

OSXDaily macOS Tahoe 26.2 Update Released for Mac

Summary

The article describes the release of macOS Tahoe 26.2, a software update for Mac computers. The update includes new features such as Edge Light, which uses the Mac display as a virtual ring light during video calls, and Podcasts, which includes automatically generated chapters and links to mentioned podcasts. Apple has released macOS Tahoe 26.2 to the general public, becoming available for all Mac users to download as a software update to macOS Tahoe. macOS Tahoe 26.2 includes a few new features, including the ability for adding alarms to Reminders, and a FaceTime ring lighting feature, and resolves a few bugs as well as adding some essential security patches. **If you're running macOS Tahoe, you will want to install macOS Tahoe 26.2.**

Update: macOS Tahoe 26.2 *does not* fix the Reduce Transparency bug where transparency remains prominent throughout MacOS even if enabled, [with the accessibility feature being broken since the Tahoe 26.1 release](#). This is a feature many Mac users rely on to [reduce overlapping text and other annoying legibility issues with Tahoe](#) that did not exist in prior MacOS versions. Some users are also reporting a new bug/issue in MacOS Tahoe 26.2 where local networking between Macs running Tahoe and Sequoia no longer works.

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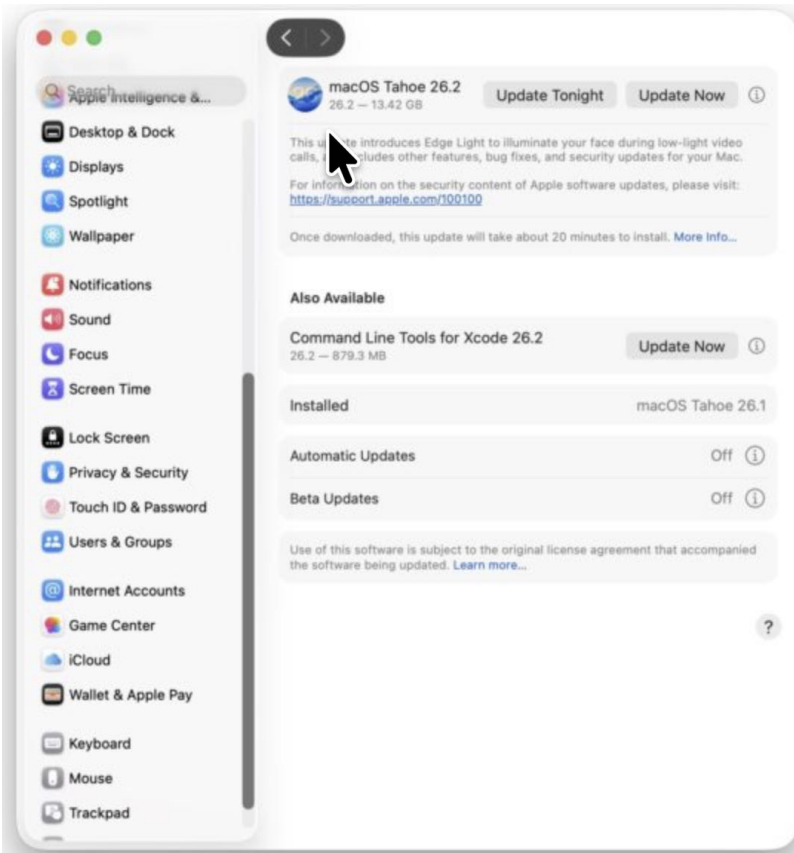


Aside from macOS Tahoe 26.2, Apple has also released [iOS 26.2 for iPhone](#), [iPadOS 26.2 for iPad](#), [watchOS 26.2 for appleWatch](#), [tvOS 26.2 for appleTV](#), and if you're on a Mac that is not yet running Tahoe, you will find [MacOS Sequoia 15.7.3](#), and [macOS Sonoma 14.8.3](#).

How to Download & Install macOS Tahoe 26.2 Update for Mac

Always [backup Mac with Time Machine](#) or your backup method of choice before starting any system update:

1. From the **Apple** menu, go to “System Settings”
2. Go to “General” and then go to “Software Update”
3. Choose to “Update Now” to start downloading and installing macOS Tahoe 26.2 update on the Mac



(Note the buggy user interface of Liquid Glass in the Software Update control panel; overlapping text in the search bar because Reduce Transparency doesn't work, and Dark Mode navigation buttons showing in Light Mode, what a refined experience. Will the Tahoe 26.2 update fix any of this? We'll find out! Update: No, macOS Tahoe 26.2 does not fix the overlapping text bug or Reduce Transparency not fully working)

macOS Tahoe 26.2 is a fairly large download, and installation may take a while. Your Mac will need to restart to complete installation.

If you're running macOS Sequoia or macOS Sonoma, you will also find

optional security updates to install for those macOS versions instead, just be sure to avoid the big macOS Tahoe upgrade banner.

macOS Tahoe 26.2 Direct Download Links

The following links to Apple CDN servers are for the macOS Tahoe 26.2 installer package file, and the macOS Tahoe 26.2 IPSM firmware file:

- [macOS Tahoe 26.2 InstallAssistant.pkg](#)
- [macOS Tahoe 26.2 IPSW – UniversalMac 26.2 Restore.ipsw](#)

MacOS Sequoia 15.7.3 & MacOS Sonoma 14.8.3 Installer Download Links

- [MacOS Sequoia 15.7.3 InstallAssistant.pkg](#)
- [MacOS Sonoma 14.8.3 InstallAssistant.pkg](#)

macOS Tahoe 26.2 Release Notes

Release notes accompanying MacOS Tahoe 26.2 don't include a ton of information about bug fixes so we users will have to find out on their own if there's more than what is listed here:

macOS Tahoe 26.2

Edge Light

- Edge Light video effect uses the Mac display to illuminate your face like a virtual ring light when you're on a video call in low light
- Customizable light width and temperature give you control over how you're lit
- Mouse awareness ensures that the light recedes when you need to access content underneath
- Option to have the light turn on automatically in low light situations on Mac computers introduced in 2024 and later

Podcasts

- Automatically generated chapters make it easier to navigate more episodes
- Links to mentioned podcasts let you see and follow other podcasts mentioned in the episode you're listening to directly from the player and transcript

Games

- Filters in the Games library let you find games by category, size, and more
- In-game challenge score banners provide real-time updates when someone new has taken the lead
- Connected controller support

This update also includes the following enhancements and bug fixes:

- AirDrop codes offer an additional layer of verification when using AirDrop with unknown contacts by providing a code on the receiver's device that the sender must enter to complete the transfer
- Apple News Section links in the sidebar of the News app offer easy navigation to popular topics like Sports, Politics, Business, and Food
- Tables in Freeform can hold text, images, documents, and drawings, with cells that intelligently resize to fit, bringing structure to the infinite canvas
- Favorite Songs playlist appears in Top Picks in Apple Music
- Fixes an issue where pre-release albums in the library were not immediately playable at their release time

For information on the security content of Apple software updates, please visit:
<https://support.apple.com/100100>

The entire OS 26 suite has been updated with an OS 26.2 update, so be sure you also update your iPhone, iPad, appleWatch, appleTV, homePod, applevisionPro, and any other appleProduct you might own.