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macOS 28 Will Drop Support for Encrypted HFS+ Volumes

Apple announced that macOS 28 will no longer support encrypted Mac OS Extended volumes, requiring users to decrypt or reformat drives to APFS. This move continues Apple's transition away from HFS+ and users will receive warnings starting with macOS 26.

Sources Slashdot

SpaceX Starship to Revolutionize Satellite Launch Capacity

SpaceX's Starship is set to launch powerful Starlink V3 satellites at an unprecedented rate, increasing bandwidth per launch by 24 times compared to Falcon 9. This capacity boost aims to revolutionize the space industry with more efficient and cost-effective orbital deliveries.

Sources Ars Technica

FDA Rejects Petition to Set PFAS Limits in Food

The US Food and Drug Administration rejected a petition to set formal limits on toxic PFAS chemicals in food, citing insufficient evidence despite contamination concerns. The agency plans to set non-binding action levels instead, drawing criticism from public health advocates.

Sources Slashdot

Romania 4 dispatches

PSD Calls for New Government Majority Amid Economic Crisis

The Socialist Democratic Party (PSD) has called on all parliamentarians to form a full-power government to address Romania's recession and high inflation. President Nicușor Dan has convened leaders of former coalition parties to discuss forming a majority parliamentary bloc.

Sources Biziday

Prosecutors Seize Assets of DSU Head Raed Arafat

Military prosecutors have placed assets belonging to Raed Arafat under sequestration as he faces contraband accusations regarding a SMURD helicopter purchase. Arafat denies the allegations, calling the measures absurd and institutional schizophrenia.

Sources Antena 3

Major Healthcare Reform Projects Fail to Deliver in Romania

Three major healthcare reform projects in Romania, including a digital health record system and national cancer plan, have failed to deliver despite significant funding. Critics argue patients are not benefiting from these reforms, reflecting

broader failures in the healthcare system.

Sources Ziarul Financiar

Severe Weather Warning Issued for Seven Romanian Counties

The National Meteorological Administration issued an Orange Code warning for severe weather including storms and hail across seven counties. Authorities advise residents to stay indoors as winds could reach 70 km/h causing power outages and damage.

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Oil Markets Volatile as Hormuz Traffic Slows Amid US-Iran Tensions

Vessel traffic through the Strait of Hormuz has nearly halted due to escalating US-Iran tensions, with Iran's IRGC Navy taking control of security management. Oil prices steadied at the end of a volatile week as diplomatic talks continue amidst supply chain disruptions.

Sources Bloomberg Markets ZeroHedge

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Apollo Warns Slower AI Payoff Could Trigger Recession

A report by Apollo suggests that a slower-than-expected economic payoff from artificial intelligence could increase recession risks. Policymakers are urged to develop strategies to mitigate risks associated with uneven AI adoption across industries.

Sources MarketWatch

Chipmakers Boost Stocks as Oil Prices Decline

Stock markets saw gains in the chipmaker sector while oil prices declined during volatile trading sessions. This shift highlights investor movement towards technology sectors amidst energy market instability.

Sources Bloomberg Markets

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Graham Linehan Reaches Settlement with Met Police Over Arrest

Comedian Graham Linehan reached a £25,000 settlement with the Metropolitan Police over his 2025 arrest for online posts under the Public Order Act. The Met apologized for the distress caused and announced they will no longer investigate non-crime hate incidents.

Sources BBC News

UK Bakes in 35C Highs as Heatwave Continues

The UK is experiencing record-breaking heat with temperatures reaching 35C, surpassing previous records for the calendar year. The Met Office predicts the heatwave will continue into next week despite slight weekend drops.

Sources BBC News

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Estonia Launches AI 'Fuckup Finder' After \$28M Tax Mistake

Estonia developed an AI tool called Apsakaleidja to identify errors in draft legislation after a phrasing mistake cost €24 million in tax revenue. The government aims to use AI to automate administrative processes and prevent future legislative oversights.

Sources Wired AI

Top OpenAI Executive Fidji Simo Steps Down

Fidji Simo is stepping down as CEO of Applications at OpenAI to focus on recovering from a chronic illness, transitioning to a part-time advisor role. Her departure marks a significant leadership change as the company prepares for potential public offering.

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OpenAI Integrates Codex into ChatGPT Desktop App

OpenAI merged its Codex AI coding tool into the ChatGPT desktop app to create a unified platform for engineers and professionals. This strategic move aims to solidify OpenAI's presence in the workplace ahead of its anticipated IPO.

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New York Times Accuses OpenAI of Hiding Evidence in Copyright Trial

The New York Times alleges that OpenAI concealed evidence during their ongoing copyright infringement trial regarding ChatGPT. This legal challenge adds to the mounting scrutiny faced by the AI giant alongside internal leadership changes.

Sources TechCrunch

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Google Will Now Label Ads Created or Edited with AI

Google introduced a feature in My Ad Center to label ads created or edited using AI on Search, Discover, and YouTube. This transparency move aims to build trust and help users make informed decisions about AI-generated advertising content.

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Meta launched Muse Image, an AI feature allowing users to create images using public Instagram photos without explicit consent from profile owners. Privacy advocates and the FTC have raised concerns about potential misuse and lack of user control.

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