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Product Information

Specifications

- Product Name: macOS Sequoia
- Features: Apple Intelligence, Writing Tools, Image Playground
- Compatibility: macOS devices

Product Usage Instructions

Apple Intelligence
Apple Intelligence offers various writing and image-creation tools to enhance your productivity.

Writing Tools

- **Rewrite:** Create multiple versions of your text, swap options, and refine.
- **Style:** Rewrite your text in different styles.
- **Proofread:** View suggestions for grammar and language improvements.
- **Summarise:** Generate high-quality summaries of text selections.
- **Describe:** Specify changes like poetry or formal letters.
- **Compose:** Ask ChatGPT to create original content with image-generation capabilities.

Image Playground
The Image Playground app allows you to create, remix, and share images with ease.

- Create images with concepts, people you know, characters, photos, and text descriptions.

- Suggested Concepts offer intelligent image suggestions based on your selections.

Image Playground Library
Your created images are saved in the Image Playground library and synced across devices with iCloud for easy sharing and remixing.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
Q: Can I access my Image Playground library from multiple devices?

A: Yes, your Image Playground library is synced across your devices through iCloud.
New features available with macOS Sequoia

Apple Intelligence

Writing Tools

- **Rewrite**

  Create multiple versions of your text that maintain your tone. Easily swap in an option you prefer and continue writing or refining, or go right back to your original.
- **Proofread**

  View suggested improvements to what you're writing, like grammar fixes and language refinements. Quickly accept all suggestions with a click or view the explanations to better understand the changes and accept the ones you want.
- **Describe**

  The text field in Writing Tools lets you describe a more specific change you want to make to your text. Make it read like a poem, simplify the vocabulary or even turn it into a formal letter.
- **Style**

  Rewrite your text in a new style, such as "professional", "concise" or "friendly".
- **Summarise**

  Select text wherever you're writing and generate a high-quality summary. Summarise content of all kinds like documents, articles or communications to quickly understand the important points.
- **Compose**

  Ask ChatGPT to create original content from scratch. You can also use ChatGPT's image-generation capabilities to add images alongside your written content.

Image Playground

- **Image Playground app**

  Have fun and experiment with all the features of Image Playground in a new app. You can easily create new images, access all the images you've previously created, remix previous images, and share your creations with friends and family using your favourite social and communication apps.
- **Create Images with People You Know**

  Create an image of your friend on the moon or a family member on a surfboard with Image Playground thanks to Apple Intelligence's understanding of people in your photo library.
- **Create Images with Photos**

  Create images inspired by a photo by taking one, selecting one from your photo library or dragging one into

Image Playground.

- **Suggested Concepts**

  Image Playground offers intelligent suggestions to add to your image that are related to previous concepts you selected, the context of a messages thread in Messages or your notes in the Notes app.

- **Create Images with Concepts**

  Choose from a range of concepts to add them to your playground from categories like themes, costumes, accessories and places.

- **Images with Characters**

  Easily define a character to add to your images in Image Playground by choosing their gender and skin tone, and by providing a short description.

- **Create Images with Text**

  When you want to create a more specific image, you can add descriptions to your playground to shape the images you create.

- **Quick Previews**

  Quickly see a selection of previews as you add concepts, and choose the one you like to create it with more detail and at a higher resolution and save it to your Image Lab library.

- **Image Playground library**

  When you create an image, it's saved to your Image Playground library and synced across your devices with iCloud. You can access your library from Messages to easily share your creations, and you can revisit and remix your images in Image Playground as well.

- **Illustration style**

  Create uplifting and playful compositions with stylised and exaggerated characters against minimal backgrounds using a contemporary illustration style defined by simple shapes, clean lines and flat colour blocking with a diverse colour palette.

- **Messages experience**

  Create a fun image to share with friends using the new experience in Messages. When you first open Image Playground in Messages, it will suggest concepts related to your most recent conversation. You can also create a new image from scratch, or just select one of your previously created images from your Image Playground library.

- **Preview history**

  Freely experiment with different concepts without worrying about losing any previous previews you liked. When you remove a concept you previously added, Image Playground remembers what previews were created before you added it and can quickly bring them back for you.

- **Animation style**

  Create fantastical creatures, expressive animals, exaggerated human figures and more, all against immersive and detailed environments with rich textures using a modern, 3D-animated style.

- **Sketch style**

  Produce delightful drawings perfect for Notes using an academic and highly detailed sketch style with vibrant colours and a technical line style.

- **Deep integrations**

  Create images in Notes, Pages, Numbers, Keynote and Freeform to elevate your documents, spreadsheets, presentations or boards with delightful images.

Siri

- **Personal context understanding**
  With the on-device semantic index provided by Apple Intelligence, Siri can understand emails, messages, photos, calendar events, files and more, and can provide answers to questions that are personal to you. For example, when you say "What was that movie that Jamie told me I should check out?", Siri will dig up the message from last week. And when you're filling out a form and say

- **"Add my passport number here", Siri**
  can extract the number from a saved photo of your passport and drop it in.

- **Onscreen awareness**
  Siri will be able to understand and take action with things on your screen, so when a friend texts you recommending a new coffee shop in the neighbourhood, you can simply say "How long would it take me to walk there from home?" and
  Siri will understand just what you mean.

- **Maintains conversational context**
  Siri remembers what you talked about in recent requests, so if you ask when the Warriors are playing next and then say "Add that to my calendar", Siri will know just what you mean.

- **Type to Siri**
  You now have the option to type to Siri at any time, and you can ask Siri all the same things by text as you can ask by voice. You can switch fluidly between text and voice, so you can communicate in whatever way feels right for the moment.

- **Suggestions in Siri keyboard**
  Suggested requests appear below the keyboard as you type, giving you ultra-fast access to actions that Siri can help you with.

- **ChatGPT integration**
  Siri can tap into ChatGPT to help you with certain requests when it determines ChatGPT can provide a helpful answer. You can also ask questions about photos and documents including PDFs and presentations. You will be asked before requests or information are sent to ChatGPT. Siri then presents you the answer directly.

- **In-app actions**
  Siri can take hundreds of new actions on your behalf, in both first- and third-party apps. The next time you're editing photos, you'll be able to say "Make this photo warmer" and Siri will make adjustments using the Photos app. Siri can take actions across apps too, so after you're done editing that photo, say "Add this to my ratatouille recipe note" and Siri will jump from the Photos app to the Notes app to take care of it.

- **More resilient request handling**
  If you stumble over your words or change your mind mid-sentence, Siri will still follow along. For example, you might say "Hey Siri, set an alarm — wait no, sorry, I meant a timer for 10 minutes — actually, let's make that 15."

- **Product knowledge**
  Siri can answer thousands of questions about the features and settings on your Apple products by drawing on large language models that are trained on Apple support documentation.

- **Predictive text in Siri keyboard**
  As you type a request to Siri, you'll Bsee predictive text that helps you complete your request faster. This predictive text model is designed specifically to help accelerate Siri requests.

- **More natural voice**

Siri sounds more natural, expressive and clear, and is now synthesised entirely on device by Apple Intelligence new language models.

Focus

Reduce interruptions
Focus understands the content of your notifications and selectively surfaces only the ones that might need immediate attention, like a text about today's daycare pickup or a last-minute invite to dinner tonight.

Intelligent Breakthrough & Silencing
Your Mac will determine if a notification is important enough to break through with the Intelligent Breakthrough & Silencing option. It can be turned on for any Focus mode, so you don't miss your food delivery when you're in Do Not Disturb.

Genmoji

Genmoji
Generate unique, emoji-style stickers right from the keyboard. In the sticker creator, just type what you want to create, like "dog on a surfboard", and see your creation appear in seconds.

Mail

- **Priority messages**

  Know what to prioritise as soon as you open Mail with priority messages at the top of your inbox that are based on what's most urgent.

- **Thread summaries**

  When you open an email thread, click to see a detailed summary that helps you get the gist of a lengthy email or several emails in the same thread.

- **Preview summaries**

  Know the key information before you even open the thread with brief summaries that appear in the email preview instead of the first few lines of that email.

- **Smart Reply**

  Based on the content of the email you received, Mail will show you smart options to quickly choose from that add detail to the reply, like answering specific questions you were asked. When you make your selections, your Smart Reply incorporates your choices into the generated draft so it's ready to send.

Messages

Smart Reply
Quickly respond to messages with generated options that appear right in the prediction bar when you click the text field to respond. Messages will understand the content of the conversation and offer options that are relevant to the context.

Summaries
Previews of messages in your conversation list will show brief summaries instead of the beginning of your most recent messages, so at a glance you know the key information before you even open the chat.

Notifications

- **Priority notifications**

  Immediately see the things that may require your attention, like a work message about a deliverable due that day, with priority notifications that are based on what's most urgent and appear at the top of your notifications.

- **Announce Notifications support**

  Announce Notifications can read aloud your notification summaries when using AirPods or CarPlay.

- **Notification summaries**

  Multiple notifications from a single app are grouped in a stack with a glanceable summary on top that lets you know the most important information. For many communication apps like Mail and Messages, the content of your notifications will be summarised so you can get all the key information without clicking the notification to open the app.

Photos

- **Natural language photo and video search**

  Search now supports natural language queries and expanded understanding, so you can search for just what you mean, like "fluffy white dog on a green couch". You can also search for an action that happened within a video, and Photos will take you to the correct segment.

- **Clean Up tool1**

  Remove distracting elements from your photos with the Clean Up tool for those times when an unwanted object spoiled the moment.

- **Create your own Memories**

  Create a memory about the specific story you want to see, just by typing a description. Photos writes a storyline, complete with unique chapters, and selects a great set of photos and videos to create your movie, complete with a perfectly paired song.

Apple Intelligence will be available in beta on Mac computers with Apple silicon, with Siri and device language set to US English. It is coming to macOS Sequoia as a free software update later this year. Some features and support for additional languages, including Indian English, French, Japanese and Spanish, will be coming over the course of the next year.

Key features

- **Continuity**

  Control and interact with your iPhone by mirroring it's screen to your Mac using the new iPhone Mirroring app. Fully engage with your iPhone and its apps, all wirelessly. You can browse your iPhone Home Screen, launch apps and interact with them, as if you had your phone in your hand.

- **Control your iPhone with your trackpad**

  Two-finger gestures on the trackpad of your Mac let you control your iPhone, so it's easy to swipe on your Home Screen, pinch to zoom on a photo or scroll through your social media feed.

- **iPhone Notifications on Mac**

  View and interact with your iPhone notifications, without needing to reach for your phone. iOS notifications appear on your Mac desktop and in Notification Centre. Interact with them using quick replies, or launch into the app using iPhone Mirroring.

- **Works with StandBy**

  Access your iPhone's apps and notifications while your phone continues to give you glanceable information

with StandBy.

- **Drag and drop files***

  Quickly transfer files between your Mac and iPhone just by dragging photos and other files using iPhone Mirroring.

- **Edit Home Screen**

  Access Jiggle mode on the Home Screen to rearrange app icons, delete apps, or add and edit Widgets.

- **Background replacement**

  Replace your background during a video call. Choose from a variety of colour gradients and system wallpapers — or pick your own favourite image. Background replacements use Apple industry-leading segmentation so you look your best when on a call.

Easier Window Tiling

- **Tiling and resizing**

  Arrange your windows even more easily. Drag them to the edge of the screen and macOS automatically suggests a tiled position on your desktop. Quickly place tiles side by side, or place them into corners to keep even more apps in your view. It's easy to resize two adjacent tiles as you create your ideal arrangement.

- **Keyboard shortcuts**

  Arrange your tiled windows even faster with keyboard shortcuts. You can also hold down the Option key while dragging a window to preview various tiling positions.

- **Tiled window menu options**

  Arrange your windows quickly by selecting from various tiling options using the green button at the top left of each window, or from the menu bar.

- **Supports multiple displays**

  Move window tiles freely between multiple displays. macOS will suggest a tiled position when you drag a window and pause next to the edge between both displays.

Videoconferencing

Presenter preview
Know exactly what you are going to share before displaying it for everyone. The presenter preview appears when you share your screen on a video conference or connect to an external monitor or display.*,3 It lets you pick just an app to share or your whole screen. Picking just an app means things like notifications or background windows from other apps won't be seen.

Play preview
Clicking Play in Keynote (or supported third-party apps) gives you a preview of where your content and presenter notes will be, ensuring you get the right content on the right screen.

Background replacement
Replace your background during a video call. Choose from a variety of colour gradients and system wallpapers — or pick your own favourite image. Background replacements use Apple industry-leading segmentation so you look your best when on a call.

Safari

- **Viewer**

Dim the rest of the page around a video to watch without distractions. You still have full access to system playback controls and video automatically moves into Picture in Picture when you click away from the page.

- **Distraction Control**

  Hide items on a web page that you find distracting. You can easily revert the changes later if you change your mind.

Passwords

- **Passwords app**

  See all your passwords, passkeys, verification codes, Wi-Fi passwords and Sign in with Apple credentials for websites and apps in one place.

- **Sign in with Apple**

  See what apps and websites you've used Sign in with Apple or Hide My Email to sign in. You can also now add Sign in with Apple credentials to shared password groups.

- **Verifications codes**

  Set up two-factor verification codes right in Passwords and easily copy them or autofill into Safari without even opening the app.

- **Syncing**

  Your accounts saved in Passwords sync seamlessly with iCloud so you can access them on your other Apple devices.

- **Windows support**

  Access your passwords on Windows in the iCloud Passwords app.

- **Passwords and passkeys**

  Easily save your passwords and passkeys and autofill them into websites and apps, either by saving them during account creation or manually adding them later.

- **Wi-Fi passwords**

  Access Wi-Fi passwords you've saved so you can easily refer to them or share with others.

- **Sorting**

  Sort accounts alphabetically, or by recently created, to quickly find accounts you're looking for.

- **End-to-end encryption**

  iCloud syncing is backed by incredibly secure end-to-end encryption.

Gaming
Game Mode improvements3
Provides a more immersive gaming experience by improving the responsiveness with wireless accessories and minimising background activity even further to sustain the highest frame rates.

Messages

- **Text effects** Add dynamic, animated effects like Explode or Ripple to any letter, word

  or phrase in iMessage to bring your conversations to life.

- **Emoji and sticker Tapbacks**

  Tapback with any emoji or sticker, giving you infinite ways to react to a message. Multiple Tapbacks on a single bubble are spread out to let you better view the three most recently added.

- **Low Quality Image Mode improvements**

Send images in Messages as their original size or compressed with minimal quality loss while in Low Quality Image Mode.

- **Text formatting**

  Add text formatting like bold, underline, italics and strikethrough to any letter, word or phrase in iMessage to better express your tone.

- **Send Later**

  Compose a message now and schedule it to send later for the times when it's late and you don't want a message to send until the morning, or when you don't want to forget to celebrate an important birthday or other milestone.

- **High-quality Images**

  Send most images up to 100MB at full resolution over iMessage, depending on device and network conditions.

Maps

Discover and save places
Quickly discover and compare places by browsing photos, ratings, price level and more, all without leaving search. Easily save places with just a click, and add a note on what you want to remember about a place or why you like it. Easily access all your saved places, guides and hiking routes in the all-new Places Library.

Notes

Audio recording
Record audio sessions right from your note, and keep them with related comments, checklists and documents. You can even edit your note while recording, so you're always able to jot down something important.

Collapsible sections
Clean up long notes by hiding text under new collapsible section headers.

- **Math in Notes**

  Enter formulas and equations while typing to have them solve instantly in your note body.

- **Highlighting**

  Make text in your note stand out using highlighting with five different colour options.

- **PDF inline search**

  Find words in PDFs and document scans with an improved search experience that takes you to what you're looking for within the document.

AirPods

- **Siri Interactions**

  Respond to Siri announcements with AirPods by simply nodding your head yes or shaking your head no.

- **Personalised Spatial Audio for gaming4**

  Personalised Spatial Audio for gaming puts you in the middle of the action like never before with a new API that makes it easy for developers to deliver the most immersive audio experience with AirPods.

- **In-game voice quality5**

  For high-quality in-game audio, quality is now levelled up to 13 bits, 48 kHz, while streaming or chatting with friends while gaming.

- **Voice Isolation**

  For the best call quality with AirPods, Voice Isolation enables you to take calls anywhere — even in windy conditions or places with loud background noise.
- **Reduced gaming audio latency5**

  To make sure you get the edge over the competition, AirPods Pro now deliver the best wireless audio latency for mobile gaming Apple has ever delivered.

Even More

Accessibility

- **Vocal Shortcuts3**

  Create custom utterances to activate shortcuts and complete tasks on Mac like taking a screenshot or checking the Weather forecast.
- **Cochlear implant support**

  You can new use even more Made for iPhone hearing devices with outstanding quality, including cochlear implants. It is easy to set up and can be used like any other Bluetooth device.

Apple Account

Share Sign in with Apple credentials
Share access to your Sign in with Apple credentials with trusted friends and family members in the new Passwords app. This makes it easy to share the credentials just once, similar to setting up a shared family passwords list.

Apple TV app

- **InSight6**

  See real-time actor and music information that complements the action onscreen, while enjoying Apple TV+ Original movies and shows. Select an actor to learn more about them or easily add a song to an Apple Music playlist.
- **More dynamic subtitles7**

  Subtitles will automatically appear at just the right times, like when the content language doesn't match your device language, when you mute the audio, or when you skip back while watching a programme.

Calculator

- **Math Notes8**

  Open your Math Notes in the Notes app right from Calculator to simply type out and evaluate expressions.
- **Variables9**

  Easily assign values to variables and then use those variables in expressions you solve. For example, you can assign "x = 7" and then type "x + 20 =" to get an answer.
- **Math Results**

  Type out a mathematical expression in apps like Messages and Mail, and you'll see Math Results as suggestions so you can easily add them in.

- **History**

  Keep track of previous calculations in the basic and scientific calculators, copy their results to use in other apps and click the results to go back to keep working on them.

- **Typed math**

  Type out mathematical expressions in Math Notes, and see them instantly solved right inline.

- **Adjust numbers**

  Quickly adjust any number you type in Math Notes by hovering your cursor over it and then dragging across the slider to increase or decrease it. You'll see the number and related equations and graphs update in real time.

- **Editable expressions**

  Enter an expression in the basic and scientific calculators, and you'll see the full expression before you solve it. You can also easily delete characters with the backspace button.

- **Unit conversions**

  Convert length, weight, currencies and more while using the basic and scientific calculators, or convert typed units using Math Notes.

Translate

AirPods in conversations
Get in-ear translations that come through your device microphone and respond with your AirPods microphones so the other person can hear the translated output from the device speaker.

New language
Support for Hindi in Translate, system-wide translation and Safari web page translation.

Weather

- **Easier-to-find Feels Like temperature**

  Prepare for outdoor conditions more efficiently with a more prominently displayed Feels Like temperature. Feels Like appears near the actual temperature when they differ significantly, and their detail views are merged so you can compare them more easily.

- **Prominent wind gusts and direction**

  Conveniently learn about windy conditions with wind speed, gusts and direction.

- **Home and work locations**

  Your home and work locations from Contacts are brought into Weather. You can search for them and add them to your list.

*Coming in an update later this year.

1. Clean Up will be available in beta on iPhone 15 Pro and later models, iPad with M1 and later, and Mac computers with Apple silicon as part of iOS 18, iPadOS 18 and macOS Sequoia later this year.
2. Available on Mac computers with Apple silicon or Intel Mac computers with a T2 Security Chip when your iPhone and Mac are signed in with the same Apple ID using two-factor authentication, your iPhone and Mac are near to each other and have Bluetooth and Wi-Fi turned on, and your Mac is not using AirPlay or Sidecar.Not currently available in the European Union.
3. Available on Mac computers with Apple silicon.

4. Available on AirPods (3rd generation), AirPods Pro and AirPods Max.

5. Available on AirPods Pro (2nd generation and later).

6. Available with an Apple TV+ subscription. Title support is subject to change.

7. Available with compatible content in supported apps.

8. Available for maths written using Western Arabic numerals and common mathematical symbols, or typed using Arabic (Eastern and Western) and Devanagari numerals and common mathematical symbols.

9. Available with variables created using the Latin alphabet.

10. Available with a home hub, such as Apple TV or HomePod. Setting a schedule for guest access via hands-free unlock with home keys, tap-to-unlock with home keys, or PIN codes requires a Matter lock that support schedules.

11. Available on a Thread-enabled home hub such as Apple TV 4K, HomePod (2nd generation), HomePod mini or a compatible third-party Thread border router. Thread-enabled devices are able to locally pair and manage Thread accessories, which may require an update from the accessory manufacturer.

Documents / Resources

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