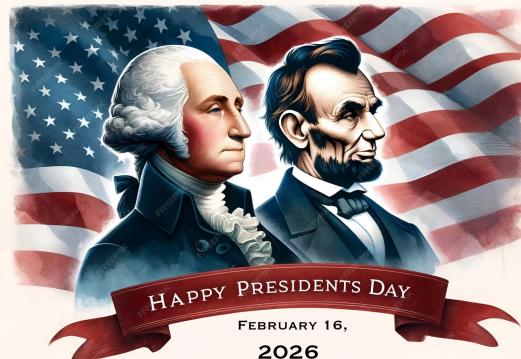


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## for February 2026



A Newsletter for the MacTechnics Apple User Group  
based in Ann Arbor, MI

## ***I. Apple Computer/Devices News***

### **A. Apple Reportedly Planning AI Comeback, Complete With a Tabletop Robot**

Home security cameras and a standalone smart display are also coming, the report says.

### **B. Apple tipped to launch at least 5 new products in the coming weeks — here's everything we expect to see**

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By [Alan Martin](#) published 3 hours ago

New MacBooks, displays and a low-cost iPhone

## C. Low-cost MacBook in ‘fun colors’ leads flurry of upcoming Mac releases

Apple reportedly has several new Macs ready to launch in the coming weeks.

## D. Sorry Apple fans, Mac prices might be going up this year

The increasing cost of RAM is going to catch up to Apple at some point, and the Mac is an obvious target.

# **E. Apple Spring Event 2026: When it's expected, how to watch, and all the rumors**

All the signs are there that Apple will be launching new products this spring. Will there be an event? We investigate.

# **F. Apple just announced its March event — here's what could be coming**

BY [ED HARDY](#) • 6:37 AM, FEBRUARY 16, 2026

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An Apple March event is officially on!

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Apple on Monday announced a product-launch event scheduled for March 4, inviting select media to attend in person what it describes as a “special Apple Experience.” The invitation offers no details on what to expect, but the company is surely preparing to unveil new hardware as it pushes into the heart of its spring product cycle.

# **G. Apple to hold ‘special Apple Experience’ media event on March 4th**

Monday, February 16, 2026 10:51 am

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Apple has officially announced a “special Apple Experience” scheduled for March 4, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. ET. This in-person event will...

## **II. APPLE HARDWARE**

### **A. What's Next for the**

### **Mac Studio**

Thursday February 12, 2026 4:29 pm PST by [Juli Clover](#)

Apple is working on an updated version of the Mac Studio, and the new machine is expected to launch in the first half of 2026. We've rounded up what we know about the next-generation Mac Studio so far.



## Design

We're not expecting Apple to redesign the Mac Studio, and there haven't been rumors of a design update. The Mac Studio will continue to have an [Apple TV](#) or Mac mini-like squircle design with rounded corners.

The Mac Studio is a much more compact desktop than the [Mac Pro](#), measuring in at 3.7 inches tall and 7.7 inches wide. Apple has apparently put the Mac Pro on the backburner, and the Mac Studio is seen as the future of Mac desktop computing.

## M5 Max and M5 Ultra Chips

We're expecting the Mac Studio to adopt M5 Max and M5 Ultra chips. The M5 Max chip will offer much faster CPU and GPU

performance than the M5 chip that came out last October, and the M5 Ultra will double the M5 Max performance.

Signs of the M5 Max and M5 Ultra chips were spotted in the recent iOS 26.3 release candidate.

## Faster SSD

The M5 MacBook Pro models were updated with a faster SSD, so the Mac Studio and other Macs coming in 2026 could get the same refresh.

## Studio Display 2

Apple debuted the first Studio Display alongside the Mac Studio, and there is a new Studio Display 2 rumored to be coming this year. We could get the new display alongside the new Mac Studio.

The Studio Display 2 is expected to look like the current model, but it could get a faster 90Hz refresh rate, a mini-LED display, and an A19 chip.

## Pricing

There haven't been rumors of pricing increases for the Mac Studio, so it could continue to start at \$1,999.

## Release Timing

Last weekend, *Bloomberg*'s Mark Gurman said that new Mac Studio models "shouldn't arrive too long after the spring Mac refresh," which is expected to include new MacBook Pro models.

New MacBook Pro models could come as early as the week of March 2, so the Mac Studio will come sometime after that date.

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## ***B. The best Mac keyboards on sale right now***

We compare Apple's Magic Keyboard with the best keyboards for Mac to find the top Mac keyboards for productivity, travel and daily use.

## ***C. Apple just completely changed how you buy a Mac***

Each component is treated separately, as if you're building a machine from scratch.

## **D. Redesigned OLED**

### **MacBook Pro on track to arrive this year, report claims**

Based on supply-chain activity, we'll get a new-look machine, possibly with a touchscreen, before the end of 2026.

## **E. Why Apple's M5 Pro/**

### **Max chips will be worth the wait**

The first products with Apple's new high-end chips are finally ... almost here, and they should bring a big performance leap.

## **F. Best laptop power**

### **banks for Apple MacBook 2026**

**We test the best laptop power banks for your MacBook so you can keep it charged even if you are away.**

## G. This is how long

### Macs and MacBooks last

Find out how long MacBooks last, how long Apple supports Macs and MacBooks for, and how to tell if a Mac is too old.

## H. End of an era as last Intel

### MacBook Air is vintage

Remaining pool of viable Intel Macs shrinks even further.

## *III. Apple Software*

### A. 50 New macOS

### Tahoe Features and

# Changes Worth Checking Out

Wednesday September 24, 2025 8:43 am PDT by [Tim Hardwick](#)

Apple this month released macOS Tahoe, the latest version of the company's Mac operating system. macOS Tahoe 26 is the latest version of macOS, the operating system that runs on the Mac. macOS 26 follows macOS 15, with Apple streamlining the numbering for all of its operating system updates. Everything coming out this year uses "26," which reflects the 2025–2026 release season for the new software.

Apple always gives macOS an **extra name** that's based on a **California landmark**, and this year, it's **Tahoe**. Tahoe is a popular lake and ski destination in California, and now the name for the 2025/2026 macOS release. macOS Tahoe 26 adopts Apple's new Liquid Glass design along with new customizations, a new Phone app, and updated capabilities across the platform.



In this article, we've selected 50 new features and lesser-known changes that are worth checking out if you're upgrading. What do you think of macOS Tahoe so far? Let us know in the comments.

## ***B. Is Apple Phasing Out the iWork Brand?***

Friday February 13, 2026 2:59 pm PST by [Juli Clover](#)

With the launch of the Creator Studio subscription app offering, Apple may be phasing out the iWork branding that it has used since 2005 for Pages, Keynote, and Numbers.



Apple today removed the iWork section on its website, and the URL now redirects to a more generic "apps" page that features Creator Studio, Apple Arcade, Apple Invites, Image Playground, and other Apple apps.

The iWork page that Apple removed was dedicated solely to Pages, Numbers, and Keynote, featuring information on each app along with a link. Apple's apps page offers some of the same information in a dedicated productivity section, but with additional details on the premium features included in Pages, Numbers, and Keynote with Apple Creator Studio.

# C. macOS Tahoe

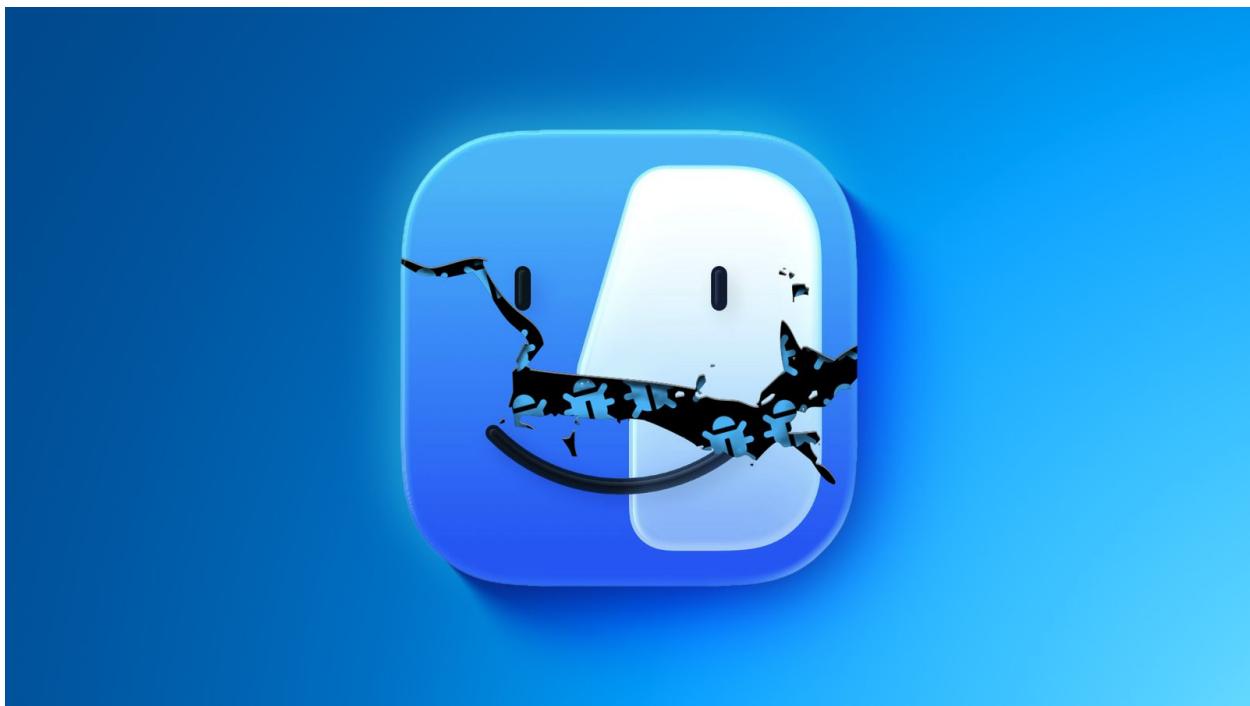
## Finder Bug

### Underscores Apple's

### Slipping UI Polish

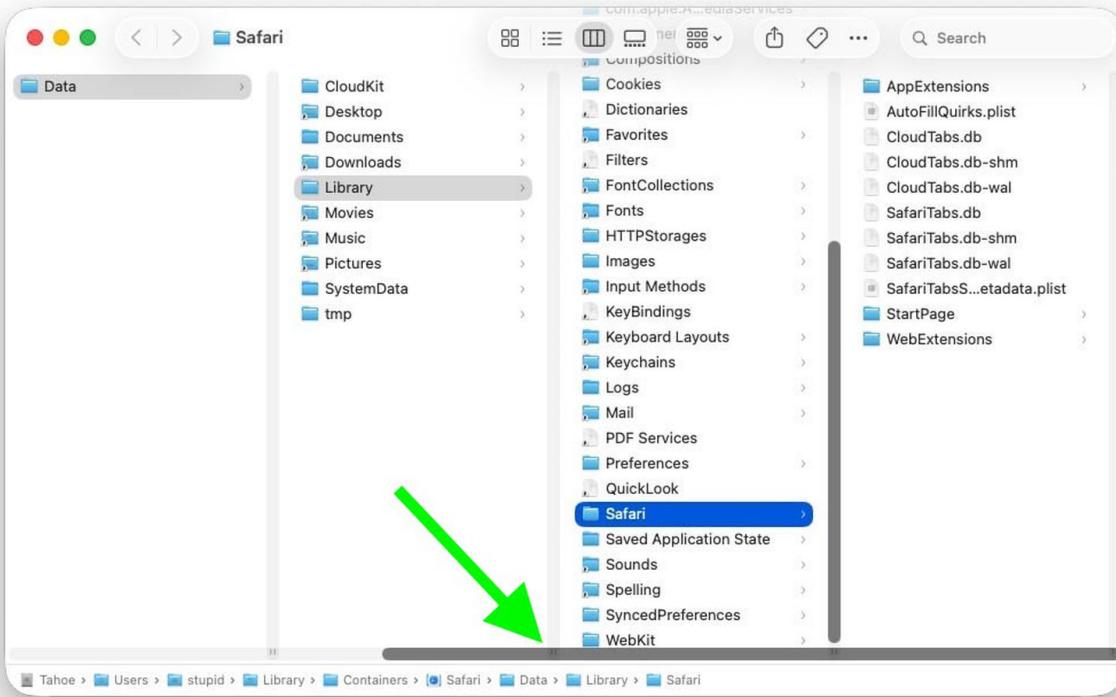
Friday February 13, 2026 5:47 am PST by [Tim Hardwick](#)

Apple released macOS Tahoe last September, but despite two point updates since then, it is still struggling to resolve an embarrassing interface issue in Finder that appears to have been introduced with its Liquid Glass redesign.



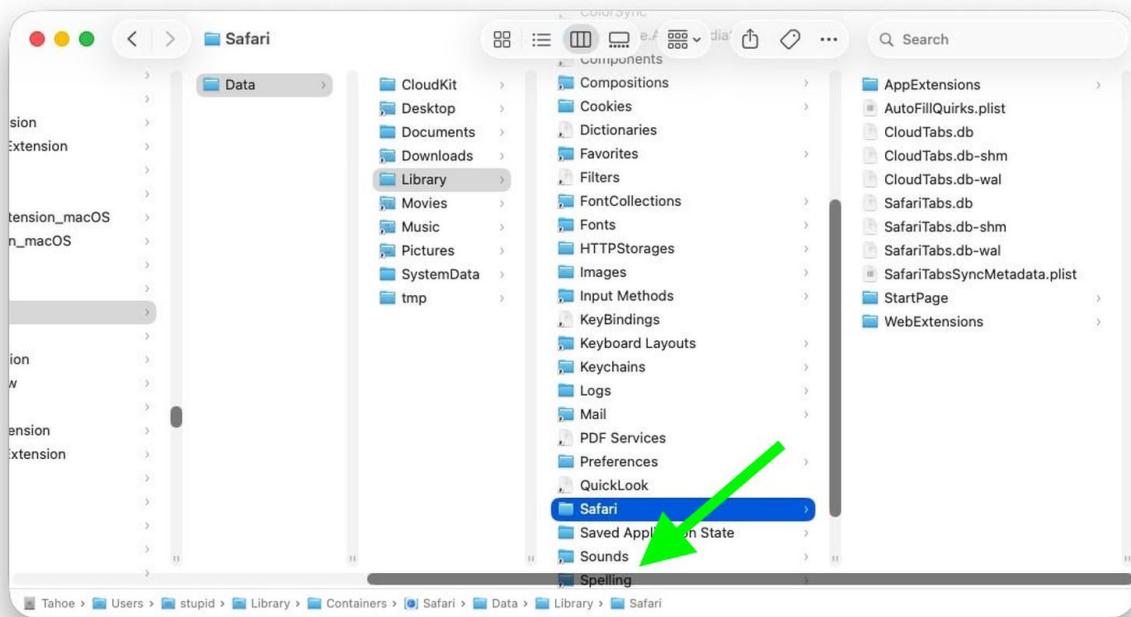
If you updated your Mac to macOS Tahoe and you prefer to work in Finder's column view, there's a good chance you've been

frustrated by the glitch, which developer Jeff Johnson has been admirably tracking over on his blog.



*Scroll bar blocking column resize handles (Original image: Jeff Johnson)*

At the bottom of each Finder column are handy little resize handles allowing you to expand or reduce each column as you see fit. But in macOS 26 and macOS 26.2, when scroll bars are set to "always show," the horizontal scroll bar at the bottom overlaps and covers those handles, so you can't click them to adjust column widths the way you could in earlier macOS versions like Sequoia.



*Scroll bar occluding column content (Original image: Jeff Johnson)*

With the recent release of macOS 26.3, Apple attempted a fix. The vertical scrollers were shortened so the resizing widgets now sit above the horizontal bar and are technically clickable again. Unfortunately though, as Johnson points out, the horizontal scroll bar still overlaps file names in the view, causing it to regularly obscure content. Moreover, if you hide the path bar and status bar, the layout leaves a weird amount of empty space below the scrollers, making the whole thing look unfinished (see image below).



*Column resize handles suspended in mid-air (Original image: Jeff Johnson)*

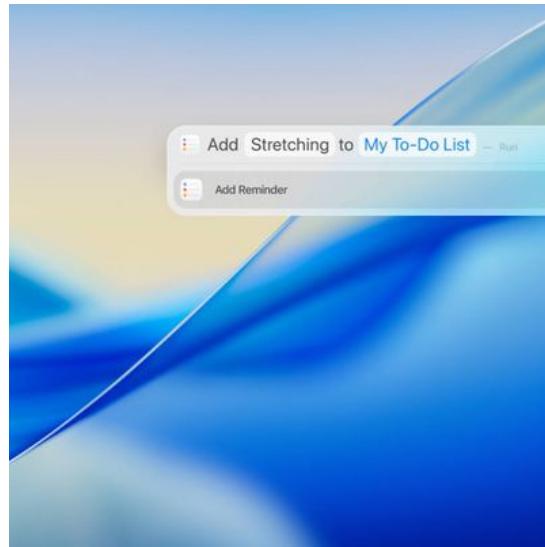
Johnson's take is basically that while the most disruptive bug is less bad now, the overall column view layout still feels half-baked – especially for anyone who keeps scroll bars always visible.

As *Daring Fireball*'s John Gruber points out, it's an embarrassing fudge for a company that used to pride itself on pixel-perfect settings across its Mac operating system.

At this point, it's unclear when Apple will manage to iron out the UI irregularities introduced by Liquid Glass. macOS Tahoe 26.4 is likely to be released in March or April, and could introduce some new Siri features, though at least some of the capabilities that we were expecting may have been delayed, depending on who you believe. The update is also expected to introduce new emoji characters.

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## **Do More With Spotlight in macOS Tahoe**

Wednesday December 3, 2025 4:21 am PST by [Tim Hardwick](#)

In macOS Tahoe 26, Apple gave Spotlight a major update with a visual overhaul, clipboard access, and Actions for performing tasks within apps directly from the search bar. There's quite a lot

of hidden potential in Spotlight's new manifestation. Below, we've put together a cheat sheet of Spotlight functionality to help you make the most of it. Getting Started With Spotlight You can open.... [Read Full Article](#)

## *E. Mac*

### *compatibility checker* *- Find out which* *macOS your Mac can* *run*

Check your Mac's macOS compatibility – including whether it runs the newest releases like Tahoe or if your Mac model is limited to older versions.

# F. Complete macOS versions history 2001-2026: Dates, features & support

Explore every macOS version from Mac OS X Cheetah to macOS 26 Tahoe, with release dates, features, names, and the versions still supported.

# G. How to download old macOS Versions: Step-by- step guide

Here's how to download old and obsolete versions of macOS and Mac OS X – from Sequoia to Mac OS X 10.7 Lion.

# *H. Update your Mac, iPad and more now to squash bugs*

BY **ED HARDY** • 10:59 AM, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

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You can update your Mac with macOS Tahoe 26.3 to delete bugs.  
Photo: Apple/Cult of mac

Apple released macOS Tahoe 26.3, iPadOS 26.3, watchOS 26.3 and tvOS 26.3 on Wednesday, delivering a

round of bug fixes and under-the-hood improvements aimed at smoothing out the experience across its devices. While the updates don't introduce splashy new features, they target stability issues and performance hiccups that have surfaced since the launch of the 26 cycle.

These come at the same time as iOS 26.3, which does include new features along with bug removal. (Read our news article: [iOS 26.3 brings these 3 changes to your iPhone.](#))

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## ***IV. IOS KORNER***

### **A. Why Your iPhone Is Charging So**

# Slowly (And All the Quick Fixes)

If your iPhone feels sluggish to charge, these 10 quick tips, useful for iOS 26 as well as older iPhone models, can help speed things up.

## **B. iOS 26 Features: The Ultimate Mega Guide**

For the last several months, *MacRumors* has been working on a series of in-depth feature guides and how tos that walk you through the design changes and updates in Apple's new software.



Our ultimate guide includes all of our iOS 26 coverage, and it is a useful resource for iPhone and iPad users who haven't had a chance to test out iOS 26, or those who might want a recap on what's new. We've organized it by app or feature to make it easy to find what you're looking for.

## C. iOS 26.3 Features: Everything New in iOS 26.3

Wednesday February 11, 2026 1:28 PM PST by Juli Clover

Apple released iOS 26.3 today, and while it doesn't have as many features as iOS 26.1 or iOS 26.2, there are still a couple of new additions worth knowing about.

# ***D. Apple Reveals How Many iPhones Are Running iOS 26***

Friday February 13, 2026 11:55 am PST by [Joe Rossignol](#)

Apple has shared updated iOS 26 and iPadOS 26 adoption figures, revealing how many iPhones and iPads are running those software versions.



These adoption numbers are based on iPhones and iPads that

transacted on the App Store on February 12, 2026, according to Apple.

The statistics are as follows:

- 74% of all iPhones introduced in the last four years are running iOS 26.
- 66% of all iPhones are running iOS 26.
- 66% of all iPads introduced in the last four years are running iPadOS 26.
- 57% of all iPads are running iPadOS 26.

Here is how that compares to the [iOS 18 adoption figures](#) that Apple shared based on iPhones and iPads that transacted on the App Store on January 21, 2025:

- 76% of all iPhones introduced in the last four years were running iOS 18.
- 68% of all iPhones were running iOS 18.
- 63% of all iPads introduced in the last four years were running iPadOS 18.
- 53% of all iPads were running iPadOS 18.

At first glance, the iOS 26 and iOS 18 adoption figures appear to be similar, but this is only because Apple released the iOS 26 statistics later than usual. iOS 26's statistics are based on devices that transacted with the App Store approximately 150 days after the update was released to the public, compared to 127 days for iOS 18. In other words, iOS 26 was available for around three weeks longer by comparison.

As was suspected, this means that iOS 26 adoption has officially been slower than iOS 18 adoption, but not to the extent that some earlier, unofficial estimates had claimed. There is no way of knowing exactly why iOS 26 adoption has been slower, but some users have opted to avoid the new Liquid Glass design for now.

iPadOS 26 adoption figures are technically higher than iPadOS 18, but again, note that iPadOS 26 benefitted from three extra weeks of availability.

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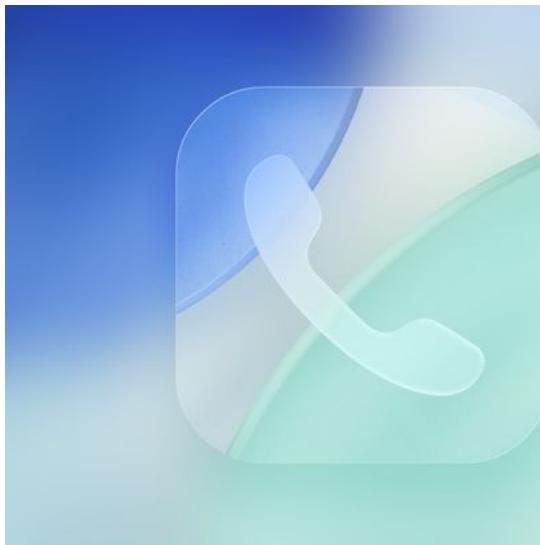
## ***E. Live Activities Taking Over Your Apple Watch? Here's the Fix***

Thursday February 12, 2026 12:22 pm PST by [Tim Hardwick](#)

In watchOS 26, the Smart Stack for your Apple Watch is pretty clever. The collection of widgets can be pulled up with a scroll of the Digital Crown, and shows you relevant information throughout your day. But sometimes, its eagerness to help can be a bit much, especially when it comes to Live Activities. You're probably familiar with this scenario: You raise your wrist expecting to see your...

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## **F. Get Your iPhone to Ask Callers Who They Are Before You Answer**

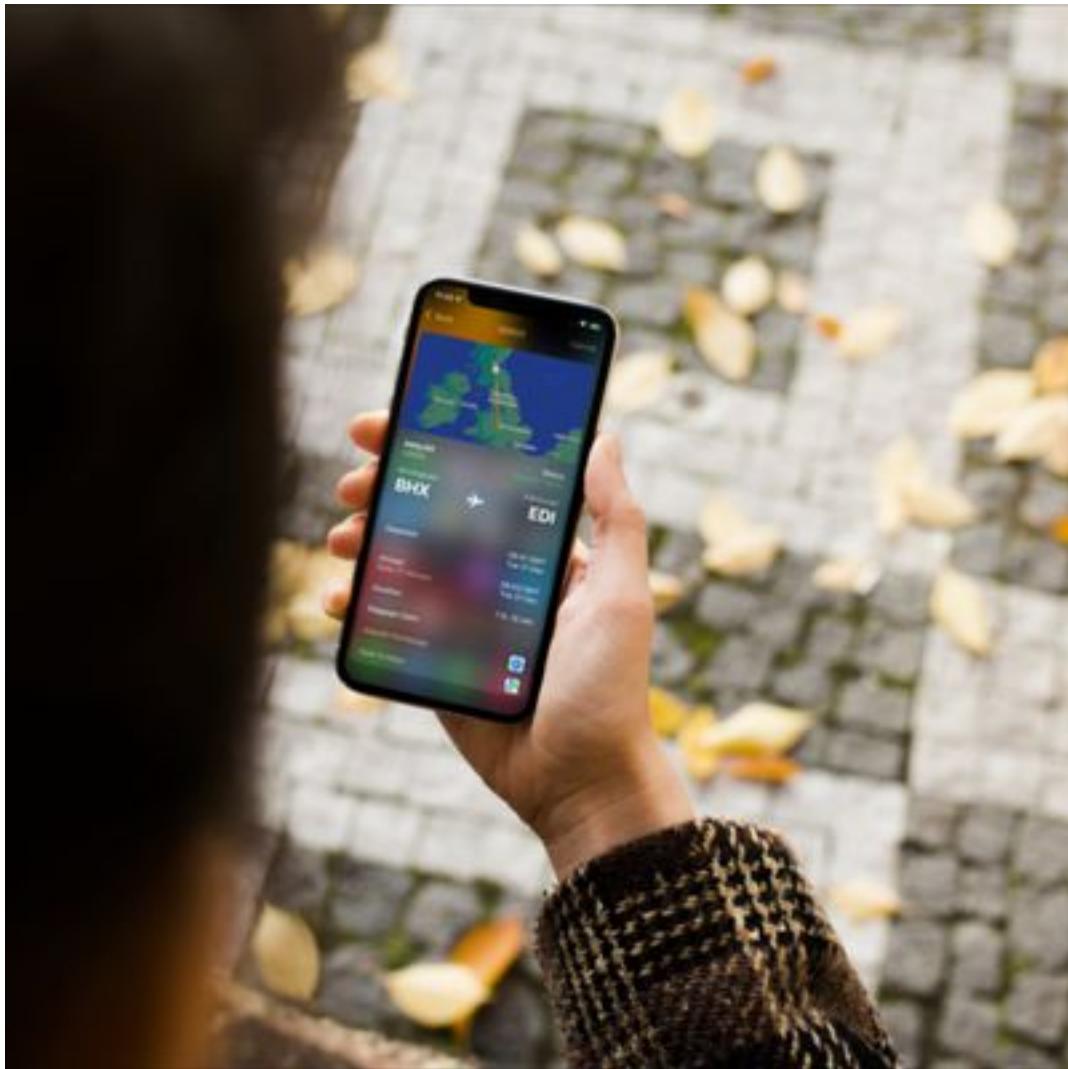


Tuesday February 10, 2026 7:27 am PST by [Tim Hardwick](#)

Spam and cold calls have become such a nuisance that many people simply don't answer their phone unless they recognize the number. In iOS 26, though, you can learn about who's calling before you respond, thanks to a clever feature that intercepts unknown calls and asks the caller to identify themselves before your iPhone even rings. The "Ask Reason for Calling" feature is kind of like having ...

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## Track a Flight on Your iPhone

Tuesday December 23, 2025 2:27 am PST by [Tim Hardwick](#)

Flight tracker apps are a popular way to keep tabs on planes in the sky, because when you're preparing to fly or when someone you know is on board a flight, you can use them to check that things are still on schedule. But if you have an iPhone, you don't need to download and install a third-party app to track a flight – it's a handy built-in feature of the operating system. The ability to .... [Read Full Article](#)

# H. ios 27 may bring better battery life to your iPhone

BY RAJESH PANDEY • 5:43 AM, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

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iOS 27 could focus on deeper AI integration while improving performance and battery life.

AI image: ChatGPT

For iOS 27, Apple reportedly has its priorities clear: deep AI integration and an under-the-hood cleanup for better performance and battery life.

While iOS 26 was all about Liquid Glass design, it also came with a noticeable performance hit, especially on older iPhones. With iOS 27, Apple appears ready to make amends.

## **V. Deals**

### **A. Best Apple Deals of the Week: AirPods and Apple**

# Watch Low Prices

## *Arrive on Amazon*

Friday February 13, 2026 6:57 am PST by [Mitchel Broussard](#)

We're recapping this week's best Apple-related deals below, and it includes solid discounts on AirPods 4, AirPods Pro 3, Apple Watch Series 11, and a few sales from Samsung and Satechi.



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MacBook deals*

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By [Richard Priday](#) published February 13, 2026

This is the iPad Pro deal I've been waiting for. If only I didn't live in the wrong damn country

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F. Best Apple Deals:  
Save on MacBooks,  
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# Watch & more for

February

We've used our expert experience with Apple products and pricing history knowledge to find the best deals on Apple products in the U.S. and U.K.

## G. The Best Apple Presidents' Day Deals Worth Shopping This Holiday Weekend

We've discovered big discounts on premium Apple tech, including \$100 off an Apple Watch Series 11, \$150 off the latest MacBook Air, and Apple AirPods 4 on sale for \$99.

## VI. TIPS & TRICKS

### A. Did the Super Bowl Convince You to Try Apple Music? Here's How to Move Your Playlists

If you like what you see in Apple Music, a new service lets you transfer all your precious Spotify playlists over. Here's how it works.

### B. The 11 Tasks You Should Still Do Yourself Instead Of Asking ChatGPT

Don't rely on ChatGPT to handle these directives, as it'll only lead to trouble.

## **C. Spot AI Writing Like a Pro With These Can't Miss Tips**

Pro tip: You're going to have to do more than look for em dashes.

## **D. ChatGPT Glossary: 61 AI Terms Everyone Should Know**

In this context, "hallucination" is just a polite way of saying your AI is confidently lying to your face.

## **E. 14 macOS Tips to Make Your Life Easier**

Tuesday November 14, 2023 9:16 am PST by [Tim Hardwick](#)

One of the neat things about using a Mac is that macOS features various levels of interaction and customization, but many of us only ever scratch the surface of what's possible. If you regularly perform certain actions on your Mac, often there's another way of doing it that's easier, only it's not so obvious unless someone points it out to you. With that in mind, here are 14 quick macOS tips that once you start using should make the time you spend on your Mac a more effortless experience. The following assumes you're running macOS Sonoma, but many of these tips should work on earlier versions of Apple's Mac operating system.

## **F. Text Shortcuts You Should Be Using on iPhone and Mac**

Friday February 13, 2026 9:06 am PST by Tim Hardwick

Apple's autocorrect on iPhone and iPad always aims to help when you're typing a message, but it's by no means perfect, and some of the replacements it continually spews out can be frustrating. Fortunately, Apple's software includes a feature called Text Replacement that allows you to specify what word or phrase replaces the specific text you type in.



Even if you haven't set up Text Replacement, you can try it out with Apple's pre-set example: In any app that accepts text input, type "Omw" followed by a space, and it will change to "On my way!" automatically.

The following steps guide you through the process of setting up your own handy shortcut phrases with text replacements on both iOS devices and Mac.

## **How to Set Up Text Replacement on iPhone...**

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## Use Edge Light for Better Video Calls in macOS

Tuesday February 10, 2026 7:28 am PST by [Tim Hardwick](#)

Apple in macOS Tahoe 26.2 introduced Edge Light, a clever new feature that turns your Mac's display into a virtual ring light during video calls. Instead of fumbling with external lighting equipment, your Mac can now illuminate your face automatically when you're sitting in a dark room. Basically, Edge Light adds a soft glow around the edges of your display to brighten your face during video ...

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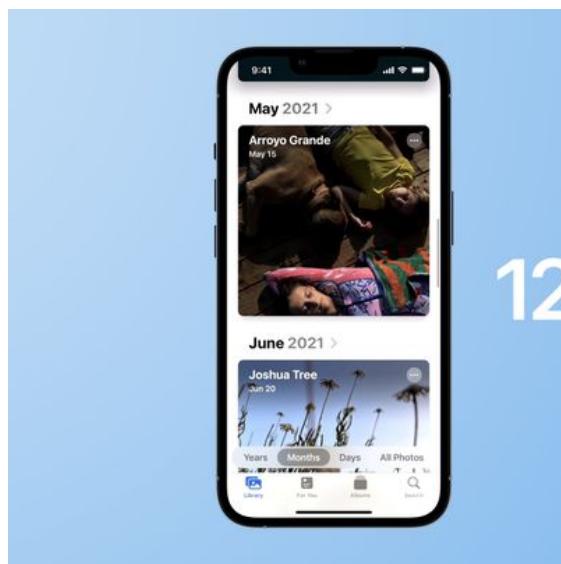
## Enable Lockdown Mode on iPhone, iPad, and Mac

Thursday January 29, 2026 7:17 am PST by [Tim Hardwick](#)

Lockdown Mode is an optional security feature designed by Apple to provide maximum protection against highly sophisticated digital threats. When enabled on your Apple device, it greatly reduces exposure to complex attacks by restricting certain features and network connections. Keep reading to learn how to use it across iPhone, iPad, and Mac. For most users of Apple devices, the standard...

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# Enable Smoother 120Hz Browsing in Safari

Thursday January 22, 2026 8:04 am PST by [Tim Hardwick](#)

Any iPhone, iPad, or Mac with a ProMotion display is capable of rendering buttery smooth 120Hz animations. However, Apple's Safari browser is locked to 60fps page rendering by default, making scrolling feel noticeably choppier for some users than in Chrome or Firefox. Thankfully, recent versions of Safari include a hidden setting that lets you unlock 120Hz rendering. At 60Hz, your screen...

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Mac running slow? Here's how you can speed it up...

# **L. Getting started with Mac Shortcuts — how to find, use and create time-saving automations**

[How To](#)

By [David Crookes](#) published November 16, 2025

You can make macOS even easier to use by adding and even creating your own shortcuts



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### **How to create a bootable USB macOS installer: Step-by-step guide**

The steps to create a macOS installer with `createinstallmedia` in Terminal so you can install macOS on multiple Macs, or do a clean install.

## N. **How to connect two or more external displays to an M1, M2, M3, M4 or M5 MacBook**

Apple's limited extra display M1, M2, M3, M4 and M5 MacBook problem solved

## O. How to type @, #, €, £ and other special characters on a Mac

Learn how to type @, #, €, £ and other special characters on any Mac keyboard – U.S., U.K., and international layouts explained with easy shortcuts and tips.

## P. How to declutter the Apple gear in your life

If you're stuck with a bunch of clutter, these tips will help you get clean and organized in the new year.

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## As a Mac expert, these are the first 9 tweaks I recommend for every new MacBook

Snapped up a shiny new MacBook? Here are nine of the best things you should do first, from sorting out its apps to protecting your privacy.



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## 10 things you need to do first with your new Mac

Whether you're new to Apple or just getting your first Mac, here's how to get started down the path towards being a power user. Configure your Mac with our guide.

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# Five tips to make you a Mac power user

Here's what you can do to make your Mac experience immediately better. These will range from accessories to settings and tweaks that will improve usability. You'll also find that you're working more efficiently, saving time, and being more productive.

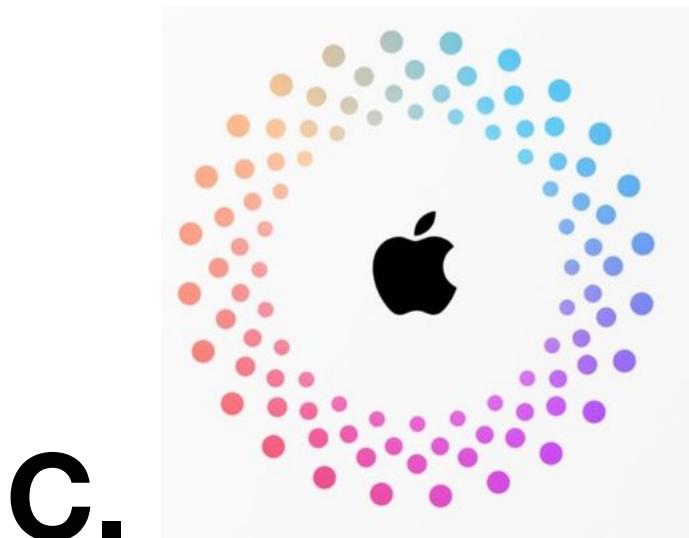
## **VII. Miscellaneous**

### **A. Keep Your Eyes** **Healthy and Strong as You** **Age With These 10 Tips**

These are doable methods to keep your eyes in tip-top shape on a daily basis.

## **B. Is Apple Cider Vinegar the Key to Healing Your Health Issues?**

Registered Dietitians Weigh In. Experts also share information about the safest dosage of apple cider vinegar.



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# Search Your Apple Account Purchase History on iPhone

Wednesday January 28, 2026 5:56 am PST by [Tim Hardwick](#)

In an age of digital ubiquity, knowing how to easily keep track of your online transactions is crucial, especially as an Apple user who frequently downloads apps, music, movies, and more from various Apple services. Your Apple Account purchase history is a comprehensive log of all the content you've bought using your account, not just on your iPhone, but across all your Apple devices....

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## **D. Put the iPhone down: A Valentine's Day plea against phubbing**

BY [ED HARDY](#) • 8:00 AM, FEBRUARY 13, 2026

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Stop phubbing the person you love!

Valentine's Day is supposed to be about connection. But every year, candlelit dinners across the country glow less from romance and more from the light of an iPhone screen. There's even a word for it: "**phubbing**" — snubbing someone in favor of your phone.

If there's one night when iPhone users absolutely must resist the reflex to check notifications or Instagram, it's February 14.

# E. You may not need AppleCare+ in 2026 (unless you own these models)

<https://www.cultofmac.com/news/who-needs-applecare>

BY DAVID SNOW • 9:05 AM, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

**NEWS**



AppleCare+ is well worth it -- sometimes. AppleCare+ has become almost synonymous with Apple device ownership. But as the extended warranty program enters 2026 with new pricing and features, it's worth asking: Do you really need it?

A recent social media discussion among iPhone users, paired with insights from Apple's coverage options, reveals that the answer depends heavily on which devices you own and how you use them.

