

GAMUG joint meeting with CapMac - February 10, 2026β

Quick recap

The meeting primarily focused on Apple products and services, with Glen sharing updates on various features and applications. He discussed issues with Zoom background settings, weather app accuracy, and iPhone text entry problems. Nathan presented an in-depth overview of Apple's new Creator Studio, including pricing, features, and the integration of apps like Final Cut Pro, Logic Pro, and Pixelmator Pro. The group explored the capabilities of Logic Pro, including stem splitting and AI-powered session players, and discussed the potential impact of Creator Studio on existing users of Apple's professional software. The meeting also touched on the use of Apple's Passwords app and the challenges of managing passwords across devices.

Next steps

- [Glen: Continue corresponding with Dave Hamilton and/or work with Nancy Gravley to try to schedule a future meeting/recap similar to last year's Consumer Electronics Show session.](#)
- [Nathan: Report the Pixelmator Pro bug \(blank screen when opening images\) via the Apple Creator Studio feedback mechanism.](#)
- [Nathan: Post in the Apple discussion forum about the exclusion of K-12 educators from the Apple Creator Studio educational discount.](#)
- [Dwight: Share the link to Comply foam earbud tips in the chat \(already done during meeting, but noted as an action for group reference\).](#)

Summary

Regional Weather and Tech Troubles

The group discussed weather conditions in different regions, with Glen describing St. Louis' variable winter weather and recent snow, while Jim noted Austin's mild weather in the mid-80s. Glen encountered a technical issue with Zoom where the background setting would not properly switch to "none," despite updating the software and trying various troubleshooting steps. The conversation concluded with John sharing his experience of using a leaf blower to clear light, fluffy snow, which was a rare occurrence in St. Louis.

Climate and Tech Discussion Updates

The group discussed weather conditions and their impact on daily activities, particularly focusing on the challenges of high temperatures and humidity. They also talked about altitude changes and their effects on breathing, with Lyman sharing insights about Boulder, Colorado's altitude. The conversation then shifted to technology, with Charlie sharing his experience with a new Mac Studio setup and monitor. Finally, Glen mentioned his efforts to arrange another meeting with Dave Hamilton, who had previously done a recap of the Consumer Electronics Show, but noted that Hamilton had been unresponsive to recent emails.

Apple Updates and Product Enhancements

Glen shared updates on Apple's recent developments, including the integration of Google Gemini for enhancing Siri's capabilities, the launch of Apple's Creator Studio with a focus on 10 included apps, and the importance of updating the Home app by February 10th to maintain functionality. He also discussed Apple's acquisition of Q.AI for \$2 billion, highlighting its potential applications in analyzing facial expressions and communication, despite limited public

information. Glen addressed issues with weather app forecasts, explaining their limitations and the reasons behind misleading data. He also covered iPhone text typo problems, sharing a video that highlighted software-related issues, and provided instructions on how to find and manage Apple purchase histories on both iPhone and Mac. Additionally, Glen shared a graphic detailing the functions of Apple Watch buttons, noting differences for regular and Ultra models, and mentioned a useful shortcut for taking screenshots on the Ultra model.

Smartphone Features and Apple Updates

Glen demonstrated how to use the spirit level feature in the measurement app on smartphones, noting that accuracy can be affected by phone cases and protrusions. He also explained a new feature in the iOS 26 Passwords app that allows users to retrieve recently generated passwords if they didn't save correctly, by accessing the "Generated Passwords" option in the app's menu. Finally, Glen shared information about Apple TV's new partnership with Formula 1, allowing subscribers to link their Apple TV accounts with F1.TV for ad-free content and exclusive behind-the-scenes material. Francis inquired about using the Passwords app to generate complex passwords, and Glen provided a step-by-step explanation of the process.

Password Management and Apple Arcade

The group discussed password management, with Glen explaining how the Passwords app automatically saves and retrieves passwords through biometric authentication. They clarified the distinction between passkeys and passcodes, with Don explaining that passkeys are used for website logins while passcodes are typically used by companies for application access. The conversation concluded with Glen sharing that Apple Arcade now offers Civilization VII for free to Apple service subscribers, along with a retro arcade game called Retrocade that features classic 1980s games, though he noted the touch controls make gameplay challenging.

Apple Creator Studio Pricing Overview

Nathan discussed Apple Creator Studio, highlighting its pricing and features. He noted that the standard price is \$12.99 per month or \$129 per year, with a 1-month free trial, while the student price is \$2.99 per month or \$29.99 per year, though it only applies to college students. Nathan explained that buying the bundle of apps like Final Cut Pro and Logic Pro is a good value compared to buying them individually. He also mentioned that the Creator Studio includes AI features and a content hub, but some apps like Pages, Numbers, and Keynote are included even though they are free standalone apps. Nathan clarified that the standalone versions of apps like Final Cut Pro will continue to receive updates, but the Creator Studio version will have additional features.

Apple Creativity Apps Demo

Nathan demonstrated several Apple creativity apps, starting with Pixelmator, a photo editing program similar to Photoshop, and Logic Pro, a digital audio workstation for music production. He showed how Logic Pro's stem splitting feature can isolate different elements of a song, and explained that Logic Pro, along with Final Cut Pro and other apps, is now included in Apple's Creator Studio suite for both Mac and iPad. Nathan also demonstrated Final Cut Pro's new search capabilities for both text and visuals, and its beat detection feature, before moving on to show Keynote's slide creation tools. The meeting experienced some technical difficulties with audio sharing, with Glen suggesting that the issues might be related to Zoom's audio settings.

Apple Creator Studio Overview

Nathan presented an overview of Apple Creator Studio, highlighting its features and limitations, particularly in apps like Logic Pro and Final Cut. He also discussed new AI features in Numbers and a bug with Pixelmator Pro. The group shared tips on using AirPods Pro, including third-party accessories to improve fit. Francis inquired about using monitors without cameras for video calls, and the group suggested various solutions, including using iPhones as webcams.