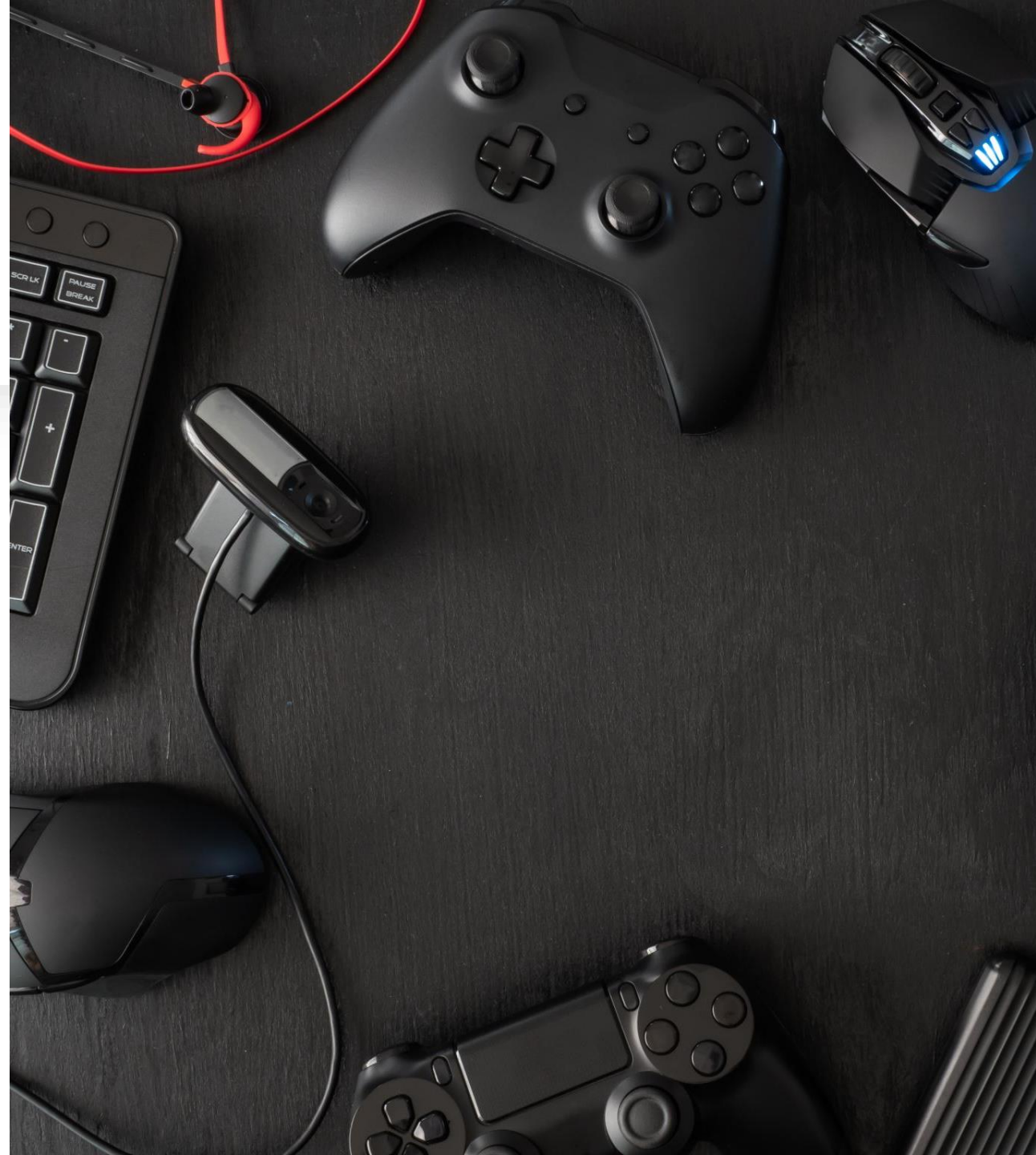
How to Have Fun Using a Computer

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Gaming

- **PC Games:** Play popular games like
 - *Minecraft,*
 - *Fortnite,*
 - *Among Us,*
 - *The Sims.*
- There's something for every type of gamer.





Puzzle and Brain Games

- Sudoku:** Many online versions are available that offer varying levels of difficulty.
- Crossword Puzzles:** Games like *NYT Crossword* or *Microsoft Ultimate Word Games* can provide mental stimulation.
- Mahjong:** Classic tile-matching games like *Microsoft Mahjong* or *Mahjong Titans* are easy to learn and fun to play.
- Lumosity:** A collection of brain training games designed to improve cognitive function.



Casual and Relaxing Games

- **Solitaire:** Classic card games like *Microsoft Solitaire Collection* are familiar and offer a range of variations.
- **Candy Crush Saga:** A simple yet addictive match-3 puzzle game that's easy to pick up and play.
- **Tetris:** This timeless block-stacking game is simple, yet offers endless entertainment.
- **Animal Crossing: New Horizons (via emulator or on a Nintendo Switch):** A relaxing game where players can create and manage their own virtual island.

Adventure and Story-Driven Games



MYST: A CLASSIC ADVENTURE GAME WITH BEAUTIFUL GRAPHICS AND INTRIGUING PUZZLES.



LIFE IS STRANGE: A STORY-DRIVEN GAME WITH AN ENGAGING NARRATIVE AND SIMPLE CONTROLS.

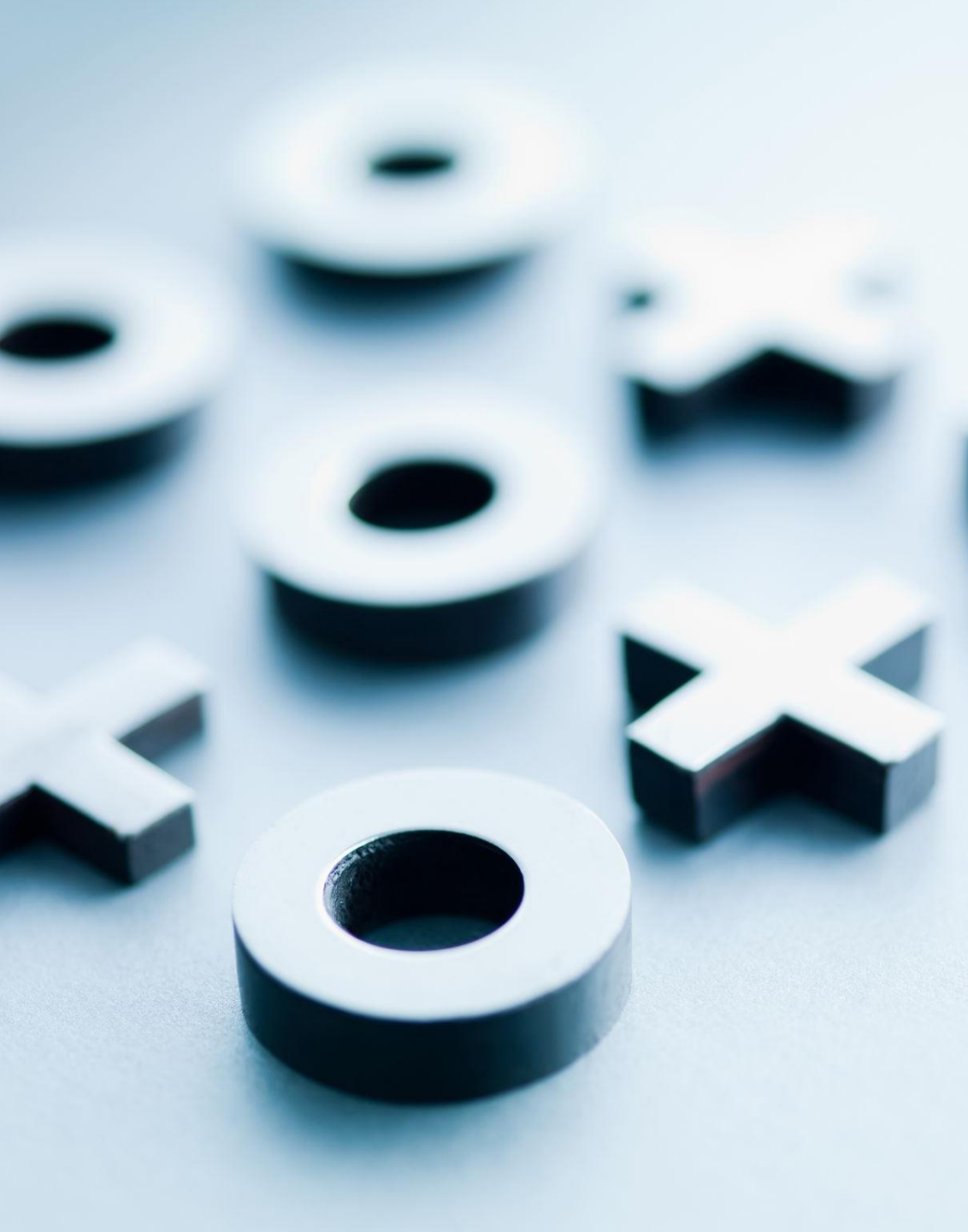


THE ROOM: A SERIES OF PUZZLE GAMES WITH AN ATMOSPHERIC AND IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE, PERFECT FOR THOSE WHO ENJOY MYSTERY.



Strategy and Simulation Games

- **The Sims:** A life simulation game where players can create and manage virtual people and their homes.
- **SimCity:** A city-building game that allows players to design and manage their own cities.
- **Age of Empires:** A real-time strategy game that's easy to learn, with simple gameplay mechanics.
- **Stardew Valley:** A farming simulation game where players can tend to crops, raise animals, and build relationships in a small town.



Multiplayer and Social Games

- **Words with Friends:** A Scrabble-like word game that can be played with friends or random opponents online.
- **Bridge Base Online:** A platform where seniors can play bridge with others around the world.
- **Pogo Games:** Offers a variety of classic games like poker, bingo, and chess, with the option to play with others online.



Virtual Reality (VR) Experiences

- **Google Earth VR:** Allows seniors to explore virtually any location in the world in a fully immersive way.
- **VR Puzzle Games:** There are many VR puzzle games designed to be immersive and accessible for all ages.



Educational and Historical Games

- **Civilization VI:** A turn-based strategy game that involves building an empire, which can be both educational and fun.
- **GeoGuessr:** A geography game where players guess locations based on Google Street View images, offering a fun way to explore the world.



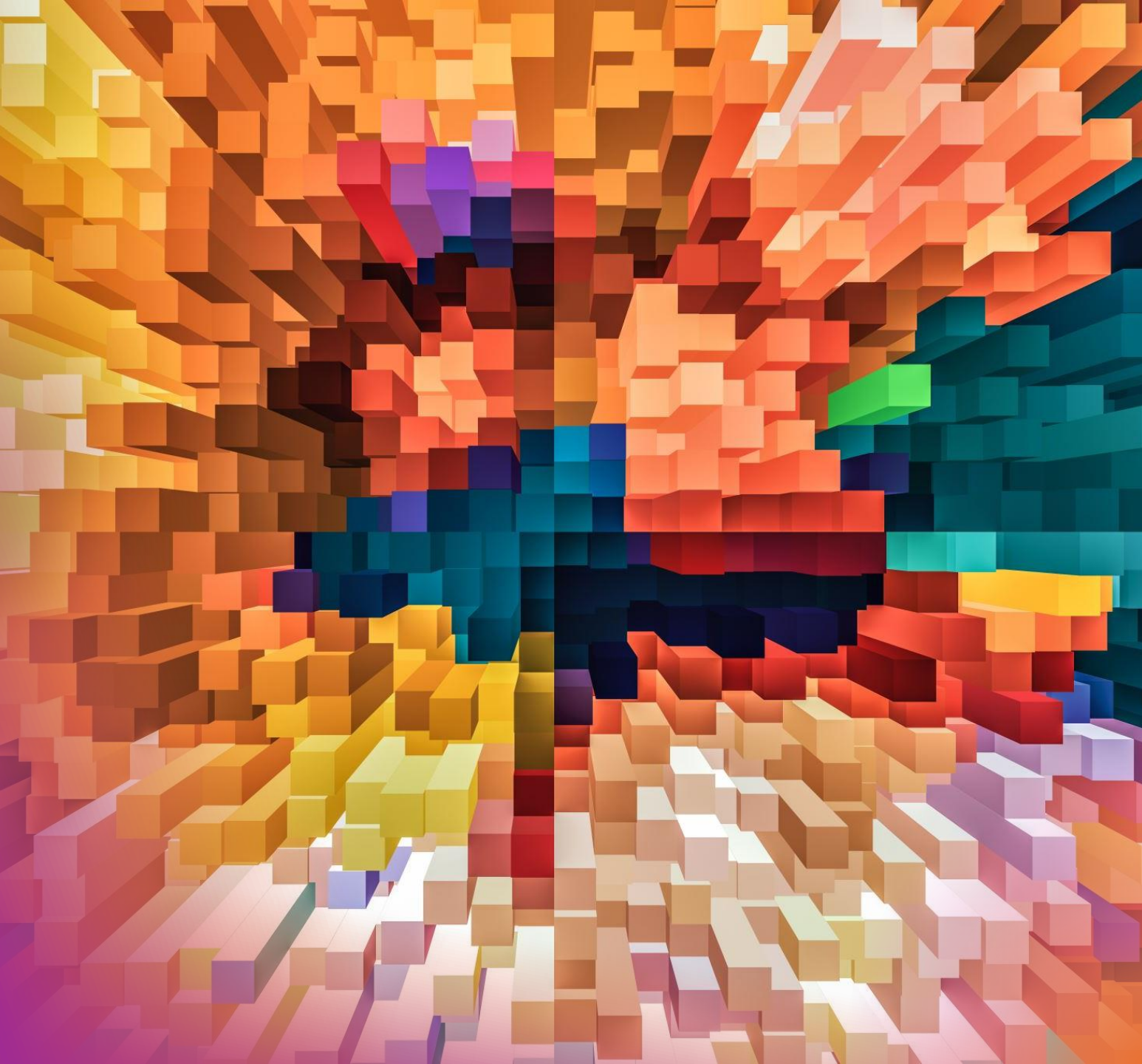
Online Games

Explore browser-based games or join multiplayer online games with friends.

A close-up photograph of a board game board. The board is green with a pattern of dark grey and light grey circles. Several pieces are scattered across the board: a green pawn, a yellow pawn, a black pawn, a wooden pawn, and a red die. A yellow and red striped card is also visible in the background.

Retro Games

Play classic games using emulators for a nostalgic experience.



Creative Projects

- **Digital Art:** Use programs like
 - Photoshop,
 - GIMP,
 - Procreate
- Create digital drawings or paintings.



Music Production

- Compose music or experiment with beats using software like
 - FL Studio,
 - GarageBand,
 - Ableton Live.



Writing

- Start a blog,
- write stories,
- Journal
- using writing platforms like:
 - Scrivener,
 - WordPress,
 - Google Docs.

Graphic Design

- Design
 - logos,
 - posters,
 - social media graphics
- Using:
 - Canva or Adobe Illustrator.

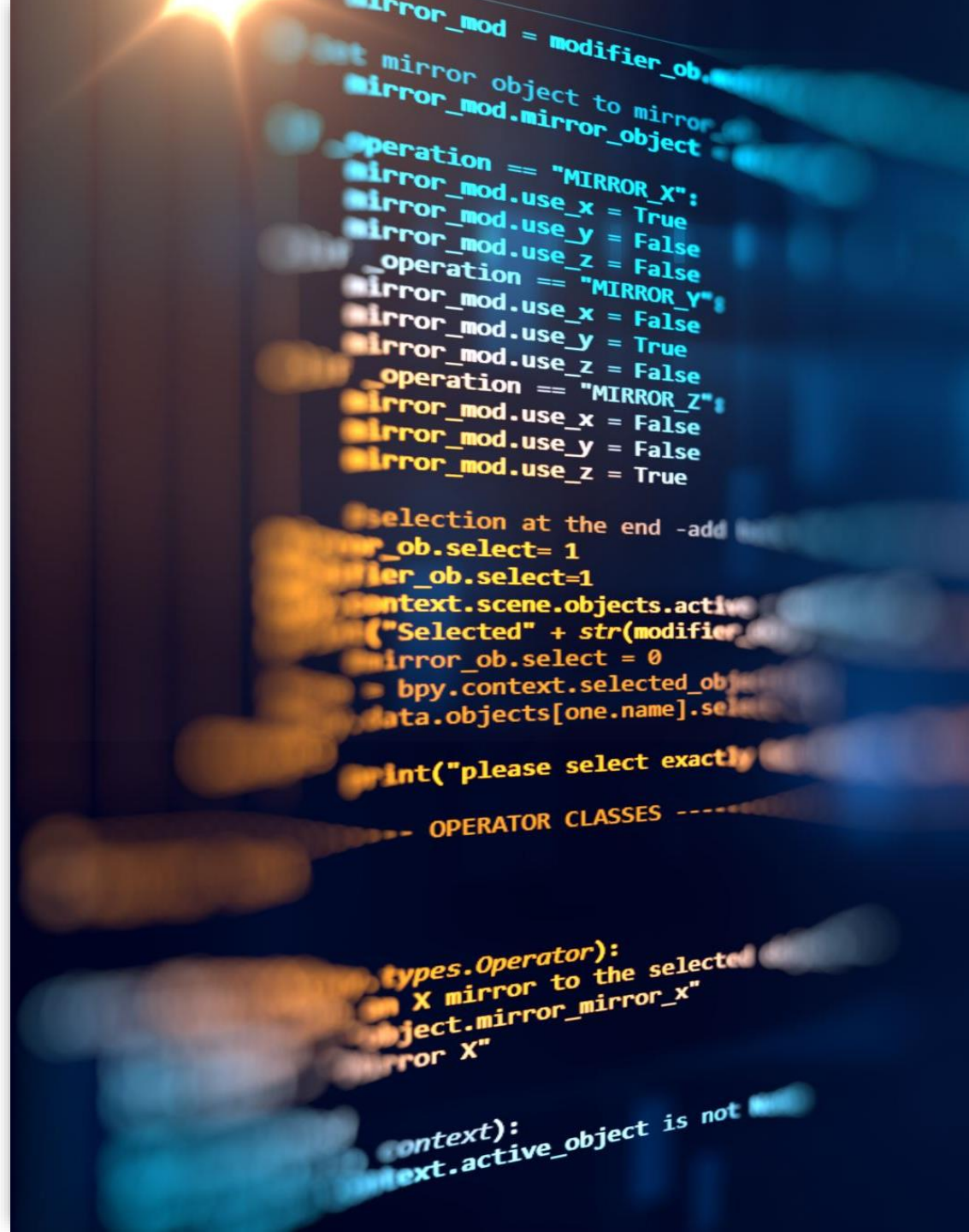
Learning and Exploration

- Online Courses
 - Learn something new on platforms like
 - Coursera,
 - Udemy,
 - Khan Academy



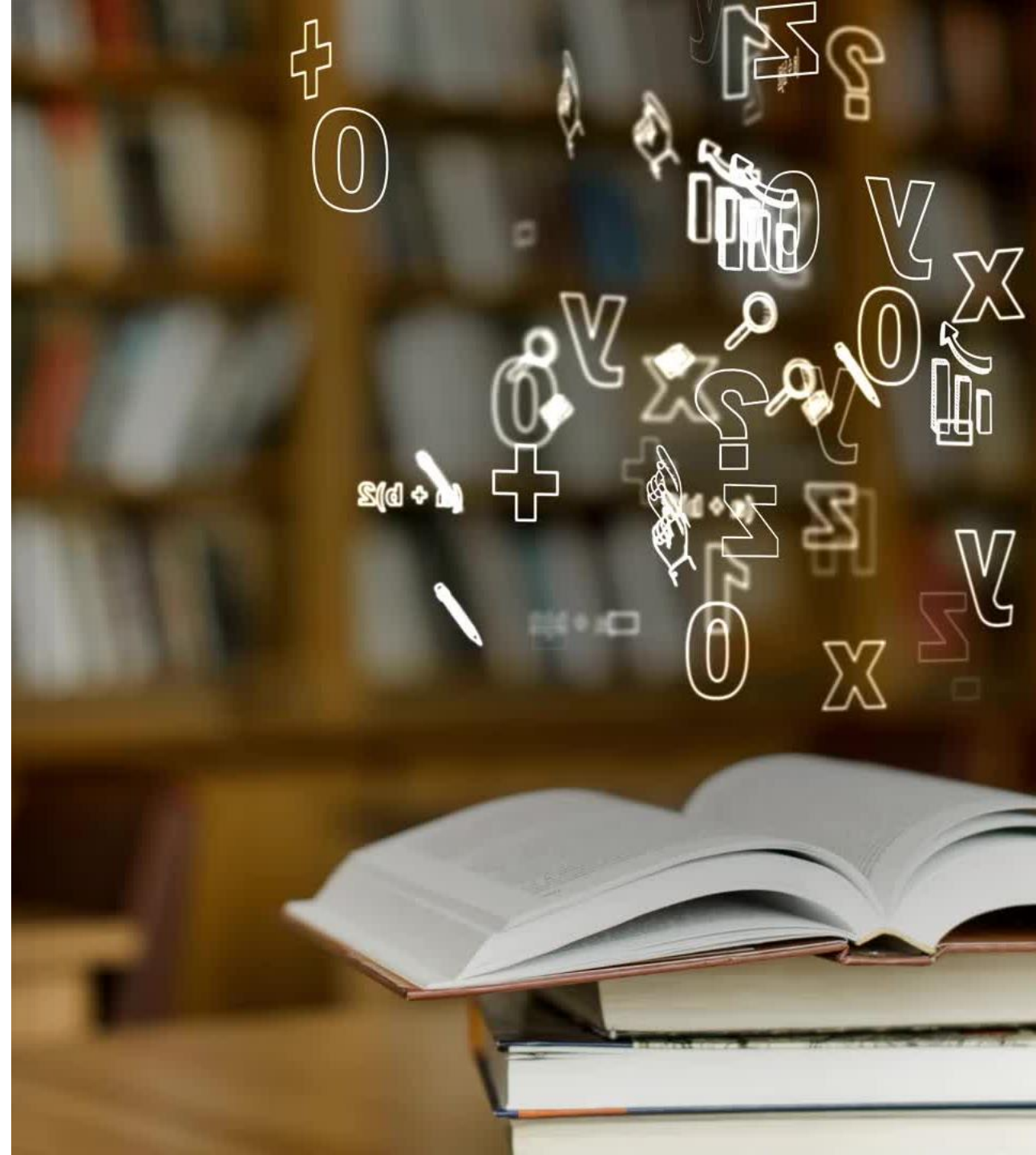
Coding

- Try coding or building a website with resources like
 - Codecademy,
 - freeCodeCamp,
 - GitHub.



Language Learning

- Use apps like
 - Duolingo,
 - Babbel,
 - Rosetta Stone
- to learn a new language





Virtual Tours

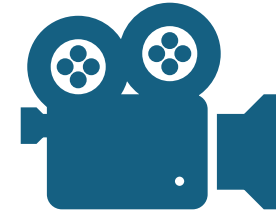
- Explore
 - museums,
 - landmarks,
 - even space
- Virtual tours and Google Earth

Socializing

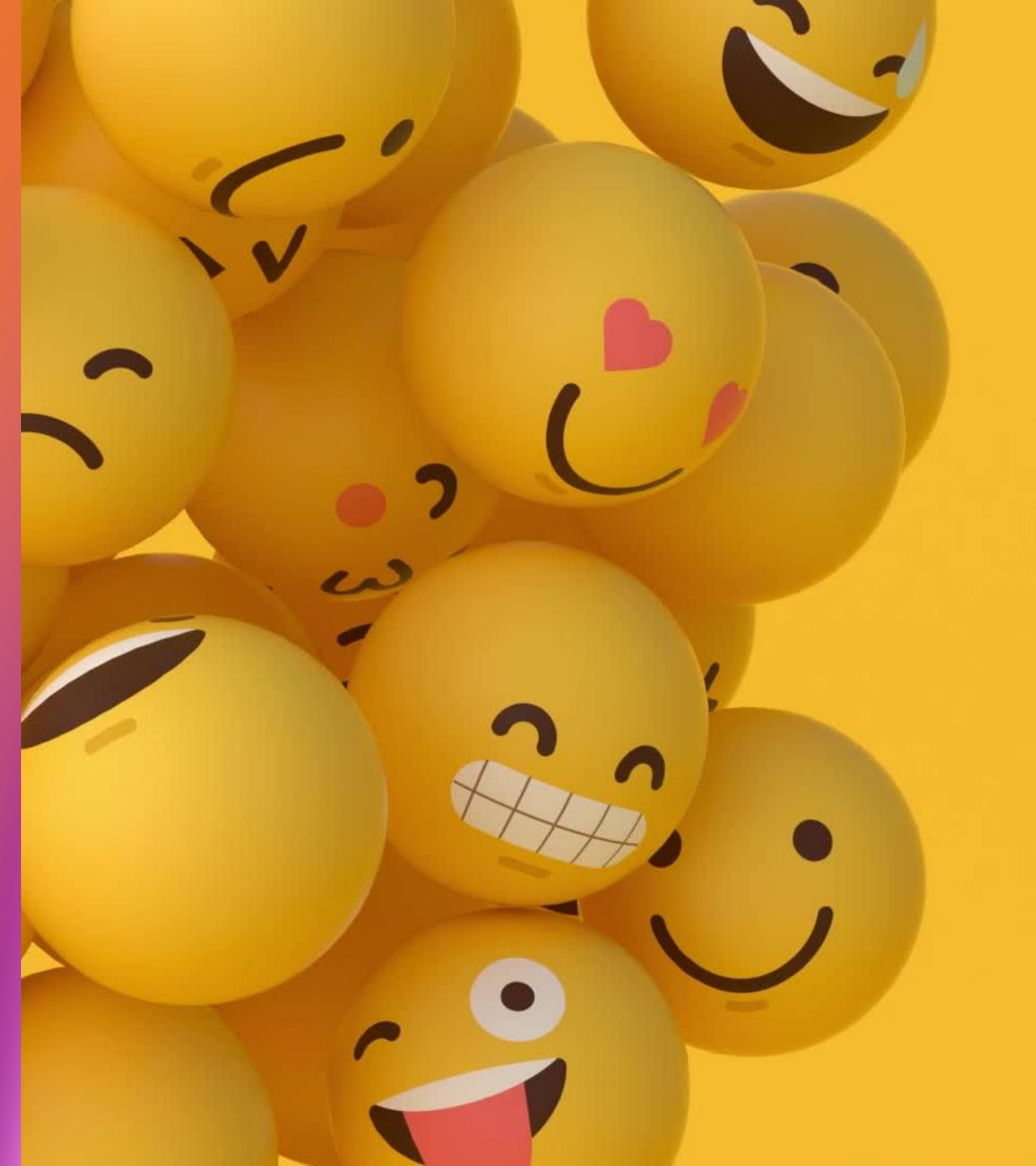


Video Chats

Use Zoom,
Skype,
Google Meet



video call friends and family.



Social Media

- Engage with friends,
- join communities,
- follow your interests on platforms like
 - Twitter,
 - Reddit,
 - Instagram.

Virtual Events

- Attend online
 - concerts,
 - webinars,
 - watch parties with platforms like
 - Twitch,
 - Eventbrite,
 - Netflix Party.



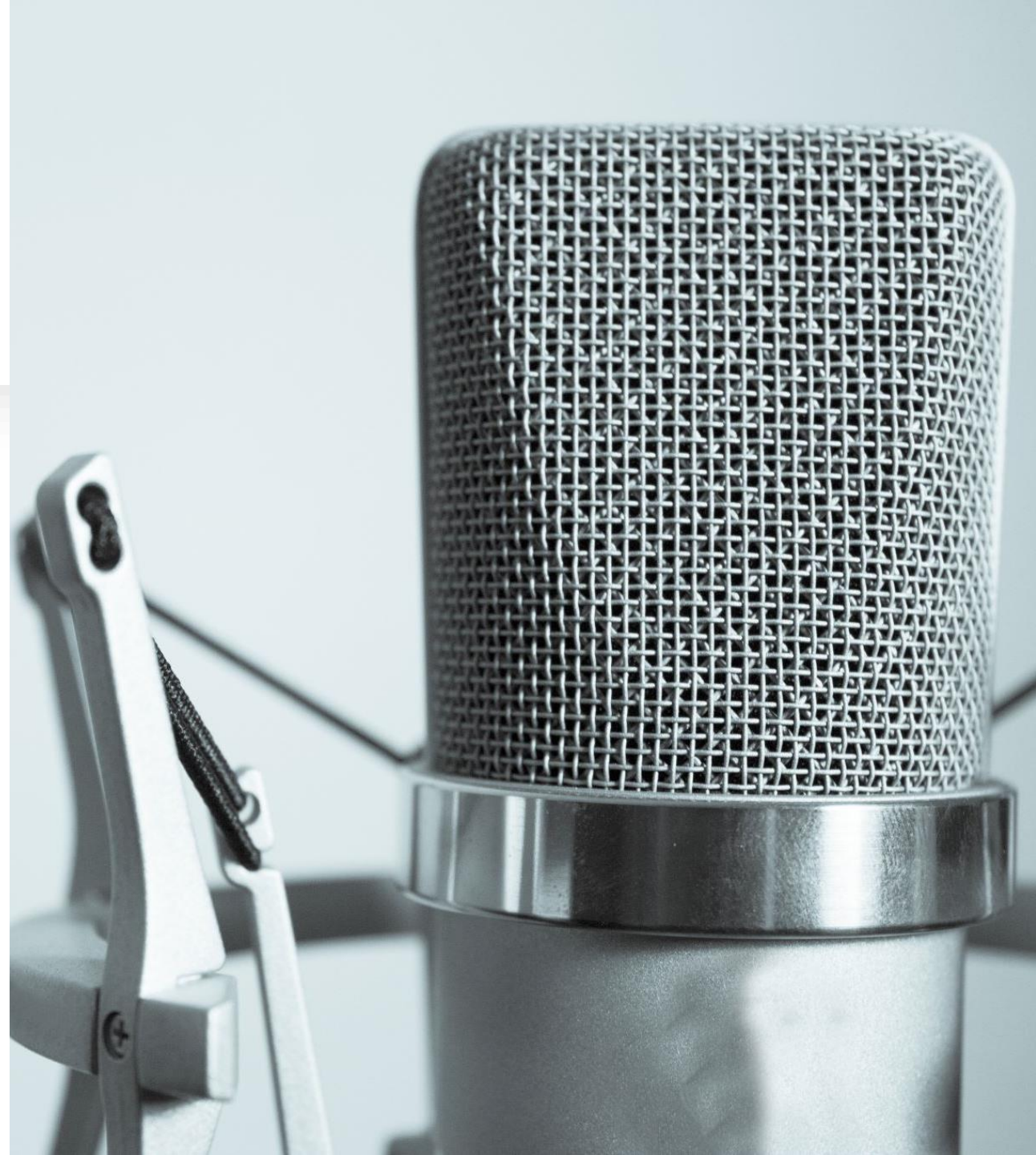
Entertainment

- Streaming
- Watch movies,
- TV shows,
- documentaries on
 - Netflix,
 - Hulu,
 - YouTube.



Podcasts

- Listen to podcasts on topics you enjoy via
 - Spotify,
 - Apple Podcasts,
 - Stitcher



Reading

- Read eBooks or comics on
 - Kindle,
 - Comixology,
 - browse interesting articles on Medium.



Productivity and Organization

- Task Management
- Organize your life using tools like
 - Trello,
 - Notion,
 - Todoist





Photo Management

- Organize and edit your photos using software like
 - Lightroom
 - Google Photos.

Mind Mapping

- Plan projects or brainstorm ideas with tools like
 - MindMeister
 - Miro



Customizing Your Setup



Wallpaper and Themes



**Personalize your desktop with custom
wallpapers and themes from sites like**

Wallpaper Engine
DeviantArt.



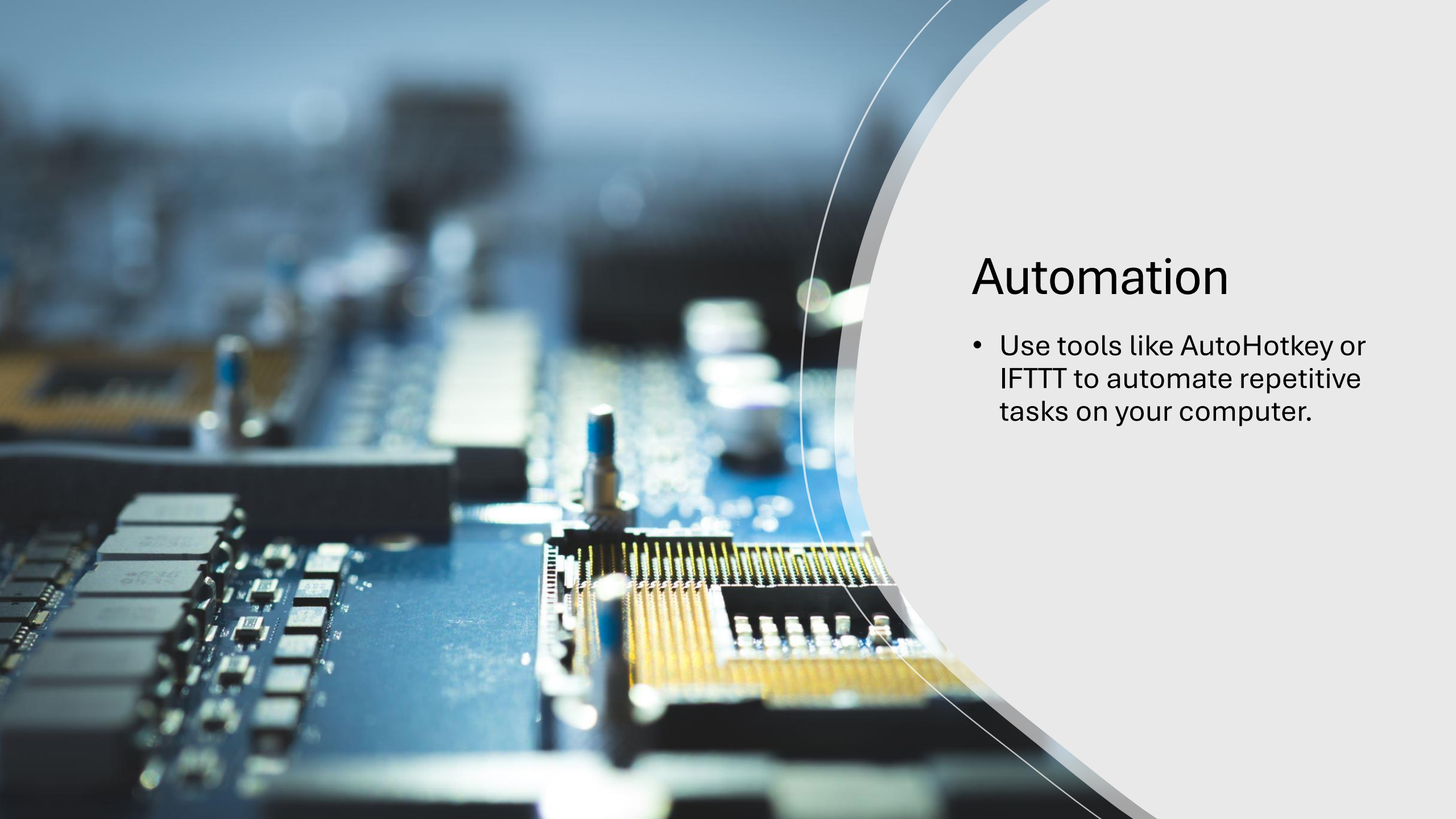
Widgets

- Add productivity or entertainment widgets to your desktop using
- Rainmeter
- similar software.

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Experimenting with Software

- Open Source Software
- Explore and try out different open-source software for various tasks.



Automation

- Use tools like AutoHotkey or IFTTT to automate repetitive tasks on your computer.



Conclusion

- Whether you're into creativity, gaming, or learning, there's something fun to do on a computer for everyone!