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Pro Max



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THE BEST
NEW iOS 27
FEATURES

HIDDEN
CHANGES
YOU'LL LOVE

STEP-BY-STEP
GUIDES FOR
EVERY IPHONE
USER

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GEAR

Great accessories
for your iPhone,
Mac and more.

*Pro Max
or Duo?
Glen has a
decision to make.*

ios 27

THE COMPLETE GUIDE

-  Smarter AI
-  Better Communication
-  Pro-Level Photos & Video
-  A Healthier You
-  An Even More Helpful iPhone

*Same iPhone.
A More Amazing
You.*

NEWS

AppleCare One Family

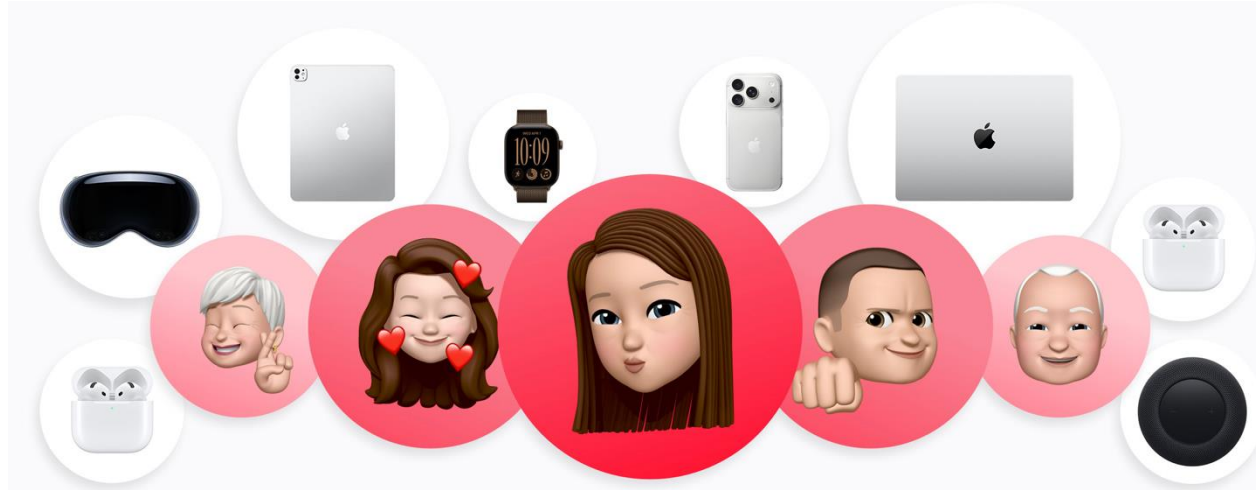
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Care One Family

All your family's eligible products for
\$49.99/mo. until cancelled.

- ✓ All AppleCare+ benefits, with theft and loss coverage for iPhone, iPad, and Apple Watch
- ✓ Cover devices for up to six people in your Family Sharing group, including yourself
- ✓ All current eligible products are automatically covered without extra fees
- ✓ And newly purchased products are automatically added

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COVERED FROM EVERY ANGLE



Drops & spills

Unlimited accidental-damage repairs, including liquid damage.



Battery coverage

Battery service at no extra charge when capacity drops below 80%.



Theft & loss

iPhone, iPad & Apple Watch — up to 6 total claims per year on Family.



Apple-certified repairs

Genuine Apple parts and service; many repairs can be same day.



24/7 Apple support

Help by text, phone, Apple Support app, online, or at an Apple Store.

NEWS

APPLE IS MAKING A COMEBACK IN THE CLASSROOM

Schools are rethinking Chromebooks as repair costs, resale value, and long-term support shift the math.

WHAT'S CHANGING?

Beaumont ISD in Texas replacing Chromebooks with Apple devices

The district approved a four-year lease covering **14,585 Apple devices** — including **9,500 MacBook Neos** for students, **1,000** for teachers, and **4,085 iPads** for younger grades.

Why? The Chromebook fleet got expensive to keep alive

Beaumont reported \$470,000 in support costs in one year, including repairs, IT staff time, and overtime. Some Chromebook repair parts cost more than \$100 on machines that cost only a few hundred dollars.



Apple's advantage: resale value + predictable repair costs

The district estimates used MacBook Neos could still be worth **\$180–\$250 each** at the end of the lease, versus about **\$10 per Chromebook**.

AppleCare+ also gives schools more predictable accidental-damage costs. Those resale numbers are projections, not guarantees.

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THE BIGGER TREND

Inc. points to several districts moving away from Windows or Chromebooks:

- **Pinellas County, FL:** 25,000 students moved off Windows
- **Peninsula School District, WA:** 8,000+ students moved off Chromebooks
- **Midwest City-Del City, OK:** 6,000+ MacBook Neos purchased

Apple says about **half of large U.S. education purchases of the MacBook Neo last quarter displaced Windows or Chromebook devices.**

So What?

Apple lost the classroom on price. The MacBook Neo may be giving schools a reason to come back — because the lifetime cost is starting to matter more than the sticker price.

<https://www.inc.com/connor-jewiss/apple-and-google-both-want-to-rule-the-classroom-the-tide-is-turning-for-1-of-them/91413960>



COOL GEAR

A MONITOR THAT FOLDS IN HALF

UPERFECT Omega One

A 16.3" or 13.3" OLED touchscreen that folds for travel.

16.3" OLED
13.3" OLED

Flexible
touchscreen

2K

1536 × 2048
resolution

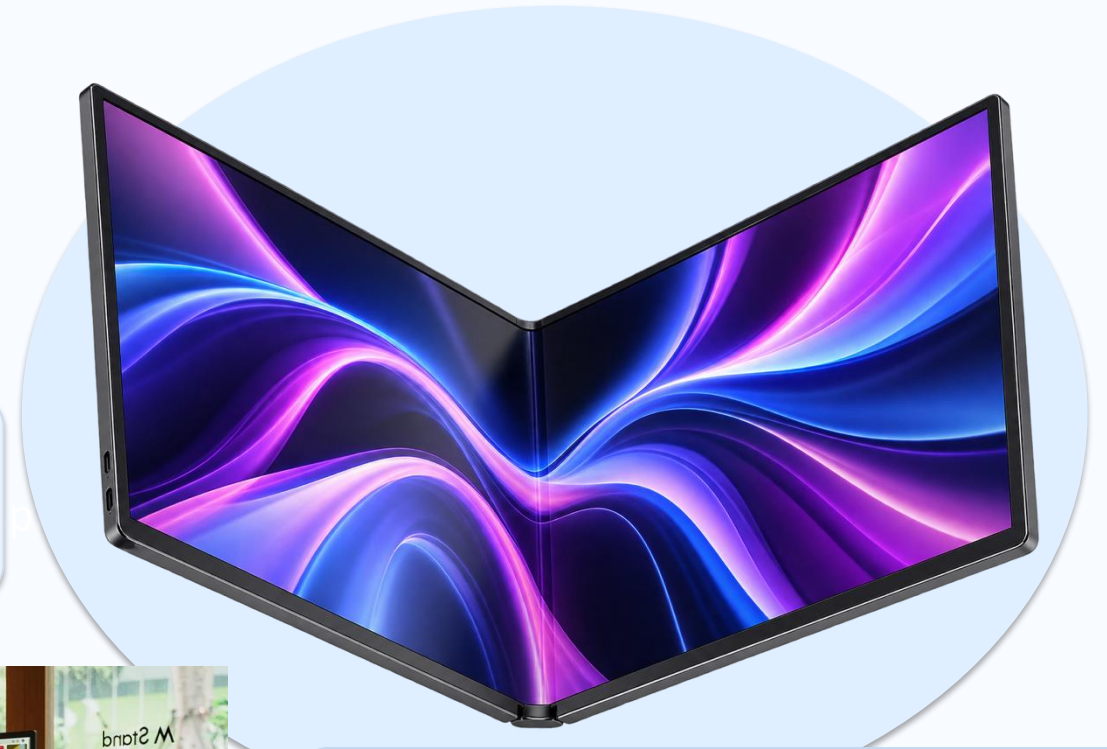
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Unfolds to work

\$1,399.99

\$999.99

Pre-order
ships late October



WHY IT'S COOL

- A real OLED monitor that physically folds instead of merely using a folding stand.
- Designed as a travel-friendly second display for a MacBook or other USB-C device.
- The flexible panel is designed to minimize visible crease or deformation when opened.



FOLDS FOR TRAVEL

Unfolds into a full-size portable workspace in about 3 seconds.

Worth watching: long-term hinge durability and crease visibility.

COOL GEAR

INSTA360 FLOW 2 & PRO

An iPhone gimbal that follows you.

WHAT IS IT?

A motorized 3-axis iPhone stabilizer, tripod and selfie stick in one. With Apple DockKit, it can automatically turn and tilt to keep you centered in the Camera app and 200+ iOS apps.

WHY APPLE USERS SHOULD CARE

Native DockKit tracking • Apple Watch remote control

360°

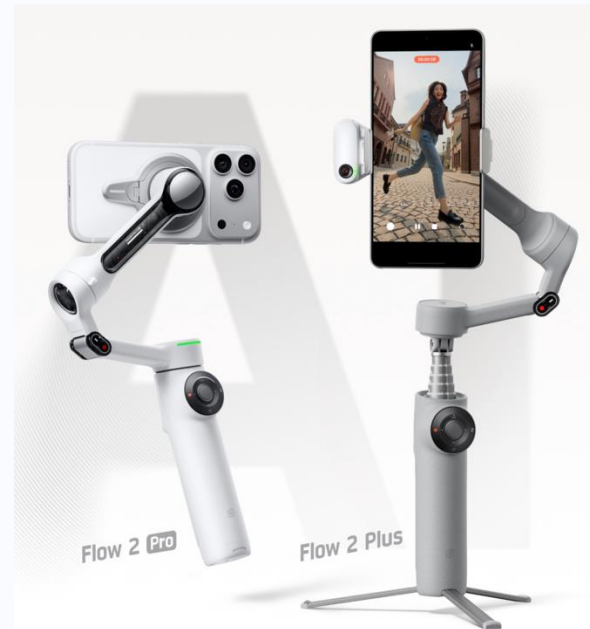
Infinite pan tracking

200+

iOS apps with DockKit tracking

10 HR

Battery life + phone charging



\$109+

\$159+



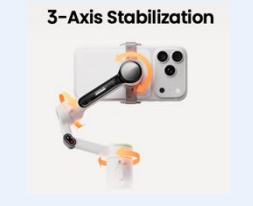
Built-In Light



APPLE DOCKKIT



WATCH CONTROL



3-axis stabilization & tracking

GREAT FOR

FaceTime • family videos • presentations • exercise • solo filming

iOS 27 GUIDE

27 THINGS TO KNOW

New features. Better tools. Smarter everyday iPhone use.

What we'll do

Quick improvements get a quick look. Bigger features get step-by-step instructions so you can actually use them.

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LET'S SEE WHAT CHANGED.

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UNDER THE HOOD

YOUR iPHONE JUST GOT FASTER

Less waiting in the things you already do.

UP TO

30%

Faster app launches

UP TO

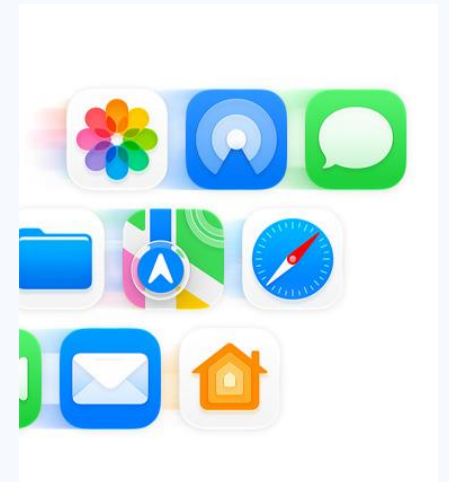
70%

Faster loading of
new photos in Photos

UP TO

80%

Faster AirDrop
transfers



OLDER iPHONES BENEFIT, TOO

System refinements also reach older supported models, including iPhone 11.

iOS 27 GUIDE

PART I

BIG NEW CAPABILITIES

Starting with Siri AI

FEATURE #1 • SIRI AI

WHAT'S ACTUALLY NEW?

SIRI CLASSIC

A specific command

“Set a timer.”

“Text Alex I’m late.”

You supply the details
and direct each step.

SIRI AI

Personal context + actions

Finds relevant details in Mail, Messages and Calendar, then helps act on them across apps:

“What was the restaurant Tom texted me about last week? Find the reservation email and add it to my calendar.”

Follow-ups + world knowledge

Keeps the conversation going and brings in information from the web:

“When’s the next U.S. solar eclipse?” → “Best city to see it?” → “How long is the drive?”

Writing

Drafts from scratch and revises on request:

“Draft an email about our October meeting.” → “Make it shorter and more casual.”



FEATURE #1 • SIRI AI

HOW TO USE IT

CHECK YOUR IPHONE

iPhone 15 Pro / Pro Max; all iPhone 16 models and later, iPhone Air or iPhone Duo. iOS 27, with Siri and device language set to English for the initial beta.

TURN IT ON

Settings > Siri > Try Siri AI (Beta)

If Siri is off, tap Turn On Siri first. Follow the setup prompts, then hold the side button or say “Siri.”

TRY A CONNECTED REQUEST

1 Plan from your calendar

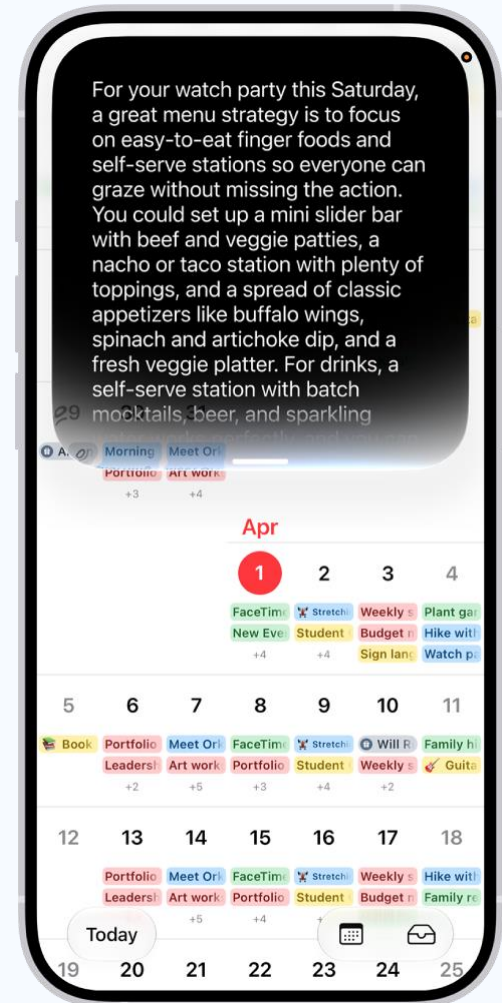
“What time is my party Saturday? Suggest a menu that fits the schedule.”

2 Continue with an action

“Send that menu to my family group.”

3 Write using personal context

“Draft an email to Mom explaining why we’re not doing a sit-down meal at the party.”



Beta rollout; availability varies.

FEATURE #2 · SIRI ONSCREEN AWARENESS

SIRI CAN NOW SEE WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT

OPEN SOMETHING → ACTIVATE SIRI → ASK ABOUT “THIS”

Hold the side button or say “Siri.”

Siri AI uses the visible content as context to answer, search, and take action.

1 ASK ABOUT WHAT'S ON SCREEN

With a document or note open: “Explain this diagram.”

2 TAKE ACTION FROM THE SCREEN

On a team's website: “Find all the upcoming home games and add them to my calendar.”

3 USE A SCREENSHOT WITH VISUAL INTELLIGENCE

SIDE BUTTON + VOLUME UP → ASK / ACTION / SEARCH

Crop to focus. Tap a suggested action if one appears.

NO NEED TO RE-EXPLAIN THE SCREEN

hunting. Jellyfish also share the ability to regenerate lost body parts and sometimes restart their life cycles.

Living jellyfish are either (i) immobile, floating polyps that exist via asexual cloning or (ii) mobile, swimming medusae that multiply through sexual reproduction. Medusae have the ability to regenerate individual body parts or the entire body as an essential part of their survival.¹ They rely on their tentacles to eat and capture prey, so the speed of regeneration is necessary and a priority for their bodies.

The “immortal jellyfish,” *Turritopsis dohrnii*, notably regenerates its entire body by returning to its cyst and polyp stages. This is called reverse development. *Cladonema pacificum* regrows lost tentacles. *Aurelia aurita* can reform its

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Summary

Jellyfish retain ancient nervous systems without centralized brains, using neuron nets and stinging cnidocytes. They regenerate body parts or restart life cycles across polyp and medusa stages. Specific species regenerate entire bodies, tentacles, or organs via reverse development.

FEATURE #3 · SIRI MODE IN CAMERA

POINT. ASK. ACT.

What's new:

Visual Intelligence already existed. In iOS 27, Siri moves directly into the Camera app, so you can point at something in the real world, ask about it conversationally, and take action from what the camera sees.

SEE IT

Point the camera at an object, sign, food, artwork, receipt, or other real-world item.

ASK IT

Ask Siri a natural question about what you're looking at.
“What is this?” “What's in this dish?” “How do I use this?”

ACT ON IT

Siri can use what the camera sees to help you do something.
Receipt: “Split this bill with Apple Cash.”
Card or pass: “Add this to Wallet.”



FEATURE #3 · SIRI MODE IN CAMERA

POINT. ASK. ACT.

HOW TO USE IT:

CAMERA → SIRI MODE → POINT → TAP SHUTTER → ASK OR ACT

THE DIFFERENCE:

Before: Visual Intelligence recognized what you were looking at.

Now: Siri can understand it, talk about it, and act on it from inside Camera.





FEATURE #4 · PHOTOS AI EDITING

YOUR PHOTO ISN'T FINISHED WHEN YOU TAKE IT

What's new:

iOS 27 adds two entirely new AI editing tools — Extend and Reframe — and significantly upgrades Clean Up. Then three large visual areas:

CLEAN UP

Remove people or objects with better reconstruction of what should be behind them.

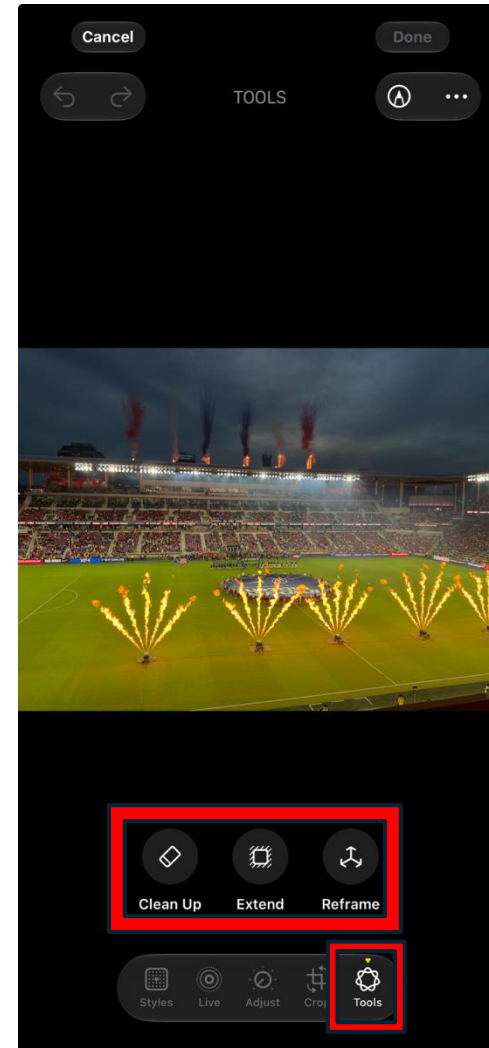
EXTEND

Create more space around the subject or change the crop without losing important parts of the original image.

REFRAME

Change the camera perspective after the shot — almost like moving where you were standing when you took it.

PHOTOS → EDIT → TOOLS → CLEAN UP / EXTEND / REFRAME





FEATURE #5 · APPLE REFERENCE IMAGE

PROVE A PHOTO IS REALLY WHAT THE CAMERA SAW

What's new:

On **iPhone 18 Pro and 18 Pro Max ONLY**, Reference mode can capture the normal photo plus signed original sensor data from the Main camera. Apple then develops that into an unalterable reference image — essentially a digital negative you can compare against the edited photo later.

WHY IT MATTERS

This is really about authenticity, not prettier photos. You can use it to help answer:

- Was this photo actually captured on an iPhone?
- Has the visible image been edited?
- Does the edited image still match what the camera originally saw?

Apple specifically positions it for photographers, photojournalists, and anyone who needs a verifiable record of what was captured.

FEATURE #5 · APPLE REFERENCE IMAGE

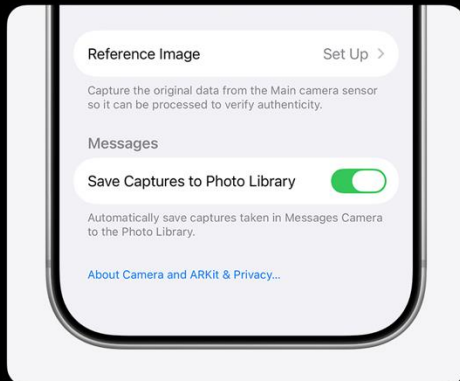
PROVE A PHOTO IS REALLY WHAT THE CAMERA SAW

HOW TO TURN IT ON

Set up Apple Reference Image

Apple Reference Image is off by default. To use Apple Reference Image, set up Reference mode in the Settings app. You only have to do this one time.

1. Go to the Settings app.
2. Tap Camera, then tap Reference Image.



3. Tap Add Reference Mode, then follow the onscreen instructions.

Turn Apple Reference Image off or on

After you've set up Apple Reference Image, you can turn Reference mode off or on from Camera settings:

1. Go to the Settings app.
2. Tap Camera, then tap Reference Image.
3. Turn Add Reference Mode off or on.



If you turn off Apple Reference Image, Reference mode will not be available in the Camera app until you turn Add Reference Mode back on.

FEATURE #5 · APPLE REFERENCE IMAGE

PROVE A PHOTO IS REALLY WHAT THE CAMERA SAW

Take a photo with a reference image

1. Open Camera on your iPhone.
2. Swipe to select Reference mode.
3. Tap the Shutter button , or click the Camera Control, to take the photo.

Your iPhone captures a regular photo in addition to signed data from the Main camera sensor, which preserves what the camera originally saw.

You can capture Live Photos, Portraits, and use Photographic Styles in Reference mode, but some Camera features, such as Night Mode, are unavailable.

Reference images require additional device storage and iCloud storage:

- Photos captured at 12 MP or 24 MP resolution require ~8-10 MB in additional storage for undeveloped reference image data and ~3 MB for developed reference image data.
- Photos captured at 48 MP resolution require ~35-40 MB in additional storage for undeveloped reference image data and ~7-8 MB for developed reference image data.

Find reference images

You can find all photos with reference images in the Photos app in your collections of photos and videos organized by media type:

- On your iPhone or iPad: Tap Collections, scroll down, then tap Media Types. Tap Reference.
- On your Mac: In the Media Types section of the sidebar, click Reference.



FEATURE #6 · CREATE MORE FROM PHOTOS

TURN WHAT YOU ALREADY HAVE INTO SOMETHING FUN

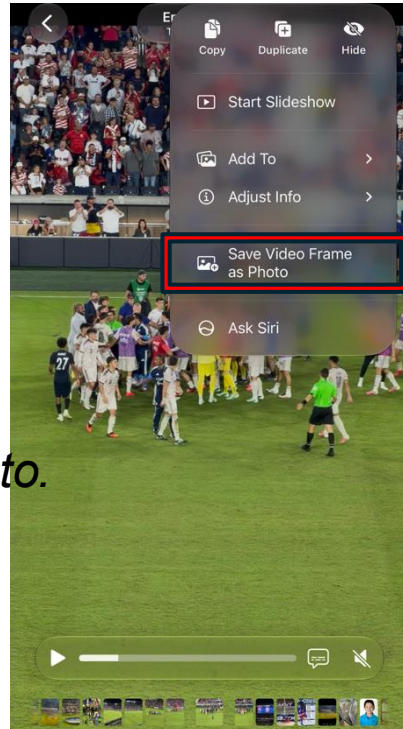
SAVE A VIDEO FRAME AS A PHOTO

Pause on the exact frame and save a normal photo. No more screenshot-and-crop workaround.

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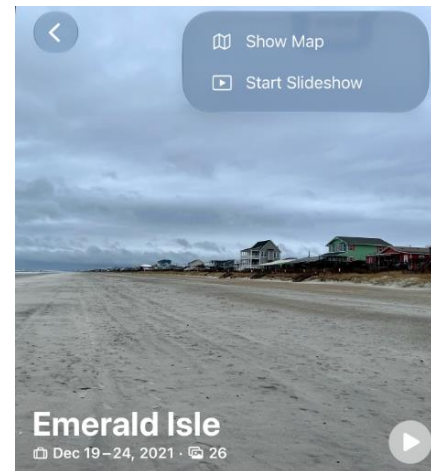
Pause on the exact frame you want and save it as a normal photo.

PHOTOS → OPEN VIDEO → PAUSE → ⋮ → SAVE VIDEO FRAME AS PHOTO



CREATE A SLIDESHOW FROM ANY PHOTOS OR ALBUM

Pick your photos or open an album or collection.



CUSTOMIZE IT

Choose music, transitions, speed, timing and looping.

PHOTOS → LIBRARY → SELECT → CHOOSE PHOTOS → ⋮ → START SLIDESHOW

COLLECTIONS → ALBUM → ⋮ → START SLIDESHOW

FEATURE #7 • BETTER SHARED ALBUMS

SHARE FULL-QUALITY PHOTOS — WITH ANYONE

What's new:

Shared Albums now keep photos and videos at full resolution, add new filtering/sorting and emoji reactions, and make it easier to collaborate with people who don't use Apple devices or even have an Apple Account. They can join and contribute through the web.

FULL-RESOLUTION SHARING

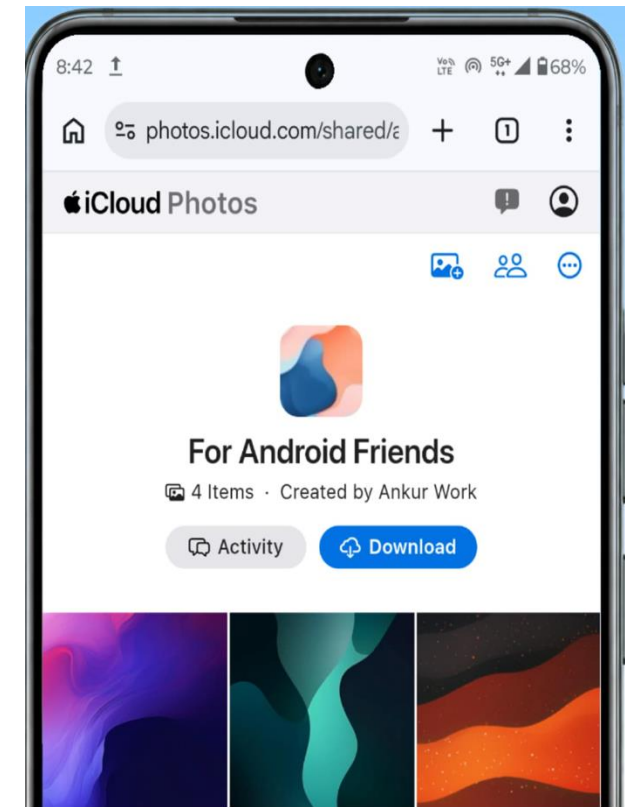
Before iOS 27, Shared Album photos were reduced in size and videos were capped at lower resolution. New iOS 27 albums keep original-format, full-resolution media.

ANDROID + WINDOWS CAN JOIN IN

Send a link and friends or family can open the album in a browser and contribute photos — even without an Apple Account or Apple device.

BETTER COLLABORATION

New filters, sorting, emoji reactions, participant controls, and link-based invitations make Shared Albums behave much more like a modern group photo space.



FEATURE #7 • BETTER SHARED ALBUMS

SHARE FULL-QUALITY PHOTOS — WITH ANYONE

HOW TO CREATE A SHARED ALBUM

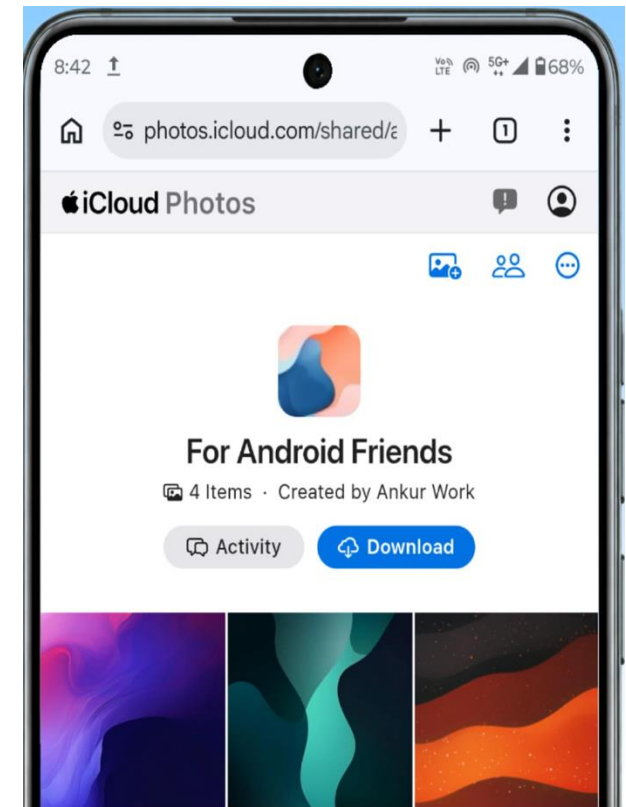
PHOTOS → COLLECTIONS → SHARED ALBUMS → +

Then:

NAME IT → ADD PHOTOS → SHARING OPTIONS → INVITE PEOPLE OR SHARE A LINK

TO KNOW: FULL RESOLUTION NOW COUNTS AGAINST THE OWNER'S iCloud STORAGE

That includes photos other participants add to your album. Apple Support



FEATURE #8 · CREATE YOUR OWN WALLET PASSES

TURN A PHYSICAL CARD INTO AN APPLE WALLET PASS

What's new:

In iOS 27, Wallet can create passes from a physical card, photo, or screenshot — especially useful for things like a library card, gym membership, loyalty card, event ticket, or anything with a barcode/QR code that never had an Apple Wallet version before. Apple Support

SCAN IT

Take a photo or screenshot that includes the barcode or QR code.

PHOTO / SCREENSHOT → ADD TO WALLET

1. Take a photo or screenshot that includes the barcode or QR code.
2. Tap Add to Wallet, then follow the onscreen instructions.



FEATURE #8 · CREATE YOUR OWN WALLET PASSES

TURN A PHYSICAL CARD INTO AN APPLE WALLET PASS

BUILD IT MANUALLY

1. Go to the Wallet app  on your iPhone.
2. Tap , then tap Create a Pass.
3. Tap Create Pass Manually, then choose a template.
4. To edit the details, tap any of the fields.
5. When you're done, tap .

EDIT IT

1. Go to the Wallet app  on your iPhone.
2. Tap the pass, tap , then tap Edit Pass.
3. Do any of the following:
4. Change the background and color: Tap .
5. Add or remove fields: Tap , tap Add or Remove Fields, then select the fields.
6. Edit the details: Tap the fields.
7. When you're done, tap .

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FEATURE #9 · SPLIT THE BILL WITH APPLE CASH

SNAP THE RECEIPT. TAP YOUR ITEMS. SETTLE UP.

What's new:

In iOS 27, you can use a receipt photo or the live camera to split a bill with Apple Cash. Siri/Visual Intelligence identifies the individual items, lets each person select what they ordered, then calculates that person's share of the tax and tip too.

1. SCAN THE RECEIPT

Use Siri mode in Camera, or use a photo of the bill.

2. PICK YOUR ITEMS

iPhone identifies the line items so you can tap what you ordered.

3. PAY EXACTLY WHAT YOU OWE

Apple Cash calculates your share of the subtotal, tax, and tip, then lets you settle up.

FEATURE #9 · SPLIT THE BILL WITH APPLE CASH

SNAP THE RECEIPT. TAP YOUR ITEMS. SETTLE UP.

You can start a split from: Messages, Wallet, Camera, Photos, or a screenshot containing a receipt

MESSAGES

On iPhone or iPad, open a conversation, tap +, choose Apple Cash, then tap Split Bill. You can take a picture of the receipt directly or select an existing image.

WALLET

On iPhone, open Wallet, tap the Apple Cash card, then choose Send or Request. Select the person or people involved and tap Split Bill.

CAMERA

Open Camera and switch to Siri mode. Point the camera at the receipt.
When Split Bill with Apple Cash appears, tap it and follow the onscreen instructions.

PHOTOS

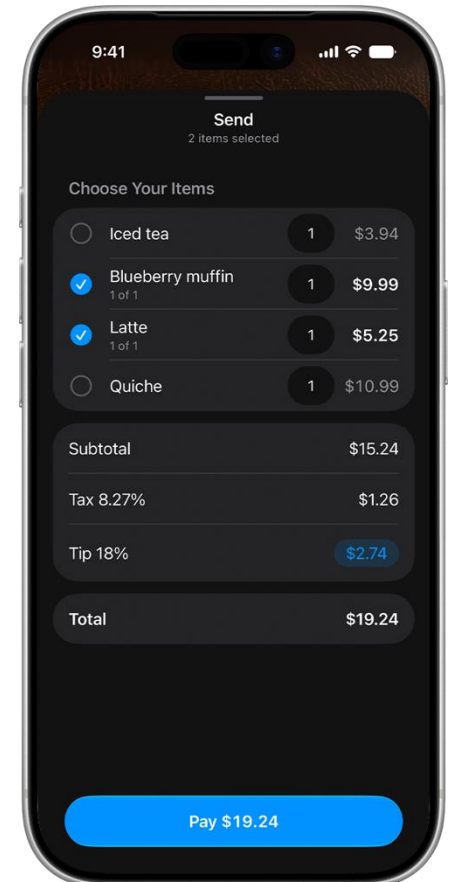
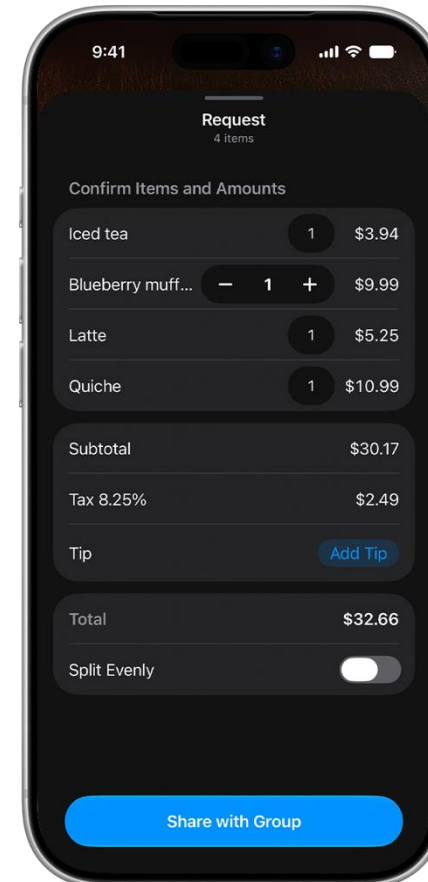
Open a photo of a receipt in Photos, swipe up, and choose Split Bill with Apple Cash when the action appears.

FEATURE #9 · SPLIT THE BILL WITH APPLE CASH

SNAP THE RECEIPT. TAP YOUR ITEMS. SETTLE UP.

Request Money or Pay Your Own Share

- If you paid the entire restaurant bill, you can scan the receipt and request each person's share.
- If someone else paid, you can also use a receipt yourself and choose Pay Your Share without waiting for a formal request.
- Apple says the payer can select their items, split shared items, add a tip, and then send the calculated amount through Apple Cash.





FEATURE #10 · SHORTCUTS IN PLAIN ENGLISH

JUST TELL SHORTCUTS WHAT YOU WANT

What's new:

In iOS 27, describe the automation you want in plain English and Shortcuts builds it for you.

YOU TYPE:

“When I’m leaving work,
message Ashley that I’m on my
way and include my ETA.”

Before iOS 27, you would have to
build the Shortcut action-by-action.

SHORTCUTS BUILDS:

1. Know when you leave work
2. Get travel time home
3. Create the message
4. Send it to Ashley

HOW TO USE IT:

OPEN SHORTCUTS → PRESS “+”

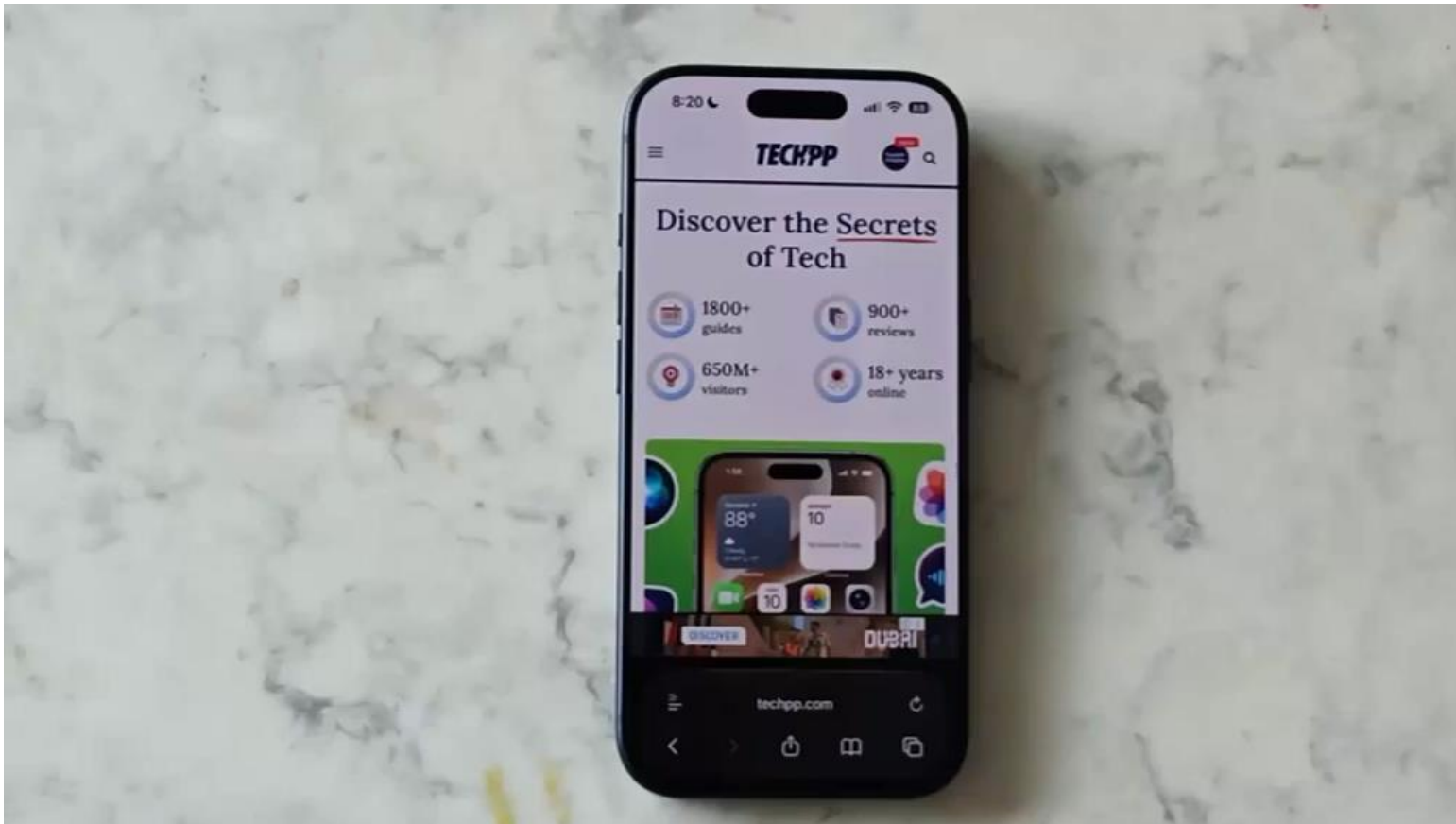
DESCRIBE WHAT YOU WANT →

RUN THE NEW SHORTCUT

BEFORE: Build each action yourself. | **NOW:** Describe the result you want.

FEATURE #11 • CREATE YOUR OWN SAFARI EXTENSIONS

TELL SAFARI TO CREATE AN EXTENSION FOR YOU



FEATURE #12 · IMAGE PLAYGROUND GETS SERIOUS

FROM CARTOONS TO PHOTOREALISTIC

What's new:

Image Playground can now create high-quality images in virtually any style, including photorealistic, using Apple's newer generative image model. You can also edit an existing image by describing a change or by selecting a specific object and modifying/removing/replacing it. Let's learn how to use all of the functions in Image Playground.



FEATURE #13 · HEALTH GETS A MAJOR REDESIGN

YOUR HEALTH DATA STARTS EXPLAINING ITSELF

COMING
SOON

Coming later this year:

Apple is turning Health from a place that stores charts and measurements into something more interpretive — with daily insights, long-term trends and guidance based on your own data.

INSIGHTS

A new Insights tab summarizes what's happening across heart, sleep, readiness, fitness, vitals, and cycle data throughout the day, then gives personalized recommendations.

LONGEVITY + HEALTH AGE

A new Longevity tab looks at long-term health across areas. Health Age compares your current metrics with your chronological age using Apple Watch data such as VO_2 max, resting heart rate, sleep, and HRV.

AT-HOME HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

The iPhone camera and Apple Watch users can perform movement assessments for strength, balance, flexibility, movement mechanics, and VO_2 max.



COMING IN NOVEMBER...

IOS 27 FEATURES 14-27!

PART II LOADING...
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