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Humor (this month many thanks to Ben Levy of the LAPUG for Humor items)

Traffic Jam!



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Smart Driving



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Business Loopholes filled!

Toronto restaurant renamed their burgers so they can be expensed to your job

Mini Dry Erase Whiteboard

(Diamond Chicken Burger) We relabeled our Diamond Chicken...

\$11.00



Ergonomic Aluminum Laptop Stand

(Double Your Fortune) The Double Your Fortune is now a Laptop Stand...

\$12.50



Wired Earphones with Mic

(Emerald Veggie Burger) Been working through lunch or dinner?...

\$10.00



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Wrong Book Store?

If you can't find the book you're looking for, then you're obviously in the...



iOS

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Per Gautam's suggestion I am now using Camo Studio solution for a Superior Web cam substitute using my iPhone 13 Pro

<https://reincubate.com>

Neat Image Shopping trick...

https://www.tiktok.com/@scottpolderman/video/7025742282561326382?improve_sharing_social=v1&is_copy_url=1&is_from_webapp=v1

Best Tools to free up iPhone storage (courtesy of Alice Kotlyarenko of MacPaw)

<https://macpaw.com/how-to/clear-storage-on-iphone-cmmx?activationStatus=paid&activationStatusCMM3=&appType=site&lang=en-US%2Cit-US&menuAppVersion=1.4.3&mpc=&os=12.3.0&product=CleanMyMac%20X&rpc=&source=&utm>

Mac OS/Apple TV

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How to stop your smart TV from tracking your viewing habits (courtesy of Wesley Hilliard of Apple Insider)

<https://appleinsider.com/inside/apple-tv-4k/tips/how-to-stop-your-smart-tv-from-tracking-your-viewing-habits>

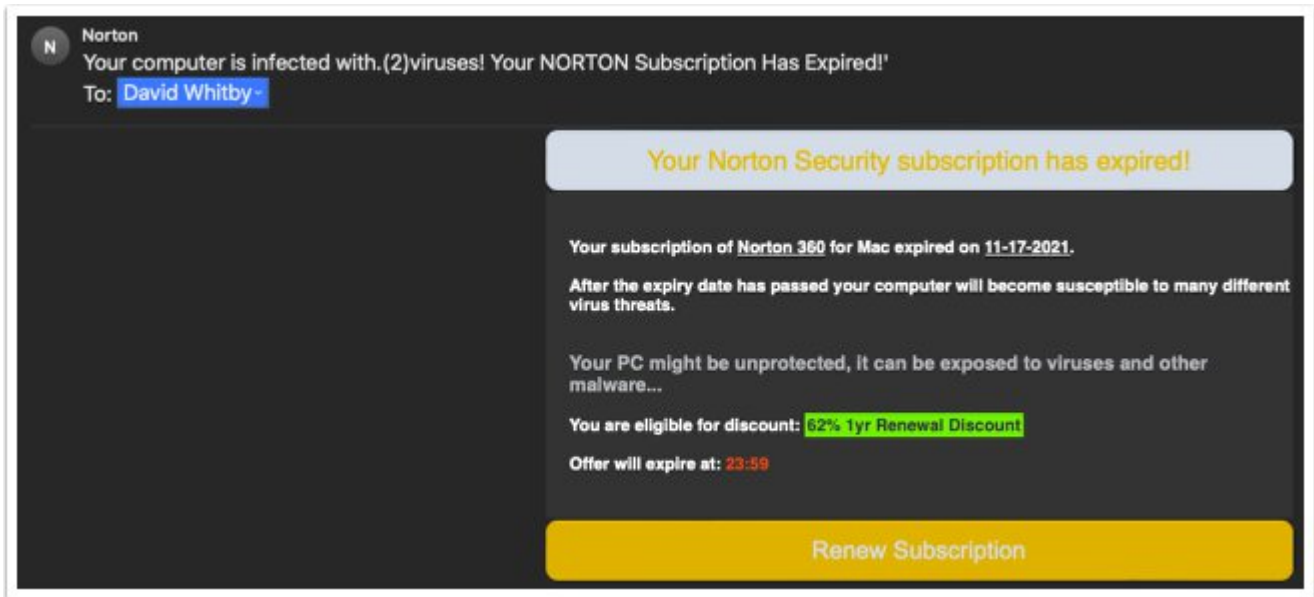
How to use Universal Control on your iPad and Mac (courtesy of Roman Loyola of MacWorld)

<https://www.macworld.com/article/609440/how-to-universal-control-mac-ipad-mouse-keyboard-settings.html>

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Scams!

found in my email



Apps of the Month

Camo Studio and Camo (iPhone)

Honorable Mention: Image Cleaner! \$.99!

YouTube Video of the Month - M2 iPad Pro?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S49AkpHcH1w>

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Podcast(s) of the Month

The MacCast - Adam Christensons Long running podcast

Notable Tech News

Arizona now has Drivers License Wallet ID!

My experience installing a new Mac Studio

7 Things You Need to Do Before Erasing Your Mac

If you have decided to wipe your Mac, here is a list of things to do before proceeding:

01 Make a backup

Back up your data before restoring your device to factory settings by disabling some features and services, wiping your Mac, and reinstalling macOS.

Ensure that you have a current backup of your critical files. You can manually build a backup on an external hard drive or iCloud.

02 Sign out of iTunes in macOS Mojave or earlier

Open iTunes if you're running macOS Mojave or older. Select **Account** > **Authorizations** > **Deauthorize This Computer** from the menu bar at the top of the

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screen or iTunes window. Then input your Apple ID and password before clicking **Deauthorize**.

03 Sign out of iCloud Sign out of iCloud

If you're running macOS Mojave or earlier, go to the **Apple menu > System Preferences**, then **iCloud**, then finally **Sign Out**.

You will be prompted to maintain a copy of your iCloud data on this Mac. Because you will be wiping your Mac later, you may choose **Keep a Copy**. Your iCloud data stays in iCloud and on any other devices that are signed in to iCloud with your Apple ID.

04 Sign out of iMessage

To sign out of iMessage, launch the Messages app, then select **Messages > Preferences** from the menu bar. Then, select **iMessage**, and last, select **Sign Out**.

05 Reset NVRAM

Shut off your Mac, then switch it on and instantly hit and hold the **Option**, **Command**, **P**, and **R** keys together. After around 20 seconds, release the keys. This will erase all user settings from memory and restore any previously changed security features.

06 Unpair Bluetooth devices you intend to retain (optional)

If your Mac has been connected with a Bluetooth keyboard, mouse, trackpad, or other Bluetooth device that you intend to maintain, you can unpair it. When the Mac and Bluetooth device have different owners but stay within Bluetooth range of each other, this optional step avoids any inadvertent input or device connection.

To finish the following steps in this article, you must connect in a USB keyboard and mouse if you are unpairing Bluetooth input devices from a desktop computer, such as an iMac, Mac mini, or Mac Pro.

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To unpair a Bluetooth device, go to the Apple menu > System Preferences > Bluetooth. Place your cursor over the device you wish to unpair, then click the remove (x) button next to its name.

07 Erase your hard drive and reinstall macOS

Mac Studio Installation items 5/1/2022

1. You may have to “Deactivate” your previous Apple device so you don’t run over the 5 device limit for iCloud.
2. Some Apps may require installing Rosetta (older intel based software) to run!
3. For Fantistical you will need an “app specific password” generated to properly sync with iCloud (need to go to appleid.apple.com to complete this) You will also have to do this if you have a google email address.
4. For apps like “Clean my Mac X” you may have to grant access to “Full Disk Access” in the System Settings/Privacy area for it to complete its Privacy screening.
5. You will find numerous Apps that need to be Updated and/or granted Accessibility/ Location Services access... Use Clean my Mac X and the Apple App Store Updates tab can help with Updates... for example I had to log out and in to several Apple Apps (i.e., iTunes, etc) to complete iCloud updates
6. You may have to reauthorize the new computer with several services: iCloud, Books, etc.
7. SpyBuster found 2 Russian based apps which I used Clean my Mac X to uninstall (includes all orphaned/connected files)
8. Finally went thru the process of Uninstalling Old and/or Unused apps (Again using Clean My Mac X)
9. Steam needed to be reinstalled.
10. Ran BlackMagic Disk Speed Test with the following results.

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