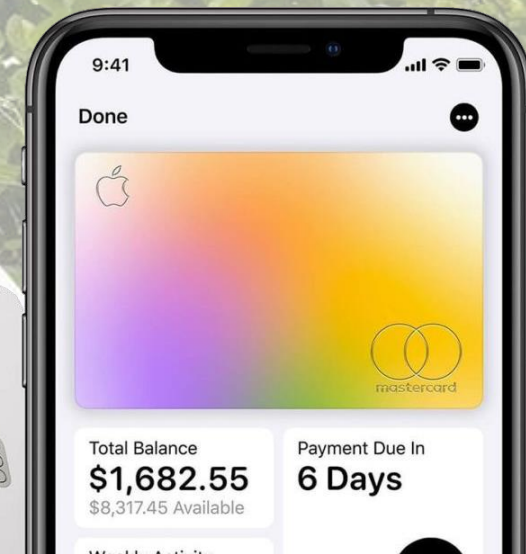




# Glen's Goodies-June 2026

# \$250 When signing up for an Apple Card

- Apple launched a new promotion for first-time Apple Card users that can effectively make a pair of AirPods Pro 3 free through Bonus Daily Cash rewards.
- The deal works by having NEW Apple Card customers sign up for the Apple Card. Then they buy AirPods Pro 3 directly from Apple. They will then receive \$249 back in Daily Cash rewards – roughly the full retail price of the earbuds.
- The promotion started in May and is scheduled to end on June 15<sup>th</sup>.



# YouTube Will Start Automatically Labeling AI Videos

- **YouTube is introducing automatic AI-generated content detection and labeling for videos that use “significant photorealistic AI.”**
- **The platform will no longer rely only on creators to self-report AI usage. If YouTube’s systems detect realistic AI-generated content, it can automatically apply an AI label to the video.**
- **AI labels are becoming much more visible:**
  - **On regular YouTube videos, labels will appear directly below the video player.**
  - **On YouTube Shorts, labels will appear as overlays on the video itself.**
- **YouTube says the goal is to help viewers quickly identify content that could be mistaken for real people, events, or locations. Unrealistic or obviously animated content may still only show disclosures in the description area.**
- **The company will use several detection methods, including:**
  - **internal AI detection signals, metadata, and Google’s SynthID technology.**
- **Creators who believe their videos were incorrectly labeled can appeal or adjust the disclosure settings in YouTube Studio.**

# MacBook Neo Sales Compared to M5 MacBook Air and Pro

Now that we're three months down the road from the launch of the MacBook Neo. We can start analyzing how it's selling and compare it to the Air and Pro models.

## Key Numbers

**MacBook Neo: 1.1 million units sold**

**M5 MacBook Air: 900,000 units sold**

**M5 MacBook Pro: 550,000 units sold**

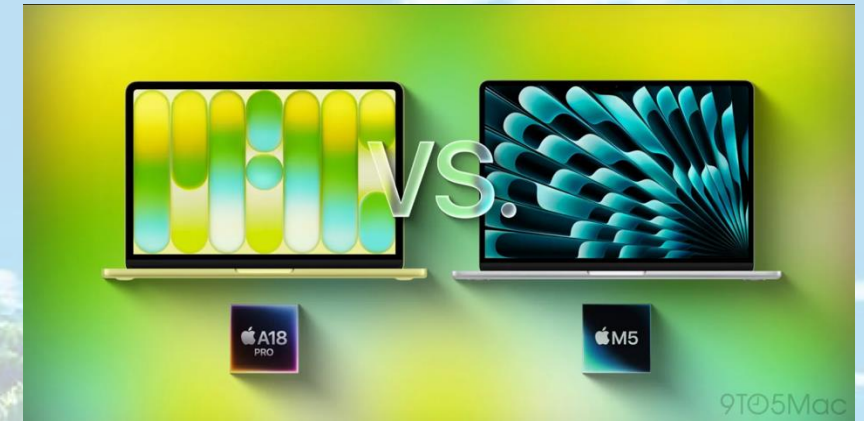
These figures cover the first quarter after launch and come from an IDC report cited by 9to5Mac.

## Main Takeaways

- MacBook Neo appears to be a major success. It had a strong debut. Price is likely the primary driver.
- The Air remains highly competitive. Despite being almost twice the price, the M5 Air still sold 900,000 units, suggesting many buyers continue to value the additional performance and features.
- The MacBook Pro serves a different audience. Lower sales are not necessarily a concern because the Pro targets professionals and commands significantly higher prices and margins.
- The Neo may be expanding the Mac market rather than cannibalizing it.

Many Neo buyers are likely:

Students, First-time Mac owners, Chromebook users, Windows laptop switchers, and Families buying secondary computers



# DuckDuckGo Set Its New All-time Search Traffic Record

- DuckDuckGo is seeing a huge surge in popularity, especially among iPhone users, after Google unveiled its AI-focused search overhaul
- DuckDuckGo recorded its highest single day of search traffic ever on June 1, 2026. The company says this was driven by a large increase in new users over the previous two weeks.
- iPhone users are leading the migration.
- U.S. iOS installs were up 95% compared with the week before Google's AI Search announcements.
- Across all platforms, DuckDuckGo reported:
  - U.S. installs were 61% higher than before Google's AI announcements.
  - On the strongest day, installs were 76% above the previous average.



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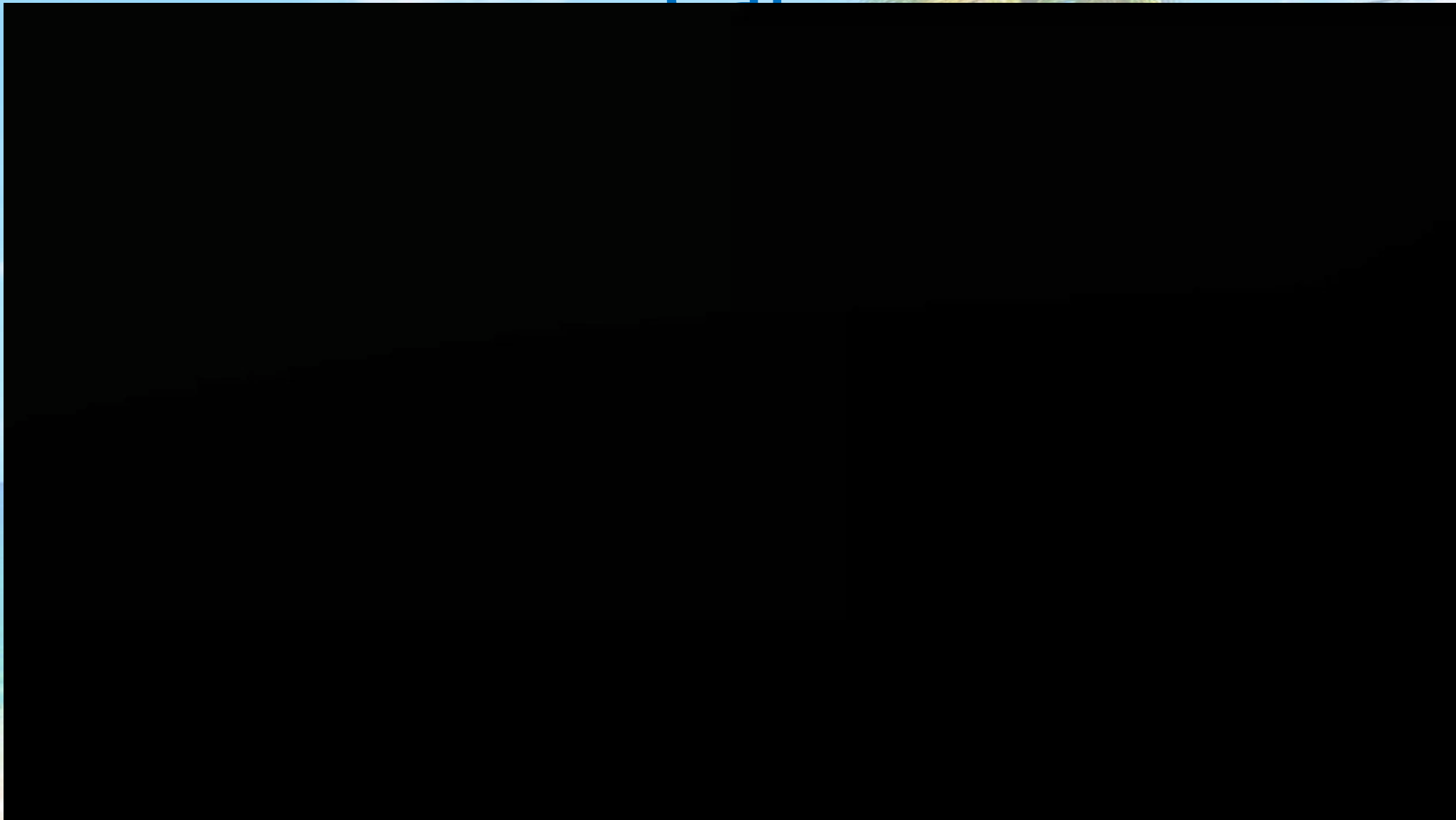
## Why Is This Happening?

- Google announced a much more AI-centric future for Search, including: AI-generated answers, conversational search, more Gemini integration, and AI suggestions embedded throughout the search.
- Some users appear to be unhappy with AI becoming the default search experience and are looking for alternatives that feel more like traditional web search.
- DuckDuckGo has positioned itself as the search engine that gives users more control over how much AI they want rather than forcing AI into every search.

## The "No AI" Factor

- DuckDuckGo offers a special "No AI" search mode that removes AI-generated answers, chat interfaces, and AI-generated images.
- Interest in this feature has exploded: Visits to the No AI search page have more than tripled since Google's AI announcements.

# Jony Ive and Ferrari Collaborate on Electric Car



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- Ferrari officially unveiled the Luce, its first fully electric vehicle, which is a huge shift from tradition for Ferrari. The car was co-designed by Jony Ive and Marc Newson through their design firm LoveFrom.
- The Luce is not a traditional two-seat supercar. Instead, it's a four-door, five-seat, luxury grand touring EV.
- The design is influenced by Ive's minimalist philosophy including: smooth surfaces, simplified controls, clean interior layouts, premium aluminum and glass materials, and fewer distracting touchscreens.
- Ironically, Ive pushed Ferrari away from touchscreen dashboards. He said touch interfaces "don't work" well while driving, so the Luce combines physical switches, tactile controls, and digital displays.
- The Luce may not be a sports car, but it has extremely high-end EV performance specs:
  - more than 1,000 horsepower, 0-60 mph in about 2.5 seconds, top speed above 190 mph, and roughly 300+ miles of range
- The Luce costs around \$640,000, making it one of the most expensive production EVs ever announced. Deliveries are expected to begin in late 2026 and continue into 2027.
- The reveal triggered a lot of controversy and some praised it, while others said it no longer looks like a Ferrari. Former Ferrari chairman Luca di Montezemolo publicly criticized the Luce, saying it risked damaging Ferrari's heritage. After the reveal Ferrari's stock price dropped.

# Did you Type the Wrong MacOS Password? The Pause Isn't a Glitch

- The short pause after entering the wrong password when logging in to a Mac is an intentional security feature – not a software glitch.
- Apple uses the delay to slow down “brute-force” attacks, where attackers rapidly try thousands of password combinations automatically. Even a brief delay greatly reduces how many guesses can be attempted.
- The pause happens before the login box “shakes,” which visually signals that the password was incorrect. Correct passwords are processed immediately, which is why successful logins feel much faster.
- macOS increases penalties after repeated failures:
  - after 4 wrong attempts: 1-minute lockout
  - after 5 attempts: 5-minute lockout
  - after 6 attempts: 15-minute lockout
- Eventually up to an 8-hour lockout after 9 failed attempts.
- Macs require a typed password after a reboot even if you normally use Touch ID. Apple does this as an extra layer of security.



# Your iPhone's Dots are a spy detector

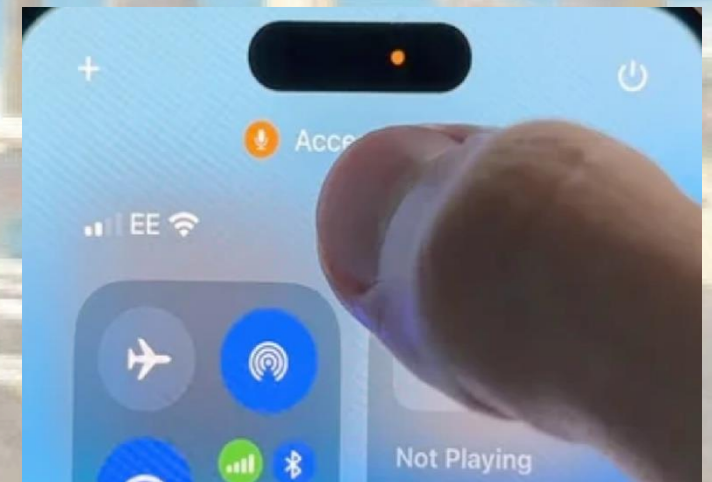
Have you noticed little colored dots at the top of your iPhone screen? Your iPhone uses the dots to expose apps using your camera and mic. Here's what they mean:

The small black-backed dot near the Dynamic Island on newer iPhones is Apple's built-in privacy indicator system. The indicator appears whenever an app is actively using sensitive hardware:

**Green dot = camera is in use**

**Orange dot = microphone is in use**

Apple redesigned the indicators in iOS 18.4 to make them easier to notice by placing them against a black background.



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# The Messages app in iOS 26.5 has

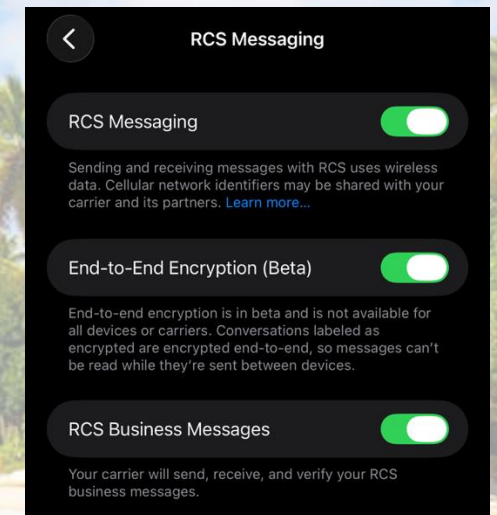
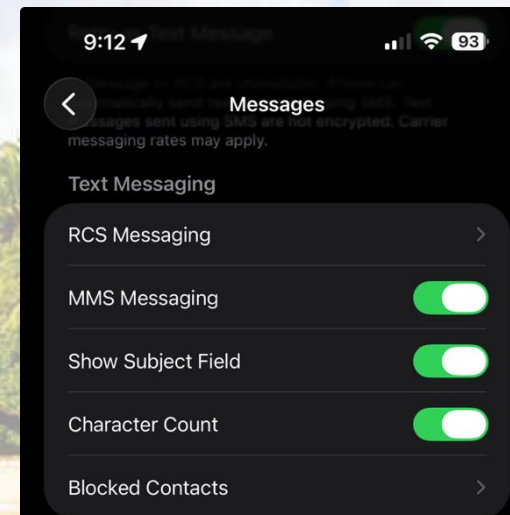
## encrypted RCS,

## Check if it's working

Apple Messages uses end-to-end encryption if you are messaging a fellow Apple Messages user. However, this encryption doesn't extend to the green bubble conversations with non-Apple users. Now in iOS 26.5, Messages has been upgraded with support for RCS end-to-end encryption as well.

This feature should be on by default, but to check if it is:

- **Open Settings**
- **Go to Apps → Messages → RCS Messaging**
- **Make sure End-to-End Encryption is enabled.**



Having the setting enabled doesn't guarantee all RCS conversations are encrypted. Both you and the person you're messaging must be using supported carriers and compatible devices/software versions. If an RCS chat is encrypted, you'll see a lock icon and an "Encrypted" label in the conversation.

# Things You Didn't Know Your Apple Pencil Could Do

I love my Apple Pencil and I recently just started using my second one-an Apple Pencil Pro. I use the pencil regularly on my iPad for note taking, sketching, and annotating. Here are some functions of the pencil that you may or may not be familiar with.

## 1. Double-tap to switch between tools

This one is pretty basic, but very handy. The Apple Pencil has a pressure-sensitive button on its flat edge. If you tap quickly twice just above the nib, you can switch between available tools in supported apps. I mainly use it to switch between my writing tool (like Pen or marker) and the Eraser tool.



## 2. Squeeze your Apple Pencil for a tool palette

If you have an Apple Pencil Pro, you have the can trigger a floating tool palette at the tip of your Apple Pencil. Squeeze the barrel of your Apple Pencil gently above the nib (don't tap), where you hold the Apple Pencil to write.

A tool palette will appear, showing shortcuts for undo, redo, an eraser, recently used nibs, and a color picker. You can swipe on the palette to expand it and to show more tools.

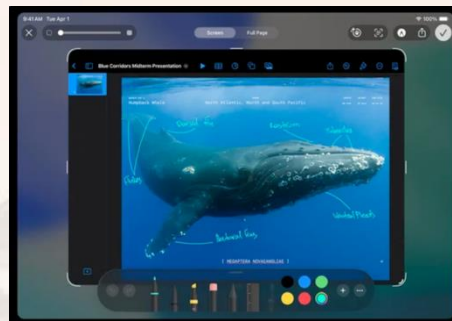


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## 3. Control Your Mac

The iPad has a feature that can turn it into a second screen for your Mac. It becomes a touchscreen that runs macOS using your pencil. Place your iPad next to your Mac and make sure that both devices are on the same Wi-Fi network and using the same Apple ID. On your Mac, go to Control Center > Screen Mirroring. In the Mirror or Extend to section, select your iPad. Then, choose to Use as External Display option. The Apple Pencil replaces the cursor. You can click on objects, draw in apps, and make adjustments in photo and video editing apps using the Apple Pencil. You can markup documents and the Apple Pencil's double-tap feature is supported on the Mac.



## 4. Annotate and share screenshots

You can annotate whatever is on your screen. Swipe in from the bottom-left corner of the iPad to enter the screenshot markup interface. The iPad will take a screenshot of whatever is on your screen, and will show the markup tool palette at the bottom. If you're in Safari, you also get a full-page option to annotate a webpage. Use your pencil to draw over the screenshot and annotate anything you want. You can also draw shapes and arrows. To crop the screenshot to only show the annotated portion of the screen, swipe in from one of the corners of the screenshot.

Tap on the Share button to send the annotated screenshot to anyone. Tap the Done button to save it to the Photos app.

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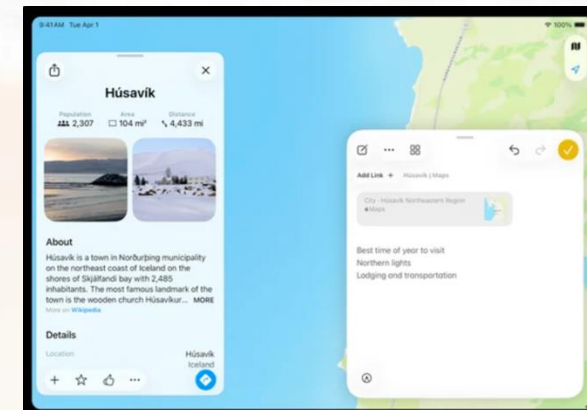
## 5. Write in Any Text Field

Use the pencil to write anywhere the iPad accepts text input. This works using the Scribble feature. Make sure it's enabled by going to Settings > Scribble. Then write with your Apple Pencil in any text field. It works in Spotlight, the URL bar in Safari, Messages, plus other apps. As you write, the iPad converts your written text into typed text. It appears live as you finish writing a couple of letters. This even works if your handwriting goes outside of the text box.

Scribble converts writing to typed text in traditional writing apps. Open the tool palette, choose the handwriting tool. You can also edit it using the Apple Pencil. To delete a word, scratch it out. Touch and hold the Pencil in any text area to watch it open up. You can then insert text in the new space. To join or separate letters, draw a vertical line between them. To select text to edit, draw around it.

## 6. Take Quick Notes

There's a hidden Apple Notes feature, exclusive to the Apple Pencil, that brings up a small floating notepad that's context aware. With your Apple Pencil, swipe in from the bottom-right corner of the screen when you're in an app or the home screen. You will see a Quick Notes interface pop up. You can now start writing or drawing in that.



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## 7. Take notes from the lock screen

You can take notes without unlocking the iPad. If you go to Settings > Apps > Notes, choose the "Access Notes from Lock Screen" feature. By default, this will be set to "Off". There are two options: either pick "Always Create a New Note" or "Resume Last Note". If you plan to use this feature to add to a note that you're already using (for example, if you're taking notes in a lecture or meeting), it's better to resume the last used note. If you plan to use it to write new information so that you don't forget it (like someone's address or a phone number), it's better to create a new note each time.

When the iPad is locked and the screen is turned off, tap the iPad's screen with your Apple Pencil. This will open up a note, and you can start writing. Tap the Done button to save when you're finished. You will find your work in the Notes app.

## 8. Use barrel rolls and pressure to Change Stroke

You can roll your Apple Pencil between your fingers to change the thickness of line strokes. This feature is available when you're using the Highlighter tool or the Fountain Pen tool. You can preview the line thickness even before making the stroke. Just rotate your Apple Pencil to see what the stroke thickness will look like before you start drawing.



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## 9. Make your handwriting more legible

Auto-refine Handwriting will make your writing more legible. Access it by tapping the three-dotted More button from the tool palette.

When enabled, your iPad will rewrite your sloppy writing in a style that is still looks like your writing. It uses data from your previous writing and refines writing that is less than legible. It happens automatically. You can choose when to you refine text that is particularly difficult to read. Highlight the text that you want to refine, and tap the Refine button from the pop-up toolbar. You can also paste text from other sources, but in your handwriting. This only works in a note where you already have handwritten text. Copy text from a source, navigate to the note with handwritten text, tap in the blank space, and tap the Paste button.

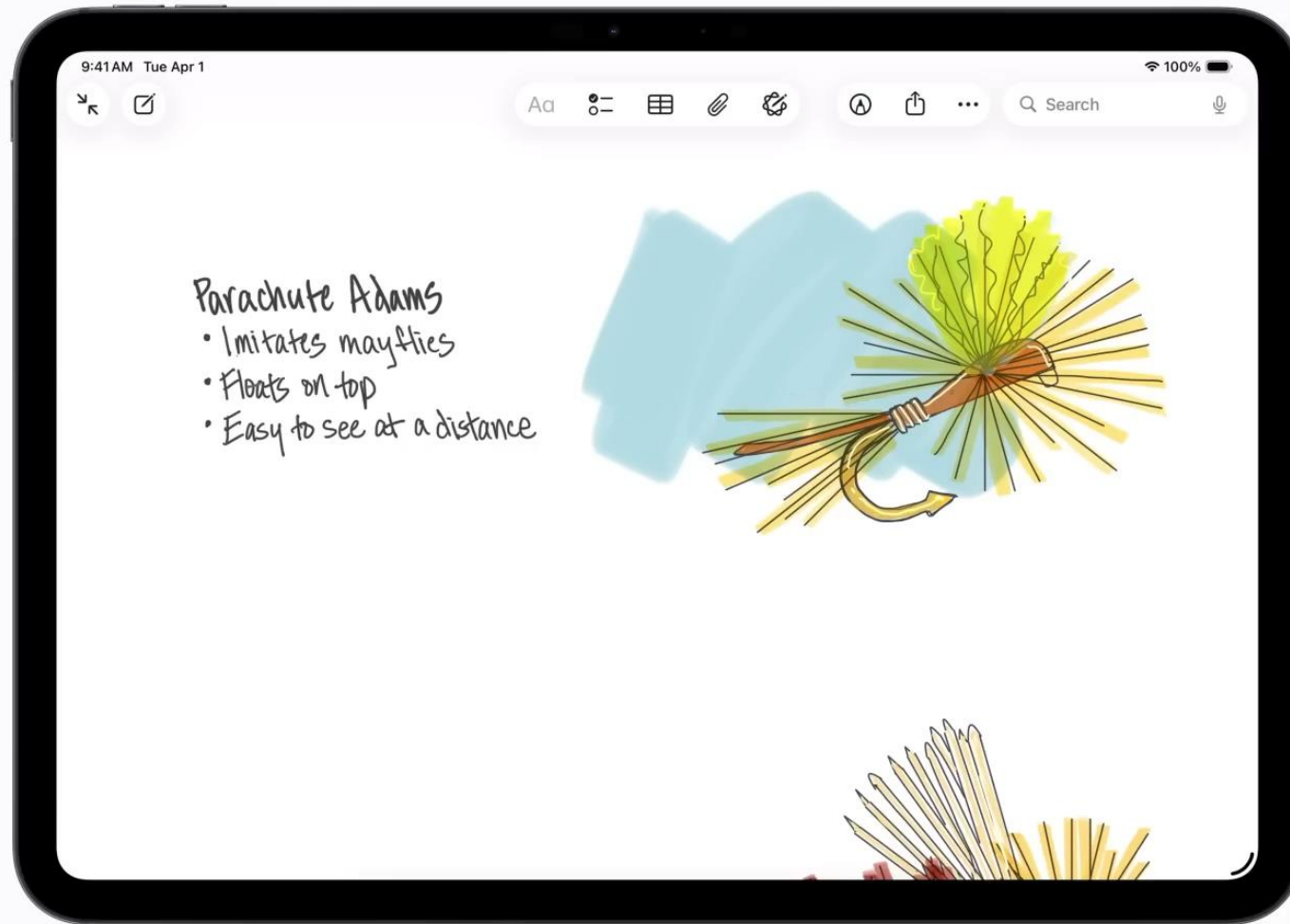
## 10. Turn drawn shapes into sharp shapes

If you draw a shape in a single stroke and hold down with your Apple Pencil for just a second instead of lifting after you finish, the iPad will automatically clean it up. The edges will be sharper, and it will look more real and neat.

## 11. Hover Feature

You can hover just above the iPad's screen to preview the drawing tools or the eraser and what they will look like. You can also use the hover feature to preview the tilt of the highlighter or the stroke of a fountain pen before drawing. You can use it to make precise strokes when sketching or taking notes.

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# Browse the Web on Your Apple Watch

Believe it or not, you can browse web pages on your Apple Watch. It may not be the greatest web browsing experience, but can be handy if you don't have your iPhone available. There are actually two ways to do this.

The first way is via Messages.

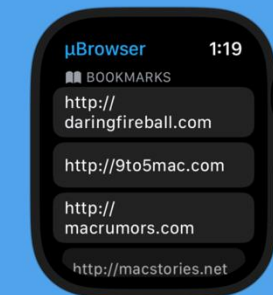
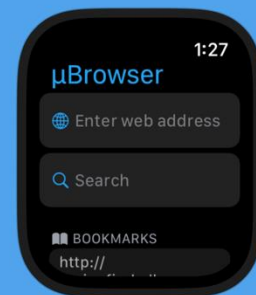
1. Open the Messages app on your Apple Watch
2. Click on a message with a link to a web page
3. A web page will load that you can browse by using the crown on the watch to scroll



The second way is by using the app  $\mu$ Browser

1. Go to the app store and download the app-It costs \$2.99:  
<https://apps.apple.com/lu/app/%C3%BCbrowser-watch-web-browser/id1590622755>
2. Open  $\mu$ Browser from your app list.
3. Choose one of two options:
  - a. Enter Web Address - go directly to a website.
  - b. Search - search the web.

Use  $\mu$ Browser on Apple Watch to browse the web



# Love Classic Macs? Try These Products

The first one is the Kokogol Maclock.



## How crazy are the details?

- Classic Mac startup smiley face—instantly pulls you back to the 80s.
- Floppy-disk-style UI, insert-and-boot nostalgia maxed out.
- Top lever = power button + backlight touch switch (yes, it's a hidden feature).
- 8000K backlight mimicking CRT tones, with a knob to adjust brightness.
- Multi-info display: time, date, weekday, temperature, alarm/sleep mode.
- Pixelated retro dot-matrix font with built-in vintage tech filter.
- Comes with DIY stickers for the body.
- Type-C charging port.

**\$29.99 USD**

## The Memory Keeper

Calendar mode

Easter egg mode



Time mode



# Love Classic Macs? Try These Products

Next, we have the RayCue 128K: Retro Style Multifunctional Dock w/ Display.



|                                      | RayCue 128K Pro  | RayCue 128K  |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
|                                      |   |    |
|                                      | <b>\$159</b>   | <b>\$99</b>  |
| Output Interface                     | 13 Ports   | 13 Ports   |
| Use Separately                       | Yes  | Yes  |
| Ethernet                             | RJ45 (1 Gbps)  | RJ45 (1 Gbps)  |
| Charge for Laptop                    | 100W PD fast charging  | X  |
| Media Output                         | HDMI*3 (4K@60Hz)<br>3.5mm Audio Jack   | HDMI*3 (4K@60Hz)<br>3.5mm Audio Jack   |
| Extend Monitors                      | 3  | 3  |
| Duplicated/extended Mode for Windows | A+A+A+A<br>A+B+C+D   | A+A+A+A<br>A+B+C+D   |
| Duplicated/extended Mode for Mac OS  | A+A+A+A<br>A+B+C+D   | A+A+A+A<br>A+B+B+B   |
| MST Chip for Mac OS                  | DisplayLink  | X  |
| APP Control                          | ✓  | X  |
| Display Mode                         | Digital Clock Mode/<br>Picture Frame Mode  | Video Player Mode/<br>Digital Clock Mode/<br>Picture Frame Mode  |
| Interface Specifications             | <b>HDMI*3:</b> 4k@60Hz<br><b>USB-C 3.2*1:</b> 10Gbps, 30W PD max<br><b>USB-A 3.0*3:</b> 5Gbps<br><b>USB-A 2.0*2:</b> 480Mbps<br><b>SD/TF:</b> 104Mb/s (SD&TF can be read simultaneously)<br><b>RJ45:</b> 1000Mbps<br><b>Audio Jack:</b> 3.5mm<br><b>USB-C Host:</b> 10Gbps, DisplayPort 1.4, 100W PD Max<br><b>Power Supply:</b> DC 5.5, 100-240V, 50-60Hz, 130W | <b>HDMI*3:</b> 4k@60Hz<br><b>USB-C 3.0*1:</b> 5Gbps, 20W PD max<br><b>USB-A 3.0*3:</b> 5Gbps<br><b>USB-A 2.0*2:</b> 480Mbps<br><b>SD/TF:</b> 104Mb/s (SD&TF can be read simultaneously)<br><b>RJ45:</b> 1000Mbps<br><b>Audio Jack:</b> 3.5mm<br><b>USB-C Host:</b> 5Gbps, DisplayPort 1.4<br><b>Power Supply:</b> DC 5.5, 100-240V, 50-60Hz, 45W |

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