

# What's New in macOS Sequoia

## 1. The software—macOS Sequoia

- 1.1. iMac 2019 and later
- 1.2. Mac Pro 2019 and later
- 1.3. iMac Pro 2017 and later
- 1.4. Mac Studio 2022 and later
- 1.5. MacBook Air 2020 and later
- 1.6. Mac mini 2018 and later
- 1.7. MacBook Pro 2018 and later
- 1.8. Only some older MacBook Air devices didn't make the cut
- 1.9. Backup first using Time Machine or some other method
- 1.10. Install on your Mac
  - 1.10.1. Apple > System Settings > General > Software Update

## 2. Apple Intelligence

- 2.1. First wave of features in macOS 15.1
- 2.2. Works on any Mac with M-series Apple Silicon
- 2.3. System-wide writing tools
  - 2.3.1. Rewriting, proofreading, summarizing
  - 2.3.2. Select text, then choose Edit > Writing Tools, control-click the selected text and choose Writing Tools from the contextual menu, or point at the selected text and click  or 
- 2.4. Siri
  - 2.4.1. More natural and conversational
  - 2.4.2. Richer language-understanding capabilities
    - 2.4.2.1. Siri can follow along when users stumble over their words
    - 2.4.2.2. Maintains context from one request to the next; immediately after making a request, make another one
  - 2.4.3. Answers questions about features and settings of Apple products
  - 2.4.4. Type to Siri
    - 2.4.4.1. Click icon in Dock or menu bar
- 2.5. Photos
  - 2.5.1. Natural language search

2.5.1.1. Emma with a horse, Christopher at the beach

2.5.2. Clean up

2.5.2.1. Open a photo, click Edit, click Clean up

2.6. Mail

2.6.1. Priority messages at the top of the inbox

2.6.1.1. View > Show Priority

2.6.2. Summaries in the list of messages

2.6.2.1. Mail > Settings > Viewing > Summarize Message Previews

2.6.3. Summarize button in the email window

2.6.3.1. Helpful for a long set of threaded messages

2.6.4. Smart Replies

2.7. Messages

2.7.1. Summaries in the list of messages

2.7.1.1. Messages > Settings > General > Summarize Messages

2.7.1.2. Click in the message field, then choose a selected reply

2.8. Notes

2.8.1. Record, transcribe, and summarize audio

2.8.1.1. Click the wavelength  button

2.8.1.2. Press the red button to start recording

2.8.1.3. After recording, click  Summary to view a summary

2.8.2. Type a math equation into a note and have solved

2.9. Safari

2.9.1. Summaries

2.9.1.1. Click , then click Show Reader

2.9.1.2. Click Summarize at the top of the page

2.9.1.3. To return to the normal view, click , then click Hide Reader

2.10. Notifications

2.10.1. Summaries

2.10.1.1. Apple menu > System Settings > Notifications > Summarize Previews

### 3. iPhone Mirroring

3.1. Control iPhone from the Mac

- 3.2. Allow Notifications from iPhone
- 3.3. After connecting from the Mac, iPhone locks
- 3.4. Works with StandBy
- 3.5. Drag and drop content between devices
- 3.6. Edit the Home Screen

#### **4. Safari**

- 4.1. Highlights
  - 4.1.1. Surfaces directions for a location, summaries of articles, or quick links to learn more about people, music, movies, and TV show
  - 4.1.2. Try it: Statue of Liberty
- 4.2. Show Reader
  - 4.2.1. Now with a summary and table of contents (when available)
- 4.3. Distraction Control
  - 4.3.1. Tap areas of a web page to hide them

#### **5. Window tiling**

- 5.1. Allow Sequoia to automatically align windows
  - 5.1.1. Drag a window to the edge of a screen
  - 5.1.2. Hold the option key and begin to drag
  - 5.1.3. Point at window's green button to Move and Resize or Fill and Arrange
  - 5.1.4. From the Window menu, choose a command (Fill, Center, Move & Resize, Full Screen Tile)
  - 5.1.5. Use keyboard shortcuts (Hello, Globe key...)

#### **6. Passwords app**

- 6.1. Same data and more in a friendly new wrapper
- 6.2. App includes Passwords, Passkeys, WiFi passwords, Security Codes
- 6.3. Settings of note
  - 6.3.1. Show Passwords in Menu Bar
  - 6.3.2. Automatically Create Passkeys

## 7. Messages

- 7.1. After creating a message, click  then Send Later to schedule a time to send the message
- 7.2. Select text in a message and control click to choose Bold, Italic, Underline, or Strikethrough text or apply an animated text effect
  - 7.2.1. Add a List
  - 7.2.2. Choose Groceries as the List Type
  - 7.2.3. Items added to the list are automatically grouped into sections
- 7.3. Tap Back now includes any emoji
  - 7.3.1. Control-click a bubble
  - 7.3.2. Choose from recent emoji, or click the  emoji icon to show the emoji keyboard

## 8. Notes

- 8.1. Add highlights to text
  - 8.1.1. Select some text
  - 8.1.2. Click the Format button Aa
  - 8.1.3. Click the Highlight button
  - 8.1.4. Optionally, change the highlight color
- 8.2. Collapsible section headers
  - 8.2.1. Apply the Title, Heading, or Subheading style to a line of text
  - 8.2.2. Point at the Title, Heading, or Subheading text and click the arrow that appears to collapse or expand the text beneath it

## 9. Odds and Ends

- 9.1. Respond to Siri announcements with AirPods by simply nodding your head yes or shaking your head no
- 9.2. Create, edit, and view reminders in Calendar app
- 9.3. Photos and videos are automatically organized into collections (trips, receipts, handwriting, etc.) in the Photos app

## 10. Good places for help

- 10.1. Apple Support: [apple.com/support/](https://apple.com/support/)
- 10.2. Tips app—*all* the user guides are here

10.3. Apple's macOS webpage: <https://www.apple.com/macos/macos-sequoia/>

10.4. Me: Mike Matthews [mamatthews@icloud.com](mailto:mamatthews@icloud.com) (925) 876-4098

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