



Glen's Goodies

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Independence Style!



Apple Increases Prices

As everyone has likely heard by now, two weeks ago, Apple announced that it was raising prices across its product lineup. Tim Cook announced it citing the soaring cost of memory and storage (RAM and SSD's). "Unfortunately, price increases are unavoidable," he said. "We're doing our best to mitigate the huge increases that are being passed to us, and we've been trying to shield our customers from the increases, but the situation has become unsustainable." Cook called the memory shortage a "hundred-year flood," adding, "I've never seen anything like it in any area in over 40 years."

Apple has usually absorbed the costs of component swings instead of passing them on to customers, so this is a change. This isn't just Apple. All computer manufacturers are raising prices and to some extent it's being caused by the AI boom.

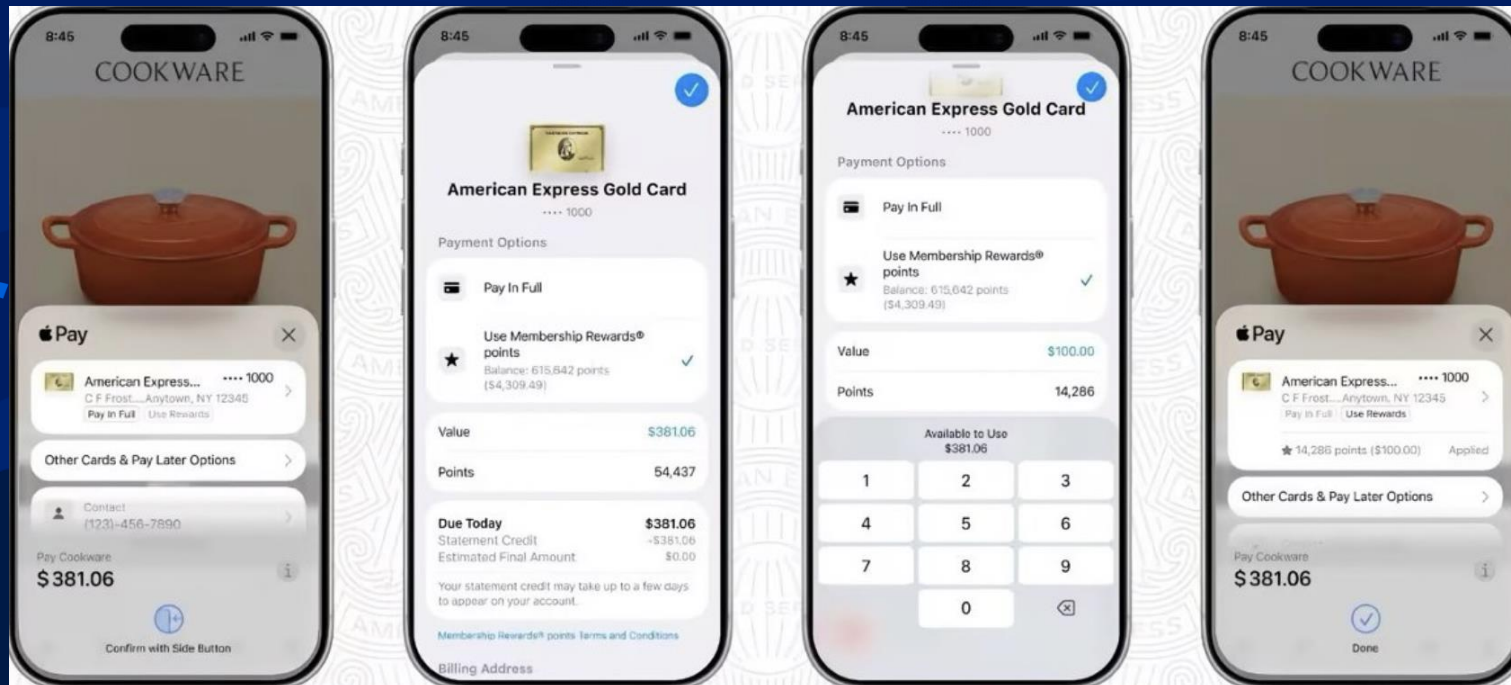
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The price changes:

Apple TV: \$199, up from \$129 (+\$70)
HomePod mini: \$129, up from \$99 (+\$30)
HomePod: \$349, up from \$299 (+\$50)
iMac: \$1,499, up from \$1,299 (+\$200)
iPad: \$449, up from \$349 (+\$100)
iPad mini: \$599, up from \$499 (+\$100)
iPad Air: \$749, up from \$599 (+\$150)
iPad Pro: \$1,199, up from \$999 (+\$200)
MacBook Neo: \$699, up from \$599 (+\$100)
MacBook Air: \$1,299, up from \$1,099 (+\$200)
MacBook Pro: \$1,999 up from \$1,699 (+\$300)
Mac mini (M4 Pro): \$1,599, up from \$1,399 (+\$200)
Mac Studio (M4 Max): \$2,499, up from \$1,999 (+\$500)
Mac Studio (M3 Ultra): \$5,299, up from \$3,999 (+\$1,300)
Vision Pro: \$3,699, up from \$3,499 (+\$200)

Apple Pay Now Allows Amex Cardholders to Use Membership Rewards

There is a new "Use Rewards" option that will appear when using Apple Pay checkout with an eligible American Express Membership Rewards card. Card members are able to choose how many points they want to apply toward an eligible purchase before completing the transaction.



Apple's Hide My Email has been showing real addresses for a year

Apple's Hide My Email has one purpose-to hide your real email from getting into everyone's hands. The problem is that it's evidently not working. And to make matters worse, Apple supposedly has known this for more than a year. So, if you've been using this feature, your email may not have been hidden.

Hide My Email is bundled with iCloud+. It generates a random email address that ends in @icloud.com that allows you to use this random email Instead of sharing your real email address with websites you sign up for. It also automatically forwards mail to your real inbox.

A report in 404 Media highlighted the issue. Tyler Murphy, co-founder of the service EasyOptOuts, says he was able to trace the real accounts and addresses behind the Hide My Email addresses. In tests with volunteers, Murphy said he was able to exploit every single hidden address he tried.

Murphy first reported the problem to Apple in June 2025. In March 2026, Apple told him that the bug was fixed through updates, but It wasn't. Murphy said he sent more proof to Apple and they asked him not to go public while they were working on it. In June of 2026, Apple had told Murphy it planned a fix "in the coming weeks." When nothing happened, Murphy went public this week with all of this.

How to file Apple bug reports

While we complain about bugs in the Apple systems, what are we as consumers doing about it? You may think Apple doesn't care what you think, but they actually rely on bug reports to help them fix problems. And June is a great time of the year to give feedback to Apple. Especially if you are running beta systems for iPhone, Mac, iPad and Apple Watch. After the initial betas are released, Apple engineers have the most time to address bugs and make changes. Once the real systems come out, they are mostly working on upgrades and next year's systems. So how do you go about filing a bug report?

The simplest way to do this is to go to the Apple Product Feedback website:

<https://www.apple.com/feedback/>

Here you will find links to report bugs with hardware and software as you scroll down the page.

Next Level Control of Your Apple TV

1. Force Close Troublesome/Switch Apps



As we all know, sometimes apps don't act like they should. Things just get weird. The best way to deal with this is to force close the app and let it restart. To do this, double-press the Home button on your remote. This will pull up a carousel of cards that represent open apps. Rotate through and select the problematic app, swipe upward to force-close it. The app shuts down immediately without affecting anything else running on your Apple TV. You can also use this to quickly switch apps.

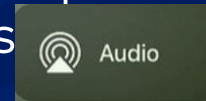
2. Scrub Forward and Backward Through Video

Use the round clickpad to scrub forward or backward through video. First press the play/pause button to pause the video, then slide your finger left or right on the clickpad to rewind or fast-forward. You can also draw circles on the clickpad in either direction to scrub. This might feel more intuitive than left or right.

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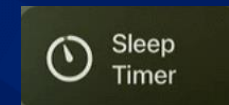
3. Switch Audio Output

If you use external speakers connected to your Apple TV, you can change audio routing without going into the settings menus. Just long-press the TV/Control Center button (the rectangular button with the TV icon). The Control Center panel will slide into view, and you can click the Audio Controls icon and quickly select the speaker you want to use.



4. Set a Sleep Timer

You can also use Control Center to set a sleep timer. Again, long press the TV/Control Center button and when Control Center opens press on the timer icon. You can select between 15 minutes, 30 minutes, 1 hour, and 2 hours.



5. Change the Top Shelf Content

On your Apple TV home screen, you'll find the top shelf — where your favorite apps are shown and suggested content is waiting for you. While this is nice, you might prefer to have your current content showing that easily allows you to continue watching. Go to Settings > Apps; select "TV" and go to "Top Shelf" and change to "Continue Watching."



WhatCable App

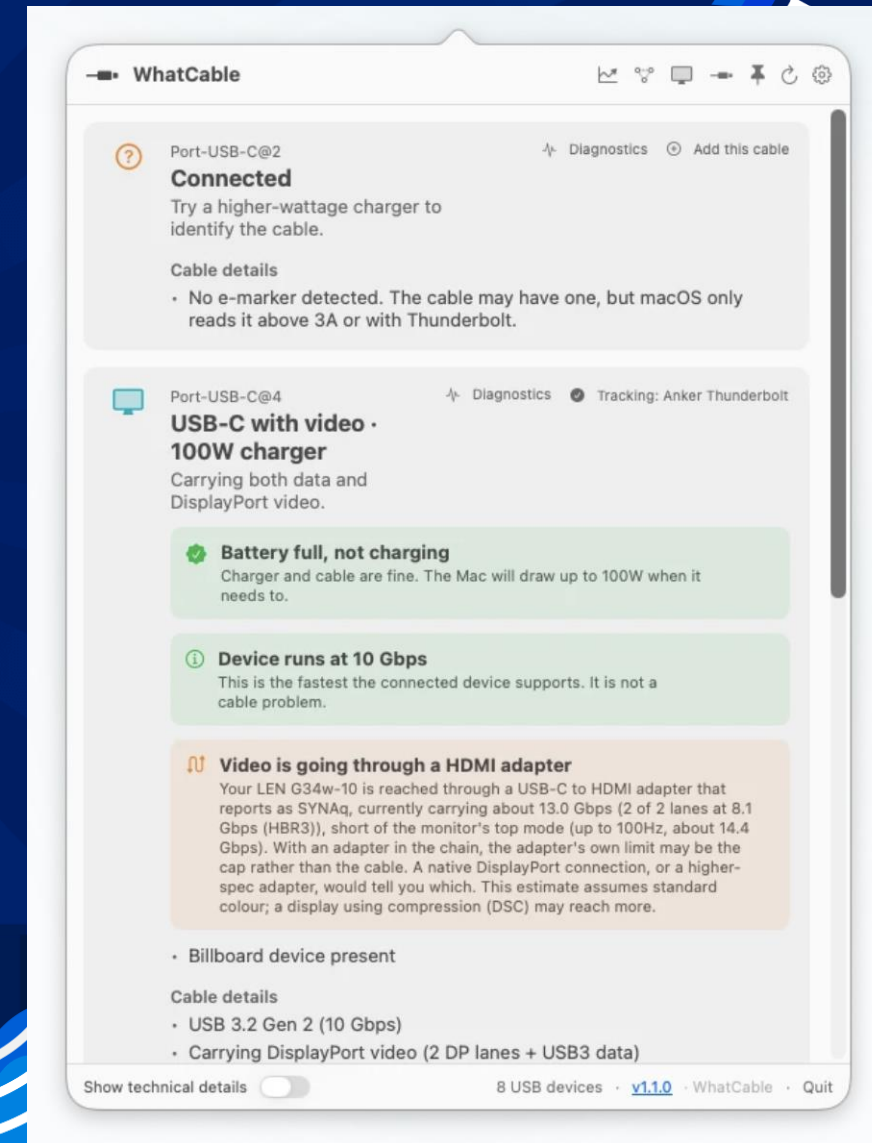


WhatCable

WhatCable is a small macOS menu bar app that tells you, in plain English, what each cable plugged into your Mac does.

“WhatCable explains cable speed, charging limits, e-marker data, and connected devices in plain English. Name a cable and it tracks how the cable actually performs over time, so you can spot the one that has started misbehaving. No more guessing why a cable charges slow or refuses to drive your display.”

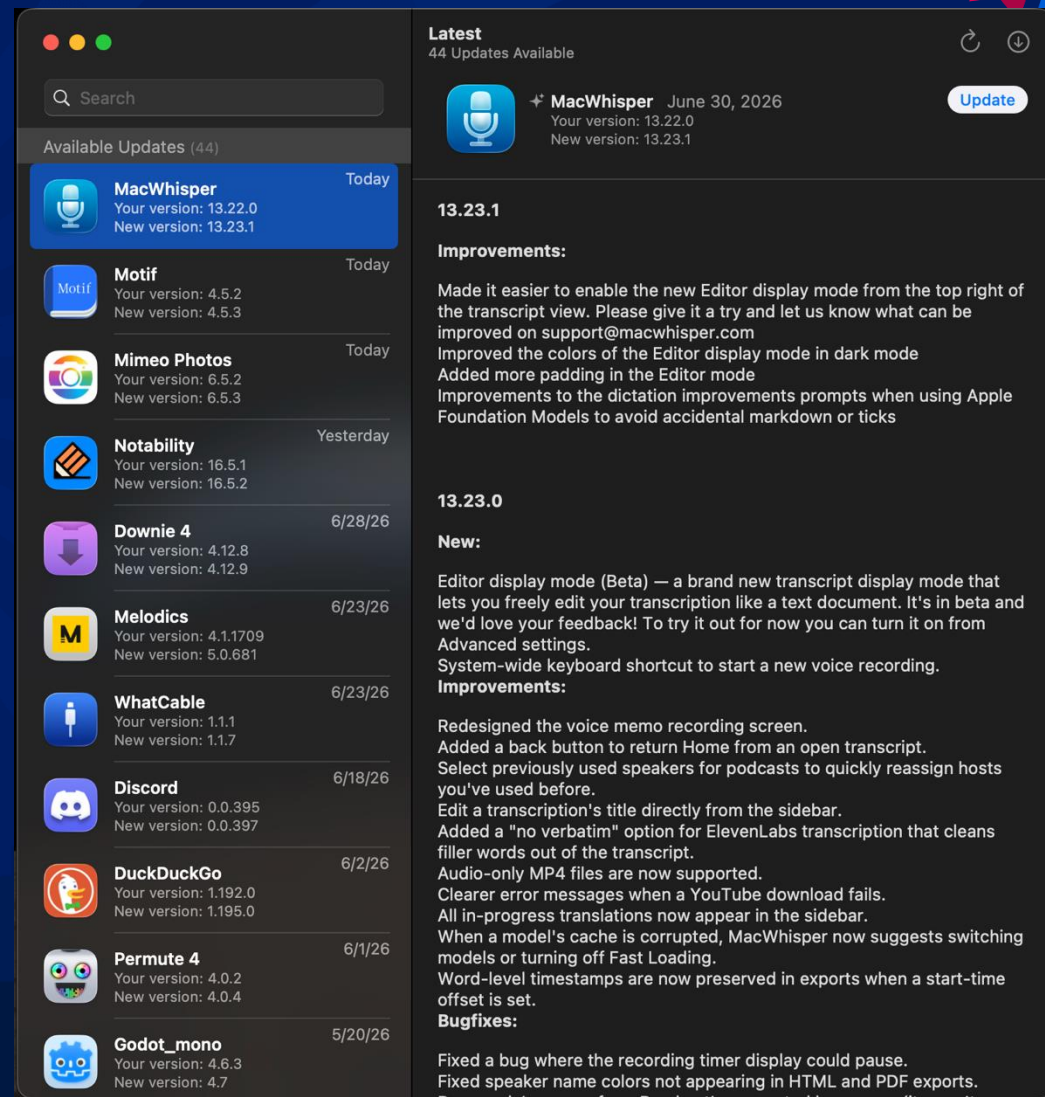
<https://www.whatcable.uk>



Latest App

Latest is a free open-source app for macOS that checks if all your apps are up to date. You then have the option to manually update each one.

<https://github.com/mangerlahn/latest>

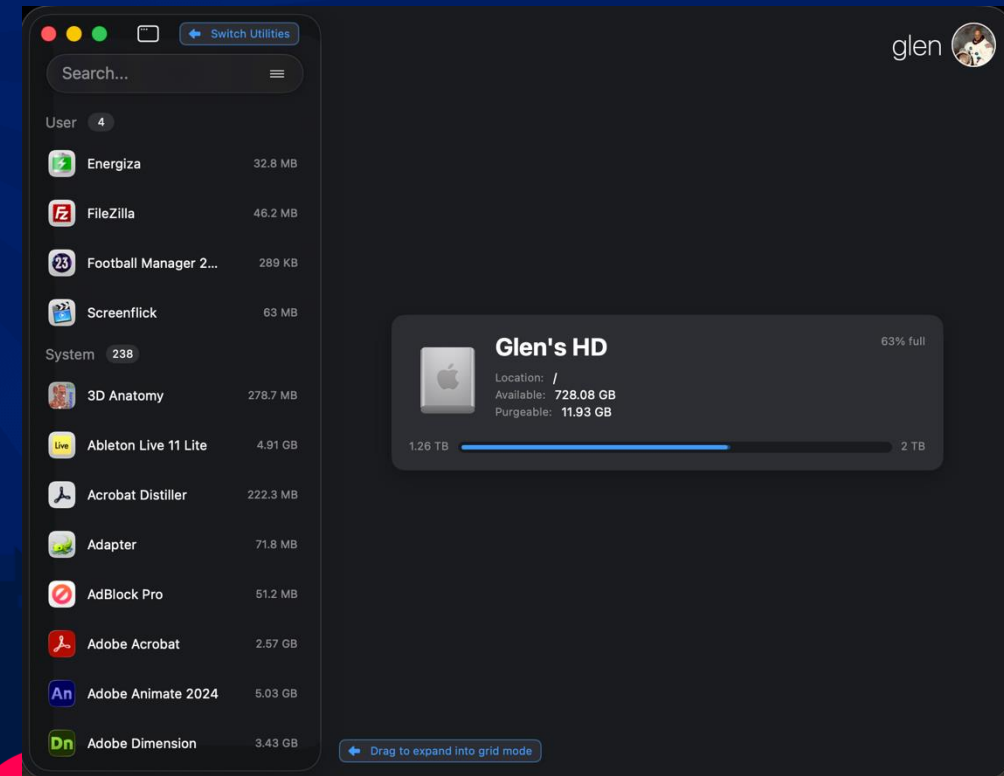


Pear Cleaner App



“PearCleaner is a free, open-source Mac app cleaner that goes far beyond simply deleting applications. When you uninstall an app on macOS, leftover files — preferences, caches, support files — quietly pile up and waste storage. PearCleaner finds and removes all of them, leaving your Mac genuinely clean. It also includes an orphaned file search to track down forgotten leftovers from apps you removed long ago.”

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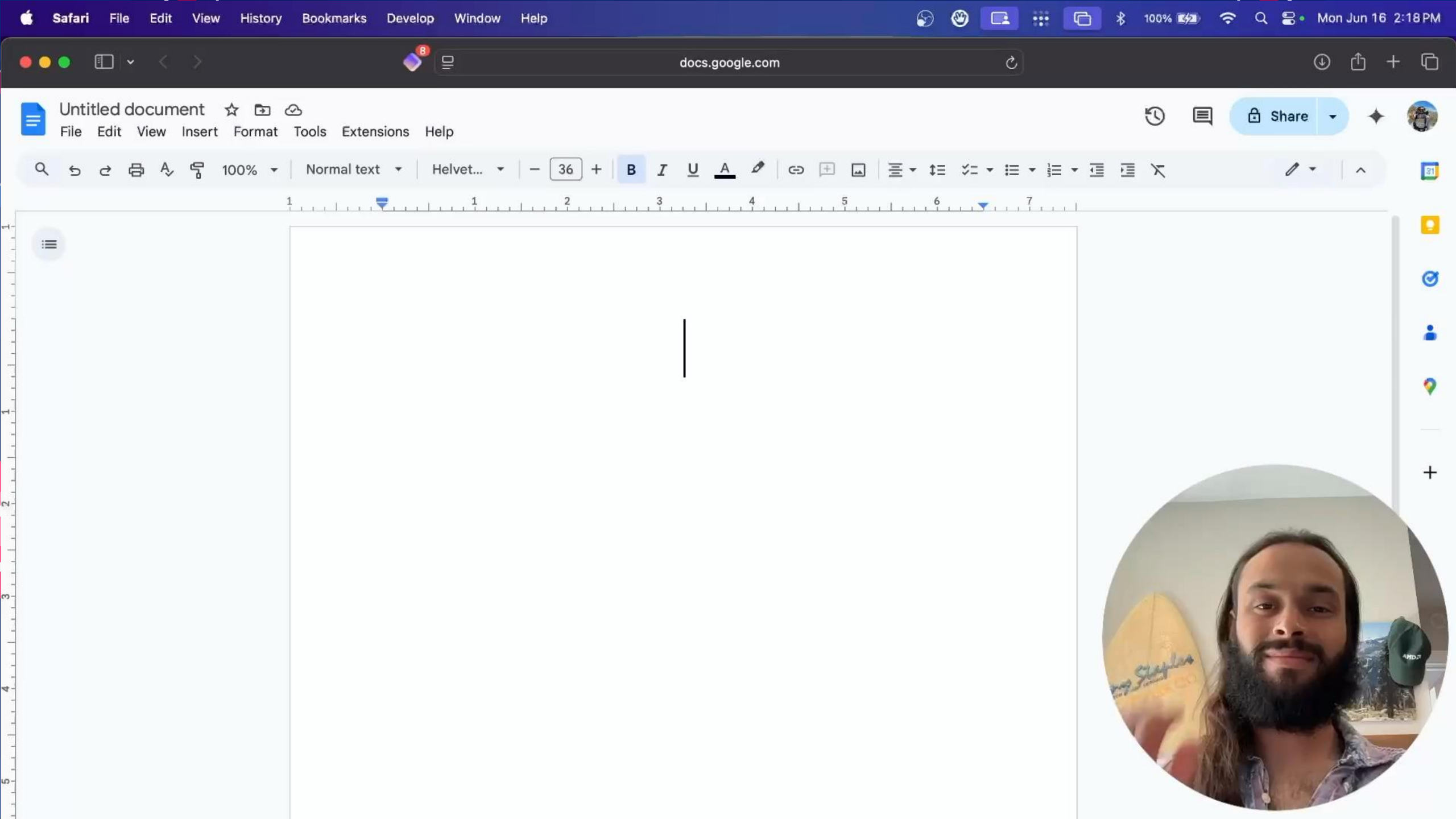
Handy App



"I built Handy because I broke a finger, was put into a cast and as a result my hand was out of commission. I tried some of the existing speech-to-text apps but none were open source and extensible. So Handy was made to fill this gap.

It's probably the most-simple speech to text app. Its only function is to put whatever you say into a text box. Press and hold a keyboard shortcut, speak, and release. Your words appear wherever you were typing. It runs completely offline using Whisper, works across platforms, and doesn't require subscriptions or cloud services.

<https://handy.computer>



Enable Smoother 120Hz Browsing in Safari

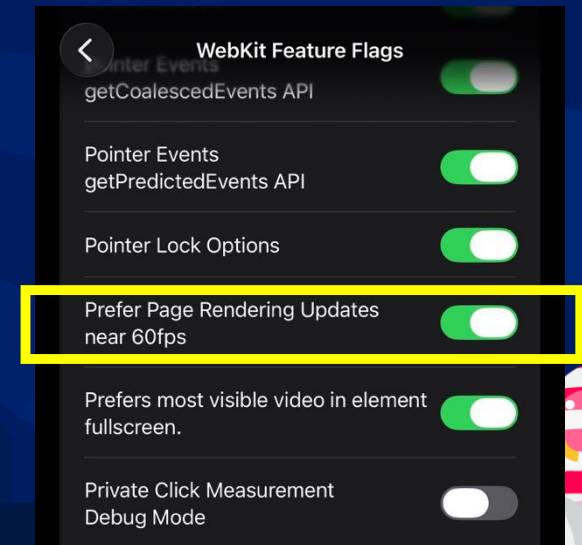
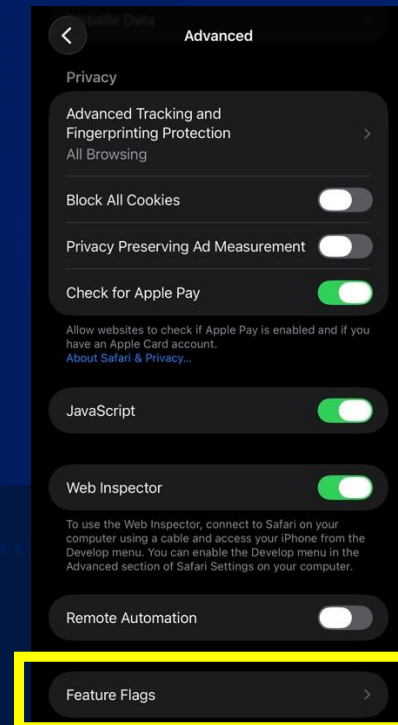
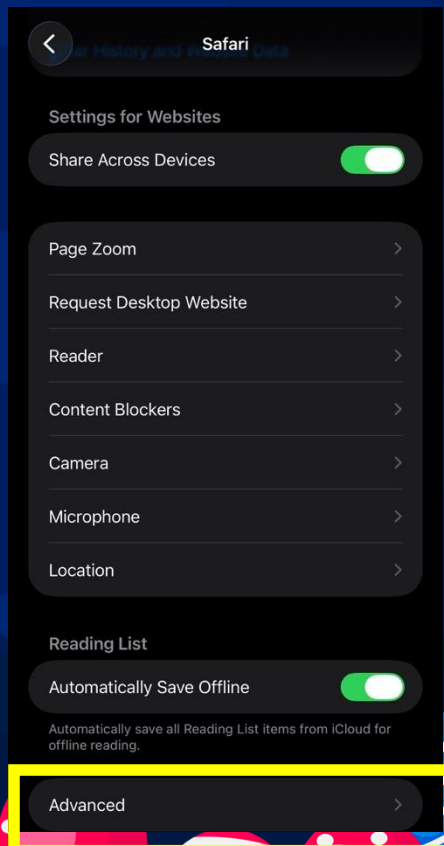
Safari includes a hidden setting that allows compatible devices to render webpages at up to 120Hz instead of 60Hz. At 60Hz, your screen refreshes every 16.7 milliseconds and at 120Hz, the refresh interval drops to 8.3 milliseconds, so the image updates twice as often. This makes motion like scrolling look more fluid and responsive.

- The setting works on devices with ProMotion displays:
 - iPhone 13 Pro and newer ProMotion iPhones
 - All iPad Pro models
 - 14-inch and 16-inch MacBook Pro models with ProMotion (2021 and newer)
- Enabling the feature can make webpage scrolling and animations appear smoother.
- Because the display refreshes more frequently, battery life may be reduced during heavy Safari use.

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How to Enable 120Hz in Safari on iPhone & iPad:

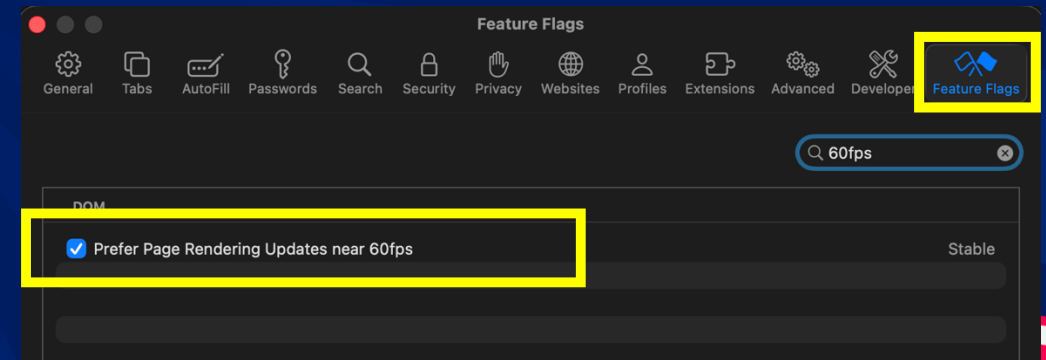
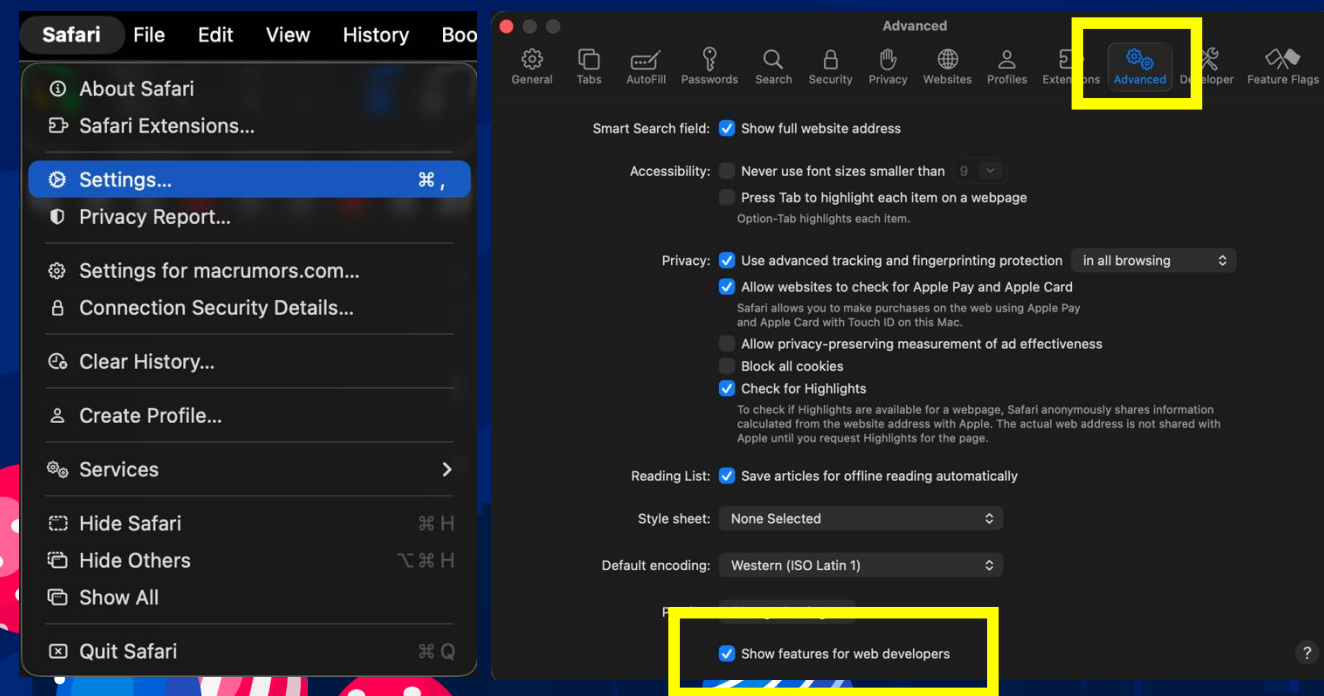
1. Go to "Apps" and select Safari and then scroll down to "Advanced."
2. Select "Feature Flags." Then scroll down and find: "Prefer Page Rendering Updates near 60fps." Turn that option OFF. Then force-quit Safari and reopen.



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How to Enable 120Hz in Safari on a Mac:

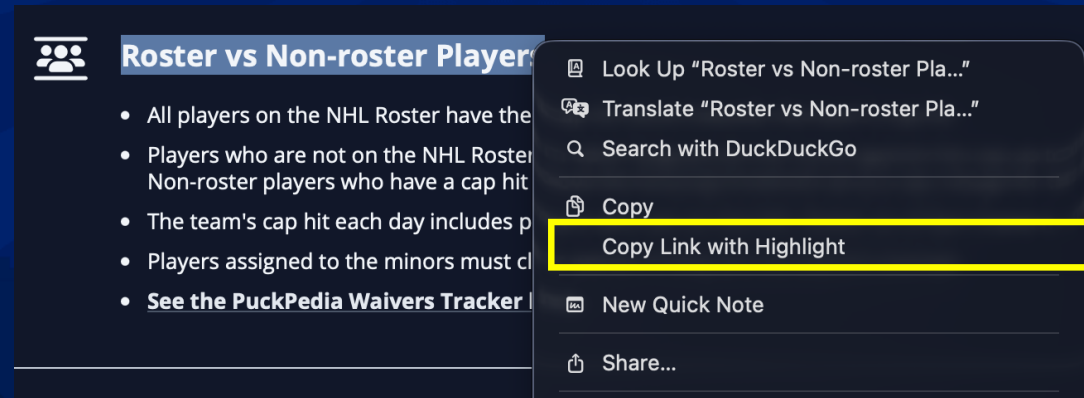
1. In Safari go to Settings from the menu bar. Select the Advanced tab and check "Show features for web developers."
2. Click the new Feature Flags tab. Then search for "60fps." Uncheck "Prefer Page Rendering Updates near 60fps." Now quit Safari completely and relaunch it.



Share a Link That Jumps to a Specific Line on a Webpage

At times when you share a webpage link, you are just trying to share part of a webpage rather than an entire article. There is a way to do this in MacOS. Apple added full support for text fragment links in Safari 18, and it's available in Safari on macOS Sequoia and later.

To do this, go to a web page and highlight the text you want to create a link to. Next Control-click the highlighted text and choose "Copy Link with Highlight" from the dropdown menu.



Now that you have this link copied, simply paste it into a text or email message and send it.

Videos in the presentation:

Handy App

<https://handy.computer>

10 Apple TV Tips You'll Wish You Knew Sooner

by Stephen Robles

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4VQAe9_LmyA