What's New in macOS Ventura

1. macOS Ventura

1.1.   Runs on iMac, MacBook Pro, iMac Pro (all 2017 and later); MacBook (2017); MacBook Air (2018 and later); Mac mini (2018 and later); Mac Pro (2019 and later); Mac Studio (2022)

1.2.   Backup first

   1.2.1.   Time Machine or some other method

1.3.   Download and install on your Mac

   1.3.1.   Apple menu > System Preferences/Settings > Software Update

   1.3.2.   Current version is 13.0.1; 13.1 may have shipped by the time you read this

   1.3.3.   It may take a while

2. System Settings

2.1.   System Preferences takes on a new name—System Settings—and a new look

   2.1.1.   New sidebar design

   2.1.2.   Generally follows the pattern of the Settings app in iPadOS and iOS for organization…but not always

   2.1.3.   The Search field will be your best friend

   2.1.4.   It will take some getting used to, and Apple still has some work to do here

3. Stage Manager

3.1.   Yet another way to manage windows on the Mac, following in the footsteps of Finder, Multi-Finder, Tabbed Folders, Spring-loaded folders, Window Shade, Hide, Dock, Tabbed Windows, Spaces, Mission Control, Full Screen, Tile Windows, and I'm Probably Forgetting Four or Five More

3.2.   Turn it on in Control Center or System Settings > Desktop & Dock

   3.2.1.   Optionally choose to show/hide recent apps in the strip on the left side of the screen, show/hide desktop items, or to show all windows from an app at the same time

3.3.   Arrange and resize windows on the screen by dragging in the usual way

3.4.   Switch between apps by clicking an app in the strip

3.5.   Minimize a window to the strip by clicking the window's yellow button

3.6.   Add an app to the center of the screen by dragging it from the strip; it will join a group of apps

3.7.   Bug? If all apps are in the strip, no app can be added to the center of the screen.

3.8.   To some degree, this, too, is a work-in-progress

4. Focus modes

4.1.   An extension of Do Not Disturb

4.2.   Concentrate on a task by temporarily minimizing distractions or specific notifications

4.3.   Settings > Focus

    4.3.1. Choose from a list of options or design your own

        4.3.1.1.   Add people to silence or allow notifications from, incoming calls

        4.3.1.2.   Add apps to silence or allow notifications from

        4.3.1.3.   Add a schedule

        4.3.1.4.   Add Focus Filters to limit the amount of data visible during when a focus mode is enabled

    4.3.2. Share Across Devices through iCloud and your Apple ID

    4.3.3. Share Focus status with others

4.4.   Enable a Focus in Control Center

    4.4.1. Click to turn on or off

    4.4.2. When enabled, an icon appears in the menu bar

    4.4.3. Messages can also reply with your status

5. Messages

5.1.   Edit a message up to five times within 15 minutes of sending it

    5.1.1. Control-click or right-click the message

    5.1.2. Click Edit

    5.1.3. Make changes, then click the check button to resend with edits

    5.1.4. Previous versions of the message are available for viewing

5.2.   Unsend a recent message within two minutes of sending it

    5.2.1. Control-click or right-click the message, then click Undo Send

5.3.   Mark a conversation as unread by swiping right to left in the conversation list, or right-click or control click the conversation and select Mark as Unread

5.4.   Use the View menu to filter Conversations

    5.4.1. All Messages: Shows all your conversations

5.4.2. Known Senders: Shows conversations with your contacts and people you've sent messages to

5.4.3. Unknown Senders: Shows conversations from people who aren't in your contacts and who you've never sent a message to

5.4.4. Unread Messages: Shows conversations that contain messages you haven't viewed yet

5.4.5. Recently Deleted: Shows messages or conversations you've deleted in the last 30 days. Conversations will self-delete in 30 days, or select messages and recover them.

6. Mail

6.1. Unsend a message

6.1.1. 10-second delay after clicking send

6.1.2. Click Undo Send at bottom of screen

6.2. Schedule sending an email

6.2.1. Compose a new email

6.2.2. Click and hold the arrow next to the Send button to pick a date and time

6.3. Remind Me

6.3.1. Control-click or right-click a message, then pick Remind Me and a length of time to be reminded about the message

6.3.1.1. A notification will appear at the scheduled time

6.3.1.2. The message will move to the top of the inbox

6.3.1.3. The message will also appear in a Remind Me mailbox in the sidebar

6.4. Rich links

6.5. Improved search

6.5.1. Suggestions appear before you type

6.5.2. More accurate and complete results

6.6. Follow up

6.6.1. If you send a message and don't receive a response in 3 days, the sent email automatically resurfaces to the top of your inbox to help you remember to follow up

6.6.2. To ignore a follow-up suggestion, swipe right on the message in the message list or control-click or right-click on the message and choose Ignore Follow Up

6.6.3. To turn this feature on or off, choose Mail > Settings, click General, then select or deselect the checkbox next to "Enable message follow up suggestions."

7. Photos

7.1. iCloud Shared Photo Library

    7.1.1. Your photos and videos exist in a separate library that you can share with up to five people

    7.1.2. Organizer of the Shared Library invites participants and uses their iCloud storage to house the contents

    7.1.3. Photos and videos you add to the Shared Library don't appear in your Personal Library

        7.1.3.1. In the Photos app, click the Library pop-up menu in the toolbar and choose which library to view (Personal, Shared, or Both)

    7.1.4. You can belong to only one shared library at a time, as either an organizer or as a participant

    7.1.5. Different from a Shared Albums (plural) which can be shared with dozens of people.

    7.1.6. Setup: Photos > Settings… > Shared Library

    7.1.7. During setup you can add existing photos and videos from your Personal Library to the Shared Library in these ways:

        7.1.7.1. All My Photos and Videos: Add all of the photos and videos in your Personal Library to the Shared Library

        7.1.7.2. By People or Date: Add photos and videos that include specific people or were taken after a certain date

        7.1.7.3. Manually: Select the specific photos and videos that you want to add to the Shared Library

    7.1.8. If invited to join a shared library, accept the invitation sent by the organizer.

    7.1.9. Participants in a shared library can add, favorite, delete, caption, or edit photos and videos

    7.1.10. Adding photos or videos to the Shared Library:

        7.1.10.1. Manually move photos to and from your Personal Library

            7.1.10.1.1. Select the photos you want to move to the Shared Library

7.1.10.1.2. From the Image menu, choose Move [number] Photos to Shared Library (or right-click or control-click on the selected photo or video)

7.1.10.2. Save photos and videos you take directly to the Shared Library from Camera

7.1.10.2.1. When you open Camera on iPhone or iPad, a Shared Library button appears on the side of the screen to let you switch between saving the photos and videos you take to directly to your Personal Library or to the Shared Library. By default, Camera shares to your Personal Library.

7.1.10.3. Share photos you take when other members of the Shared Library are nearby

7.1.10.3.1. If people sharing a library are signed in with their Apple ID and have Bluetooth enabled on their devices, the Camera app can detect if they are nearby and place the photos and videos you take in the Shared Library

7.1.11. Photos and videos of other participants in the Shared LIbrary can't be copied to your Personal Library

7.1.12. To leave a shared library, tap Settings > Photos > Shared Library, then click Leave Shared Library. Options will be presented to keep everything in the shared library or to keep only what you contributed.

7.1.13. To delete a shared library tap Settings > Photos > Shared Library, then click Delete Shared Library. Only the Shared Library organizer can delete it.

8. **Passkeys**

8.1. A more secure and easier way to sign in. It will be a slow, bumpy start, but eventually…no more passwords!

8.2. From a user perspective, creating a passkey is about as easy as creating a strong password, and using a passkey is just as simple as using a password on the keychain

8.3. PayPal can use passkeys via the web

8.4. Point your browser to paypal.com and you might be prompted to create a passkey

8.5.   Some third-parties have implemented passkeys via the web, but not in a mobile app yet (such as PayPal); others have implemented passkeys in a mobile app, but not yet via the web (such as Kayak)

9. Spotlight

9.1.   Expanded results with more information about albums, musicians, movies, TV shows, actors, sports, and businesses

9.2.   Perform actions from the search field (e.g., start a timer, do math calculations)

9.3.   Press space bar to see scrollable previews of found files

10. Miscellaneous

10.1.   Create templates for Reminders lists (File > Save as Template) and pin favorites to the top of the window

10.2.   Dictate without pronouncing punctuation; works with emoji, too ("Happy face emoji")

10.3.   New Weather app

   10.3.1.   Click forecast tiles for more info about precipitation, wind, humidity, etc.

10.4.   New Clock app

10.5.   Maps includes ability to add multiple stops along a route

10.6.   Home app has a new design and in a future update will improve performance of smart home products

10.7.   Enhanced smart folder criteria in Notes app

10.8.   Continuity Camera can use your iPhone as a webcam for better quality and use Desk View, which mimics an overhead camera, showing your desk and your face at the same time

11. Good places for help

11.1.   Apple Support: apple.com/support/

11.2.   Apple's macOS webpage: https://www.apple.com/macos/ventura/

11.3.   Me: Mike Matthews   mamatthews@icloud.com   (925) 876-4098

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