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**Our next SAAUC (Zoom) meeting is...
Friday November 1st, 2024 from 7:30pm
Connect from wherever you have internet access
and the zoom.us app**

(Details will be sent to members via email)

Dates to remember:

*Friday 1st November: SAAUC General Meeting Zoom 7.30pm,
Files in iOS - iPads and iPhones*

Sunday 1st December 12:30 pm: Xmas lunch at Marion Hotel.

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A word from our President...

Sitting at this desk I was thinking that I had 'writers block'.

With 2024 coming to an end, Apple usually always wants to release a few enticements for those Xmas stockings. A surprise release has been the iPad mini which will be welcomed by those who are wanting the between iPhone and iPad device which slips easily into a bag and is perfect for taking on the go notes.

Then, early this morning, I became aware of all the updates to the operating systems. Took a while to update everything, surprising how many devices are located around the house. The iPhone took the longest; it was 'paused' for a long time and I can only guess that it was because so many millions around the globe were trying to do the same thing that it virtually crashed. Everything is now up and running, I just need to find time to check everything out.

Apple Intelligence has made its first appearance.

Regards

Marie Good



*At Unley Library.
Marie is a
volunteer at Unley
Library and will be
assisting with
Macs and Apple
devices once a
month on the 2nd
Wednesday of
each month from
10 to midday.*

Flutter in iMessage



Recently I started a reply to a Message with Hhmmmmmm and noticed the whole line started to flutter. I'd never seen it before and thought it was pretty cute. I have noticed that occasionally a word will turn blue so I realised there was something going on that I wanted an explanation for. So here is the explanation

In Apple Messages, the "Flutter" effect is a fun visual animation you can add to messages to make them stand out. When you send a message with the Flutter effect, each letter or character in your text is displayed individually in a soft, animated manner, giving it a light and gentle feeling as it appears on the screen.

The effect is part of Apple's "bubble effects," which also include options like *Slam*, *Loud*, and *Gentle*. Here's how to use the Flutter effect in iOS:

1. **Type your message** in the Messages app.
2. **Long-press the blue Send button** (or 3D Touch if your device supports it).
3. **Tap on "Bubble"** at the top, then select **Gentle** or Flutter under effects.
4. Tap **Send** to deliver the message with the animation.

Flutter and other effects are perfect for adding some personality to your texts, especially for casual conversations or for emphasizing certain messages without using emojis or stickers.

Blue texts are texts, photos, or videos that you send over iMessage. These texts are sent and received over Wi-Fi or cellular data. Due to

that, they won't count against your text messaging plan if you have one for your phone. Rather, it counts against your data plan or how much data you have monthly.

Why does a name come up blue on an iPhone?

Blue bubbles mean you're chatting with another iMessage user. Blue names or numbers at the top of a chat also show that person's using iMessage.

Why are certain words in my text messages that I receive underlined in blue

Like the title says all of a sudden words in my received text messages are underlined in blue, why?

Apple calls these "Smart Links" When typing a message in either an email or a text message, iOS will look for both numerical and alpha versions of both dates and times. It will also recognise links and email addresses.

The point of these Smart Links is to facilitate planning events. If two people are talking about plans for tomorrow, then Apple assumes that it might be a good idea to add what you are talking about to your Calendar app so that you don't forget about it or so that you can better plan what you are discussing. If you tap on the underlined word, you have the option to automatically create an event in your calendar. Or to simply view that day in the Calendar app so that you know exactly what day "2 weeks from now" really is.

The best way to familiarize yourself with the feature is to just tap the underlined word and explore the options.



New iMac released

Apple has announced that it has updated the 24-inch iMac with the M4 chip, which debuted in the iPad Pro earlier this year. This upgrade comes around one year after the previous iMac with the M3 chip was released.

As expected, the M4 chip in the iMac is available with up to a 10-core CPU and up to a 10-core GPU. Apple says the iMac with the M4 chip is up to 1.7x faster for daily productivity tasks, and up to 2.1x faster for demanding workflows like photo editing and gaming, compared to the iMac with the M1 chip. In the iPad Pro, the M4 chip is up to 25% faster than the M3 chip, and this year-over-year improvement should be similar for the iMac.

All variants of the M4 chip have a faster 16-core Neural Engine that boosts the performance of Apple Intelligence, but keep in mind that Apple Intelligence is also available on previous-generation iMac models with the M1 and M3 chips.

The new iMac comes with a minimum of 16GB of RAM, compared to 8GB for the previous base model, which likely confirms a rumor that 16GB of RAM will be the new minimum for many or all new Macs going forward. The computer can be configured with up to 32GB of RAM, and it continues to be available with up to 2TB of SSD storage.

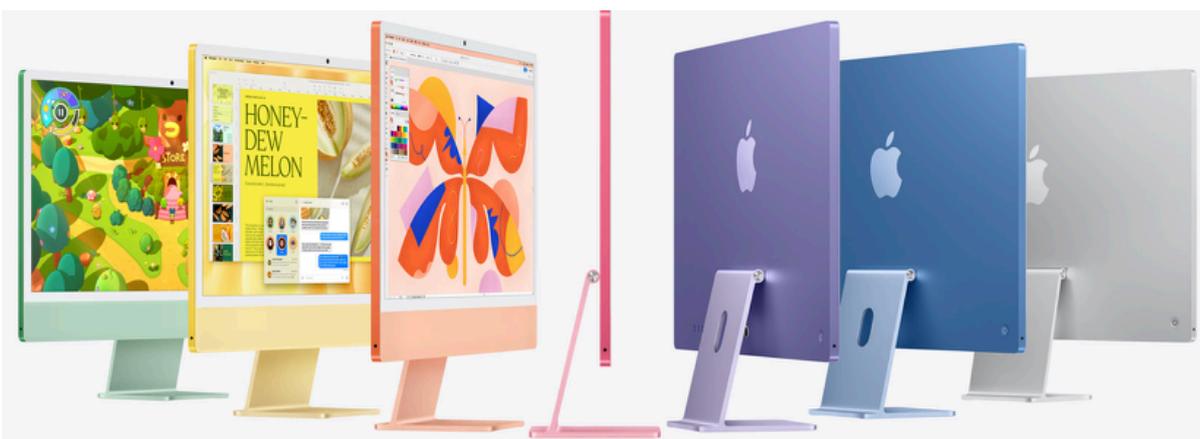
Apple has upgraded the iMac with a 12-megapixel front camera with Center

Stage support that keeps you centered in the frame. There is also a Desk View feature that shows your face and an overhead view of your desk at the same time.

While the iMac has not received any major design changes, Apple has introduced new color options for the all-in-one desktop computer, including "fresh shades" of green, yellow, orange, pink, purple, and blue, alongside the classic silver. In addition, the iMac can now be configured with a nano-texture display, which has a special coating that better scatters light to further minimize glare on the screen. Apple had previously offered the 2020 model of the Intel-based 27-inch iMac with a nano-texture display option, but this is the first time it has been offered for an Apple silicon version of the computer.

All four rear USB-C ports on higher-end iMac configurations with the 10-core M4 chip now support Thunderbolt 4, compared to two Thunderbolt 3 ports and two USB-C ports on the previous model. The base model iMac with the 8-core M4 chip has two Thunderbolt 4 ports.

When configured with the M4 chip with a 10-core CPU and 10-core GPU, the new iMac supports up to an 8K external display at 120Hz, or two 6K displays at 60Hz.



Alongside the new iMac, Apple announced updated versions of the Magic Mouse, Magic Keyboard, and Magic Trackpad. The accessories are now equipped with USB-C charging ports, whereas the previous models used Lightning. Apple includes the Magic Mouse and Magic Keyboard in the box with the iMac, and the Magic Trackpad is an optional upgrade.

Apple Intelligence

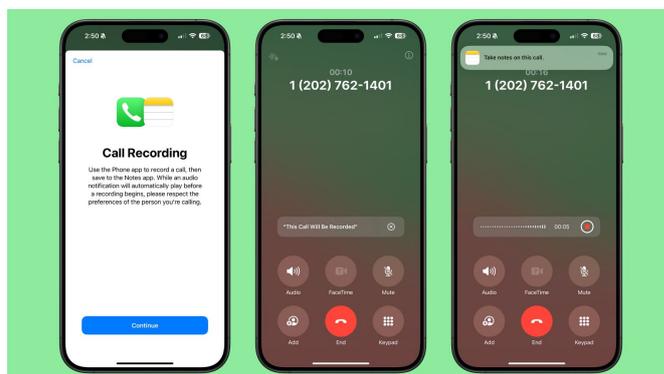
iOS 18.1 includes the first Apple Intelligence features for the iPhone 15 Pro models and the iPhone 16 lineup. It will take some time for Apple to roll out all of the Apple Intelligence capabilities, but a handful are available now.

- **Writing Tools** - Writing Tools lets you proofread, summarize, and rewrite text throughout the operating system.
- **Siri** - Siri has a new look, offers Apple device product knowledge, there's a Type to Siri feature, and Siri is able to maintain contexts between requests and understand when you stumble over your words.
- **Smart Replies** - In Mail and Messages, Apple can suggest replies to incoming messages.
- **Summaries** - Apple Intelligence can summarize email messages and notifications so you can see what's important at a glance. You can also get summaries of transcriptions in the Notes app, and websites in Safari.

- **Photos** - Memory Maker lets you create custom slideshows with just a description, natural language search is supported, and there's a Clean Up feature for removing unwanted objects from images.
- **Focus** - A Reduce Interruptions Focus Mode only shows you important notifications while filtering out everything else.

Phone App

iOS 18.1 supports recording your phone calls and getting transcriptions from the calls. Tapping on the upper left hand record button after placing a call initiates a recording, and all participants are notified that the call is being recorded.



Calls are saved to the Notes app, and the Notes app is able to generate a transcription.

Camera

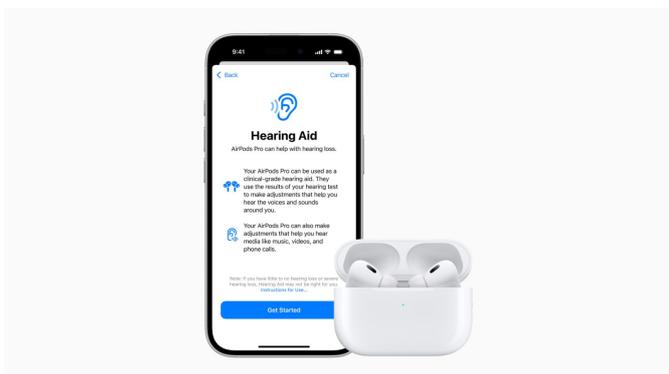
Spatial photo capture has been added to the iPhone 15 Pro and iPhone 15 Pro Max, and it joins the existing spatial video capture feature in a new Spatial camera mode. Spatial photo capture has been an iPhone 16 feature since launch.

For iPhone 16 models, Camera Control now has an option to swap over to the front-facing TrueDepth camera with press and swipe gestures. If you hold down the Camera Control button with a light press, you will also now see a bar underneath the adjustment options.



AirPods Pro 2

If you have AirPods Pro 2, iOS 18.1 adds a new set of Hearing Health features. You can do a built-in hearing test, identifying tones to check for hearing loss. Should hearing loss be detected, there is an option to use the AirPods Pro 2 as a hearing aid to boost conversations and other sounds around you.



Apple also has an option to tweak music, videos, and calls based on your hearing test (if loss is detected), and there is a hearing protection feature for all users that minimizes exposure to loud environmental noises across all listening modes.

Control Center

There are new connectivity controls in Control Center for Satellite and AirDrop, allowing these buttons to be added to Control Center individually. Previously, the toggles were only available in the all-in-one connectivity control



Apple has also added new Measure and Level controls to the Control Center. Measure opens up the Measure app, while Level opens up the Measure app to the included Level feature.

Bug Fixes



There are several bug fixes in iOS 18.1.

- Unplayed Podcasts episodes will no longer be marked as played.
- Videos recorded at 4K 60 fps and viewed in the Photos app will no longer stutter when scrubbing through the video.
- A bug that could cause digital car keys not to start or unlock a vehicle with passive unlocking after restoring from a backup or transferring from another iPhone has been fixed.
- iPhone 16 and iPhone 16 models should no longer unexpectedly restart.

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