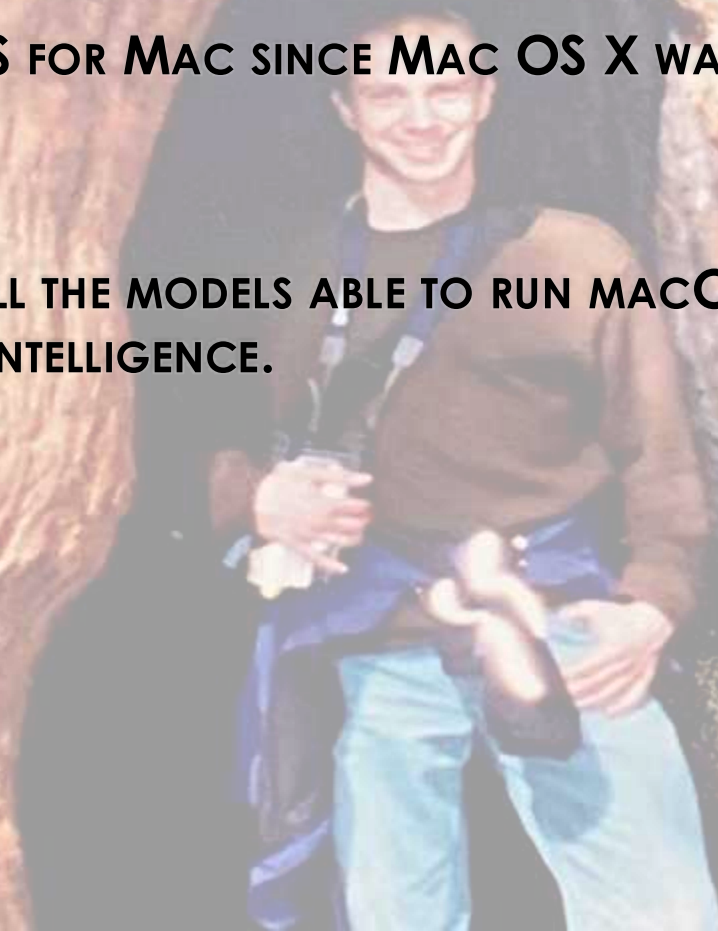# macOS

Sequoia

15 FEATURES

ON SEPTEMBER 16 RELEASED MAC OS SEQUOIA

Sequoia is the 19TH publicly named OS for Mac since Mac OS X was released in 2001 and the 21ST version of the Mac OS X system.

Is Your Mac Compatible? Here are all the models able to run macOS Sequoia. Only M-series Macs with the Apple silicon chip can use Apple Intelligence.

MacBook Air: 2020 and later
MacBook Pro: 2018 and later
Mac Mini: 2018 and later
iMac: 2019 and later
iMac Pro: 2017 and later
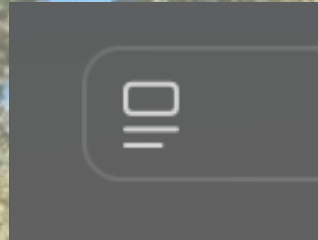Mac Pro: 2019 and later
Mac Studio: 2022 and later
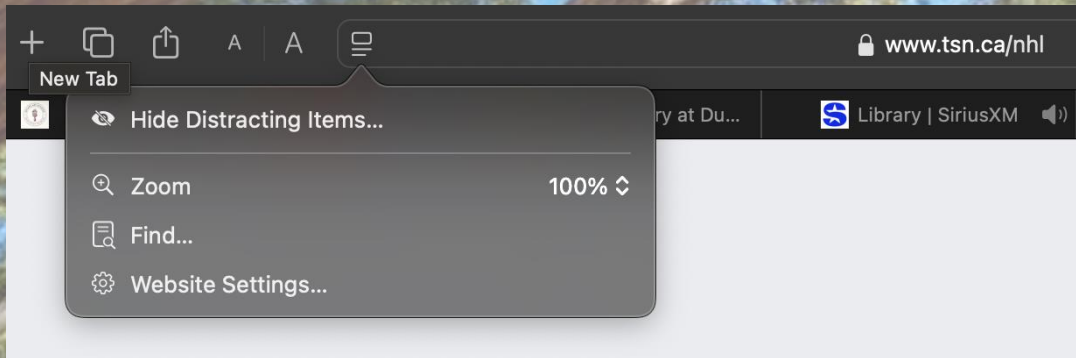
ON SEPTEMBER 16 RELEASED MAC OS SEQUOIA

There are many new features in MacOS Sequoia that are the same as in ios18. Since I covered ios18 in depth last month I'm not going to go over the same features that we find in MacOS Sequoia. For example, Math Notes, Messages, or Notes features that work the same in both systems. As with ios18, there are some new features that haven't been fully integrated yet, but this will happen over the coming months.

#1: HIDE DISTRACTING ITEMS

In all new Apple systems that use Safari, it includes the new feature: Highlights. If you look up at the left-hand side of the address window, you will see this icon:
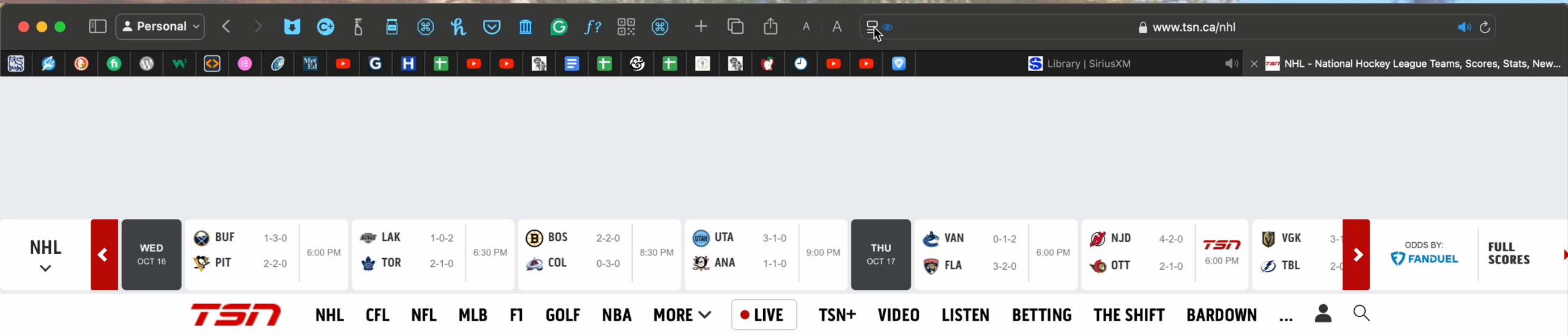
IF you press on this icon, you will have the ability to hide distracting items on your webpage. When you press the icon, you will see this menu pop up:
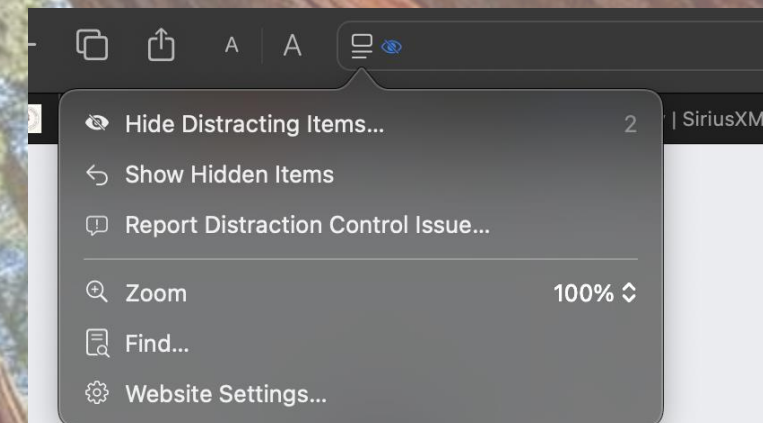
Click on "Hide Distracting Items..."

#1: HIDE DISTRACTING ITEMS

Once you do this the item you hid will be gone for this session of browsing. This is not permanent and will return for later sessions of browsing.

To make items visible again go back up and click on the Highlights icon and click "Show Hidden Items."

#2: IPHONE MIRRORING

One of the cool new features is the ability to mirror your iPhone on your Mac and control the iPhone screen. If you're sitting at your computer and don't feel like pulling your phone out of your pocket or maybe your phone is in the other room and you need it for something, you can now use your Mac to control it. Here's how to use iPhone mirroring.
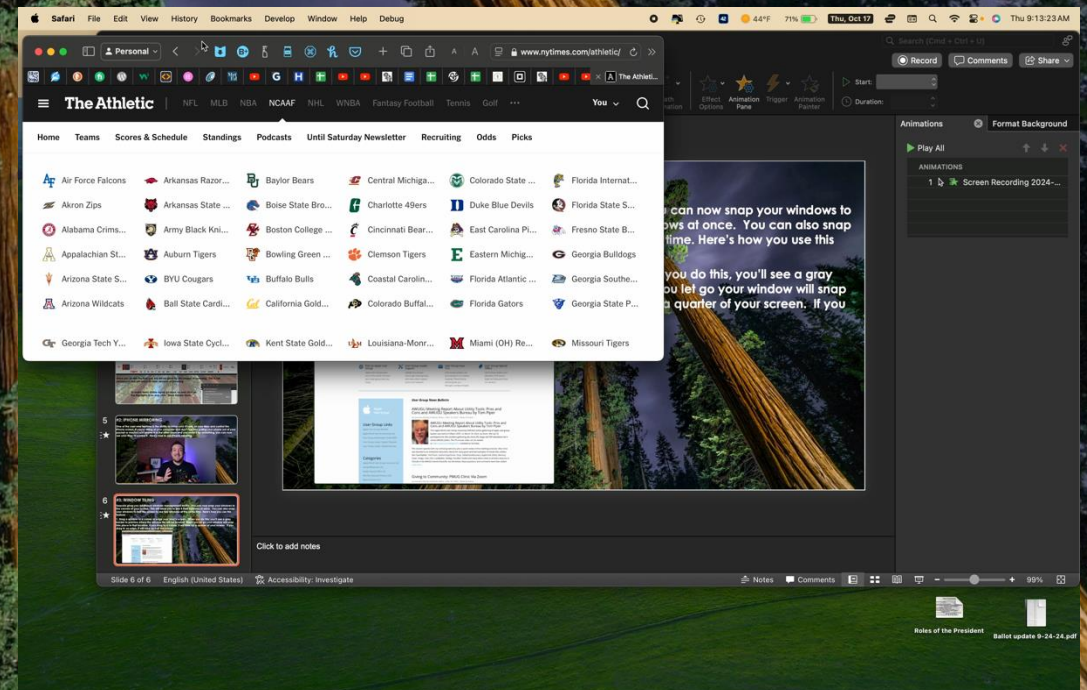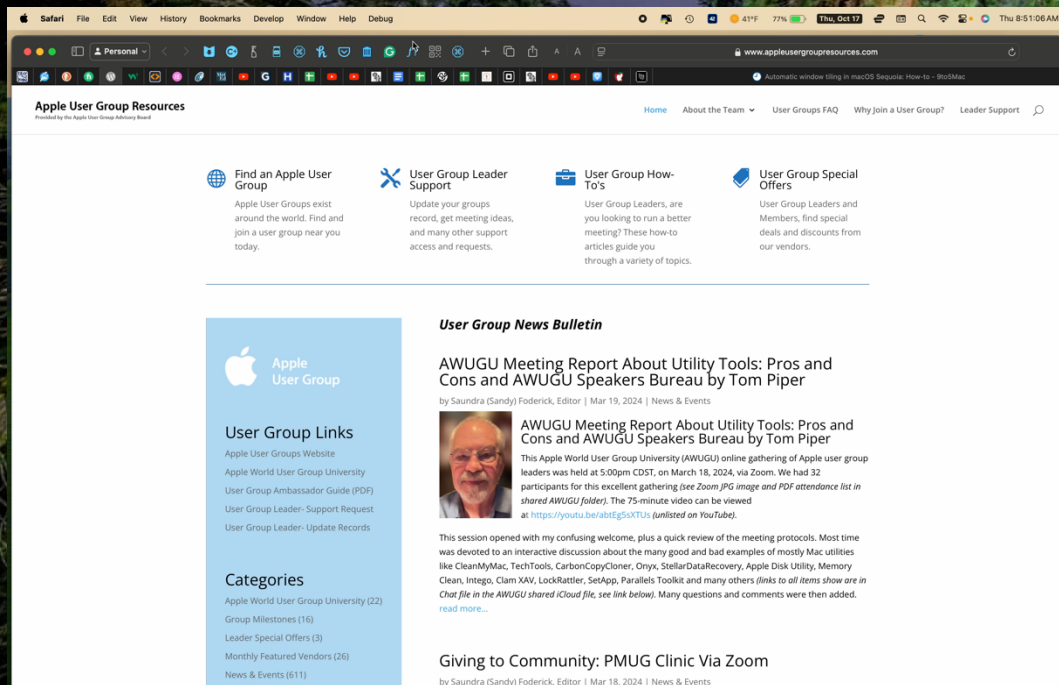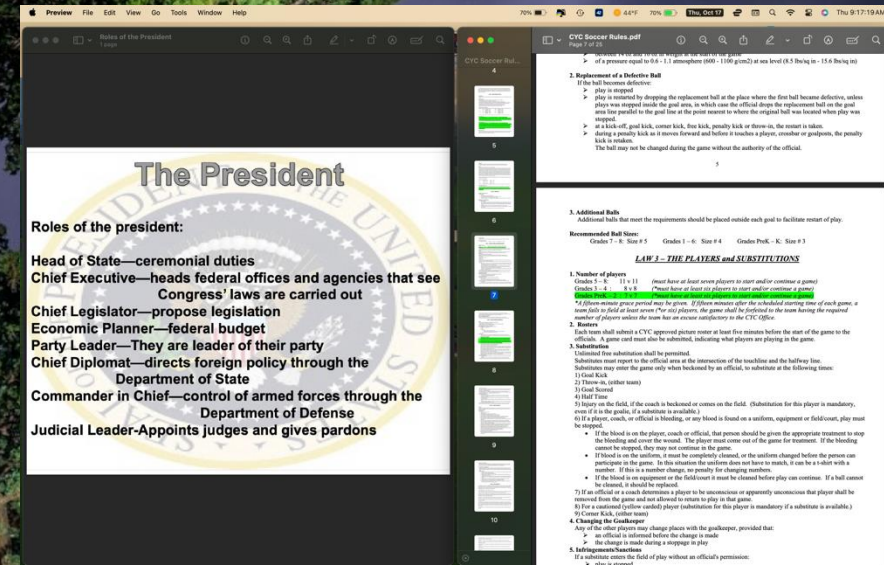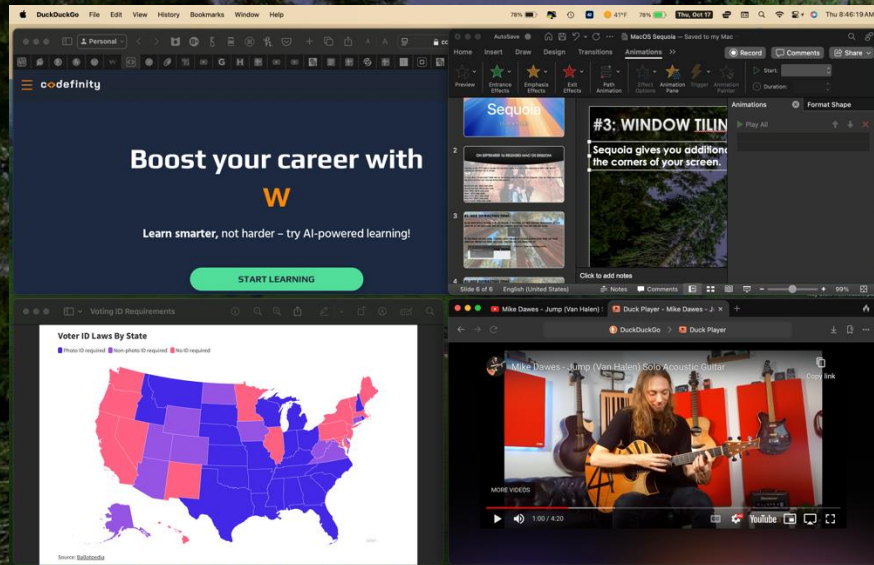
#3: WINDOW TILING

Sequoia gives you additional windows management ability. You can now snap your windows to the corners of your screen. This will allow you to see 4 tiled windows at once. You can also snap your windows to half the screen to see two windows at the same time. Here's how you use this feature:

1. Drag a window to a corner or edge your Mac's screen. When you do this, you'll see a gray border to preview where the window tile will be located. When you let go your window will snap into place in that location. If you drag to a corner, it will take up a quarter of your screen. If you drag to an edge, it will take up half the screen.
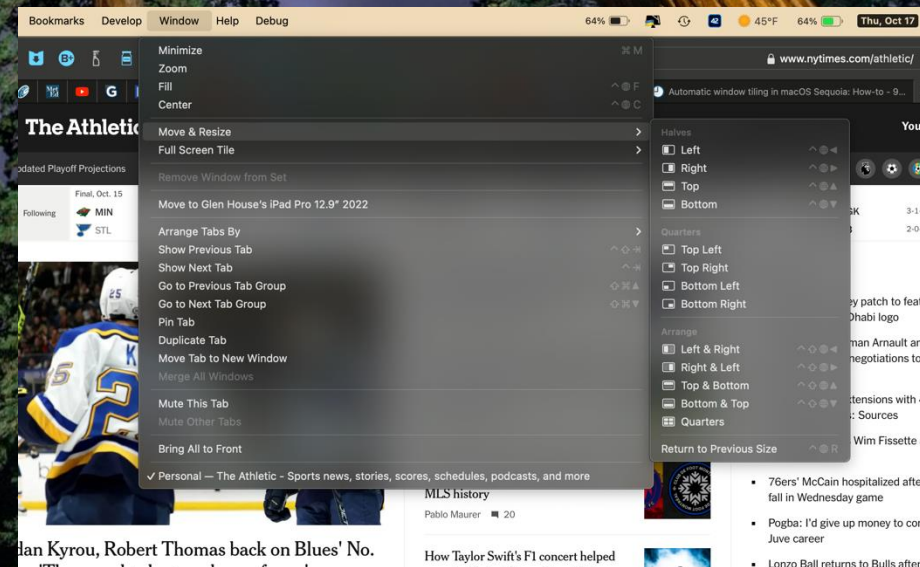
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Here's what tiling looks like with either 4 windows or 2 windows across your screen:

There is also a "Move & Resize" menu that allows you to control this as well. Go to the "Windows" menu and then down to "Move & Resize" and select from the options.
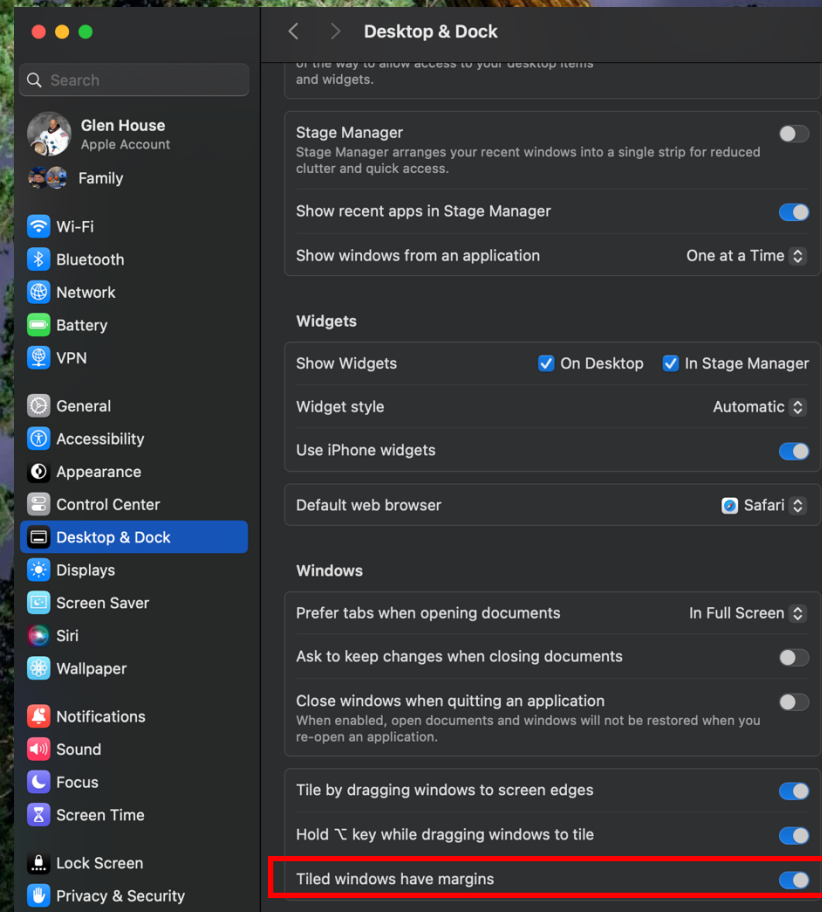
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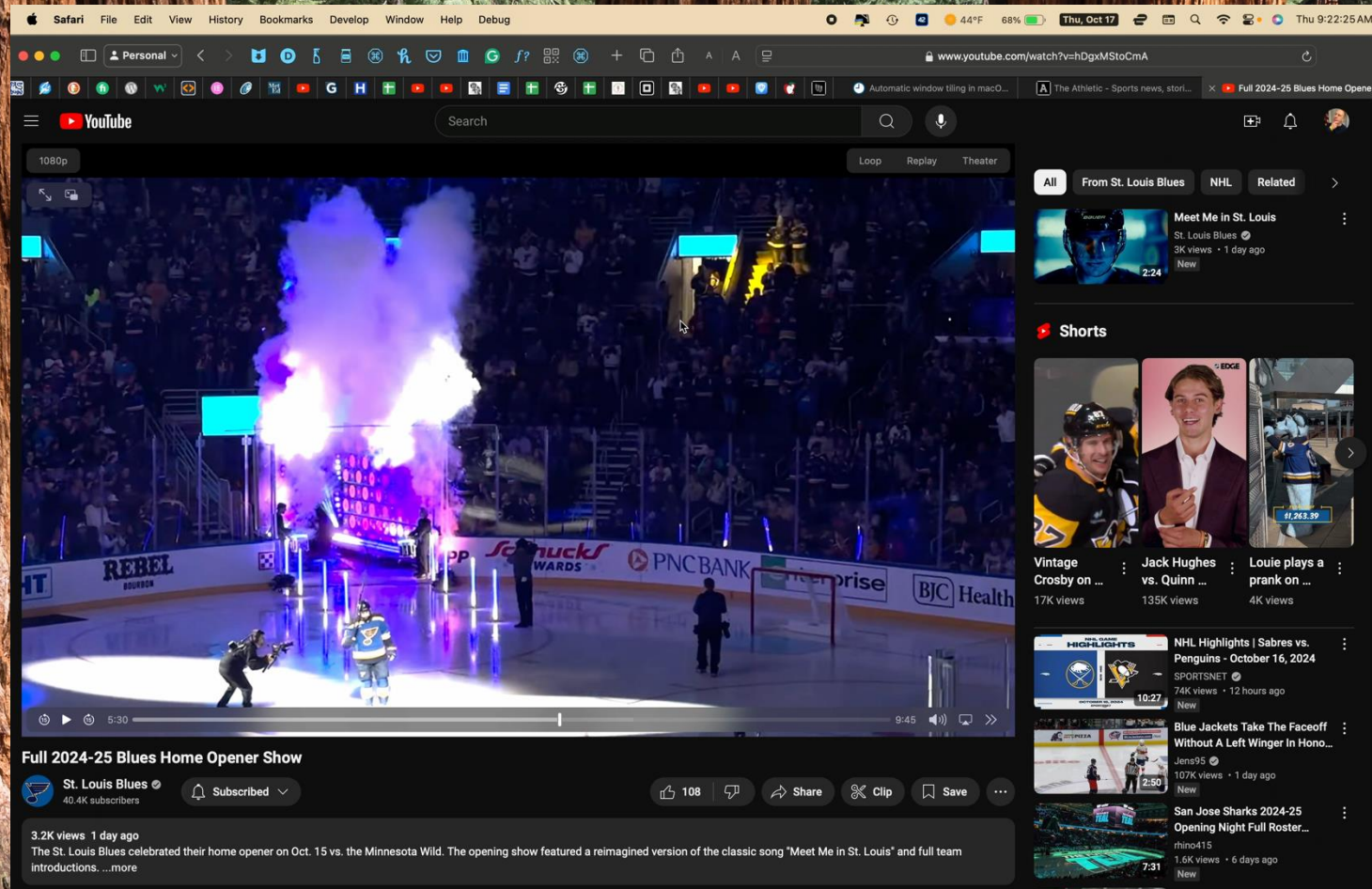If you prefer keyboard shortcuts for window tiling, you can use:

- To make a window a half-screen tile, use: function + control + the left, right, up, or down arrow.
- To rearrange window tiles: function + control + shift + the left, right, up, or down arrow
- To return a window tile to its previous size: function + control + R

Finally, If you don't like spaces between your tiled windows and seeing a little bit of the desktop, you can change the settings so the tiles sit right next to one another.
Go to Settings > "Desktop & Dock" and under the "Windows" section, toggle "Tiled windows have margins." to on.
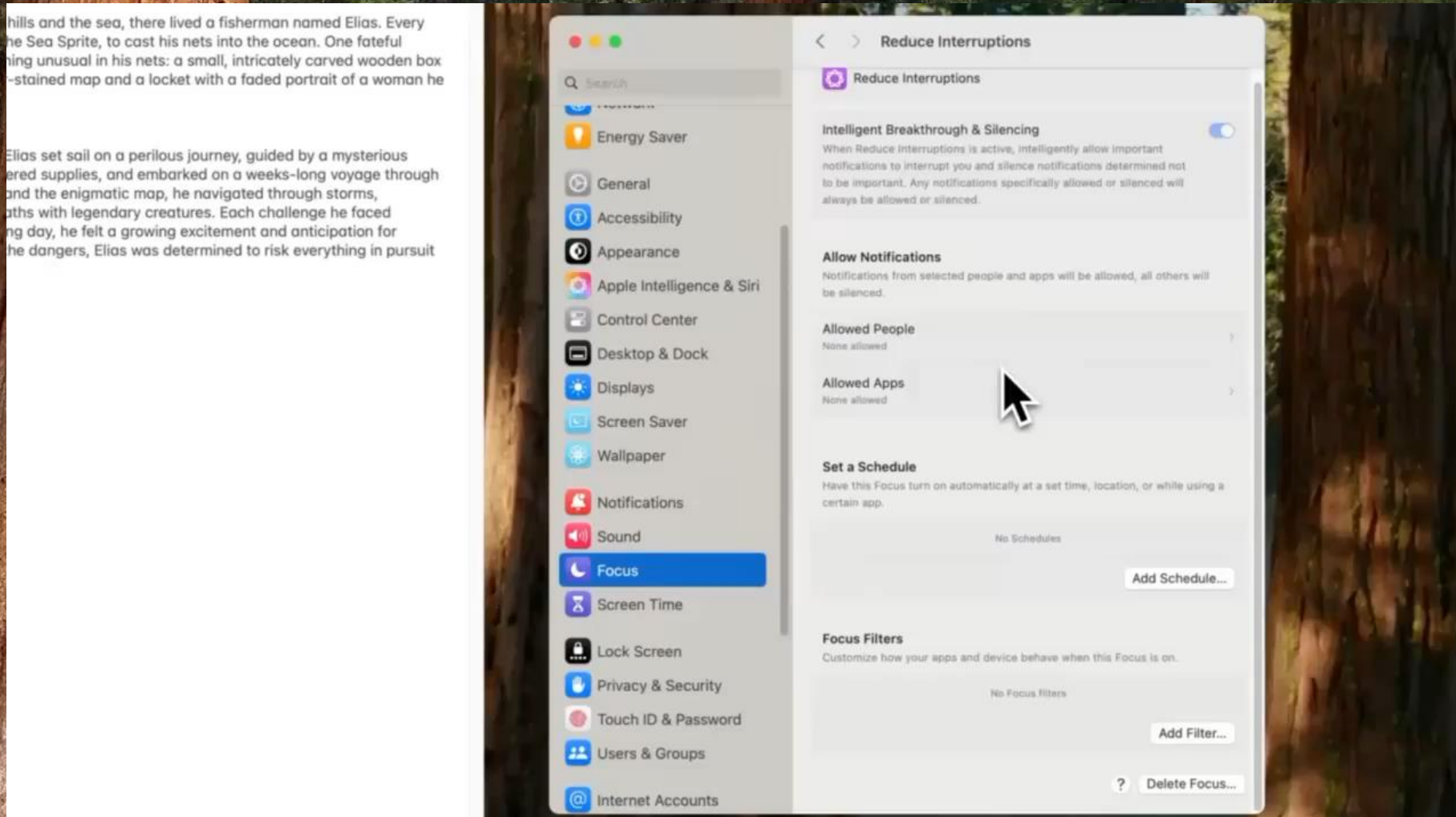
#4: SAFARI VIDEO VIEWER

In Safari, you now have a video viewer when you go to a page with a video. When you use this, it will grab the video and put it into a viewer without any other content around it. To use the video viewer, go to a page with a video on it. Then go to your address bar and click on the highlights icon and you will see a "Video Viewer" option. Press it.

#5: PASSWORDS APP

Like iOS 18, Sequoia has the new Passwords app. Using this is SO MUCH easier than trying to find passwords in the System Settings.
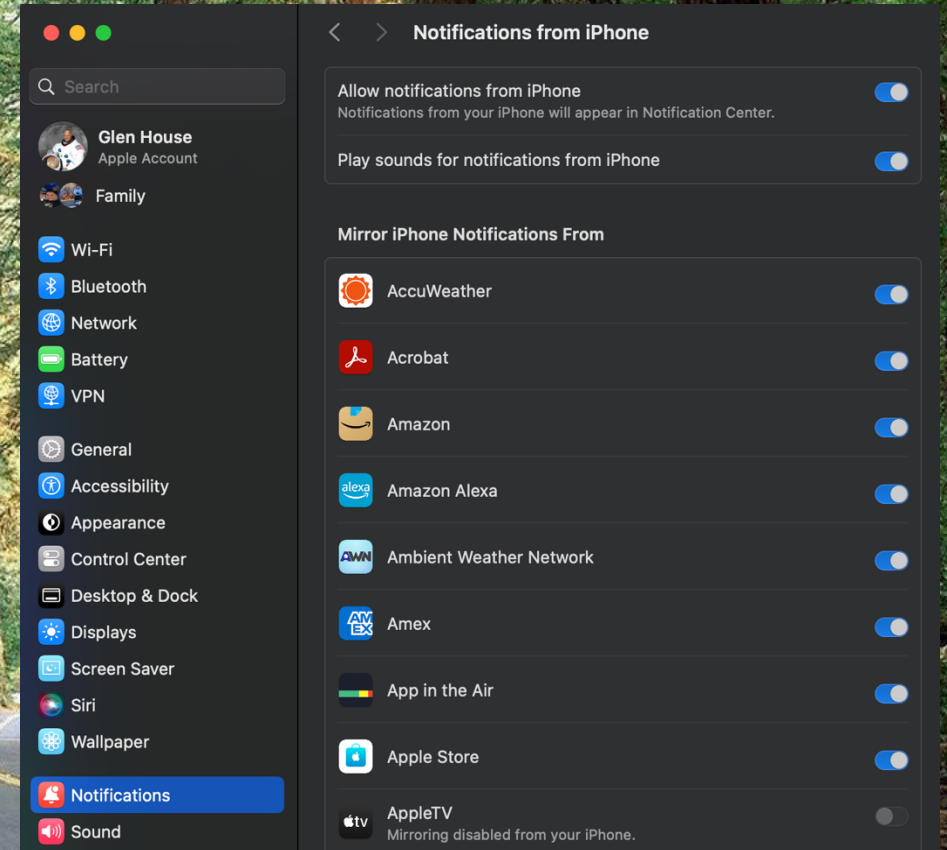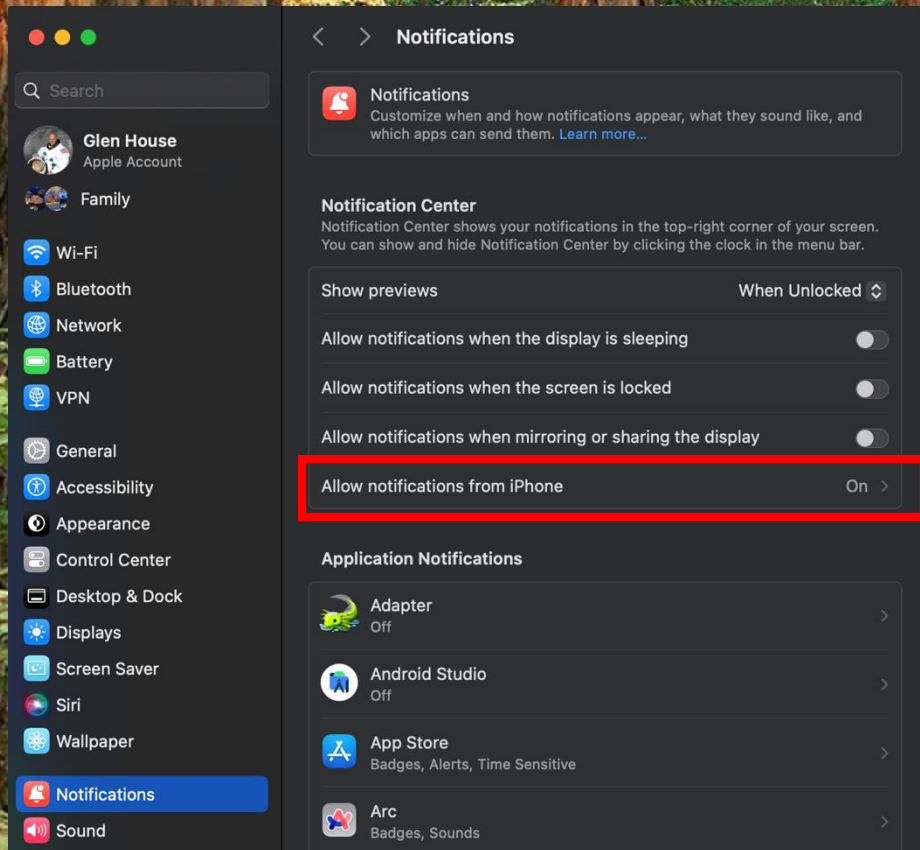
#6: IPHONE NOTIFICATIONS

If you want, you can enable iPhone notifications on your Mac. This way any notifications that come up on your phone will show on your Mac and you don't have to have your iPhone out to see them. To enable this, do the following:
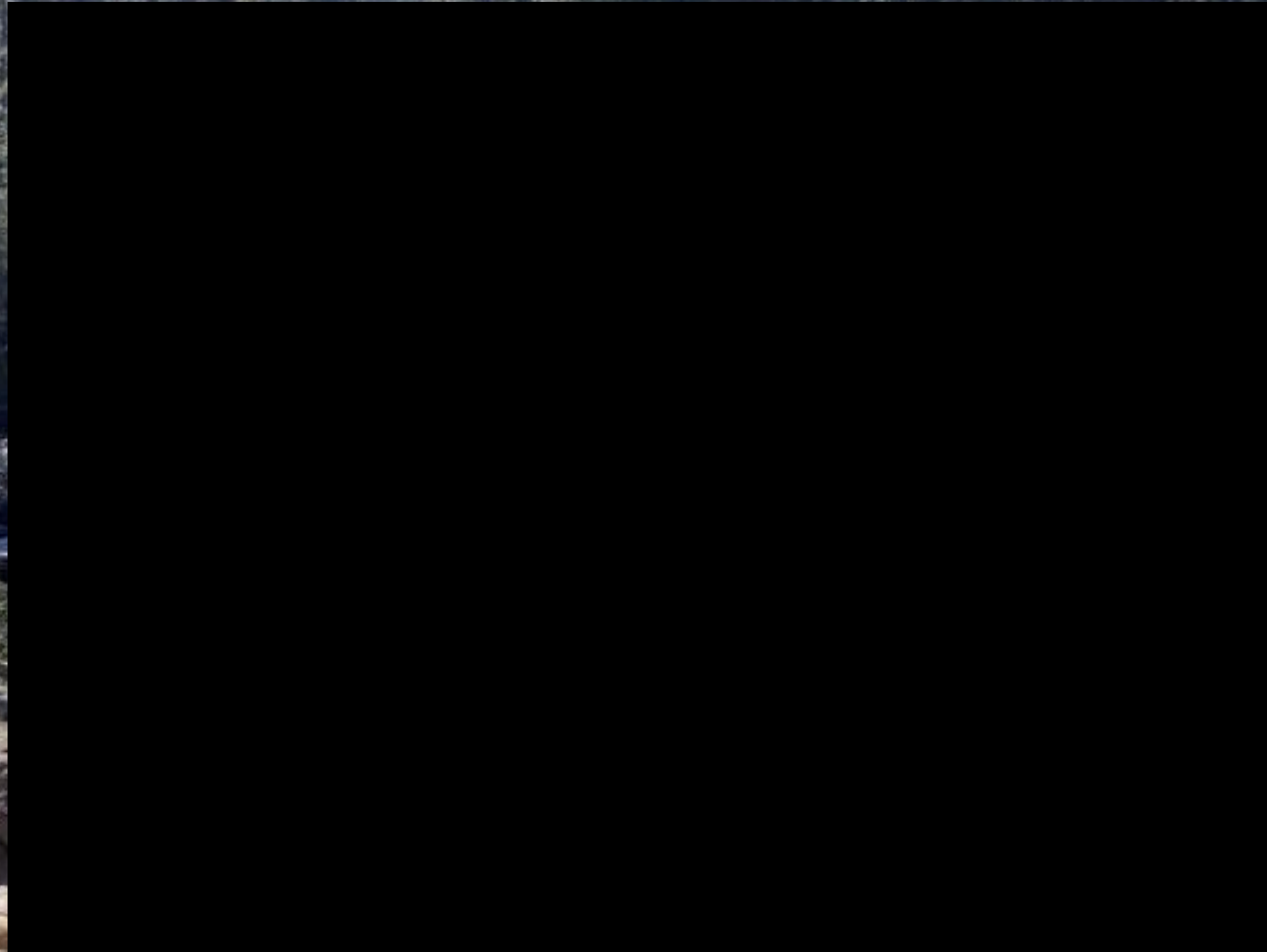
Go to settings > Notifications and then Click "Allow notifications from iPhone" to "On."

Next, click directly on the "Allow notifications from iPhone" to customize them
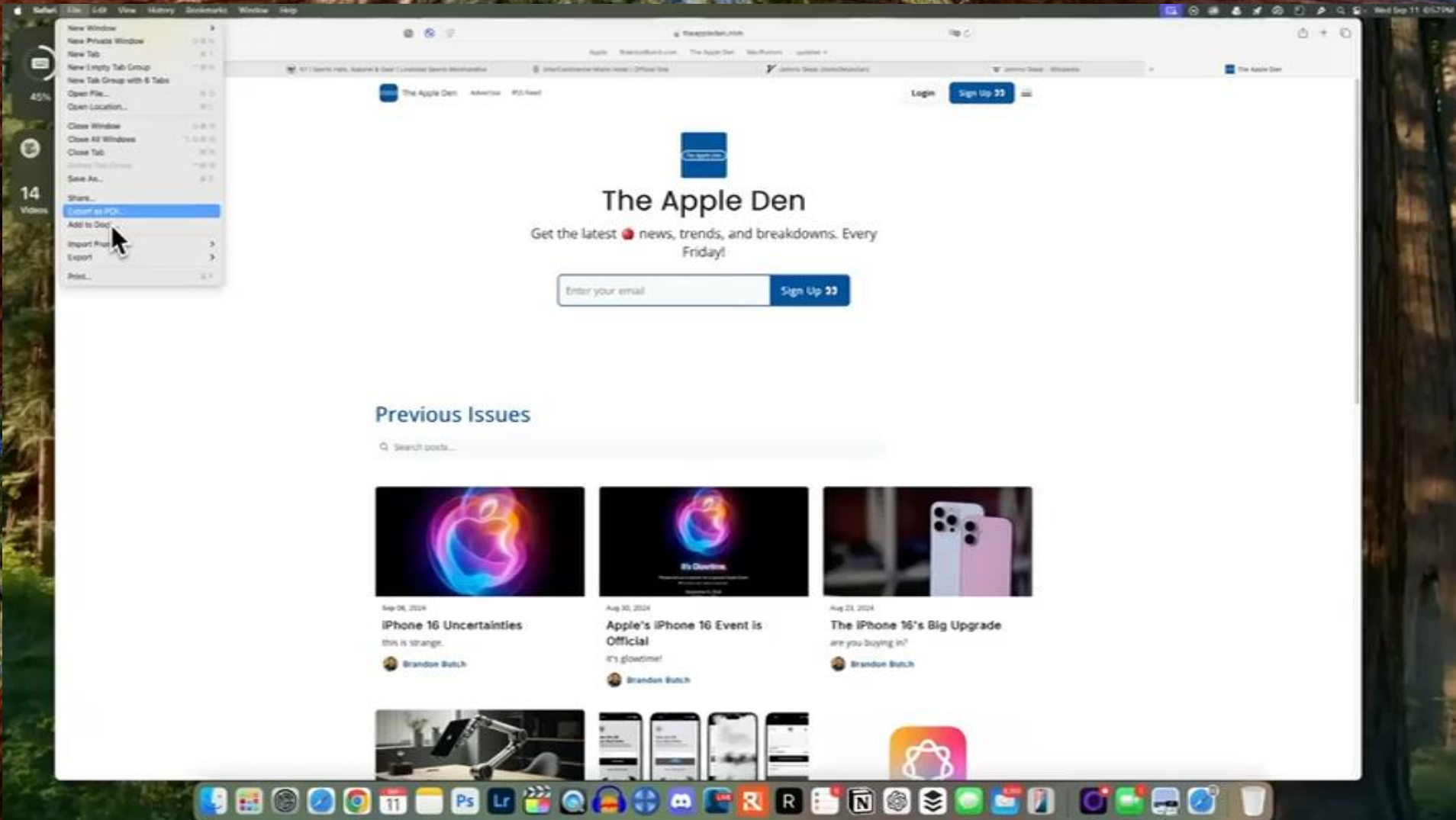
#7: VIDEO CONFERENCE TOOLS

Apple has added a handful of tools that can be used across your video conferencing apps. When you start one of these apps, you will see a green icon with a white video camera inside it appear up on your Mac Menu Bar. Sometimes this icon may appear as a purple box with a white icon of a person in front of a rectangular screen. Here are the features you can use:
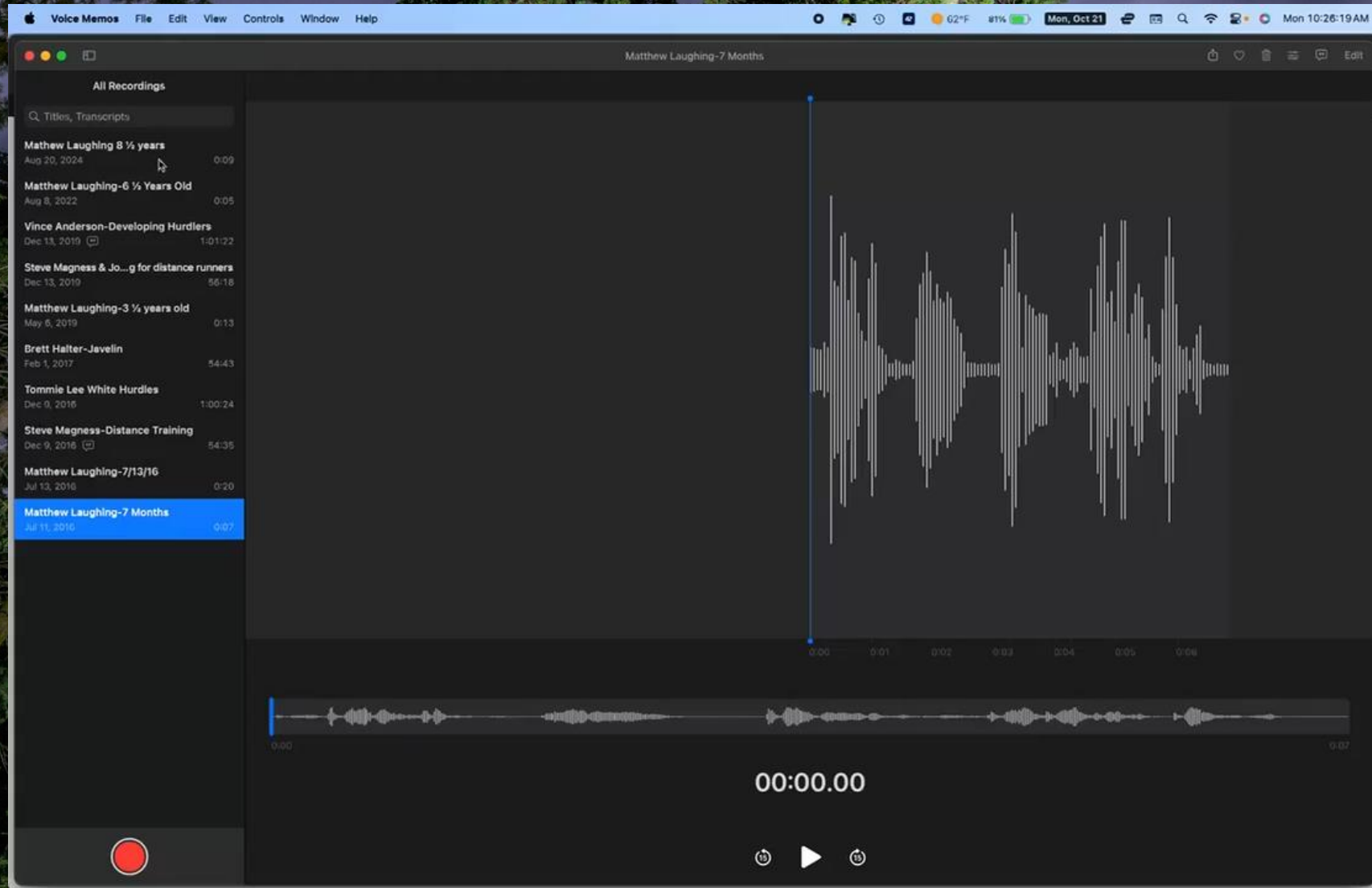
#8: ADD WEBSITE APPS TO DOCK

While support for web apps started last year, now you can take a website and add it straight to your dock as a fully functioning web app.

#9: VOICE MEMOS TRANSCRIPTION

If you use the Voice Memos app in MacOS, you can now open a recording, and it can make a transcription of the recording for you. Here's how to do this:
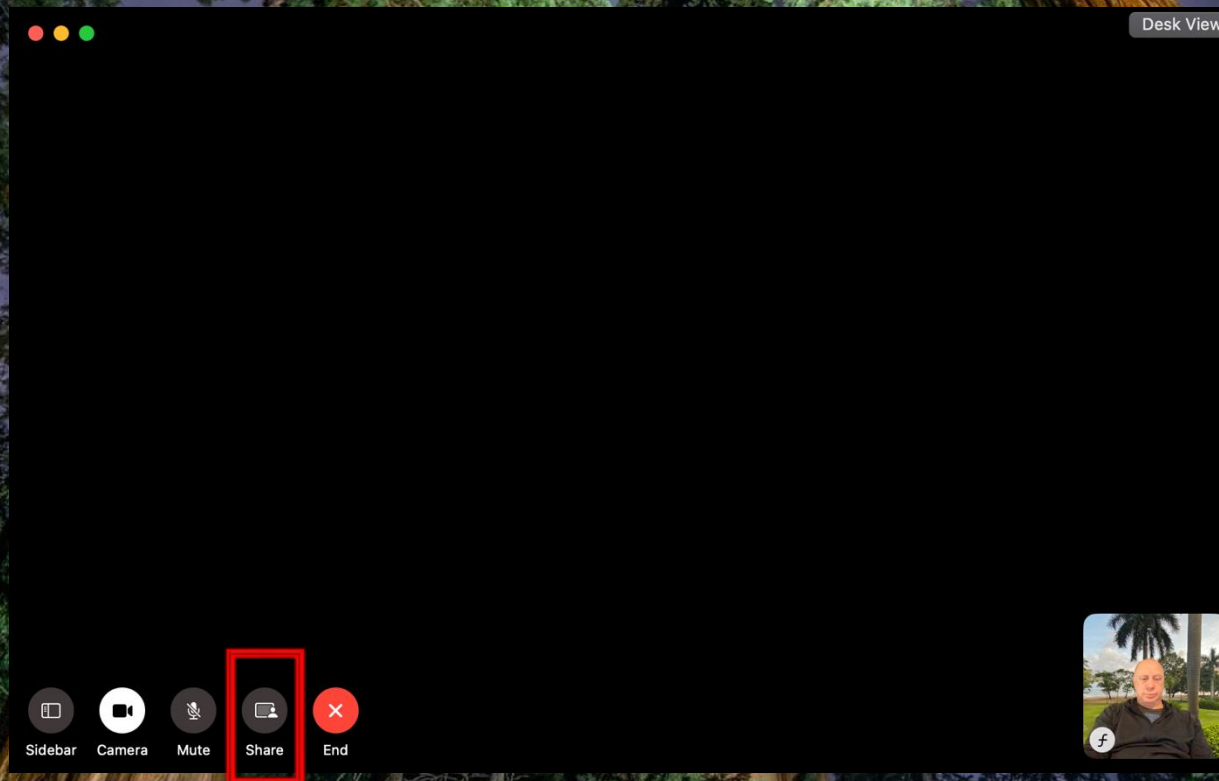
#10: PRESENTER PREVIEW

Sequoia has a new feature called Presenter Preview that lets you see what you'll share during video conferencing before you start a screen sharing session. This gives you more control over what you're sharing that others can see, and you have the ability to limit the sharing to one specific window.

When you use Presenter Preview, you can hover over a window and highlight it and see what others will see when you share it. When you start screen sharing , you can see which app windows you're sharing and add or remove windows in the sharing session. Here's how you do this.
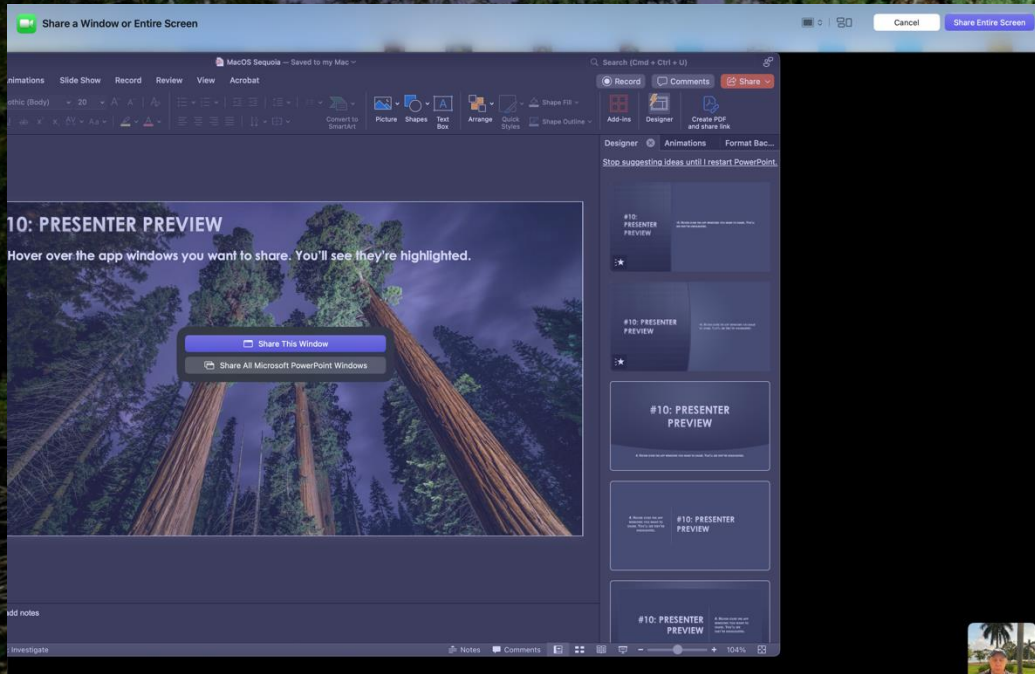
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1. Open FaceTime, Zoom, or any video conferencing app
2. Either start a video session or join in on one your invited to.

3. I'll use FaceTime for this example. Click the Share icon located alongside other controls in the bottom-left corner of the screen.
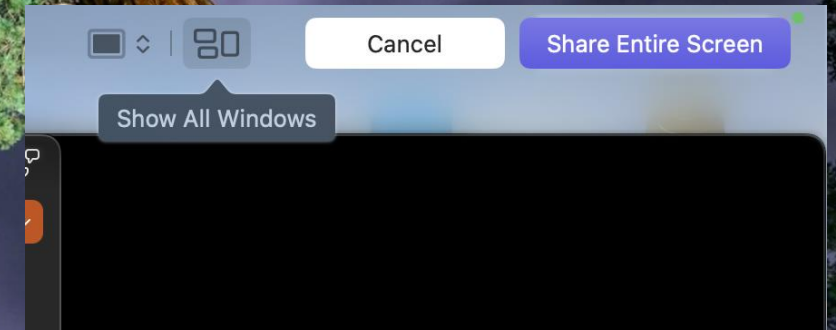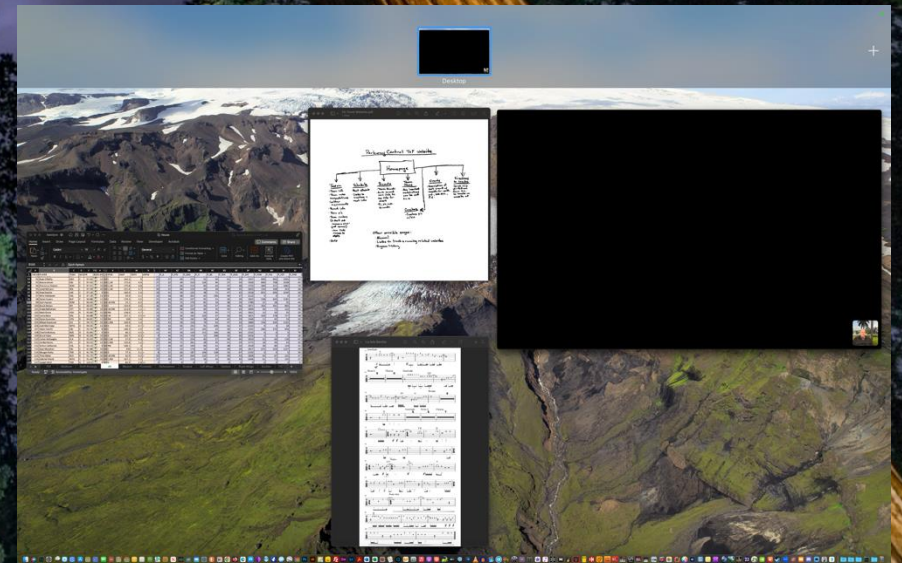
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4. Hover over the app windows you want to share. You'll see they're highlighted, and you can choose to share a specific window.

5. If you want to choose from open windows to share, go to the upper right of your screen and click on "Show All Windows."

6. Once you show all windows, then you will see the screen with your windows. Pick the window or windows you want to   share.
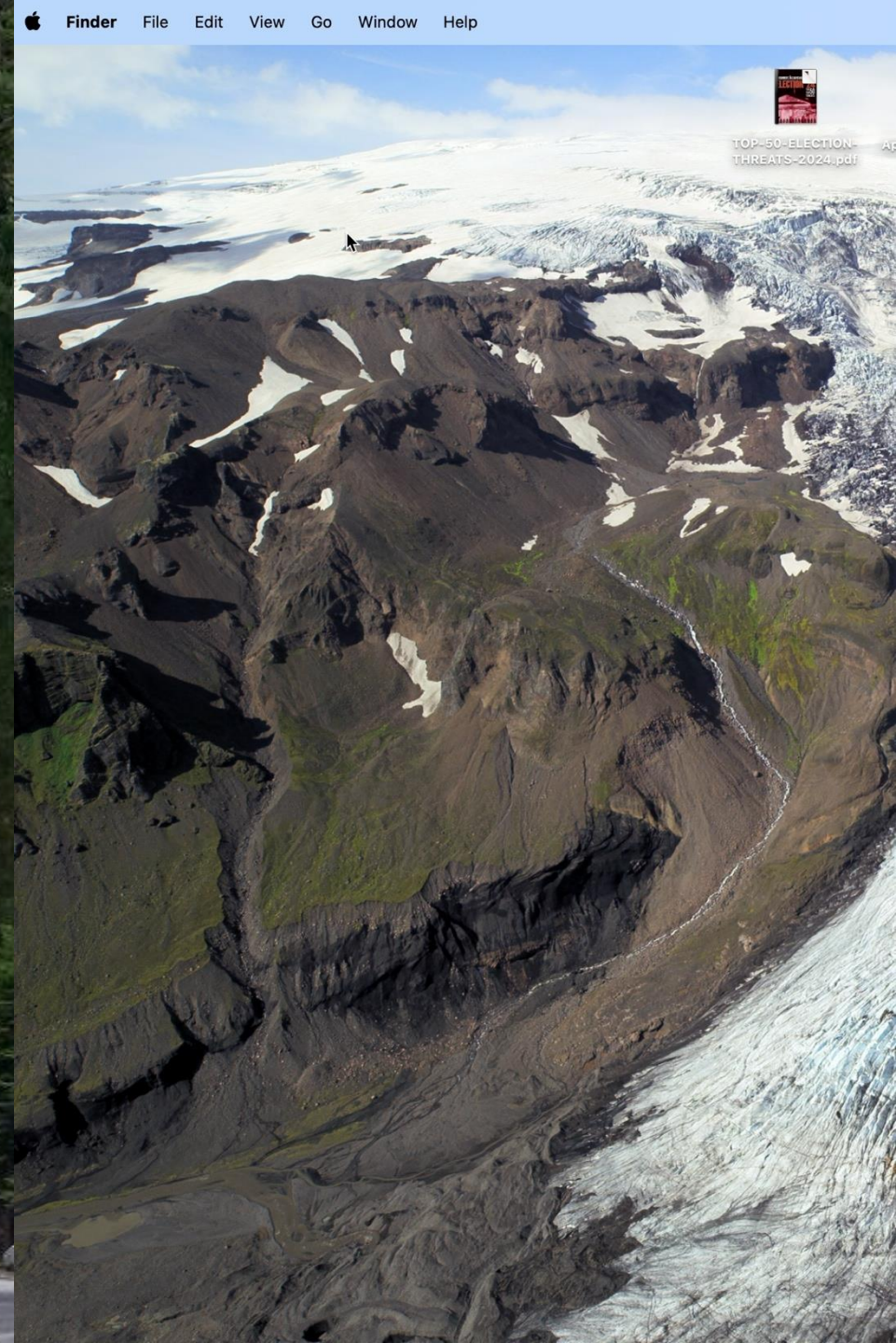
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#11: ICLOUD SYSTEM SETTINGS

The recent change to system settings on the Mac can cause headaches because sometimes it's not easy to figure out where Apple has moved certain setting to. I often just use the search feature in settings to find what I'm looking for. However, with Sequoia, Apple has actually made it easier to access your iCloud account settings. Instead of going to your account name and then clicking on iCloud, you can now just go straight to "iCloud." They have also made the iCloud settings panel better organized. Here's how:

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#12: VOCAL SHORTCUTS

Another system settings addition allows you to add vocal shortcuts to trigger actions. In System Settings go to "Accessibility." In Accessibility you will find an option to set up the new Vocal Shortcuts feature. This will allow you to teach your Mac to recognize a custom phrase that will perform an action for you. The phrases you create can trigger all kinds of actions such as Siri requests or performing a Shortcut you set up. Here's how you can do this.
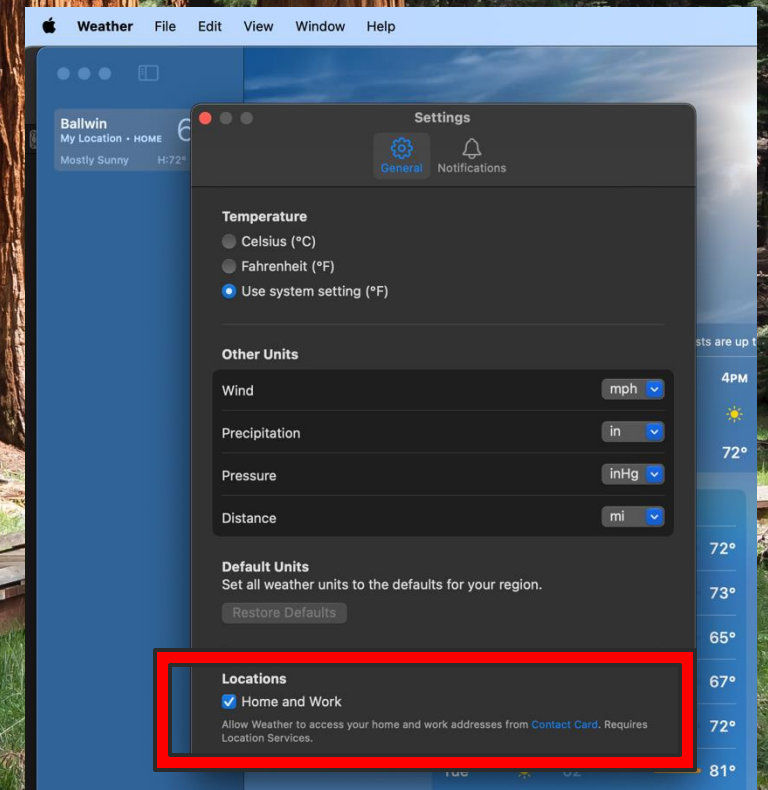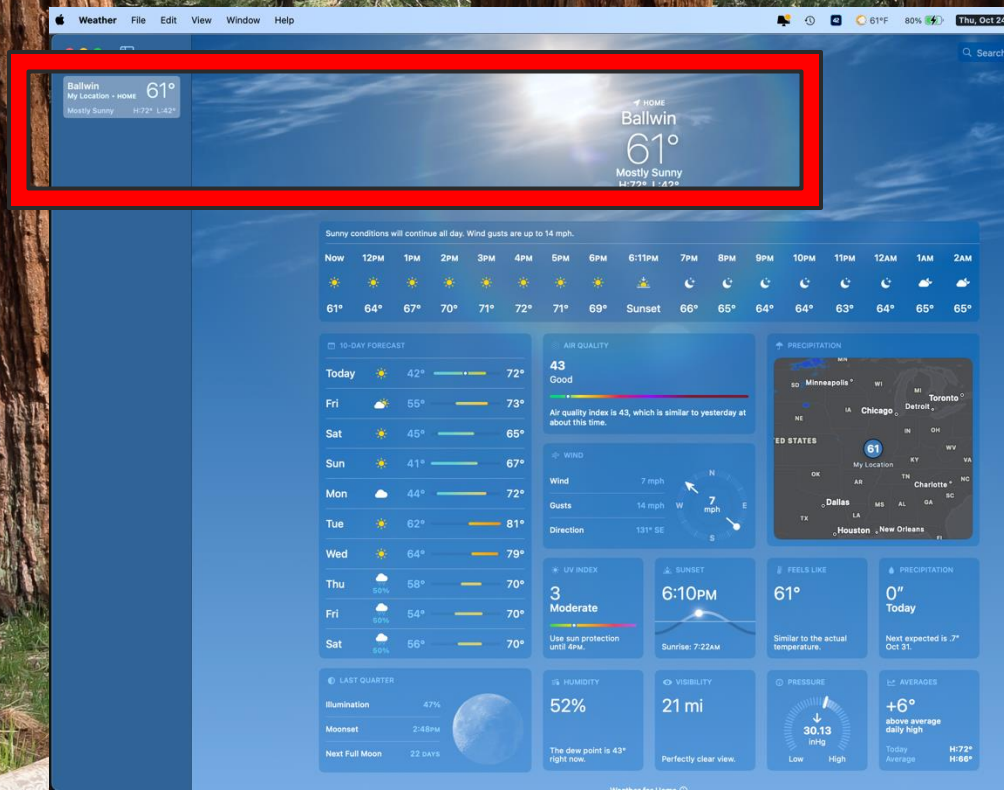
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#13: AUTOMATIC HOME AND WORK LOCATIONS IN WEATHER

The Apple Weather app will now automatically give you the weather conditions for your home and work. To have the app do this, go to Weather Settings, there's a new Home and Work option under "Locations." If you have two different places where you live and work, you can have them labeled in the app and it will show you two different locations. How does the app know where these locations are? It pulls this from your Contacts card. If you want this to work, you need to have this information filled out in your Contacts card in the Contacts app. If you want the second location to be different than your work location, you need to put that location as your work address in your card.

#14: REMINDERS IN CALENDAR

In both MacOS Sequoia and iOS18 you now will see your reminders in the Calendar app.

#15: SETTINGS FOR PRIVACY AND VIEWING TEXT EASIER

Here are some settings you can change on Sequoia for enhanced privacy and to make viewing text easier.