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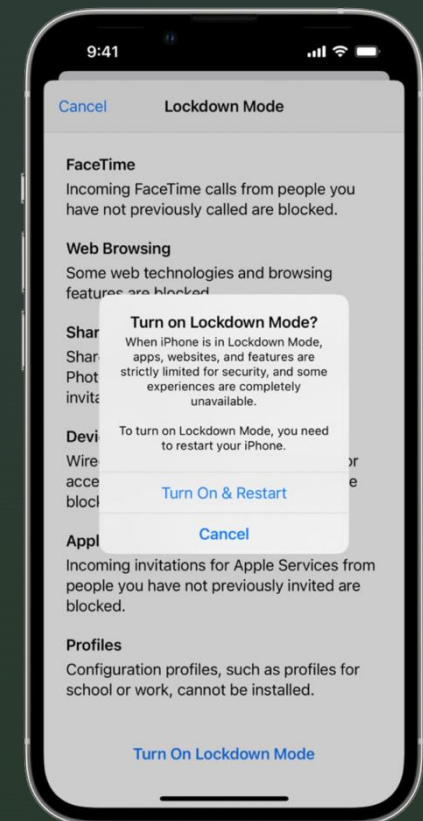
Glen's Goodies



Apple: “No iPhone in Lockdown Mode Has Ever Been Hacked”

“Almost four years after launching a security feature called Lockdown Mode, Apple says it has yet to see a case where someone’s device was hacked with these additional security protections switched on.

“We are not aware of any successful mercenary spyware attacks against a Lockdown Mode-enabled Apple device,” Apple spokesperson Sarah O’Rourke told TechCrunch.”



And now, for your depressing pleasure...



New Hacking Tool Puts iPhones at Risk



“Last week, cybersecurity researchers uncovered a hacking campaign targeting iPhone users that used an advanced hacking tool called **DarkSword**. Now someone has leaked a newer version of DarkSword and published it on the code-sharing site GitHub.

Researchers are warning that this will allow any hacker to easily use the tools to target iPhone users running older versions of Apple’s operating systems who have not yet updated to its latest iOS 26 software. This likely affects hundreds of millions of actively used iPhones and iPads, according to Apple’s own data on out-of-date devices.”

“The files uploaded to GitHub are uncomplicated, just HTML and JavaScript, he said, meaning anyone can copy and paste them and host them on a server “in a couple minutes to hours.”

“The exploits will work out of the box,” Matthias Frielingsdorf, the co-founder of mobile security startup iVerify said. “There is no iOS expertise required.”

“Apple spokesperson Sarah O’Rourke told TechCrunch that the company was aware of the exploit targeting devices running older and out-of-date operating systems and issued an emergency update on March 11 for devices unable to run recent versions of iOS.”

Your Router is a National Security Risk

“The vast majority of wireless routers used in homes (and many small businesses) in the United States is now banned from being imported into the US. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ruled that routers manufactured outside of the US “pose unacceptable risks to the national security of the United States or the safety and security of United States persons.”

The ruling follows a report that thousands of routers sold by Asus had been infected with malware, turning the affected routers into a botnet. In addition to Asus, routers sold by Cisco, D-Link, and Linksys were also targeted by the botnet.”

Botnet:

A botnet is a group of Internet-connected devices, each of which runs one or more bots. Botnets can be used to perform distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks, steal data, send spam, and allow attacker to access the device and its connection.

“Last year, it was announced that investigators at three US government agencies – the Commerce, Defense and Justice departments – had begun a probe into TP-Link routers, which currently hold a 65% market share in the US home and small business router market. The router is popular among more than 300 internet service providers, who often supply badged versions of the company’s routers to customers.”



Your Router is a National Security Risk

- Most routers sold in the US are affected by the ruling
- It makes it illegal to import nearly every router for home use, including routers provided by internet service providers (ISPs)
- The unsold inventory in the US can continue to be sold until gone
- Any routers currently in use can continue to be used legally
- You should check for firmware and software updates for your router, to fill security holes
- ISPs might have problems providing routers to new customers. If you're changing your internet service, contact the ISP to confirm that they still have new routers.
- "The FCC ruling only covers the US authorization of new hardware products. This means that it is likely that existing, previously authorized models can continue to be imported into the US and even remain on sale, although the ruling does block any new foreign-made routers from trying to enter the country, effectively freezing the US router market in time."
- "While new devices on the covered list are prohibited from being imported for use or sale in the U.S., it does not prohibit the use of routers already in use. This means that even if your router is now banned from sale in the U.S. you can continue to use it. Unfortunately, the FCC is reserving the right to ban firmware updates for these routers, which means there may not be any security updates available past March 2027, potentially leaving them more vulnerable to hackers in the long run."



Apple Confirms Ads Are Coming to Maps

Apple recently announced Apple Business, a suite of software tools that helps companies manage devices and teams. In this announcement was this nugget:

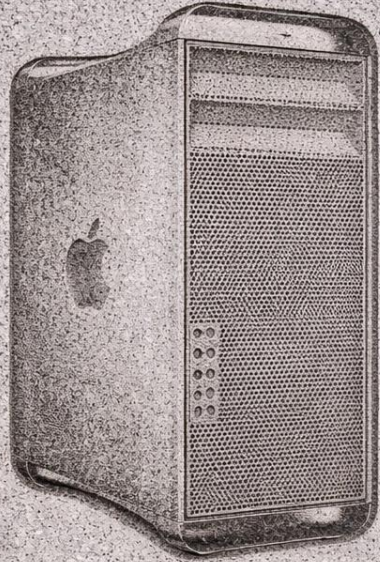
“Beginning this summer in the U.S. and Canada, businesses will have a new way to be discovered by using Apple Business to create ads on Maps. Ads on Maps will appear when users search in Maps, and can appear at the top of a user’s search results based on relevance, as well as at the top of a new Suggested Places experience in Maps, which will display recommendations based on what’s trending nearby, the user’s recent searches, and more. Ads will be clearly marked to ensure transparency for Maps users.”



RIP Mac Pro

Apple announced it's discontinuing the The Mac Pro. Originally launched in 2006, and designed for serious professionals like video editors, it was last updated in 2023, when Apple added an M2 Ultra Apple silicon chip. The actual design hasn't been updated since 2019.

The Mac Pro has never been a mainstream computer due to the \$6,999 starting price. And the Apple silicon chips have largely made it somewhat obsolete. In reality, Apple replaced it with the Mac Studio which is now Apple's high-end desktop machine designed for professional use.



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Speaking of the Mac Pro...

Here are some fun new uses for old Mac Pros.





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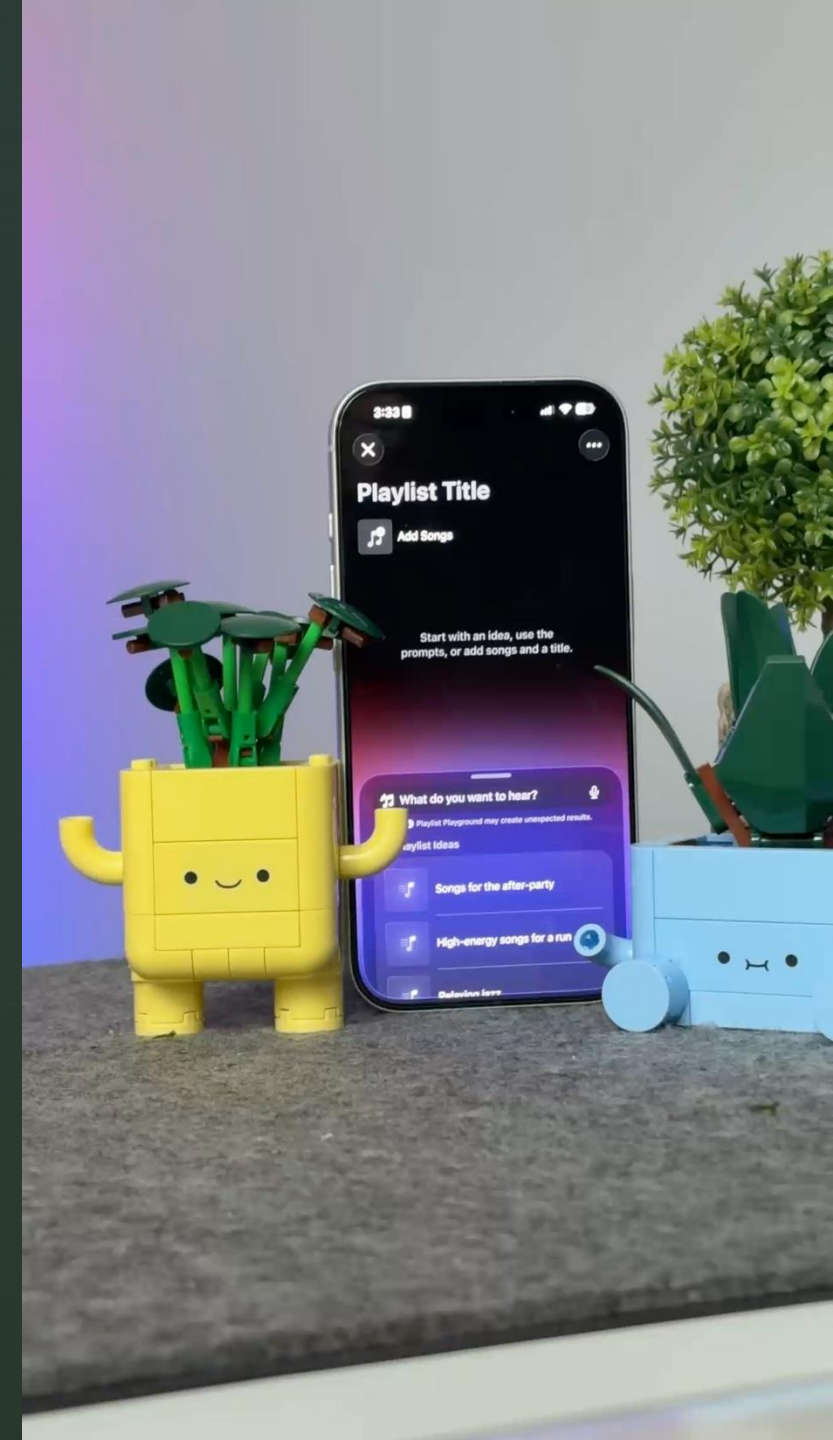
Apple's Mac OS X turns 25

MacOS X was officially launched on March 24, 2001 and recently turned 25. After a quarter of a century, it's still holding up well.



Use Playlist Playground to build Apple Music playlists

Playlist Playground works by creating a playlist from a prompt about mood, genre, activity, etc. It creates a playlist with an auto-generated title and a track list that follows the mood you requested.



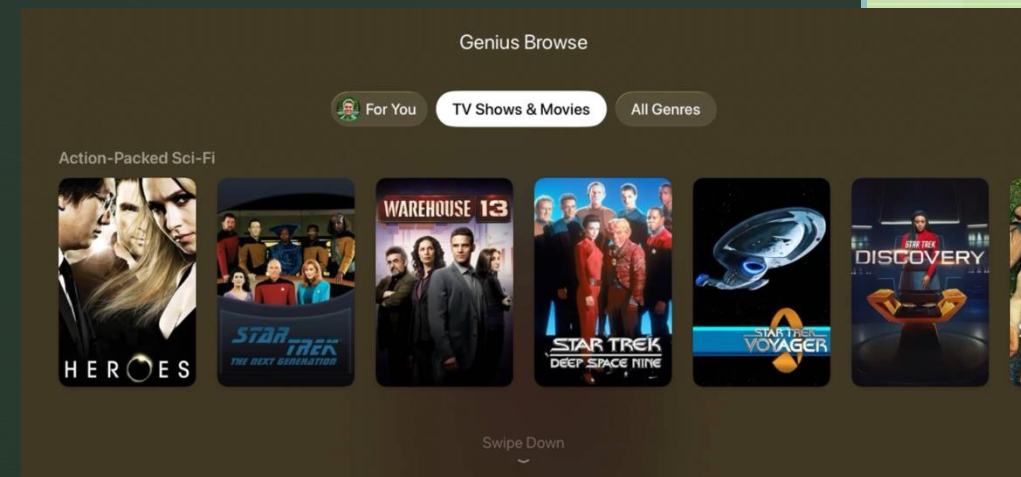
tvOS 26.4 Genius Browse

tvOS 24 has an interesting new feature that uses intelligent recommendations in an engine called “Genius Browse.” It provides recommendations for TV shows and movies you might want to watch. It divides content into like genres and themes “family content” or “sports theme.”

Genius Browse can be found on the Apple TV app Home Screen, but you’ll have to scroll down a ways to find it. It looks like this:



Suggestions appear based on what you watch. Categories are dynamic and you won’t see “workplace comedies” if all you watch is action and sci-fi. Each category will show a list of suggestions, with options at the top to filter the results to only Movies or TV Shows.



Siri Might Be Able to Access Many AI Models

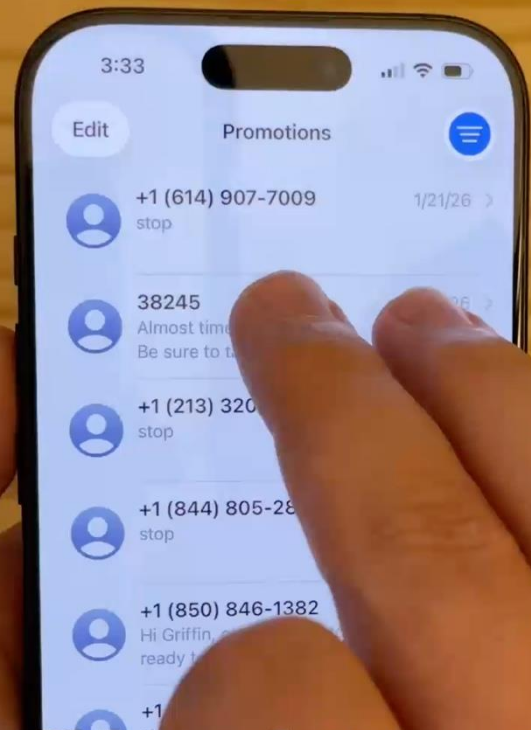
Apple is planning a big change for Siri in iOS 27. According to a recent report, Siri will be able to access multiple third-party AI services besides ChatGPT. iPhone users will be able to tell Siri which AI models they want to use.

Supposedly, users won't have to connect Siri to an outside AI. It will be built into Siri, and will run locally on the iPhone.



iPhone two-finger Select All gesture

Here's a little hidden trick on the iPhone to save you some time and hassle. You can use two fingers to swipe over multiple items in order to then do something with them. Check this out:



**Did you know you can
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to instantly**

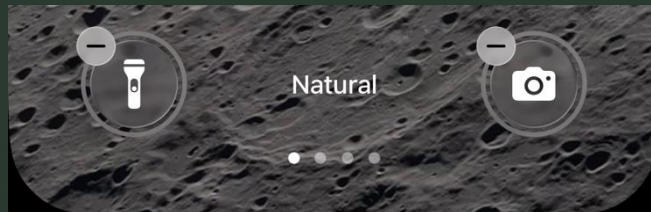
Swap your iPhone's standard Lock Screen buttons

Most people don't think about it, but you can swap your iPhone Lock Screen buttons to almost whatever you prefer. Your iPhone comes set up with the flashlight and camera, but if you want to be able to access some other feature quickly you can change these.

Here's how:

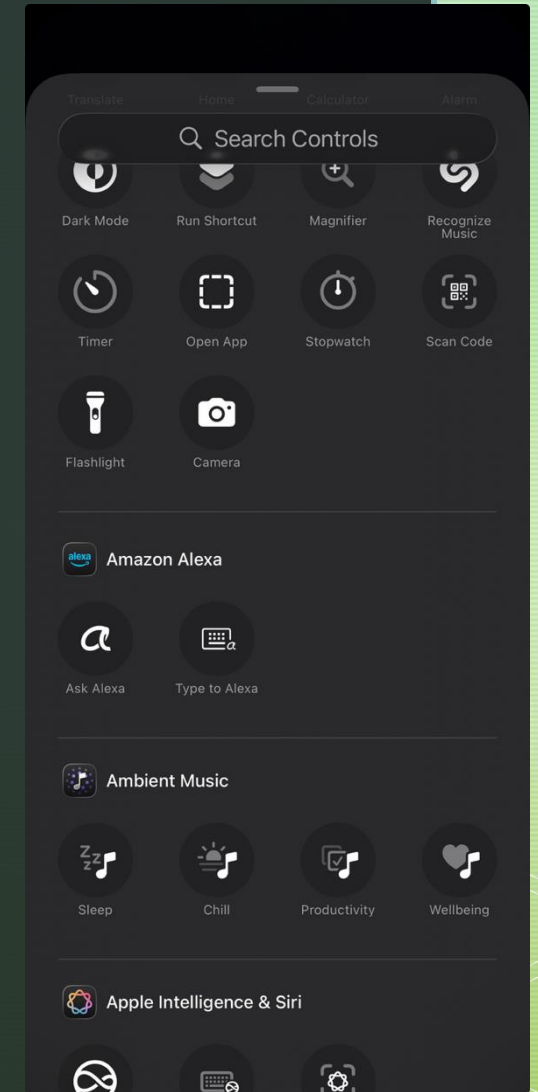
1. Tap and hold on a part of the screen where there ISN'T a complication, time, date, etc. Then tap the Customize button that appears at the bottom of the screen.

2. Next, tap the minus icon (-) above either the flashlight or camera button to remove it. Then, tap on the + sign that appears in the empty space where the button was.



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3. A panel of optional buttons will slide up from the bottom of your iPhone screen. Just scroll through the list and find what you want and tap on it. When you've finished selecting a button you want, then tap "Done" in the upper right corner to finish.



How to upload your own music to Apple Music



Shot on iPhone-Artemis II



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Additional Videos Links



- The Mac Neo Broke The MacBook Air:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjl0So1wk3c>
- How To Use the Ports On Your Mac Correctly:
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