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An update to iOS 8.2 for iPhone coming today to bring support for Apple Watch

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That support is coming in the form of the Apple Watch app. The app will be how you manage everything that you put onto the watch.

Want a new app on your watch? Open the Apple Watch app on your iPhone. There's a specialized App Store for watch apps there.

The Apple Watch app will also be how to configure which friends get priority placement on your wrist, and even which notifications come to your wrist from all of your apps. While we wouldn't mind the ability to manage those from the watch, there's something to be said for the ease of doing it all from your phone instead — it's much better for that sort of organizing of things versus the smaller screen of the watch.

For more information, visit <http://www.imore.com/ios-82-launching-today-apple-watch-support>

In next month's Vaporware Gazette:

"MacAttorney" Randy Singer on why NOT to download & install MacKeeper



Just How Many Apple Stores Are There?

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There are now 453 Apple Retail Stores in 16 countries—with over 120 million visitors in the last quarter alone. Apple CEO Tim Cook says the company will open 25 more retail stores in China next year, adding to the 15 stores already in that country.

Full story at <http://www.techtimes.com/articles/18536/20141024/apple-plans-to-open-25-more-stores-in-china-tim-cook.htm>

Apple Watch Available On 4/24

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SAN FRANCISCO—March 9, 2015—Apple® today announced that Apple Watch™, its most personal device yet and the newest innovative addition to Apple's ecosystem, will be available on Friday, April 24, to customers in Australia, Canada, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, the UK and the US. Apple Watch is an incredibly accurate timepiece, an intimate and immediate communication device and a groundbreaking health and fitness companion. Highly customizable for personal expression, Apple Watch also brings an entirely new way to receive information at a glance and interact with the world through third-party app experiences designed specifically for the wrist.

Apple Watch introduces revolutionary technologies including the Digital Crown™, an innovative way to scroll, zoom and navigate fluidly without obstructing the display. The Retina® display with Force Touch senses the difference between a tap and a press, providing a new way to quickly and easily access relevant controls. The all-new Taptic Engine™ discreetly delivers a gentle tap on your wrist whenever you receive a notification or message.

Incredibly Accurate & Customizable Timepiece. An extremely precise timepiece, Apple Watch keeps time to within 50 milliseconds of UTC, the universal time standard (accuracy depends on regular syncing with iPhone). Specialized functions on the watch face provide sunrise/sunset, upcoming calendar events, and other information.

Intimate & Immediate Communication Device. Apple Watch enables you to send messages, read email and answer calls to your iPhone right from your wrist. The Taptic Engine alerts you with a gentle tap so you won't miss important notifications. With Digital Touch, Apple Watch allows you to communicate in all-new ways by sending a sketch, a tap or even the rhythm of your own heartbeat. Interact quickly and conveniently with the world around you with Apple Watch by paying for coffee using Apple Pay™, boarding a plane with a Passbook® boarding pass, or raising your wrist to ask Siri® for turn-by-turn directions in Maps.

Groundbreaking Health & Fitness Companion. Apple Watch encourages you to sit less, move more and get some exercise every day. The Activity app provides a simple visual snapshot of your daily activity with three rings that measure active calories burned, brisk activity and how often you've stood up to take a break from sitting during the day. Apple Watch provides the detailed metrics you need during dedicated workout sessions for the most popular activities, such as walking, running and cycling through the Workout app.

Pricing & Availability. Apple Watch is available in three collections: Apple Watch Sport, priced at \$349 and \$399; Apple Watch, available from \$549 (US) to \$1,099; and Apple Watch Edition, crafted from custom rose or yellow 18-karat gold alloys, with prices starting at \$10,000. Apple Watch requires iPhone 5, iPhone 5c, iPhone 5s, iPhone 6 or iPhone 6 Plus running iOS 8.2. or later. iOS 8.2 will be available for download today, March 9, 2015.

Complete article at <https://www.apple.com/pr/library/2015/03/09Apple-Watch-Available-in-Nine-Countries-on-April-24.html>

The Wired Guide for Upgrading Your Apple Gadgets

by Christina Bonnington | wired.com | March 6, 2015

INVESTING IN EXPENSIVE new gear can be a tricky proposition; buy at the wrong time, and you could miss out on innovative features, better performance, price drops, and more.

But don't worry! With a slate of Apple announcements coming next week, we're here to talk you through the best time to upgrade your iPhone, MacBook, iMac, and more. *Visit:* <http://www.wired.com/2015/03/when-to-upgrade-apple-products/>

Apple first to offer HBO's standalone online service

by Lance Whitney ~ CNET.com ~ March 9, 2015

For \$14.99 a month, Apple users will be able to tap into HBO Now, the cable channel's new standalone service.

Apple users will get first crack at HBO Now, a standalone online service from HBO that doesn't force you to subscribe to an entire lineup of cable channels.

Starting in April, iPhone, iPad and Apple TV owners will be able to subscribe to HBO Now to the tune of \$14.99 per month. That means Apple users will be able to watch all HBO content past, present and future.

<http://www.cnet.com/news/apple-adds-hbo-now-to-its-tv-and-mobile-devices/#ftag=CAD590a51e>

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How to Change the Root User Account Password in OS X

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Some advanced Mac users require having the root user enabled in OS X for administrative or troubleshooting purposes. While many will keep the root user account password the same as their general administrator password, this is not always recommended for some situations, and thus these Mac users may wish to change the root user account password in OS X.

To be perfectly clear, this means that the root login account could have a different and unique password from a systems administrator account. Of course it could be the same as well, but because there is potential for differing passwords, be sure to not forget one or the other, otherwise you could run into some trouble. Again, this is only appropriate for advanced Mac users who have a reason to be using the root user account to begin with. This is not the same as changing an admin users password, which are completely separate user accounts from the superuser root.

There are a few ways to change the root user password in Mac OS X, we're going to show you how to change it with the Directory Utility application that was used to enable the root account in the first place. *Read more:* <http://osxdaily.com/2015/03/08/change-root-user-account-password-mac-os-x/> for directions.



Apple's CarPlay coming to 40 new car models this year

By AppleInsider Staff | March 9, 2015

Apple on Monday announced its iOS-based infotainment system CarPlay will be incorporated into 40 new car models made by major automotive manufacturers in 2015, expanding the nascent platform's footprint.

CEO Tim Cook said at the March 9 "Spring Forward" event that "every major" carmaker is now on board with CarPlay, but failed to name specific partners."

CarPlay has achieved relatively slow adoption so far. Just a handful of shipping vehicles support the standard, meaning that for most people, the only option is an aftermarket dash unit from the likes of Alpine or Pioneer. Two of the current supporting automakers are supercar companies, Ferrari and Koenigsegg.

Recently, though, Volkswagen announced plans to ship CarPlay models later this year, and Chevrolet said that the 2016 model of the Volt hybrid will use the technology.

Apple will also be just one of multiple infotainment options. Some automakers are continuing to use proprietary systems, and in some circumstances Google's Android Auto technology will be available simultaneously or instead. Article at <http://appleinsider.com/articles/15/03/09/apples-carplay-supported-by-all-major-manufacturers-coming-to-40-new-car-models-this-year>

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