Apps and Traps for Feb, 2017 by David Whitby

Humor

Kaitlyn Jenner announced the production of her autobiography.... it will be a "He said.. she said" sort of thing.....





- * A hard drive was a long trip on the road * A mouse pad was where a mouse lived * And if you had a 3 1/2 inch floppyyou just hoped nobody found out



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Apple Watch will soon let you talk to Siri to use your apps by Sarah Perez

https://techcrunch.com/2017/01/25/apple-watch-will-soon-let-you-talk-to-siri-to-use-your-apps/

The next version of Apple Watch's software will let you talk to Siri via your smartwatch in order to interact with third-party applications, according to new developer documentation from Apple released on Tuesday. This will let you do things like order an Uber, send a message through a chat application, make a payment, and more.

The feature is one of a handful of enhancements expected to arrive in the upcoming operating system, watchOS 3.2, which will also introduce a "Theater Mode" option.

This lets you mute the sound on your watch and will disable the watch's ability to wake the screen when you raise your wrist. In other words, it's a way to not annoy others when watching a movie, play or other performance in a darkened room when you're asked to silence your devices. But more interesting is the addition of SiriKit for third-party apps.

Being able to use your apps via a wrist just by speaking will be a big step forward in terms of voice-based computing, and something that could even make Apple Watch seem more appealing to those who haven't yet seen the need for smart wristwear. Consumer apathy has led to <u>declining smartwatch sales</u>, and an industry that's <u>left taking stock of the true market potential for wearables</u> now that the hype has worn off.

APPLE'S RUMORED NEW PRODUCT COULD BE BIGGER THAN THE IPHONE by Joe McGauley

https://www.thrillist.com/tech/nation/rumors-apple-vr-glasses-augmented-reality

It's hard to believe <u>it's only been 10 years</u> since Steve Jobs walked on stage to introduce the first ever iPhone. The mobile revolution it kicked off earned Apple a seat at the table as one of the most influential and important (not to mention profitable) companies on the planet, with industry insiders and techies alike anxiously awaiting the drop of every new device.

However, with <u>iPhone sales down</u> and questions rising over whether <u>the brand has lost its edge</u>, many are wondering what the notoriously secretive company's next big innovation might be, and when it'll be revealed.

It turns out, we may not have to wait much longer. That's according to piping-hot Apple gossip from <u>a few well-placed sources</u>, which suggests we may be on the precipice of yet another game changer, this time in the form of augmented reality-equipped glasses.

iOS 10.3 code includes hidden support for a floating one-handed keyboard for iPad users by Chance Miller

https://9to5mac.com/2017/01/24/ios-floating-one-handed-ipad-keyboard/

As is usually the case with iOS updates, there are a few new features that Apple doesn't activate in the user-facing version, but developers still uncover their existence. This time, developer Steven Troughton-Smith has <u>uncovered</u> a new one-handed floating keyboard for iPad inside iOS 10.3...

According to Smith, the feature is supported in iPads that are 9.7-inches in size or smaller, meaning the largest 12.9-inch model is left out. Smith explains that the floating keyboard works a lot like picture-in-picture does for video. The keyboard can be moved around on-screen and is essentially the size of the keyboard you'd get on the iPhone.

iPhone 8 could introduce facial recognition feature using new laser sensor, analyst predicts by Zac Hall

https://9to5mac.com/2017/01/18/iphone-8-facial-recognition-sensor-feature/

Facial and gesture recognition could be some of the flagship features of <u>Apple's new iPhone 8</u> <u>expected later this year</u>, according to one analyst. Cowen's Timothy Arcuri (via <u>Business Insider</u>) believes the next iPhone will gain a new front-facing sensor that will be used for these features.

Arcuri tells the firm's clients that the expected iPhone 8 will include a new 5.8-inch model with an OLED wraparound display, wireless charging, "some form of facial/gesture recognition supported by a new laser sensor and an infrared sensor mounted near the front-facing camera", and Touch ID embedded in the display.

Apple's Next iPad Pro Will Feature a 10.5" Display, According to Intriguing Mathematical Theory by Mike Peterson

https://www.idropnews.com/rumors/apples-next-ipad-pro-will-feature-10-5-display-according-intriguing-mathematical-theory/29736/

Rumor has it that Apple is working on an iPad Pro with an edge-to-edge display — but there have been mixed messages about the upcoming tablet's true size.

One of the more credible rumors, suggesting a new iPad Pro size, comes from Studio Neat designer Dan Provost. Last week, Provost wrote a post on *Medium* that made the case for Apple releasing a 10.5-inch iPad Pro — a size that many, including noted Apple writer John Gruber said "doesn't make any sense." Provost brings up the fact that, when the 12.9-inch iPad Pro was unveiled in September 2015, Apple VP Phil Schiller went into detail, describing why Apple decided on that particular size. Essentially, a 12.9-inch iPad Pro has — when in landscape mode — about the same screen space as two iPad 9.7-inch iPads side-by-side.

Why You Shouldn't Link Your iPhone Apps To Facebook, According To Experts by Katelyn Holland

http://www.shefinds.com/collections/why-you-shouldnt-link-your-iphone-apps-to-facebook-according-to-experts/

You probably do it without thinking: You log into iPhone apps using your Facebook account. It's quicker and easier than creating a separate user name and password. It might be super convenient to log in with Facebook, but there are some serious security concerns with linking iPhone apps to Facebook. Click through the slideshow to see what tech experts have to save about why you shouldn't use FB to log into apps.

Non Apple but interesting Tech!

Alexa Demo!

The Best Accessories for Your iPhone and iPad by Dan Frakes, Nick Guy and the WC Staff

http://thewirecutter.com/reviews/best-accessories-iphone-ipad/

Here at The Wirecutter, we've spent hundreds of hours over the past few years testing hundreds of iPhone and iPad accessories to find the best ones. You'll find all our picks, and more, in this guide to the best add-ons for your iPhone and iPad. While those devices are our <u>favorite</u> <u>smartphone</u> and <u>favorite tablet</u>, respectively, they can do a lot more—and they can help you do your favorite things better, longer, and more safely—with the right accessories.