

# Sequoia Demo Notes

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## Setup

### Model Support

Macs that can run Sequoia include the following:

- iMac (2019 or newer)
- iMac Pro
- MacBook Air (2020 or newer)
- MacBook Pro (2018 or newer)
- Mac mini (2018 or newer)
- Mac Pro (2019 or newer)
- Mac Studio

Unfortunately, that excludes the 2018 and 2019 MacBook Air models, which were able to run Sonoma but can go no further.

Note: Apple Intelligence features require an M-series processor.

### Security Alerts

Screen and Audio Access - the alert only lets you grant permission for one month.

Opening Non-Notarized Apps - After dismissing the initial warning: Go to System Settings > Privacy & Security and scroll all the way down to the bottom, where you'll see a Security heading. Under that you'll see the name of the app you just tried to open: "App Name was blocked to protect your Mac." Click Open Anyway. In the next box, again click Open Anyway.

### Apple Mail

The first time you launch Mail under Sequoia, a window may inform you that it's "optimizing" your Mail database.

## Features

### Tile Your Windows

Tiling causes windows to "snap" into place.

Tiling is enabled by default.

Drag window to top, side or corner of screen. A white rectangle appears, indicating that the window will fill the rectangle area when you let go of the drag. (Option key immediately shows the rectangle.)

Start dragging the window to revert to initial window position..

Pull down the "Window" menu for various options (and even more options via the Option key).

Also you can click on the green button of a window for tiling options.

Also there are keyboard combos to tile windows (using the "Globe" key).

Adjust Tiling settings here: go to System Settings > Desktop & Dock, scroll down to the Windows section.

## **iPhone Mirroring**

Requires iOS 18 on the iPhone.

iPhone must be at its Lock Screen to start mirroring.

You can do almost anything you'd do on your iPhone (iPhone microphone and camera are not available.)

You can also:

Show the Home Screen ⌘-1

Show the App Switcher ⌘-2

Open Spotlight ⌘-3

Resize the window

Rearrange your Home Screen

Move cursor to top of mirrored iPhone display to invoke some actions.

If you start to use the iPhone, it will auto-disconnect from mirroring on the Mac.

However, you can move the iPhone and mirroring reflects this. (E.g., the Compass app.)

## **Improved Videoconferencing**

Preview Shared Screen Content

Replace Your Background

## **System Settings**

Apple Account Settings - Starting in Sequoia, iOS 18, and iPadOS 18, Apple has renamed "Apple ID" to "Apple Account."

Wi-Fi Settings - Click the Details button next to a Wi-Fi network, you'll see a new section labeled "Private Wi-Fi address."

Change the MAC address setting to "Rotating" for better privacy.

Screen Saver and Wallpaper Settings - new visuals

Focus Settings - a new "Reduce Interruptions" focus

## **Discover Apple Intelligence** - available only on Macs with M-series processors

Siri

A New Siri Interface

an overlay in the upper-right corner of your screen, shows a live transcription of what you say

can also type a query/request

change settings for how to invoke Siri

Natural Conversation - Siri now remembers what you just asked about

Apple Product Help via Siri

Writing Tools - available in most apps that let you edit text

Start by selecting text. Then access Writing Tools via:

Edit menu > Writing Tools, or

control-click, or

new Apple Intelligence icon

Apple Intelligence in Photos

descriptive searches

automatically generated Collections

remove unwanted objects from photos

Other Apple Intelligence Features

automatic summaries of webpages in Safari Reader and emails - example: Wikipedia

Messages and Mail can prompt you with automatic responses to questions and comments in incoming messages

## **Safari 18**

View Page Highlights

Redesigned Reader - page summary, table of contents  
Reduce Webpage Distractions - works like an ad blocker (or as an addition to one)  
New Video Viewer

### **Messages**

Add Text Formatting (recipient needs to be using iMessage)  
Animated Text Effects  
More tapback icons (any emoji)  
Smart Replies in Messages  
Send a Message Later

### **Notes**

Record and Transcribe Live Audio  
Use Math Notes (works in some other apps too, e.g. TextEdit)  
Add Collapsible Sections  
Highlight Text

### **New Passwords App**

Uses data from iCloud Keychain  
Supports use of 2FA, Sign in with Apple and Passkeys  
Supports import/export via CSV formatted file  
Optionally adds a menu bar icon  
Share Passwords and Passkeys with a Group - A person must already be in your Contacts to be added to a password sharing group.  
    Passwords are shared to other person's Keychain

### **Calculator**

Complex Expression Support - e.g. can use parentheses  
New Conversion Options - Angle, Data, Force, and Fuel

### **Calendar**

Scheduled Reminders  
Add Suggested Events

### **Mail** (the following need Apple Intelligence, i.e. macOS Sequoia 15.1)

Message Summaries - in the message window and in message list column  
Priority Messages  
Use Smart Replies in Mail  
Writing Tools

### **Photos**

Collections - AI-driven categories to organize your library  
Descriptive Searches  
Remove Unwanted Objects from Photos  
Create Custom Memory Movies