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Our next SAAUC (Zoom) meeting is…

Thursday 3rd July, 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:

Thursday 3rd July : Numbers - Apple's innovative spreadsheet app.

Sunday 27th July:
SAAUC is .43 this year. Join us for a celebratory lunch 12.30pm at the Empress Restaurant, 351 Greenhill Rd Toorak Gardens.

SAAUC Meetings 2025 Now Thursdays @ 7:30pm	
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A word from our President...

The World Wide Developers Conference, WWDC, has come and gone with a great deal of information to digest. Big changes to the look of operating systems with the introduction of 'Liquid Glass' .All OSs across all devices will carry the number 26 for the year 2026 eg macOS26, iOS26…MacOS will continue with geographical names so macOS26 will also be known as Tahoe, after the picturesque lake in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. As is usual, the Operating /systems will be available around September, shortly before the release of the 2025 iPhone releases

SAAUC was incorporated on 26th July 1982 but actually started up in 'The Bookshelf' book shop in 1979. Worth celebrating this year at the Empress Restaurant on 27th July.

Regards

Marie Good

Apple
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.

AI and iCloud

Both of these topics seem to trigger a great deal of suspicion and fear in many people.AI and iCloud are here to **help you**, not harm you. With a bit of understanding and smart use, they can make your life **safer, simpler, and more connected**.
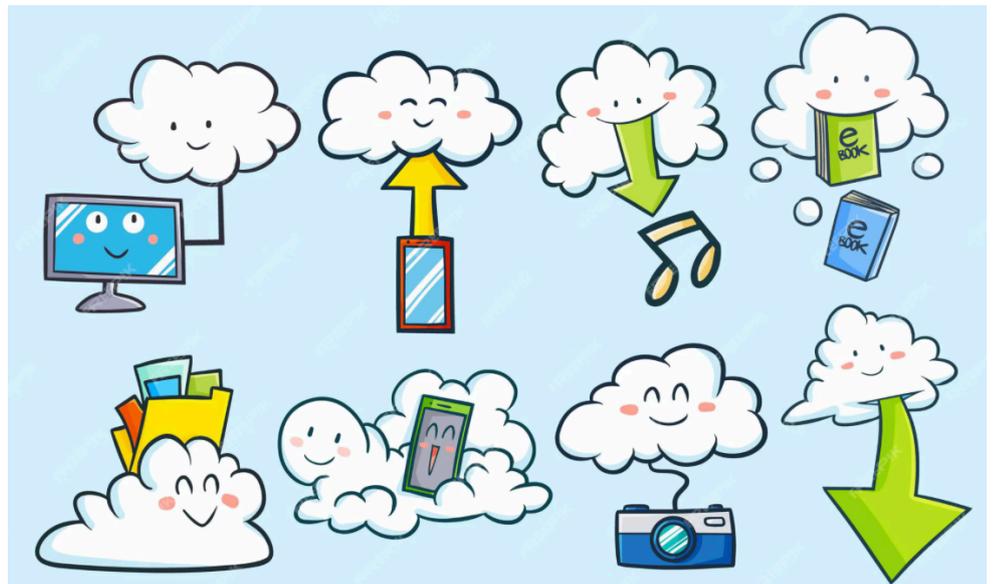
🤖 Why not be afraid of AI?

AI is a tool — like a calculator or a car. It's designed to **help**, not replace us.
It can make life easier by doing boring or repetitive tasks and letting people focus on more important or creative things.

As long as it's **used responsibly** and with **human guidance**, AI is just a smart helper.

☁️ Why not be afraid of iCloud?

iCloud is just a safe place on the internet to **store your photos, files, and backups** — like a digital locker only you can open.

It helps keep your stuff safe if your device is lost or broken, and lets you access it anywhere. Apple also uses strong **privacy and security protections** to keep your data safe.

☁️ iCloud

Apple's online storage service that **automatically saves your photos, files, messages, and backups** in a safe place on the internet.

It helps you **access your stuff from any Apple device**, keeps everything **up to date**, and protects your data if you lose or break your device.

🤖 What is AI?

AI (Artificial Intelligence) is when computers or machines are made to "think" or make decisions like humans. It means they can **learn from data**, **understand things**, and **solve problems** — all without being told exactly what to do every time.

Think of it like teaching a smart robot how to help you — and it gets better the more it learns.

🌟 Benefits of AI

1. **Saves Time**
   AI can do tasks quickly — like sorting emails, suggesting replies, or helping you find what you're looking for fast.

2. **Makes Life Easier**
   Voice assistants like Siri or smart home devices can answer questions, play music, or control lights — just by asking.

3. **Helps People Stay Healthy**
   AI is used in health apps and hospitals to detect problems early, like spotting signs of disease in X-rays.

4. **Improves Safety**
   Cars use AI to warn drivers, avoid crashes, or even drive themselves.

5. **Personalizes Your Experience**
   AI recommends music, shows, or products based on what you like — like how Netflix or Apple Music knows your favorites.

6. **Boosts Creativity**
   AI can help with writing, photo editing, or even making music and videos.

📌 In Short:

AI is like giving computers a brain so they can help us more intelligently — making daily life smarter, easier, and more efficient.

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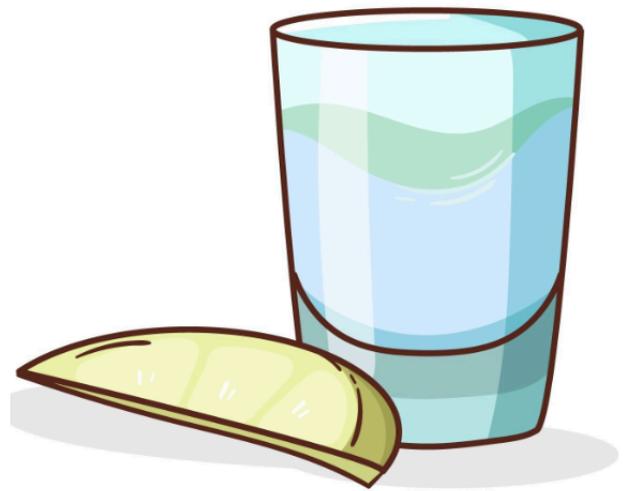
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Liquid Glass

Apple's new "Liquid Glass" design language, introduced at WWDC 2025, marks a significant visual overhaul across its operating systems, including iOS 26, iPadOS 26, macOS 26 (Tahoe), watchOS 26, tvOS 26, and visionOS 2. This design emphasizes depth, translucency, and dynamic responsiveness, aiming to create a more immersive and cohesive user experience.gq.com+6tomshardware.com+6timesofindia.indiatimes.com+6

🔍 Key Features of Liquid Glass

- **Translucent Interfaces**: UI elements like app icons, widgets, and control panels exhibit a frosted-glass appearance, allowing background colors and movements to subtly influence their look.

- **Dynamic Typography**: On the Lock Screen, the clock adapts its size and position based on the underlying wallpaper, ensuring readability without obstructing the image .smartprix.com+1apple.com+1

- **Responsive Animations**: Elements respond to user interactions with fluid animations, enhancing the tactile feel of the interface.

- **Unified Aesthetic Across Devices**: The Liquid Glass design ensures consistency across Apple's ecosystem, from iPhones and iPads to Macs and Apple Watches .gq.com

📱 iOS 26 Enhancements

- **Home Screen Customisation**: Users can apply depth-aware wallpapers that interact with app icons and widgets, creating a layered visual effect.

- **Control Center Redesign**: The Control Center features semi-transparent backgrounds and rounded controls, aligning with the Liquid Glass aesthetic.

💻 macOS 26 (Tahoe) Updates

- **Dock and Menu Bar**: These elements adopt the translucent, layered look, providing a sense of depth without compromising functionality.

- **Finder and System Apps**: Built-in applications showcase the new design with subtle animations and glass-like textures, enhancing visual coherence .theverge.com+1oakcover.com+1

🧭 Inspiration and Reception

The Liquid Glass design draws inspiration from Apple's visionOS, aiming to bridge the gap between digital interfaces and physical materials . While many users appreciate the refreshed look, some have expressed concerns about potential distractions or reduced clarity in certain scenarios .techradar.comtheverge.com

Top Features of iPadOS 26

🪟 Advanced Window Management

- Freely resize, move, and tile app windows.

- Adds Mac-like multitasking to iPad.

💻 Mac-Inspired Tools.

- New **menu bar**, **Preview app**, and improved **Files app**.

- Supports background tasks for better productivity.
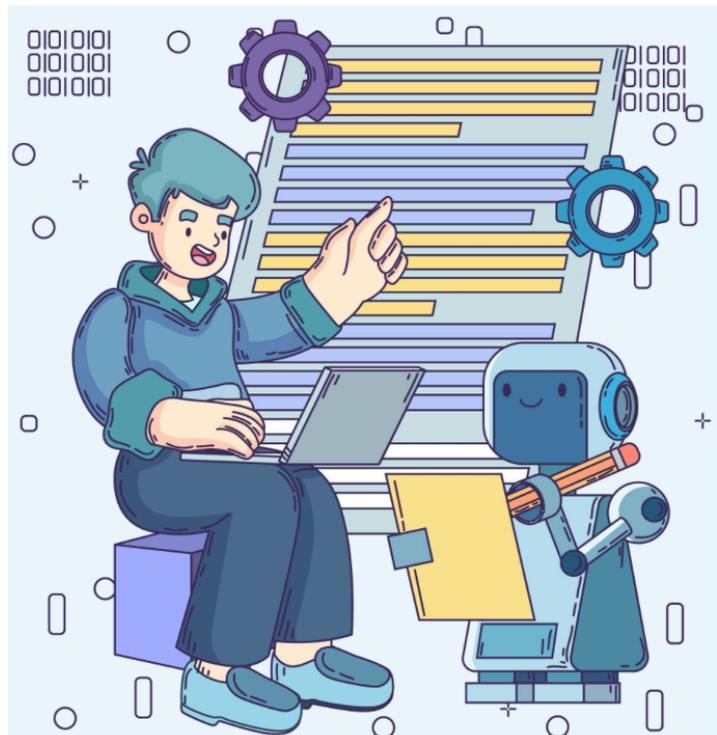
✨ Liquid Glass Design

- Translucent, layered UI with smooth animations.

- Dynamic colours that react to your wallpaper and apps.

🧠 Apple Intelligence (AI)

- **Live translations**, **Genmoji**, and smart writing/image tools.

- Available on M-series and A17 Pro iPads only.

🎧 Pro Audio/Video Tools

- Local recording, voice isolation, and per-app mic selection.

- Great for creators and remote work.

🎨 Other Highlights

- New **Apple Music widgets** and **Journal app** with Pencil support.

- Accessibility upgrades, including better Braille support.

Available around September 2025 for most iPads from the 8th generation onward, including iPad Air (3rd+), mini (5th+), and all modern iPad Pros.

Photos in OS26

🗂️ Tabbed Navigation Returns

- **Library** and **Collections** tabs reintroduced for easier browsing.

- Collections group photos by people, trips, memories, and more — auto-organised by AI.

- Makes navigating large photo libraries faster and more intuitive.

🧠 Apple Intelligence Integration

- **Smart Albums**: AI automatically creates albums based on events, moods, or people.

- **Natural Language Search**: Search using phrases like *"photos of me at the beach in 2023."*

- **Memory Movies**: AI generates short movies from selected photos/videos with a storyline and music.

🧽 New Clean Up Tool

- Removes unwanted objects from backgrounds (like wires, people, clutter).

- Similar to Google's Magic Eraser — powered by on-device AI.

- Works with just a tap or brush stroke.

✨ Redesigned Interface

- Uses the new **Liquid Glass** look: translucent panels, subtle blur effects, and dynamic colour adaptation.

- Consistent visual design across all Apple devices.

🔒 Private Albums Upgrade

- You can now lock Hidden and Recently Deleted albums with Face ID/Touch ID.
- New privacy options for sharing specific photo types or events.

🎥 Video Support Enhancements

- Smarter scene recognition and automatic video curation.
- Improved playback for Live Photos and Memories.

🗂️ Navigation: From Confusion to Clarity

iPadOS 18:

- Introduced a single, unified view that many users found cluttered and less intuitive.

iPadOS 26:

- Reintroduces **tabbed navigation** with distinct **Library** and **Collections** tabs, enhancing user experience by providing clearer organisation and easier access to photo categories.

✨ Design: Flat vs. Liquid Glass

iPadOS 18:

- Featured a flat, minimalistic design with limited depth and texture.

iPadOS 26:

- Adopts the new **Liquid Glass** design language, offering translucent UI elements, dynamic color shifts, and a more immersive visual experience.

🧠 Intelligence: Basic Search vs. AI-Powered Features

iPadOS 18:

- Provided basic search functionality based on metadata like dates and locations.

iPadOS 26:

- Integrates **Apple Intelligence**, enabling:

  - **Smart Albums**: Automatically generated albums based on events, people, and moods.

  - **Enhanced Search**: Improved search capabilities that allow users to find specific photos or videos using natural language descriptions.

  - **Memory Movies**: Creation of custom memory movies with selected photos, videos, and music, organised into a narrative arc.

🧽 Editing Tools: Limited vs. Advanced

iPadOS 18:

- Offered standard editing tools like cropping, filters, and basic adjustments.

iPadOS 26:

- Introduces the **Clean Up** tool, allowing users to remove unwanted background objects from images with a tap, brush, or circle. en.wikipedia.org

🔒 Privacy: Basic vs. Enhanced

iPadOS 18:

- Included basic privacy features like the Hidden album.

iPadOS 26:

- Enhances privacy by allowing users to lock Hidden and Recently Deleted albums with Face ID or Touch ID, and offers new privacy options for sharing specific photo types or events.

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