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**Our next SAAUC (Zoom) meeting is...
Friday May 2nd, 2025 from 7:30pm Connect
from wherever you have internet access and the
zoom.us app**

(Details will be sent to members via email)

Dates to remember:

*Friday 2nd May: A Close Look at Finder
- We use Finder on our Mac every day.
But how well do we really know it?
Many new features have been added
over the years, most recently in macOS
Sequoia.*

*WWDC 9th - 13th June- Apple's
annual World Wide Developers
Conference where the latest in software is on
display and the next upgrades to all OSs are presented.*

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A word from our President...

Yesterday I saw the breaking news that the whole of the Iberian Peninsula, which includes all of Spain and Portugal, and part of South West France had experienced a total power outage causing unbelievable chaos to everyday living. There appears to be no immediate known reason for the blackout but, regardless of the reason, it comes as a huge reminder of how dependent we are on electricity and how vulnerable our society is without it. We should aim at using less electricity but we certainly appreciate the benefits it brings us.

Our forebears were amazing people that they brought their culture with them when they came here in their little ships. The thought of being without the technology and connectivity we enjoy every day is hard to comprehend. A small way we can prepare against such an eventuality, of losing power for several hours, would be to ensure we have any battery banks charged and ready to go and a battery run radio to be able get information . The ultimate perhaps would be an EV car where its battery could be used to power the house. Let's hope it never happens but, chances are, it will.

Regards

Marie Good

At Unley Library.
Marie is a
volunteer at Unley
Library and will be
assisting with
Macs and Apple
devices once a
month on the 2nd
Wednesday of
each month from
10 to midday.

IPHONE PRIVACY WARNING

This a recent article from the Advertiser warning Apple users to stick with the Safari browser. It would apply to Mac users as well.



Apple is warning its iPhone users to delete a common app, claiming it is a danger to digital privacy.

Without mentioning the company by name, Apple issued a video warning for users to stop using Google Chrome.

In a video titled "Privacy on iPhone I Flock", Apple parodies Alfred Hitchcock's classic 1963 horror film The Birds to demonstrate how browser information is not really hidden from trackers.

"Flock" is likely a pun on Google's initial tracking cookie-replacement plan called FLoC (Federated Learning of Cohorts),

which "is a new way for advertisers and sites to show relevant ads without tracking individuals across the web", The New York Post reports.

In the video, iPhone users are being followed by surveillance cameras when browsing the internet, but the cameras finally explode and leave the users alone when they decide to use Safari as their browser

instead. The video from Apple is gaining traction after Google announced it would not remove third-party cookies in Chrome after promising to do so. The controversy has led Apple to promote its browser Safari as a "browser that's actually private".



This was also referenced to by Kenneth in his email to our Google Groups list

USE AND CUSTOMISE CONTROL CENTER ON IPHONE

Apple overhauled the Control Center in iOS 18, and it's one of the biggest changes to the iPhone and the iPad outside of the new Apple Intelligence features. The interface is much more customizable, there are more Control Center options, and controls can be accessed from new places.



Reorder Controls

With iOS 17, you could choose some of the controls that were available in Control Center, but in iOS 18, customization goes much further. For the first time, you can rearrange Control Center quick access buttons into a layout that best suits your needs.



Apple has designed a Home Screen-style grid for the Control Center, with an 8x4 arrangement of open circular spots where different controls can be placed. You can fill up all the empty circle spots, or choose to leave blank spaces between columns and rows.

None of the Control Center buttons are permanent, and every one that you opt to use can be moved, duplicated, deleted, and rearranged as needed. To move controls, follow these steps.

- * Swipe down from the right upper corner of your iPhone or iPad display to open up Control Center.
- * Long press on any empty space and hold until the grid shows up, or tap on the "+" button at the upper left of the display.
- * Use a finger to grab an icon and move it where you want it to be.
- * Tap at the top or the bottom of the display to exit the grid mode.

Resize and Delete Controls

Control Center controls can be resized, so you can make your most used buttons bigger and easier to press. Single button controls like **Dark Mode**, Flashlight, Timer, Low Power Mode, Voice Memo, and Remote can be up to four grid circles in size.



Options include a single grid circle, a two grid circle that's horizontal, which adds the control's name, and a four grid circle arranged in a square shape. The majority of controls are limited to these sizes.

Some modules like volume and brightness can only be two horizontal circles in size, with Apple not offering an option to modify the shape or size. The aggregated connectivity controls can take up four spots of the grid in a square shape, or the entire thing with no options in between.

Controls like those for multiple smart home accessories and scenes have more sizing options and can be four grid spaces long or four spaces in a grid, eight spaces, sixteen spaces, or 24 spaces at maximum. The Now Playing control has a similar set of options, but can take up the entire grid.

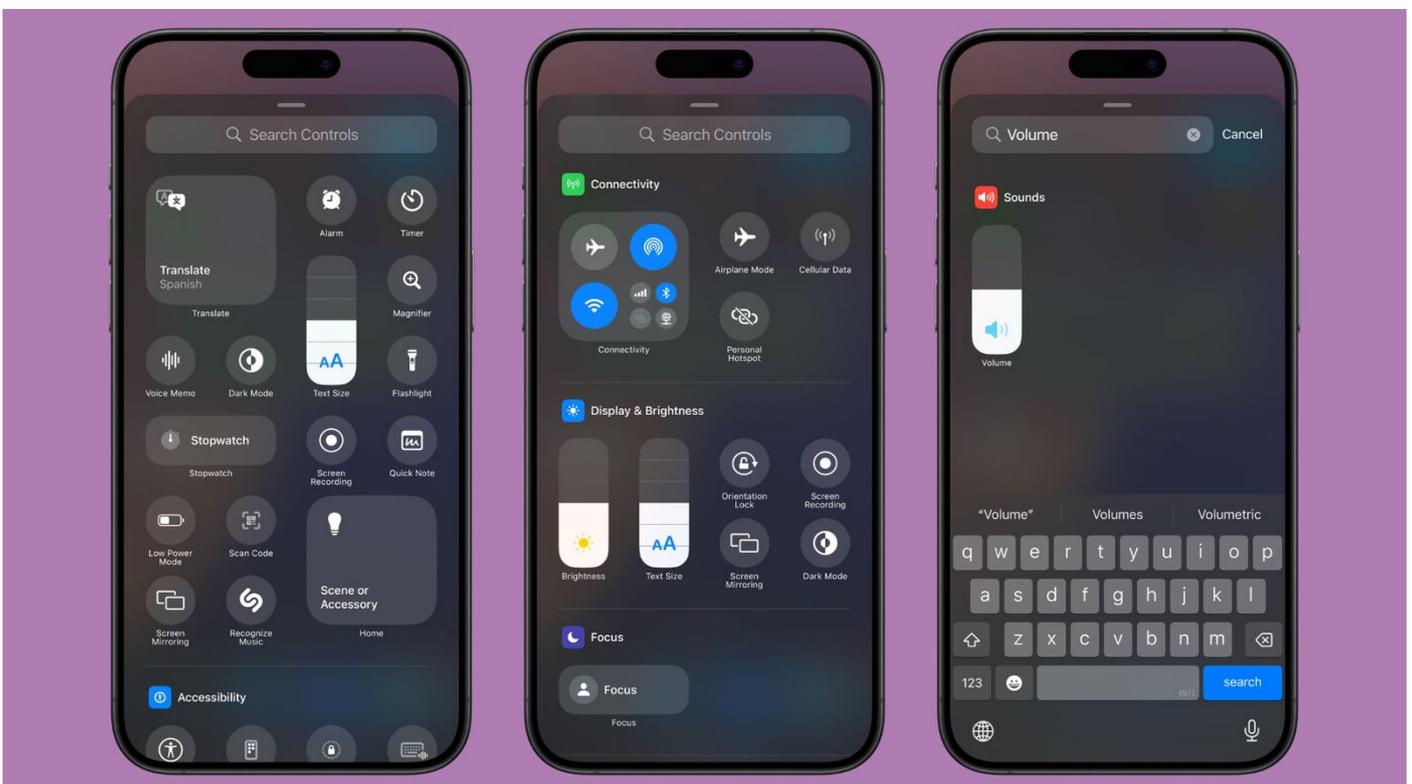
To resize controls, follow these steps:

- * Long press in an open space in the Control Center or tap the "+" button.
- * Grab the bottom right corner of an icon, which has a curved, highlighted marker to indicate that it can be manipulated.
- * Drag and pull outward to make a control bigger, or push up and over to make it smaller. There will be minimum and maximum sizes that vary for different controls.
- * Tap at the top or bottom of the display to exit the editing menu, or just wait and it will close automatically after a few seconds with no interaction.

To delete any Control Center control, follow the steps above to enter edit mode and tap on the "-" button.

Controls Gallery

Control Center controls are now organized into a gallery that can be accessed from the Control Center interface. To get to the Control Center gallery, long press on the display or use the "+" button to enter editing mode, and then tap on "Add a Control."



The main part of the gallery has a selection of suggested controls, and if you scroll down, you'll see options organized into the following categories: Accessibility, Capture, Clock, Connectivity, Display and Brightness, Focus, Hearing Accessibility, Home, Motor Accessibility, Notes, Now Playing, Remote, Shortcuts, Sounds, Translate, Utilities, Vision Accessibility, Voice Memos, Wallet, and Watch.

There is a search interface right at the top of the gallery so if you're looking for something specific, you can just search for it rather than having to swipe down to try to locate it manually.

Multiple Screens

Control Center has been just a single screen for the last few years, but that's changing in iOS 18. You can set up multiple screens for your controls, which means you can have dedicated pages for things like connectivity controls, HomeKit devices, and Accessibility options.



There are multiple pages by default when installing iOS 18, and you can customize them to your liking and add and delete pages. Control Center supports up to 15 separate screens.

Navigating through pages is done by swiping up and down through Control Center, tapping the small icons on the right side of the display, or holding a finger over the icons and scrubbing through them. As you add controls to different pages, Control Center automatically assigns an icon based on what's on the page. You can't customize the icons at this time.

Here's how to add pages:

- * Swipe down from the right hand side of the display to get into Control Center.
- * Tap on the circle icon at the bottom of the icon list, which denotes a blank page.
- * Tap on Add a Control to select the controls that you want to include on the page.
- * When finished, tap anywhere at the top or bottom of the display to exit editing mode.

If you add more controls than there are space for, or resize something to be larger than will fit, Control Center will automatically add another page and move the control to that page.

There are some limitations to what can be on a single page. Control Center won't allow you to add a single-sized icon to a page and then create another page - the create new page option won't show up while an existing page still has enough space to accommodate icons. It does offer the option when a page is about half full, which provides enough wiggle room to have spacing between icons.

To remove a page, you just need to delete all of the controls on it following the steps up above.

Third-Party Apps

In iOS 18, Control Center is no longer limited to built-in apps and features. Third-party app developers can create controls for their apps, and those can be added to Control Center through the Control Center gallery.

Power Button

At the top right of the Control Center, Apple added a Power Button to make it easier to turn your iPhone off. To prevent accidental activation, using the Power Button requires a press and hold.



Pressing and holding brings up the shut down interface where you need to swipe to turn your device off, and it locks your iPhone so Face ID or Touch ID will be needed to unlock it again (similar to multiple presses on the side button).

Lock Screen

iOS 18 brings Control Center to the Lock Screen, allowing you to swap out the default Flashlight and Camera icons for new quick access buttons. There's also an option to remove Lock Screen controls entirely.

- * At the Lock Screen, unlock and long press to get into the Lock Screen editing interface.

- * Tap on Customize to customize an existing Lock Screen or tap on the "+" button to create a new Lock Screen.
- * Tap on Lock Screen.
- * Tap on the "-" buttons on the Flashlight and Camera icons to remove them. Stop here if you don't want to add new controls.
- * To swap in something else, tap on the "+" button to open up the Control Center gallery.
- * Choose a control from the list or use the search interface.
- * When you're finished, tap on Done and then tap on the Lock Screen to exit out of editing mode.



Many of the Control Center options can be put on the Lock Screen, including those from third-party apps. You can activate everything from Dark Mode to Airplane Mode, or open up apps like Notes or Home. There is an option to set any Shortcut to the Lock Screen, or add a control to open any app you have on your device.

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