

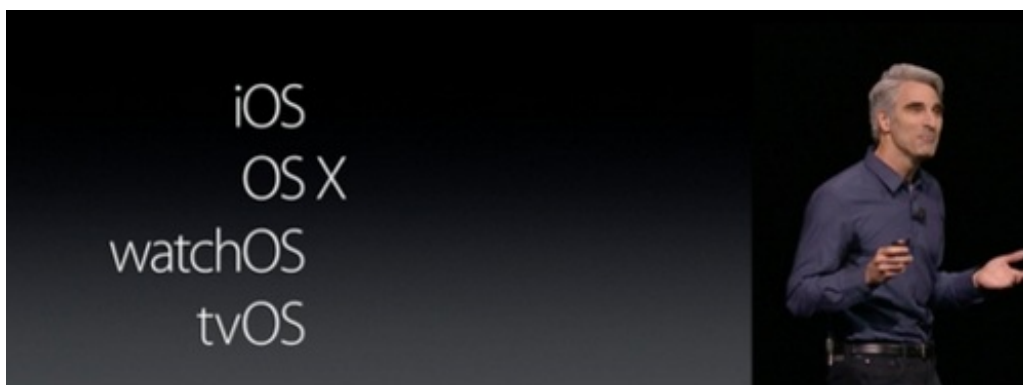


Yahoo Data Breach in 2014

Yahoo announced another data breach dating back to 2014. Someone stole 500 million user's data. If you have a *Yahoo* account it is once again time to change the password and disable the security questions. This is another reminder to not use the same password on multiple accounts. Every service you use should have a unique password so if it is stolen off of one website it can't be used to gain entry to another one of your accounts. Since the security question and answers were also stolen, *Yahoo* is recommending that your security questions be disabled. Instead of security questions you can choose to turn on 2-step verification which will send you a code via text message anytime you want sign into your account on a new device.

[Click here](#), sign in, click on Account Security on the left to change your *Yahoo* password and disable your security questions. [Click here](#) to read more about the breach and other steps you can take to protect yourself. Remember, if you use a *Yahoo* email address, once you change your account password you will have to update it wherever you get your email (for example your smartphone or tablet).

In separate news, *Yahoo* has provided the National Security Agency and the FBI with a tool that scans email messages for specific phrases that these agencies provided. Obviously, this was done to search for terrorists who may be using email for attack planning, but the privacy issues have to be dealt with also. You can read more about it here: [Yahoo secretly scanned customer emails for U.S. intelligence - sources](#).



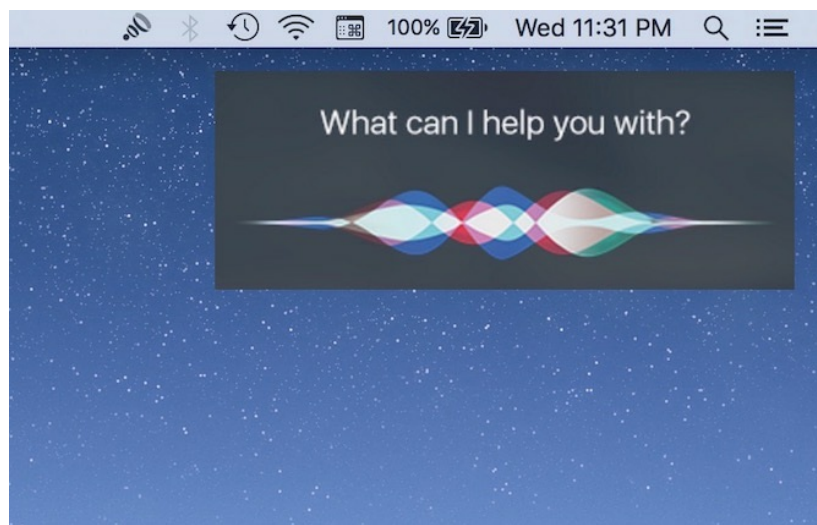
macOS Sierra

Apple released its new operating system for its *Macintosh* desktop and laptop computers. This year they have changed the name for the operating system to *macOS*, formally known as *OS X*. This was done to align the name with *iOS* (for *iPhones* and *iPads*), *tvOS* (for *Apple TV*) and *watchOS* (for *Apple watch*). Remember an "OS" is the [operating system software](#) that runs the device. Upgrades and updates to the OS include bug fixes, security updates and new features.

Note: If your computer is more than 5 years old you may not want to upgrade it. That is because every new operating system puts more and more demand on older equipment making them run slower. So if you are happy with your computer as it is and don't necessarily need the new features, then better to leave well enough alone. On the other hand, if you can't resist trying it or are forced to upgrade because some feature no longer works, then go ahead and do the upgrade knowing that if things don't turn out well it might be time for a new computer.

According to *Apple*, *macOS Sierra* requires at least 2GB of RAM and 8GB of storage space and will run on:

- iMac: Late 2009 or newer
- MacBook: Late 2009 or newer
- MacBook Pro: Mid 2010 or newer
- MacBook Air: Late 2010 or newer
- Mac Mini: Mid 2010 or newer
- Mac Pro: Mid 2010 or newer



New Features

Siri

Siri has been on *iPhones* and *iPads* for a number of years and is now available on *Macintosh* computers. Think of *Siri* as a personal assistant. You can ask her questions or ask her to perform a task and she will do her best to answer them or perform the task.

iCloud Drive

If you turn on *iCloud Drive* everything in Documents and Desktop will be moved to the cloud with the idea being that you will now have access to all those files on every device. Be very careful to make an informed decision about whether you want to do this or not. My personal feeling is that I only need a handful of files accessible from all my devices at any one time, so I would rather not store all my files in the cloud. And remember, if you have a lot of files then you will have to pay more monthly for extra *iCloud* storage space.

Universal Clipboard

You can now copy and paste between your computer and your *iPhone* or *iPad* running *iOS 10*.

Other Updates

- Auto unlock: use your *iPhone* or *Apple watch* to unlock your computer
- AutoPay: Pay with your *iPhone* or *Apple watch*
- Improved *Photos* face recognition and improved Memories tab (creates slideshows)
- Optimized storage for computers with small SSD drives

More Information

[Yahoo Says Hackers Stole Data on 500 Million Users in 2014](#)

[How to Protect Yourself After the Yahoo Attack](#)

[Yahoo Account Security Issue FAQs](#)

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