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7pm Newsbyte Paul Foster

7.15 Software Snapshot
Using the iOS 9 Beta on an old iPad mini

7.30 Announcements
There will be a photowalk in August. The most likely date is Sunday 16th August and it will take place in or around Regent's Park starting with a picnic then going off to take photos.

7.45 Main Topic SIGs
Mac Beginners – Chris Mahon
Problem Corner – Martin Kelly
Photos – Paul Foster
Developer Corner – Andy Berger and Eoin O'Leirigh



Apple Releases iOS 8.4 with Apple Music

Apple has released iOS 8.4 alongside the company's promised Apple Music service. You can download the update via Settings > General > Software Update or through iTunes.

The first thing you may notice in iOS 8.4 is the funky new Music icon. But the changes go beyond just the icon: the entire Music app has been redesigned around Apple Music. When you first launch Music after updating, you will be asked if you want to sign up for the three-month Apple Music trial. You can skip this if you like.

There are now two interfaces for Music, depending on whether or not you subscribe to Apple Music. If you subscribe to Apple Music, the Music app offers five views:

If Apple Music is disabled, then there are just four views: My Music, Playlists, Radio, and Connect. Despite being part of Apple Music, Radio and Connect are free for everyone. You can turn Apple Music on and off in Settings > Music > Show Apple Music.

There are other refinements in Music as well, such as a MiniPlayer, which lets you keep on eye on what's playing as you navigate the app; Up Next, which lets you see and rearrange queued music; and Recently Added, which displays recently added songs and playlists in My Music.

Read the whole story at:
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Your Mac can do millions of things, but sometimes even the best of us forget some of the cool stuff it can do - so we're here to help jog your memory.

Some of these tips need recent versions of OS X - such as OS X 10.9 Mavericks or OS X 10.10 Yosemite - but not all of them do. In some cases, some are little features that Apple has sneaked into upgrades that you might have totally missed, and some might be a classic light-bulb moment of "I'd totally forgotten you could do that!"

This is neither a formal nor an exhaustive list; we've just put our heads together to gather the fifty tips we think are awesome.

10 Keyboard Shortcuts to Help Speed Through Mail

Get New Mail: Cmd-Shift-N

If you're waiting for a message, this can be really handy. Cmd-Tab to Mail, hit Cmd-Shift-N, then Cmd-Tab back to your previous app.

Reply: Cmd-R and Forward: Cmd-Shift-F
These pretty much go together: Cmd-R will reply to your message and Cmd-Shift-F will forward your message. Always handy if you have a lot of messages to reply to.

Mark as Junk Mail: Cmd-Shift-J

No matter how hard you try, you will probably never be completely free of Junk mail. However, if you mark a junk message as such, then Mail will eventually learn what you want and what you don't want.

Send Message: Cmd-Shift-D

On that same note, once you've hit Cmd-R to reply to a message, you can use Cmd-Shift-D to send the current message. This can greatly decrease the time spent dealing with emails.

Search Your Mailboxes: Cmd-Option-F

This is probably one of the one's I use the least. However, that's probably because it's a strange shortcut. So, I've changed mine to Cmd-K. If you do this, you'll need to change the shortcut for Mailbox>Erase Deleted Messages>In All Mailboxes. I changed that to Cmd-Option-Ctrl-K.

Quicklook Attachments: Cmd-Y

While you can use Cmd-Y in Finder, you cannot use Cmd-Option-Y (Fullscreen quicklook) in mail. Bummer. (By the way, Cmd-Option-Y is for New Todo.)

New Viewer Window: Cmd-Option-N

This one is good to know simply because all too

often I'll close the main viewer and need to go looking through the menus for the New View Window option. (Of course, it doesn't occur to me while I'm looking that I can simply click on the dock icon.)

Increase/Decrease Quote Level: Cmd-' and Cmd-Option-'

This one I only use every now and then, but it's still helpful. As Omer over at MacTips.org points out, a good way to remember this is that you're just pressing Command and the key you use to signify quotes in a normal document.

Bounce Message: Cmd-Shift-B

This goes back to the Junk Mail prevention department. Supposedly, it helps stop spammers if you bounce the messages they send you. (It will appear to them as if the message was sent to a bad address.)

New Mail Message: Cmd-N

This is probably the most obvious of all of these. But you should be using Cmd-N to make a new message and not be clicking in the toolbar. (Or even worse, the menu bar.)

Add New Contact To a Specific Group on iPhone

If you set up groups before transferring contacts to the iPhone, you can then show only a certain group (or all groups) when browsing contacts. I set up several groups in Address Book, but noticed that you can't change which group a contact is in on the iPhone itself. Nor can you add new groups on the phone, either.

However, if you want to add a new contact to a group that is already on the iPhone, first go to the iPhone Application, then tap "Contacts" and then tap the "Groups" button at the top left of the screen to select the group to which you want to add the new contact. It will return you to the Contacts screen with the group name at the top. Now tap the "+" button to add a new contact that will be associated with that group.

If I get a call or email from someone not in my contact list that I know I want in a particular group (like "Work" contacts), I go through the above steps to create the new contact in that group, then go back to the phone call or email and tap on "Add to Existing Contact" to make the new contact. If I "Create New Contact" from a recent call or an email there's no way to edit the group into which the new contact is placed.

Apple Pro Tips

Text Expander: A little tool to save hours of typing

Over time I download and install many helpful utilities to my Mac. Some I completely forget about them and fall into the trap of believing that their behind-the-scenes benevolence is actually something built in to OS X.

Then comes the new computer, installed from scratch, and I realise little things don't work the same. Sometimes, I cannot remember the name of the particular app and have to go trawling through the apps on the old computer until something jogs my memory. Others, such as Alfred, are frequently in my consciousness as I type, for instance, Control-Space-OF to launch Omni Focus instead of ploughing through the list of applications.

Most of these little applications I couldn't now manage without. In this category comes Text Expander from Smile Software. This utility saves me hours of typing a year by recognising frequently used words and phrases, even whole paragraphs, and substituting the full text for a short abbreviation.

Harry Guinness at Tuts+ has written one of his very helpful tutorials on Text Expander and I would recommend reading his advice if you want to find out how to save time. As he says:

TextExpander is a productivity app that uses keyboard shortcuts to automatically insert longer blocks of frequently used text called snippets. For repetitive tasks that require entering the same information over and over again, it is an invaluable tool that can save a surprising amount of time.

Ben on Apple Watch: I can no longer imagine life without it

Tech analyst and commentator Ben Bajarin has had his Apple Watch strapped to his wrist since April, well before the public launch of the device. Since then it has become an integral part of his life. But could he live without it? The answer is clear after a week-long experiment:

So what did I conclude? As I pointed to at the beginning of this article, the Apple Watch is a modern day convenience and should be understood as such. It is a convenience in the same way a dishwasher or washer/dryer or a microwave is. None of the items are absolutely

necessary, yet so many of their owners can't imagine life without one. This is what my week without the Apple Watch taught me. Of course I can get by without it but, given the number of conveniences I've been able to quantify in the flow of my daily life, I can no longer imagine life without it.

I agree with Ben. The Watch is by no means essential but it does make life easier and, crucially, cuts down the number of times during a day that I feel compelled to pull the iPhone 6 Plus out of my pocket. The Watch keeps me up to date with what is happening, quite apart from its ability to tell the time, and allows me to answer phone calls and make quick responses to incoming iMessages. Where I am totally addicted to the Watch is in its health monitoring capabilities. It reliably measures exercise and prompts me to make health-giving choices, gently persuading me to do more and more daily walking. In two months the Apple Watch has encouraged me, by means of guile, stealth and praise, to do an average of 10,000 steps a day instead of my traditional five or six thousand. For this miracle alone I can vote it a winner.

Phone is just an app which is not frequently used

I am fully with Horace Dediu on this:

Phone is just an app which, for me at least, is not frequently used. I communicate with my iPhone but the go-to app is iMessage or FaceTime or Skype or maybe Email or Twitter. Phone is something I use so rarely that the interface sometimes baffles me. And yes, it's an Internet appliance. Browsing is something I do quite a bit but many of the browsing jobs-to-be-done are done better by apps. News, shopping Facebook and maps are "things which were once done in a browser."

He makes the point that when Steve Jobs launched the iPhone he described it as a combination of a wide-screen iPod, a phone and a breakthrough internet connector. These three things, says Dediu, are no longer the most used features.

Similarly, the Apple Watch was launched as a precise timepiece, a new, intimate way to communicate and a comprehensive health and fitness device. But it will develop over the coming years and who is to say what its most useful features will be seven years hence?

All the articles on this page come from Michael Evans www.macfilos.com. These and many others are well worth reading.

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Apple Improves Networking in OS X 10.10.4

If you've been plagued by networking problems since updating to OS X 10.10 Yosemite, your salvation may be at hand with the OS X 10.10.4 update, which ditches the unreliable discovered service for the trusty old mDNSResponder. In plain English, that should mean the return of stable networking in OS X (see "Apple's Networking Kerfuffle," 7 May 2015).

You can install 10.10.4 via Software Update, or from Apple Software Downloads as delta (1.09 GB) and combo (2.02 GB) installers. As always, it's smart to wait a few days to see if any major issues crop up, but if you've been nagged by networking problems, an immediate upgrade may be advisable. Be sure to back up first!

In the world of Photos, we're hoping OS X 10.10.4 addresses the sync issues brought up by Adam Engst in "How to Throttle iCloud Photo Library Uploads" (20 May 2015) and "More Problems with iCloud Photo Library Uploads" (19 June 2015). Apple mentions fixes like "improves reliability when syncing photos and videos to iCloud Photo Library," and "improves the reliability of upgrading iPhoto and Aperture libraries

to Photos." Also, 10.10.4 fixes an issue that could cause Photos to crash after importing some Leica DNG files.

Additionally, OS X 10.10.4 improves the reliability of Migration Assistant and addresses an issue that prevented some external displays from functioning properly. There are also fixes for delayed outgoing messages in Mail and an issue that allowed Web sites to prevent users from navigating away in Safari by presenting repeating JavaScript alerts.

For enterprising customers, OS X 10.10.4 has a fix for an issue where Macs bound to directory services could stop responding under certain conditions. Also, the update grants the capability to create mobile accounts with the createmobileaccount command-line tool and fixes an issue in Profile Manager that could allow users to install pre-release software even when the setting was disabled.

To read the whole story, go to:
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