John's Top 16
Sun Lakes Apple Club

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1) Using Duck Duck Go As my Search Engine

- Still using Google?

- Ever wonder how that pair of shoes you searched keep showing up everywhere you go on the web?

  - When you use Google You are the product

  - Is it any wonder they pay Apple Billions every year to be the default

- Check this site on the benefits of switching to Duck Duck Go

- https://www.pcworld.com/article/708188/switch-from-google-to-duckduckgo-private-search.html

Steps to Change your Search Engine
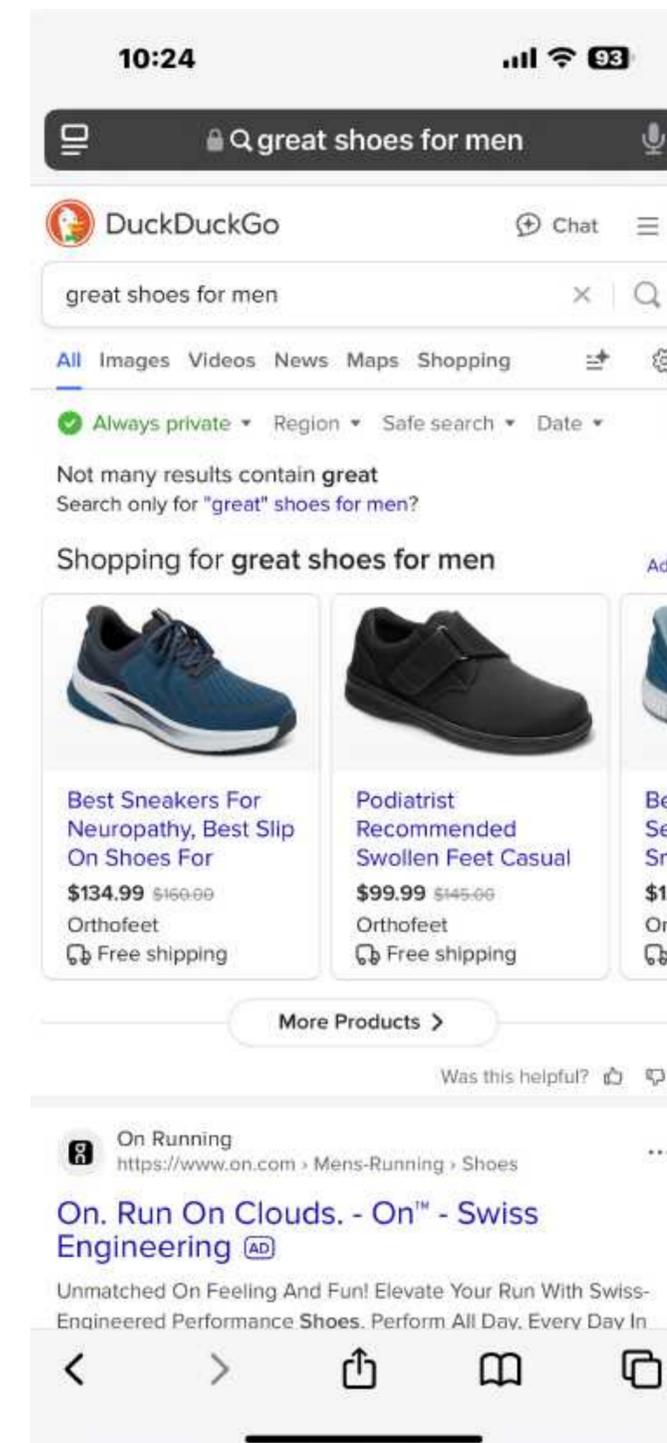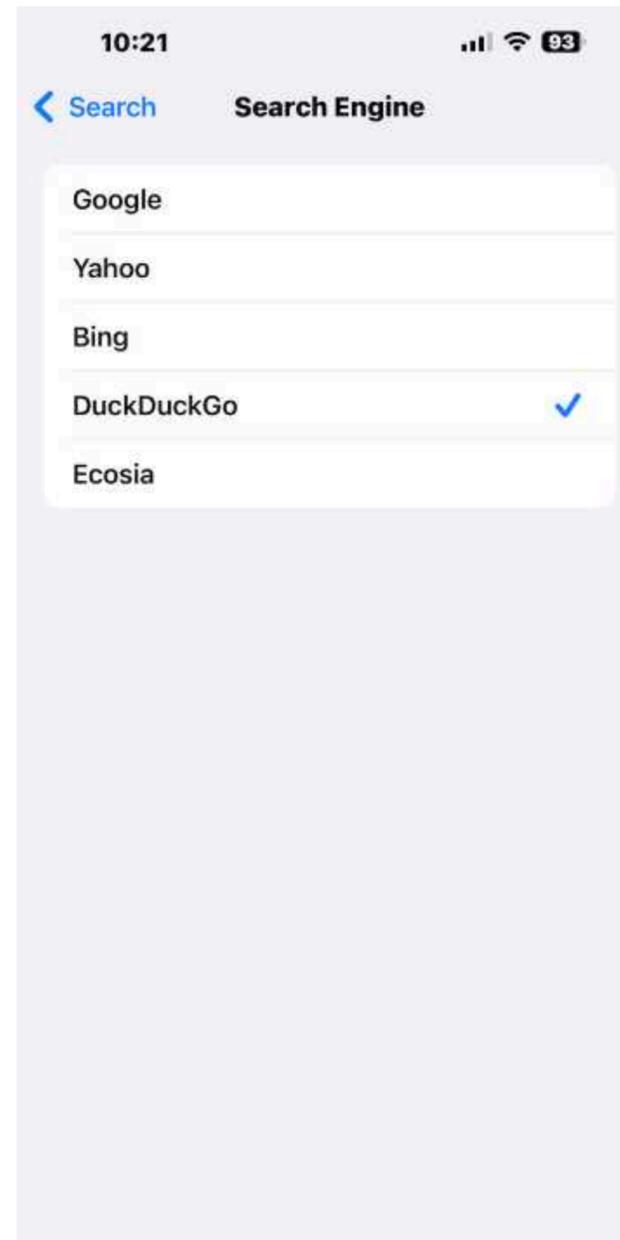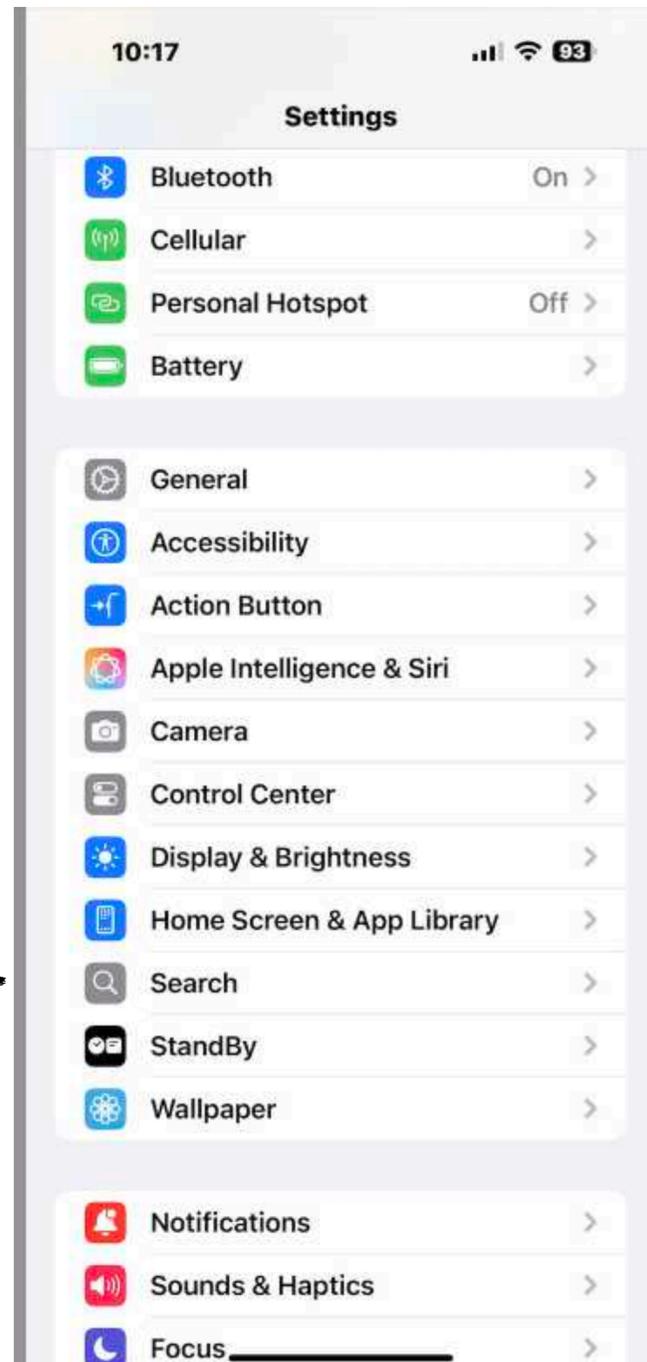
2) Get a Morning Briefing
A Personal Assistant

- Ask your friend Siri "Hey Siri, What's my Update"

  - Use your phone, iPad, your Mac, or a HomePod (full size or Mini)

  - Siri will report to you

    - Today's weather

    - Your Calendar Appointments

    - Estimated Travel times to destinations Siri knows about

    - Any reminders due today

    - A brief news summary in the form of a podcast. The default news source is NPR, but you can also choose from CNN, Washington Post, or Fox News. To switch news sources, say, "Siri, switch to [news source]."

    - HomePod Responses are all via audio, Otherwise its a mix of text and audio

3) Are you a Streamer?
Watch TV on your iPad or iPhone
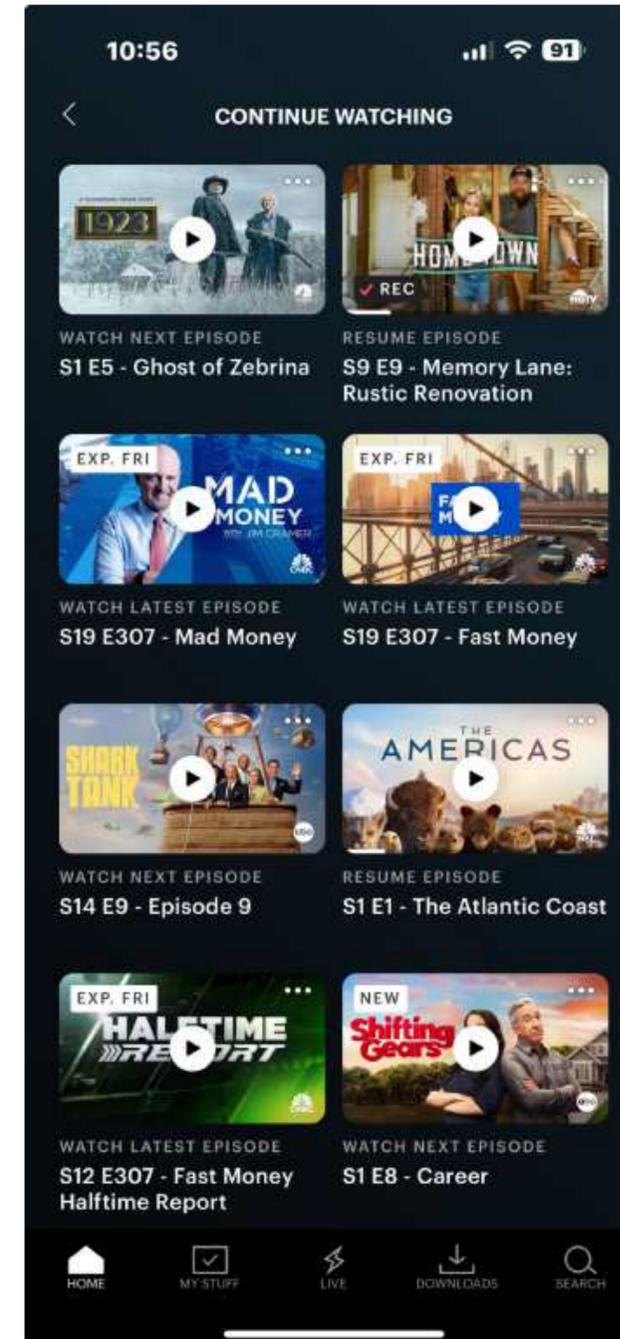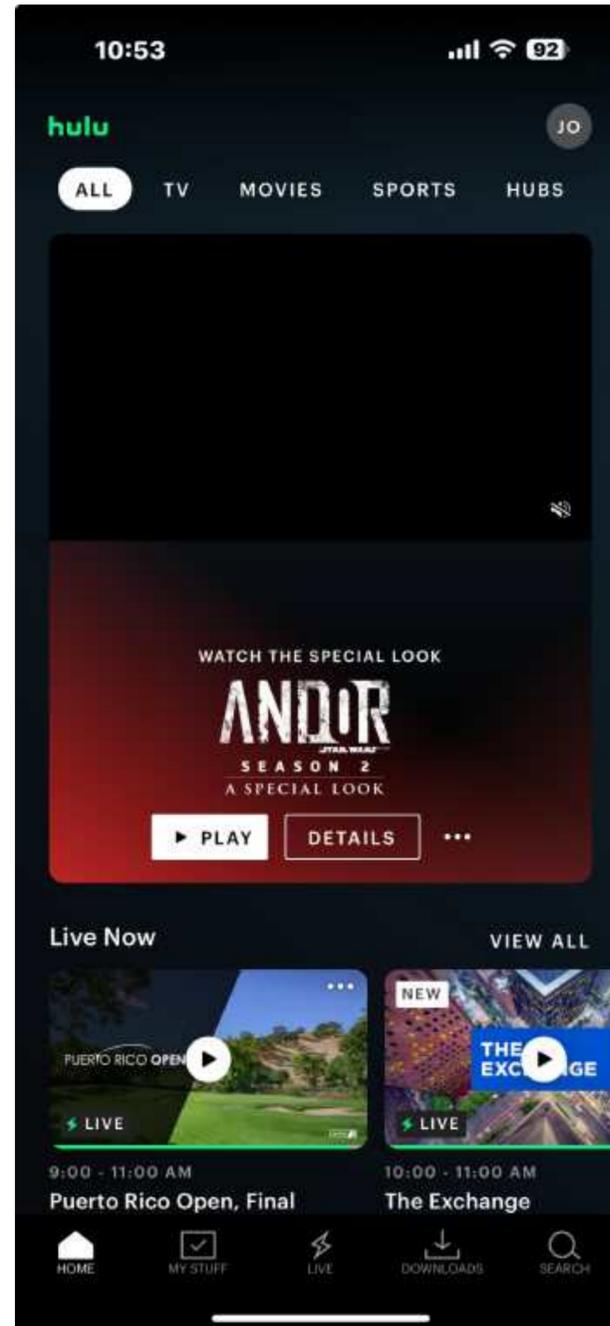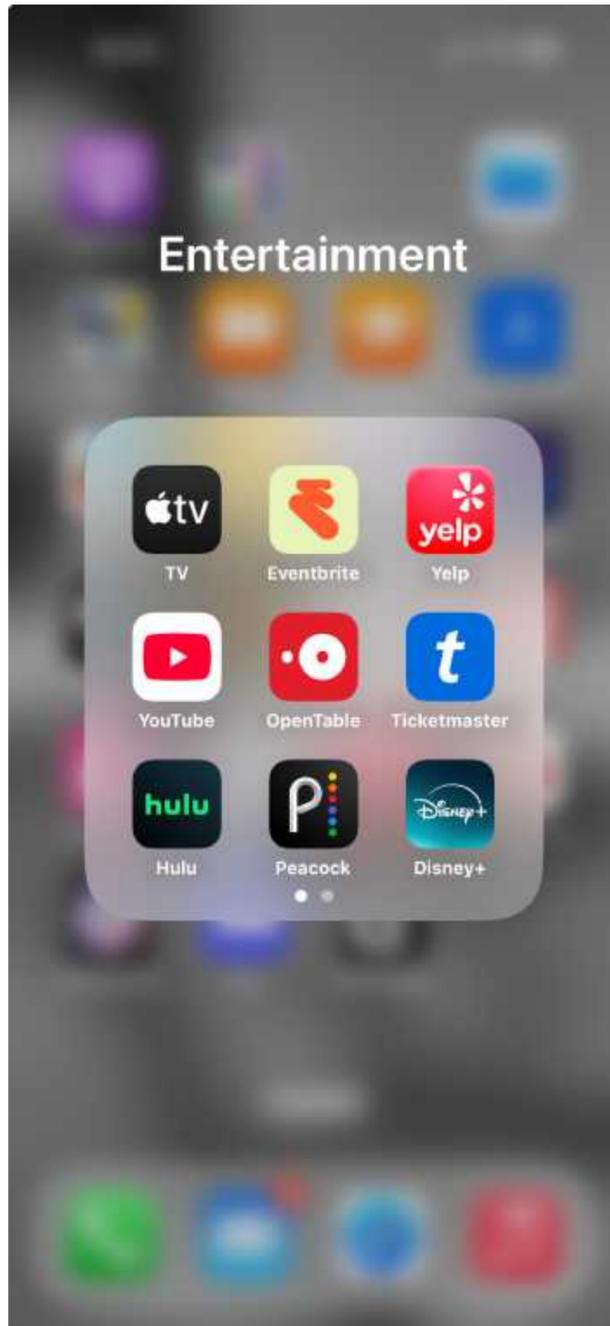
4) Purging Safari History

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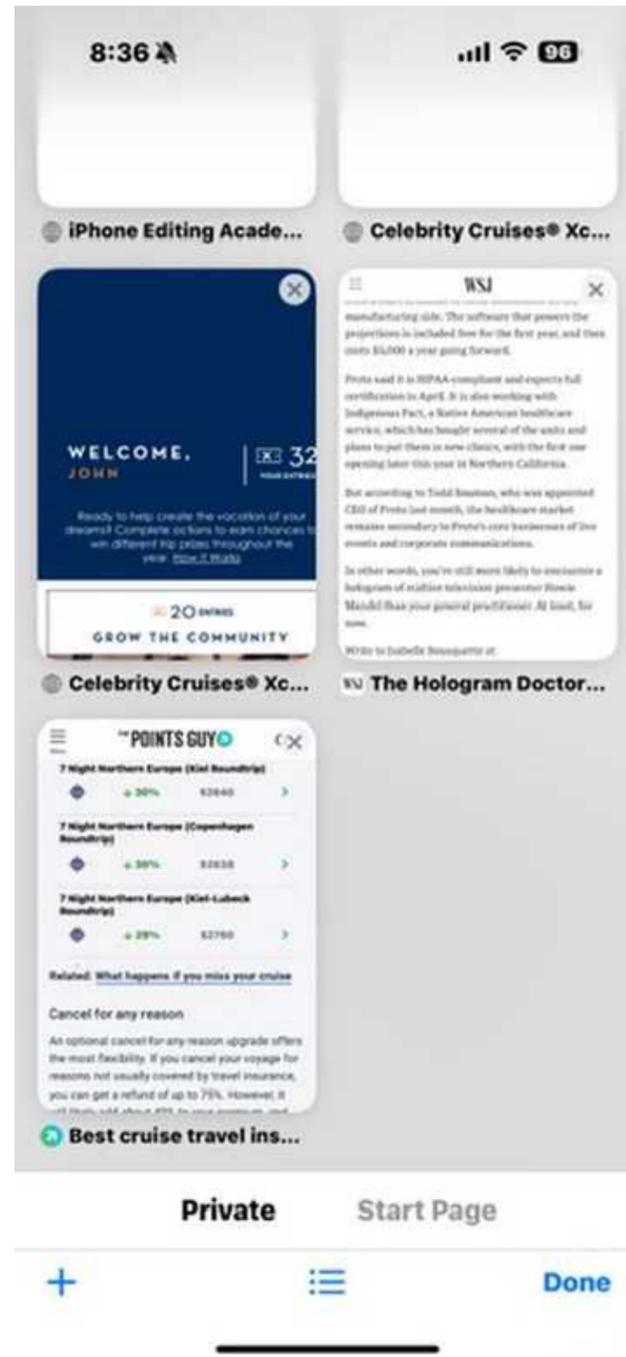
2) Your visited pages
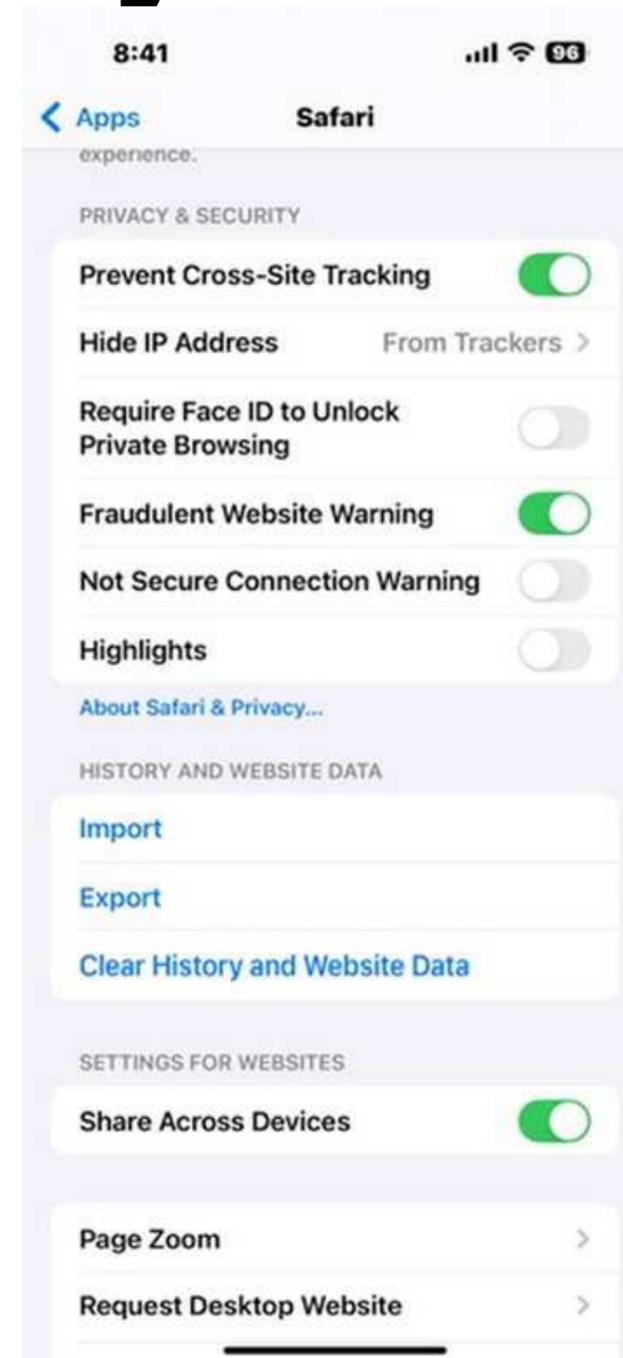
3) Settings / Apps / Safari
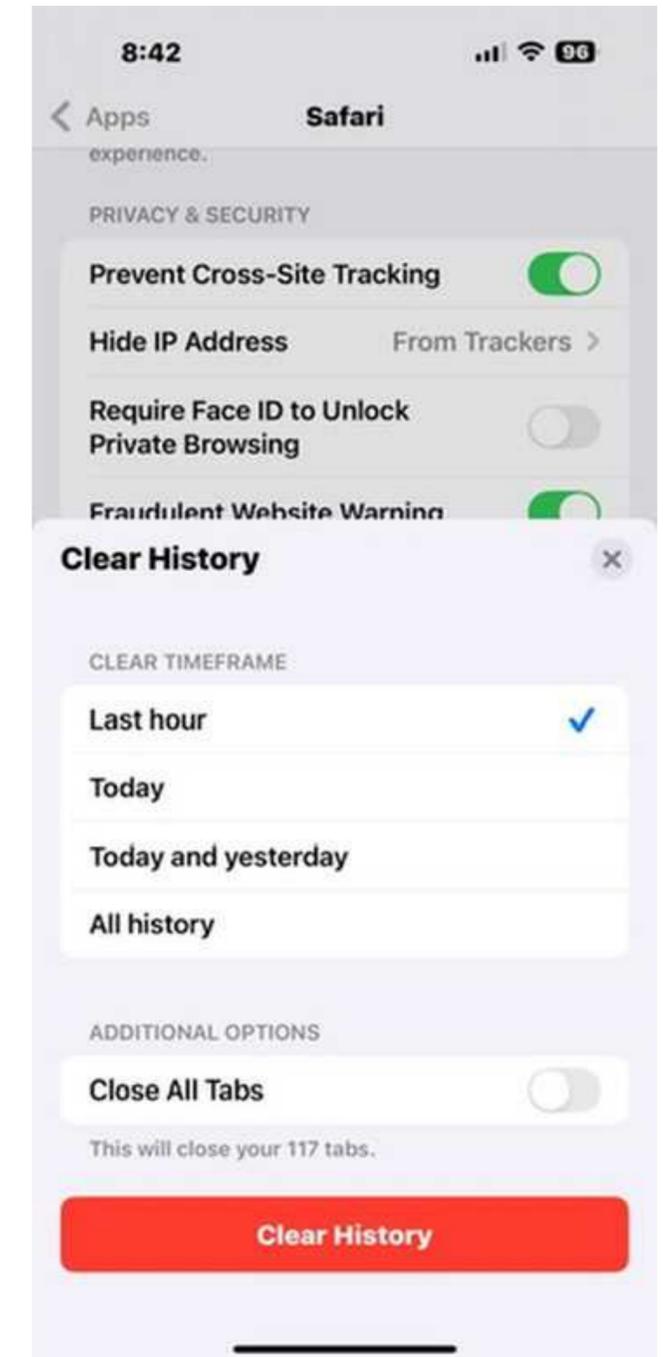
4) Clear All Tabs

5) Photos - People and Pets
Name a person or pet in a photo or video

- Go to the Photos app on your iPhone

- Open a photo or video, then swipe up to see details

- People or pets appear in the bottom left. A question mark appears next to people or pets you have not already named.

- Tap the person or pet with a question mark next to their picture, then tap Name this person or Name this pet.

- Enter the name and tap Done.
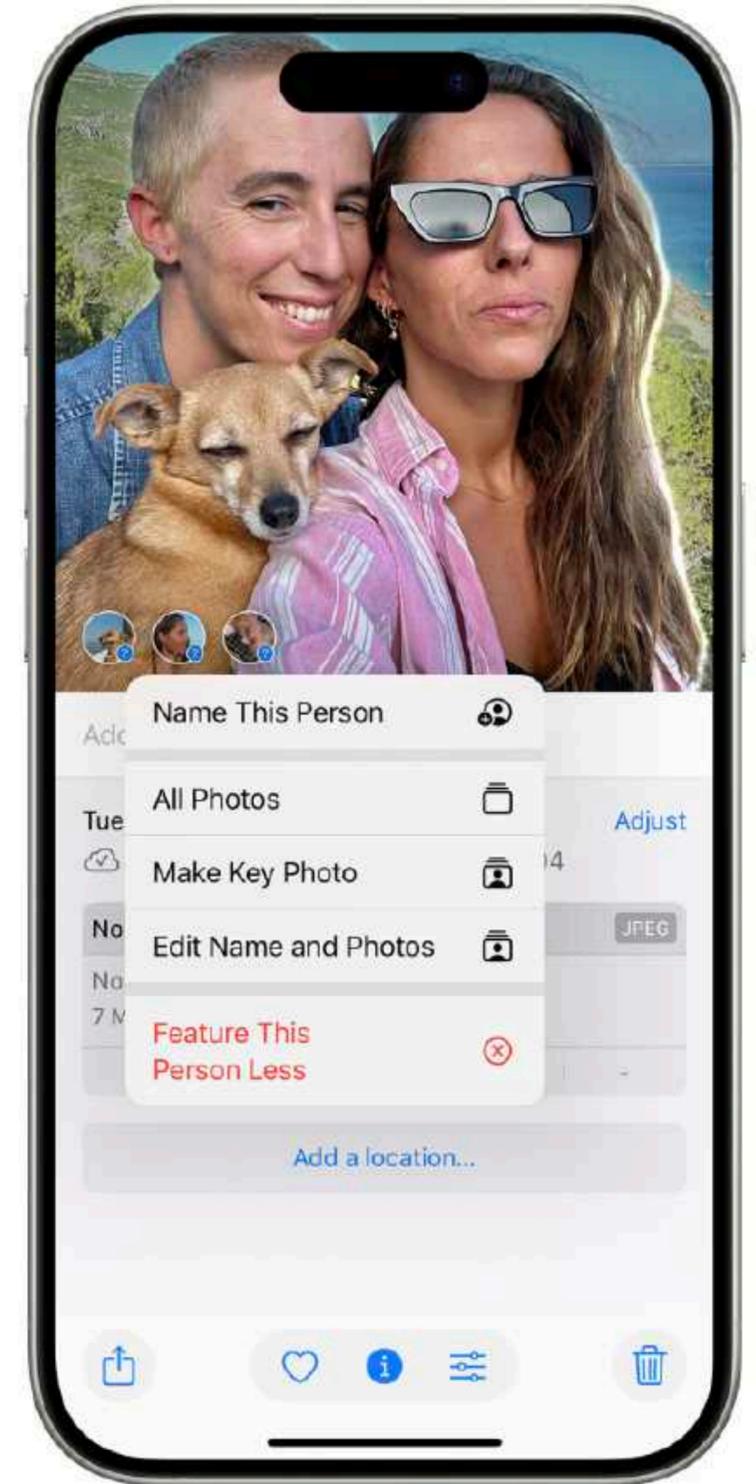
5) People and Pets Continues

- Go to this website https://support.apple.com/guide/iphone/find-and-name-people-and-pets-iph9c7ee918c/ios

- You will learn to:

  - Change a persons or pets Key Photo

  - Mark your favorites

  - Fix Incorrect Names

  - Sort your people and pets

- When you use iCloud Photos People and Pets is kept up to date across all your devices

- For iPad People and Pets see https://support.apple.com/guide/ipad/find-and-name-people-and-pets-ipada1053653/ipados

- For Mac People and Pets see https://support.apple.com/guide/photos/find-and-name-people-and-pets-phtad9d981ab/mac

6) Photos Memories
Easy Fun With Your Photo Library

- I have just under 30K Photos and Videos in my cloud

- Apple Machine Learning uses your photos to create suggested Memories

- Its Automatic, Each and Every Day, new ones are presented

- Easy to share with other Apple users

6) Photos Memories

- Memories uses data from when your photos were taken in order to group images into a memory

  - Physical Location, Face Recognition, Date/Time, And other photo content such as beaches, churches, plants, animals, etc.

- Memories are set to music which is also picked by the machine learning algorithm.

- To Share a Memory Photo with others; 1) watch the memory, 2) when done touch the share arrow (box with upward arrow). 3) Chose your music, 4) Then send to your other iCloud / Apple users.

7) Searching Photos

Search for photos and videos

1. Go to the Photos app 🌸 on your iPhone.

2. Tap Search, then search by any of the following:

   - Date (month or year)

   - Place (city or state)

   - Business names (museums, for example)

   - Category (beach or sunset, for example)

   - Events (sports games or concerts, for example)

   - A person identified in People & Pets (see Find and name people and pets)

   - Text (an email address or phone number, for example)

   - Caption (see See photo and video information)

💡 **Tip:** Looking for something more specific? Refine your search with multiple keywords—keep adding keywords until you find the right photo. Search also suggests keywords to add to your search.

7) Search Photos w/ Apple Intelligence

1. Go to the Photos app 🌸 on your iPhone.

2. Tap Search, then enter a description using natural language—"Maya skateboarding in a tie-dye shirt," or "Sadie cartwheeling on the grass," for example.

   Note: For more information on naming people and pets in photos, see Find and name people and pets in Photos.

3. Do any of the following:

   - *See all search results:* Tap See All.

   - *Select specific search results:* Tap Select, then select the photos and videos you want to share or add to an album.

   - *Sort search results in reverse chronological order:* Tap ⇅.

4. When you're finished, tap Done.

Requires iPhone 16, or iPhone 15 Pro or ProMax

8) Phone Settings - Ignore Unknown Callers

Settings / Apps / Phone

Callers not in your Address

book go straight to

Voicemail

9) Reminders - Repeating
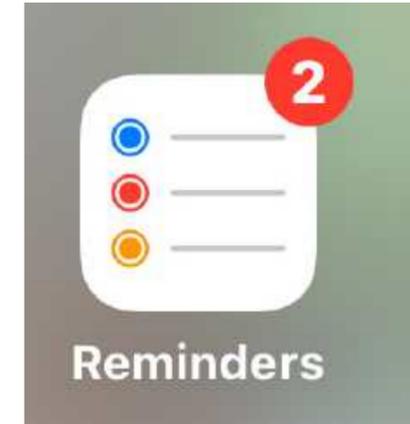
- Repeat Reminders - Open Reminders

- Give it a name

- Touch Date and enter the first date you wish to be reminded

- Touch Repeat and select an option (daily, weekly, monthly, etc)

- Some of my favorite repeating reminders are:

  - Take the garbage can out, family members retirement anniversaries, fertilizer schedules, etc

9) Reminders - Location Based

- Open Reminders, click the plus sign for new reminder

- Give it a name and add some note to jog your memory, touch details
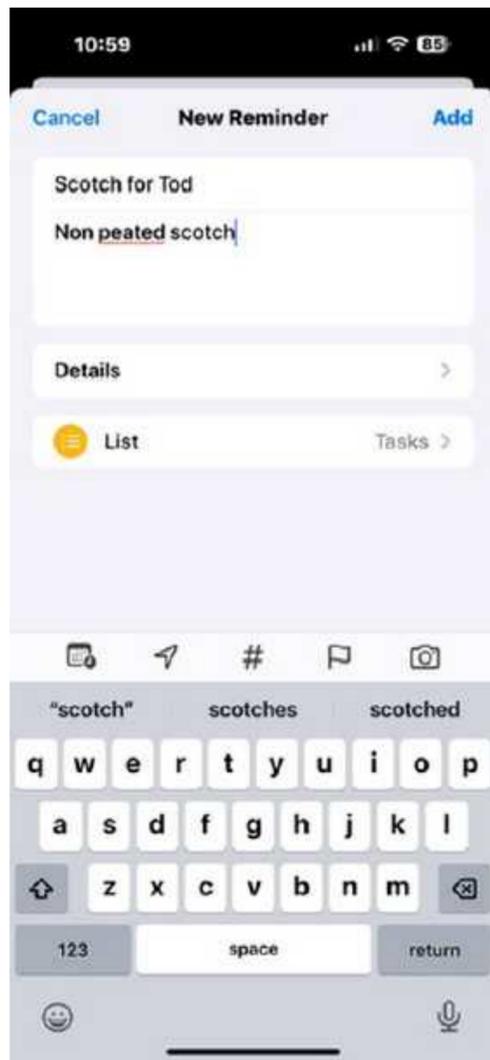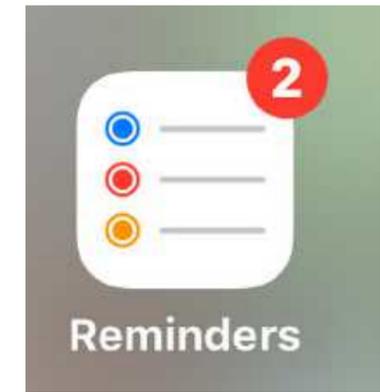
Touch Details   Touch Location   x out john's home   Type the place name&tap details   Click Add
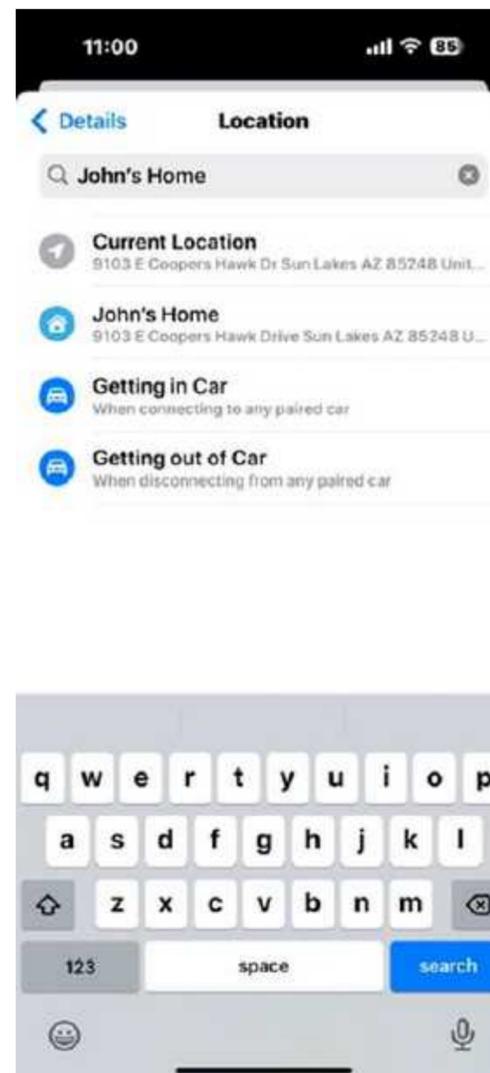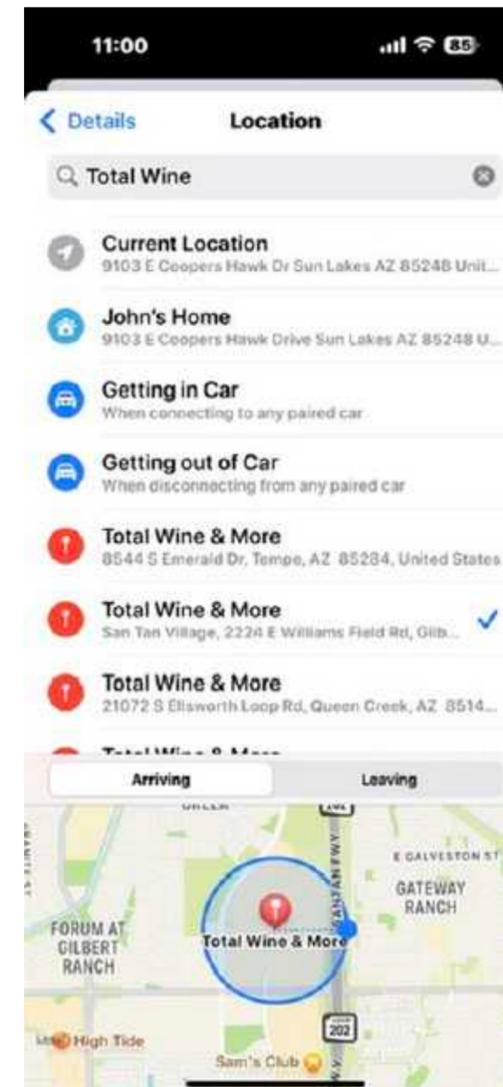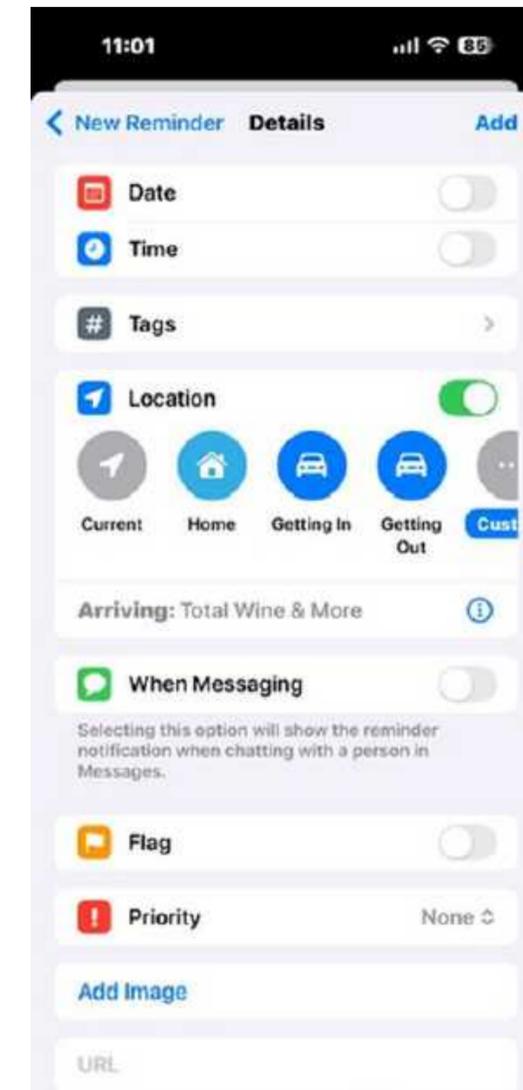
10) Dictate Text on iPhone

- With Dictation, you can dictate text anywhere you can type it.

- Settings / General / Keyboard

- Turn on Enable Dictation, if a prompt appears, tap Enable Dictation

- Add Emoji, just say the emoji name, ie heart emoji, etc

- Add punctuation, just say comma, period, new line, new paragraph, etc

- Done say "stop dictation" or tap the microphone
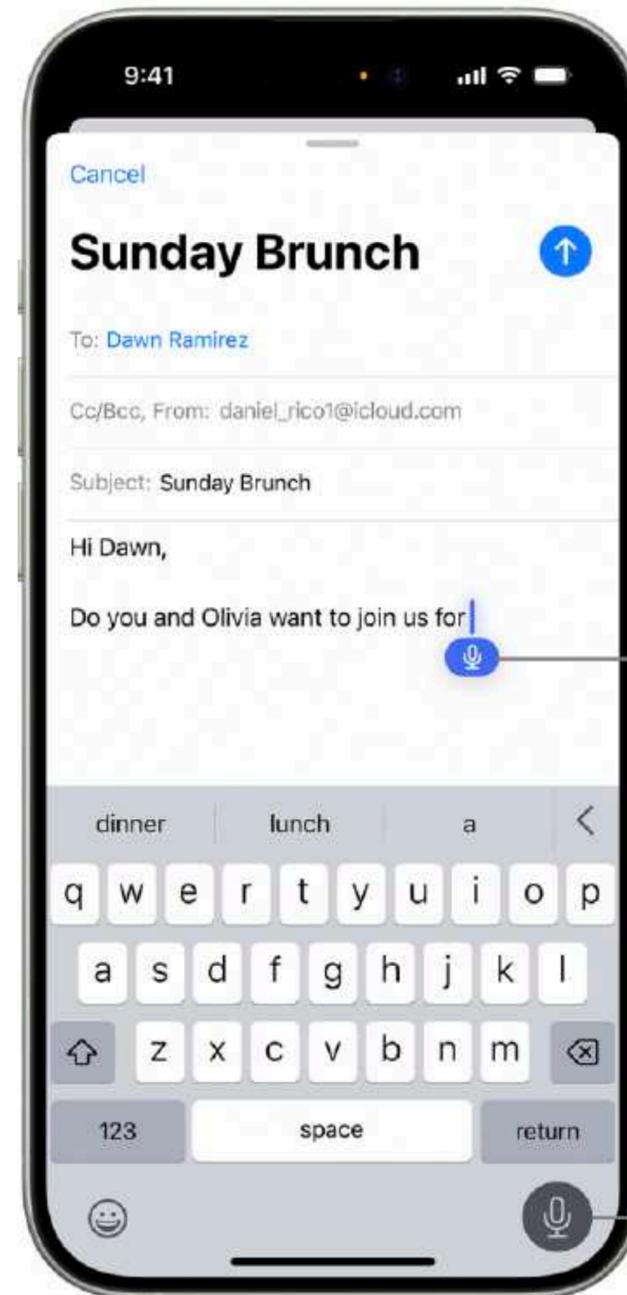
Start to speak when this symbol appears.

Tap to turn Dictation on and off.

11) Timers on your Apple Watch

Quickly set a timer

1. Go to the Timers app ⏱ on your Apple Watch.

2. To quickly start a timer, tap a duration (like 1, 3, or 5 minutes) or tap a timer you've recently used. To create a custom timer, tap ⊕.

When a timer goes off, you can tap ↺ to start a timer of the same duration.

Pause or end a timer

1. With a timer running, go to the Timers app ⏱ on your Apple Watch.

2. Tap ⏸ to pause, tap ▶ to resume, or tap ⊗ to end.

11) Watch Timers Continued

Create multiple timers

1. Go to the Timers app 🟠 on your Apple Watch.

2. Create and start a timer.

    💡 **Tip:** To assign a label such as "Pizza" to a timer, use Siri to create the timer. Raise your Apple Watch, then say something like "Set a 12 minute pizza timer."

3. Tap ⊕ to return to the Timers screen, then create and start another timer.

Tap ◀ to display your running timers on the Timers screen. Tap ❚❚ to pause a timer, and tap ▶ to resume.

To delete a running or paused timer that appears on the Timers screen, swipe left, then tap ❌.

11) Other Timers

- Timers on iPhone see https://support.apple.com/guide/iphone/set-timers-iph8241d6b2a/ios

- Timers using HomePod see https://support.apple.com/en-euro/guide/homepod/apd82db5cb0d/homepod

12) Standby Mode

You can use StandBy to turn your iPhone into a bedside clock, a photo frame, a display for viewing widgets or Live Activities in full screen, and more.

Start StandBy

1. Go to Settings ⊚ > StandBy and make sure StandBy is turned on.

2. Connect iPhone to a charger and set it down on its side, keeping it stationary.

3. Press the side button.

4. Swipe left or right to switch between widgets, photos, and clocks. Swipe up or down to scroll between options for each of these views.

12) StandBy Mode Continued

When Night Mode is turned on for StandBy, the screen adapts to low ambient light at night and displays items with a red tint so that it's not intrusive while you're sleeping.

With the Always-On display (on supported models), StandBy stays on to show useful information. For all other iPhone models, it's easy to activate StandBy any time by either tapping the screen, gently nudging the table your iPhone is on, or using Siri.

In each location where you charge iPhone with MagSafe, StandBy remembers your preferred view, whether that's a clock, photos, or widgets. For example, you can have it set up for family photos in the kitchen or an alarm clock at your bedside.

13) Call my Daughter, Message my wife
Using My Card
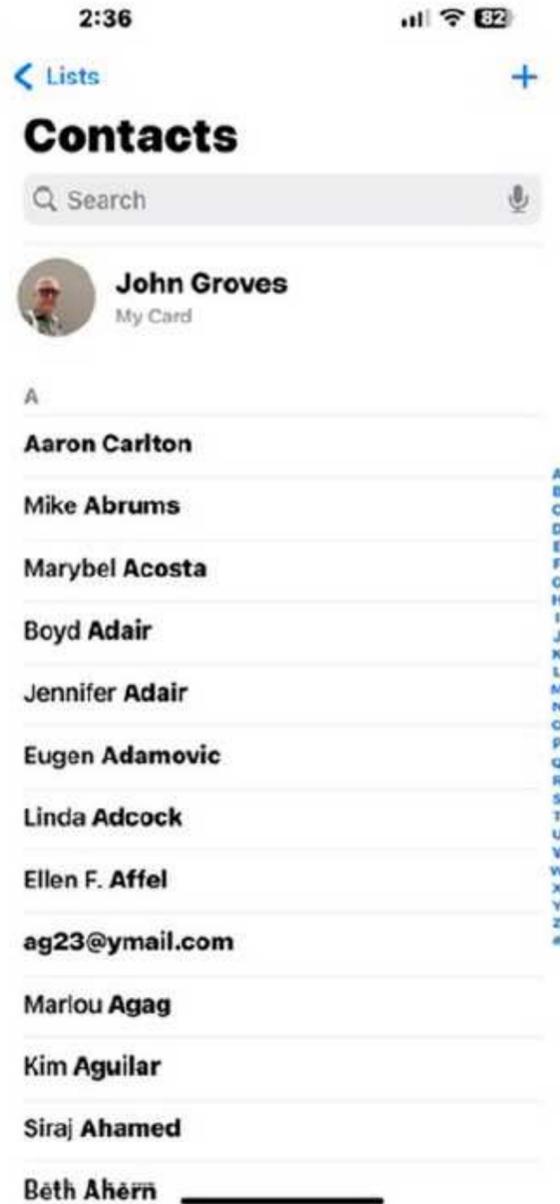
At the Top of Contacts   Open My Card   Edit to add related persons, etc
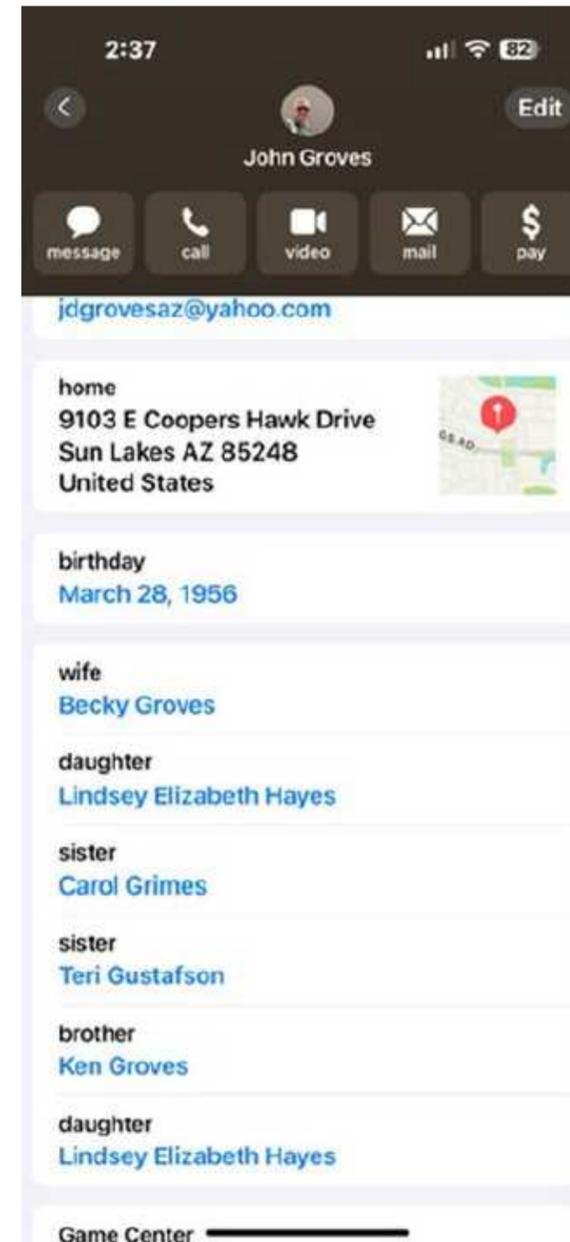
13) Call my Daughter, Message my Wife

- Now, use Siri to call or text any of your related persons by their related designation, ie "call my sister carol", "send a message to my wife", "send my location to my brother"

- Your homework for tonight is to update your My Card

14) Favorite Contacts

- Why in the world would one even consider having favorite contact records?

- Well let me tell you:

  - Favorite Contacts can bypass Do Not Disturb times.

  - To make a contact a favorite, Open their contact record, click "Add to Favorites", then select Phone, Message, email, etc as to how this person can interrupt your Do Not Disturb Tmes.

  - To see all your favorite contacts open the Phone App, and click Favorites in the bottom left.

- To set Do Not Disturb Times use Settings / Focus

- I personally use the Sleep Focus to shut down after hours contacts and notifications

- https://support.apple.com/en-euro/guide/iphone/iph7cdb86325/ios

15) Using the Camera Remote on Apple Watch

With the Camera Remote app, you can use your Apple Watch as a viewfinder for your iPhone camera and take photos and videos from a distance. You can even control the flash, set a shutter timer, and review your shots right on Apple Watch.

To function as a camera remote, your Apple Watch needs to be within normal Bluetooth range of your iPhone (about 33 feet or 10 meters).

Choose options.

Take a photo.

15) Using the Camera Remote on Apple Watch

Take a photo using your iPhone camera

1. Go to the Camera Remote app 📷 on your Apple Watch.

2. Position your iPhone to frame the shot using your Apple Watch as a viewfinder.

   To zoom, turn the Digital Crown. To adjust exposure, tap the key area of the shot in the preview image.

3. To take the shot, tap the Shutter button.

   By default, the shot is taken with a 3-second timer. Tap ⊙ to turn off the timer or change other settings.

The photo is saved in the Photos app on your iPhone, but you can review it on Apple Watch.

15) Using the Camera Remote on Apple Watch

Switch the camera and adjust settings

1. Go to the Camera Remote app 📷 on your Apple Watch.

2. Tap ⊙, then choose any of the following options:

   - 3-second timer (on or off)

   - Camera (front or rear)

   - Flash (auto, on, or off)

   - Live Photo (auto, on, or off)

16) Recording a Call on iPhone

1. Go to the Phone app 📞 on your iPhone.

2. Make a call.

3. During the call, tap 🎙️

   Both call participants hear an audio notice that the call is being recorded.

4. To stop recording, tap 🔴 or just hang up.

   Call recordings are automatically saved to a Call Recordings folder in the Notes app.

5. To see the call in the Notes app, tap View Saved Call.

6. Recorded Calls are placed in a "Call Recordings" folder in the Notes App

17) Favorite Apps

- In 2026 we will designate one of our sessions to **YOUR** favorite Apps. We are thinking the March or April 2026 sessions

- I will be soliciting you at each of our fall meetings (Oct, Nov, Dec) and asking you to prepare a 5-10 minute Session focusing on an App that you truly find helpful.

- If you need assistance with preparing presentation materials I am happy to help. Yes, one on one time. My hope is we can get 8-10 volunteers to show us your best stuff.

- If you have one you would like to submit I am officially taking candidates beginning now

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18) Homework
No Better time than the present

- Consider changing your search engine to Duck Duck Go

- Ask Siri for an Update "Hey Siri, Whats my Update"

- Name some people in your photos

- Send a friend a photo memory

- Create a repeating or location based reminder

- Dictate a text message or email, or heck why not both

- Try using StandBy Mode

- Update MyCard to add spouse, others. Ask Siri to send a message to spouse.

- Make a phone call and record it. Find the recording in Notes afterwards.

- Sign up to do a "my Favorite App" Presentation

Have an Amazing Summer

Stay Cool