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Apple Pay Comes to Over 20 More US Banks and Credit Unions

by Jordan Kahn | 9to5mac.com | July 7, 2015

Apple is continuing the roll out of Apple Pay today with the addition of 20+ new US banks and credit unions supporting the iPhone, iPad and Apple Watch-based payments service.

The expansion comes ahead of the international expansion for Apple Pay with a UK launch planned for later this month. Apple previously confirmed the UK would be the first country outside of the US to get Apple Pay, and we reported last week that the company is currently preparing for a July 14th launch date.

Customers from American Chartered Bank to Zions First National Bank will be able to use this service. Listing at <http://9to5mac.com/2015/07/07/apple-pay-expansion-banks-credit-unions-full-list/> - Ed.

Scan Credit Card Info with iPhone Camera in Safari

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If you're shopping on the web from Safari with iPhone, you can make your check-out time faster and much easier by using a great built-in scanning feature to scan credit card details. This uses the iPhone camera to pull info directly from the card, preventing you from having to manually enter the sixteen digit number, card name, and expiration date.

To access the credit card scanner, you simply need to be at a checkout portion of any website in Safari for iOS. This feature is available on all iPhone and iPad hardware that is able to run a modern version of iOS and equipped with a camera. That makes it a bit more universal than, say, configuring Apple Pay, which requires the latest models.

Finally, another option worth mentioning for quick payments is to use iCloud Keychain and save credit card details which can be autofilled across iOS and OS X.

For more information and instructions, please visit <http://osxdaily.com/2015/07/06/scan-credit-card-info-iphone-camera-safari/>

These magnetic iPhone lenses will make your videos and photos much more attractive

by Rob LeFebvre | Cultofmac.com | July 7, 2015

I was shooting my son's school play a couple of months ago with my iPhone, but wasn't really able to capture the whole stage in one shot.

What I needed was a wide-angle lens. That's where these PhotoJojo magnetically attachable lenses come in.

When you're shooting video with an iPhone, there are times when you want a bit more control over the image without having to resort to a confusing app.

The simplest way to get an altered image is an attachable lens, and these magnetically attached lenses from PhotoJojo do just the trick.

We got to check out a polarizing lens, a wide angle/macro lens, and a fisheye lens for some seriously fun video shoots. Each is useful, but for shooting video of a school play, the wide angle lens is absolutely fantastic.

The polarizing lens definitely cuts down on glare and helps saturate colors, which can help make your video or photos look quite a bit better when used in high-light/glare situations. Think of it as a pair of polarized sunglasses for your iPhone.

The fish eye lens does what you'd expect: bows out the whole scene from the center of the image, which can be a ton of fun if you're shooting a music video or want to mess around with whimsical still images.

The macro/wide angle lens is a combination lens; simply unscrew the wide angle portion and you have a fantastic little macro lens, great for getting up close and personal with any photo object. The wide angle is fantastic for shooting videos of large areas (like a stage for a school play, right?), letting you remain a bit closer to capture better sound.

The best thing about these lenses is that they're super easy to attach to your iPhone, making switching between them a snap (or rather, a distinct magnetic "click"). They'll attach to any smartphone, too, making this a scream of a deal for families with more than one.

All you need to do to get the lens attached is to stick one of the flat metal rings to the back of your iPhone, surrounding the camera lens with the ring. Each PhotoJojo lens has a magnet on its underside, letting you just touch it to the metal ring to make it stay there.

It's not super strong, so it won't mess with your iPhone, but it's good enough to hold the lightweight lens in place. You'll need to take your iPhone out of its case, of course, but when you're using the lenses, you're probably going for more than a quick snap shot.

Ultimately, these PhotoJojo iPhone lenses are a fantastic addition to my carry-around bag; I keep them all together via their handy little string leashes by attaching them all to the same carabiner. It's like a keychain of photography lenses!

The three-pack of the lenses above will run you less than \$50 on Amazon, making this a great deal for iPhonographers who want to add just a bit of oomph to their videos (and photos!).

Complete article and photos at <http://www.cultofmac.com/328453/these-magnetic-iphone-lenses-will-make-your-videos-much-more-attractive/>

Powerful Searches Using Raw Query

by Gary Rosenzweig | MacMost.com | June 6, 2015

Want to do truly complex searches, then this is a video you'll want to watch. Visit <http://macmost.com/powerful-searches-with-raw-query.html> to hear and see Gary's instructions.



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Anyone who has any items to buy, sell or give away to a good home can announce their products here. Please email me your content at least one week in advance of first meeting of the month: <cindyhuffman116@cox.net>

This month, we have an iPad from Brian (include content). Ray has a number of old books on classic Macs and classic Mac issues.

Cindy has some wonderful old books, FREE to good home:

- *MAC OS X Leopard: The Missing Manual* (David Pogue)
- *Mac Upgrade and Repair Bible*, by Stauffer © 2000
- 2 by Robin Williams:
 - The Little Mac Book*
 - Beyond the Little Mac Book*

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The Retina MacBook's USB Type-C Port is Here to Stay... and You'll Totally Love It

By Deniano Conelo | pusatnews.com | June 3, 2015

Apple's Retina MacBook and Google's newest Chromebook came with a new USB Type-C port that can be used both for charging purposes and for file transfers. Of the companies adopting USB-C ports so far, Apple made the boldest move yet by packing just the one port on its new 12-inch laptop. However, the USB-C port is here to stay, and it's only getting better.

Intel announced that it's already working on Thunderbolt 3 cables that'll feature USB-C reversible connectors and which will enable transfer speeds of up to 40Gbps.

That's twice what Thunderbolt 2 cables can offer, four times the theoretical transfer speed of USB 3.1 ports, and eight times the speed of USB 3.0 ports.

Thunderbolt 3 cables will be able to transfer a 4K movie in 30 seconds, which is certainly an amazing accomplishment.

Finally, Thunderbolt 3 cables will incorporate various other protocols, including USB 3.1, DisplayPort 1.2, PCI Express, and Ethernet.

Intel's adoption of USB-C connectors further indicates that more and more devices will soon pack USB-C connectors. Thus, it's likely that Apple's future MacBooks, including Pro and Air models, will also feature USB-C support to take advantage of Intel's new high-speed data cables.

Full article at <http://www.pusatnews.com/en/the-retina-macbooks-usb-type-c-port-is-here-to-stay-and-youll-totally-love-it-2-1277249>

Soon you'll be able to buy a real Star Trek Communicator for your smartphone

by James Vincent | theverge.com | July 7, 2015

This might just be the ultimate Star Trek accessory: a faithful replica of the sci-fi show's iconic Communicator device that works as both a Bluetooth handset for your phone and as a portable speaker. Built by The Wand Company and making its debut appearance at San Diego Comic-Con this week, the Communicator is constructed from die cast aluminum and comes with a magnetic stand for wireless charging. As well as its Bluetooth functionality, the device is also filled with authentic Star Trek sounds and conversation fragments.

The Wand Company used "structured-light 3D scanning" to make sure the Communicator replicated "every curve and line" of the original ... using "structured-light 3D scanning" to make sure the Communicator replicated "every curve and line" of the original. And although it's not clear exactly how you place a call using the Communicator, the company promises that Star Trek fans can answer their connected smartphone by simply flipping open the antenna grille, employing "structured-light 3D scanning" to make sure the Communicator replicated "every curve and line" of the original. Available to pre-order for \$149.95. Won't ship until January 2016.

<http://www.theverge.com/2015/7/7/8905253/star-trek-bluetooth-communicator>