

# The TarMac Vaporware Gazette

## Stop incoming iPhone calls from ringing on other iDevices

by Rick Broida ~ cnet.com ~ December 30, 2014 (thanks, Gary Gobel)

For the longest time I've shared an Apple ID with my kids, the idea being to keep control of the iTunes account so they couldn't spend millions on apps, music, and movies.

But recently we've encountered a weird anomaly: sometimes, when someone calls my iPhone, their iPhones ring at the same time! Likewise, if one of them gets a call (which happens pretty much never -- they're teens), my phone rings.

Turns out this isn't an anomaly at all, but rather a "feature" of iOS 8. As I recall, the idea behind it was to allow iPad owners the option of answering calls without having to run for their iPhones, but obviously it's not ideal for anyone sharing an Apple ID with family members.

Fortunately, you can turn it off. Here's how:

Step 1: Starting with your own iPhone, tap the Settings icon, then scroll down until you find FaceTime.

Step 2: Tap it, then disable iPhone Cellular Calls.

Step 3: Repeat the process on every other iDevice that's ringing when it shouldn't be.

Presto! Calls will now go only to the phone number that was dialed. At least, that was my outcome. Your mileage may vary, of course, as there are some additional iOS settings that can affect the way calls and apps are shared. (There's at least one Apple discussion thread devoted to this very topic.)

I also pinned down the "sometimes" aspect of it: this Continuity/Handoff feature works only when the various devices are in close proximity and connected to Wi-Fi.

Article and how-to images at [http://www.cnet.com/how-to/stop-incoming-iphone-calls-from-ringing-on-other-idevices/?tag=nl.e214&s\\_cid=e214&ttag=e214&ftag=CAD3c7755](http://www.cnet.com/how-to/stop-incoming-iphone-calls-from-ringing-on-other-idevices/?tag=nl.e214&s_cid=e214&ttag=e214&ftag=CAD3c7755)

## Apple pushes out automatic security update on Macs for the first time—to foil hackers

Reuters ~ December 23, 2015 ~ Reporting by Jim Finkle

Apple Inc has pushed out its first-ever automated security update to Macintosh computers to help defend against newly identified bugs that security researchers have warned could enable hackers to gain remote control of machines.

The company pushed out the software on Monday to fix critical security vulnerabilities in a component of its OS X operating system called the network time protocol, or NTP, according to Apple spokesman Bill Evans. NTP is used for synchronizing clocks on computer systems.

The bugs were made public in security bulletins on Friday by the Department of Homeland Security and the Carnegie Mellon University Software Engineering Institute. Carnegie Mellon identified dozens of technology companies, including Apple, whose products might be vulnerable.

When Apple has released previous security patches, it has done so through its regular software update system, which typically requires user intervention.

The company decided to deliver the NTP bug fixes with its technology for automatically pushing out security updates, which Apple introduced two years ago but had never previously used, because it wanted to protect customers as quickly as possible due to the severity of the vulnerabilities, Evans said.

"The update is seamless," he said. "It doesn't even require a restart."

Apple does not know of any cases where vulnerable Mac computers were targeted by hackers looking to exploit the bugs, he added.

Article at <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/12/23/us-apple-cybersecurity-idUSKBN0K108W20141223>

## Book those airline tickets now!

MacNews.com ~ January 2015

Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak will be keynoting the inaugural Apps World Germany event (<https://www.apps-world.net>) in Berlin this April. The event taking place at CityCube, Berlin, on April 22-23 is set to attract over 6,000 attendees over the two days. He will be joined by the founder of Lionhead Studios, Peter Molyneux, OBE, and Ian Livingstone, co-founder of Games Workshop.

Wozniak will be discussing the story of Apple, entrepreneurship, innovation, and sharing his industry insight with developers in the free-to-attend Developer World conference stream.

# Hacker claims you can steal fingerprints with only a camera

by Seth Rosenblatt ~ CNET ~ December 29, 2014

Jan Krissler, a member of Europe's oldest hacker collective, the Chaos Computer Club, said he accomplished such a feat at the Chaos Computer Conference on Saturday. His demonstration included creating, he claims, a digital copy of a fingerprint of Germany's federal minister of defense, Ursula von der Leyen, using commercially available software called VeriFinger.

He said he had a photographer snap high-resolution photos of von der Leyen's fingers while she was at a presentation in October -- standing nine feet away from the official.

*"There will be no need to steal objects carrying the fingerprints anymore. After this talk, politicians will presumably wear gloves when talking in public." --Jan Krissler*

Despite the warnings from hackers, experts believe that there is no need to worry. The fingerprints are still more secure than regular passwords. According to Dr. Elizabeth Cohen, Communication Studies Professor at West Virginia University:

"Even though people are going to develop ways to hack fingerprint scanners, this doesn't negate their effectiveness. Just like people find ways to hack into passwords, they're going to find ways to hack into fingerprints. But in many ways, this system is still more secure than a traditional password."

Full article at <http://www.cnet.com/news/hacker-claims-you-can-steal-fingerprints-with-only-a-camera/>

See also <http://www.technotification.com/2015/01/recreate-fingerprints-to-unblock-iphone.html>



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# Find out who's using your Mac

## Snap A Photo Of The Perp!

December 8, 2014 | Wil Gomez | [Mac360.com](http://Mac360.com)

Who's using your Mac when you're not around? If you work in an office or cubicle farm, and step away for lunch or a meeting, any co-worker could use your Mac.

If you have Macs at home, nosy neighbors, children, or other family members could be using your Mac while you're not around. Wouldn't it be great to know who sat down in front of your Mac and when? Here's the app that spills the beans and gets a photo as proof.

I love apps like Security Camera. It doesn't cost much, is easy to set up and use, and is brutally honest about what it does. It captures photos of anyone trying to use your Mac while you're away. It's mostly set it up and forgetaboutit, too; just the way you want.

Security Camera snaps a 640x480 photo from the Mac's built-in camera as soon as the Mac is awakened.

The app is password-protected and stores the photos so even if a perpetrator tries to get at the photo, there's an obstacle. Plus, Security Camera can store photos on your Dropbox account, so even if you're away from home or office, you can check to see who's been using your Mac and when.

Installation and setup are simple. It's a Mac App Store app so it installs quickly. For setup, simply walk through the check boxes, and set the armed idle time using the slider bar.

Security Camera can be set to start up when your Mac starts, display a message, sync photos with Dropbox, and be completely password protected. When you get back to your Mac (or, check your Dropbox account from another location) you'll be able to check all the photos snapped by Security Camera.

If someone sits down in front of your Mac, touches the trackpad or moves the mouse or presses any key, Security Camera gets a photo snapped, saved, and uploaded to Dropbox. The price tag is nominal, but I would like to see iCloud support and some kind of email or text message notification.

For entire article: <http://mac360.com/2014/12/find-out-whos-using-your-mac/>

# Get more out of Apple's OS X Mail app

The Mail software that comes with your Mac is more powerful than you think.

Apple Mail includes features that can speed up how you handle emails, make you enjoy using the application, and that can perhaps turn email from a chore into a tool.

Read more: <http://www.macnn.com/articles/15/01/15/the.mail.software.that.comes.with.your.mac.is.more.powerful>

# Your Vote Sought

Should Apple develop A-series chips for Macs and dump Intel Inside? As of 3 pm today, it was running 3 to 1 against.

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