

Use Your Mac to Control Your iPhone



Here's where iPhone Mirroring becomes particularly useful. The Mac's mouse or trackpad substitutes for your finger. Click an app to open it, scroll through screens, and interact with controls much as you would by tapping and swiping the physical iPhone.

Even better, you can use your **Mac keyboard** when an iPhone app requires text. Anyone who has struggled to type a long message on the little iPhone keyboard can appreciate the advantage of using a full-size keyboard.

You can open Messages, Notes, Calendar, Reminders, Photos, and many other iPhone apps without leaving your Mac. Depending on your operating-system versions and the app involved, you can also move certain content between the Mac and iPhone.

A Particularly Useful Teaching Tool

iPhone Mirroring also has possibilities beyond personal convenience. For computer and iPhone tutoring, displaying the phone on a larger computer screen makes it much easier to explain where an app is located, which button to select, or how a particular feature works.

The student isn't trying to follow instructions while squinting at a tiny phone held in someone's hand. The iPhone becomes part of the computer demonstration.

It can be useful in business and training situations for much the same reason. A procedure that is difficult to describe verbally becomes much easier when people can actually see the iPhone interface.

Some Things Still Require the iPhone

For security reasons, iPhone Mirroring doesn't replace the physical phone completely. Certain sensitive operations may still require you to use the iPhone itself. Features involving biometric authentication, Apple Pay, some privacy and security settings, cameras and microphones, and other protected functions may be unavailable or behave differently while mirroring.

That's intentional. Apple has designed iPhone Mirroring to make the phone more accessible from your Mac without eliminating the security barriers surrounding its most sensitive features.

One More Reason to Appreciate the Apple Ecosystem

If you own both a Mac and an iPhone, iPhone Mirroring is worth trying even if you don't immediately think you need it. Once configured, your iPhone essentially becomes another window on your Mac desktop.

For me, it's a useful teaching tool. For someone else, it might simply mean answering a message, checking an iPhone-only app, looking up a reminder, or entering information without taking their hands off the Mac keyboard.

It's a good example of something Apple does particularly well: **two separate devices become more useful because they know how to work together.**

For a visual demonstration of setting up iPhone Mirroring on an Apple-silicon Mac, see this [YouTube demonstration](#).