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New Security, Privacy Features in iOS 12 and macOS Mojave

Apple has announced a slew of new features for iOS 12 and macOS Mojave (10.14), but also some security and privacy improvements that should make privacy-minded users very happy. The improvements are mainly tied to Safari, which is the default browser offered by the company's mobile and desktop operating systems. "In Safari, enhanced Intelligent Tracking Prevention helps block social media 'Like' or 'Share' buttons and comment widgets from tracking users without permission. Safari now also presents simplified system information when users browse the web, preventing them from being tracked based on their system configuration. Safari now also automatically creates, autofills and stores strong passwords when users create new online accounts and flags reused passwords so users can change them," the company noted. MacOS Mojave also comes with new data protections that will require apps to get user permission before using the Mac camera and microphone or accessing personal data like user Mail history and Messages database.

Both iOS 12 and macOS Mojave will be made available this fall.