

## **Smart Folders (in Finder and Notes), Smart Albums, Smart Playlists, Smart Mailboxes**

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### **Smart Folders on Mac**

The Recents view in the Finder is a special built-in smart folder that displays all recently opened files

If you delete a file in a Smart Folder, the original copy of the file is also deleted.

If you delete a Smart Folder that contains files, the original files are not deleted.

When specifying the search criteria for a Smart Folder, hold option key down and click on the ellipsis to add “Any,” “All” or “None” test of included criteria.

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### **Smart Albums in Photos**

There are plenty of different kinds of data that you can use to build a smart album, including:

- Items in a specific (non-smart) album
- The date the image was taken or added to Photos
- Description text you entered
- People or pets detected in an image
- The name of the original file
- Keywords
- Whether it’s a favorite, has been edited, or contains location data
- File type (image, movie, raw, selfie, time lapse, etc.)
- Model of camera
- Whether the camera flash was used
- Type of lens used
- Camera settings, including aperture, focal length, ISO, and shutter speed

Limitation:

Smart Albums are macOS only: You’re not only unable to create or define smart albums on an iPhone or iPad, but you’re also prevented from seeing smart albums you’ve created on a Mac and synced via iCloud Photos.

Workaround:

Share the Smart Album: On the Mac, select the smart album, click the Share on the toolbar, and choose iCloud Photo Sharing and then New Shared Album

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## **Smart Mailboxes in Apple Mail**

Smart mailboxes appear in your sidebar along with the ordinary mailboxes.

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## **Useful Links**

General Tutorials:

<https://techpp.com/2020/08/27/smart-folders-mac-guide/>

<https://www.geeky-gadgets.com/how-to-use-smart-folders-on-your-apple-mac/>

<https://eshop.macsales.com/blog/54231-how-to-create-modify-and-use-smart-folders-in-macos/>

Apple Support Pages:

<https://support.apple.com/guide/mac-help/create-or-change-a-smart-folder-on-mac-mchlp2804/mac>

<https://support.apple.com/guide/notes/use-smart-folders-apd58edc7964/mac>