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Hello personal productivity enthusiasts and community, welcome to Anything But Idle, the productivity news podcast. I'm Ray Sidney-Smith.

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And I'm Augusto Pinaud.

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And we're on camera now, and welcome to Anything But Idle. This is Episode 64. And we're recording this on June 8 2021, in honor of the Apple Worldwide developer conference that is ongoing for 2021. The keynote was yesterday. And so we are doing our commentary episode, a special episode today to do that. And of course to do that we are bringing back on the show, Michael Sliwinski. He is a productivity guy. He's the founder and CEO of Nozbe, where they have two productivity apps Nozbe teams and Uber functional to do app for small business and medium teams, and Nozbe a project management and collaboration tool for busy professionals. Both Nozbe teams and Nozbe are web based tools with apps for all the major platforms. If you can think of the the OS there's an app for it. Michael is also a speaker, author of best selling books, a podcaster and a blogger. He's happily married to his wife Evelina, and they have three daughters. Welcome to Anything But Idle Michael.

Michael Sliwinski 1:13

Hi, thanks for having me again.

Raymond Sidney-Smith 1:15

Yes, welcome back, as always to talk about Apple all things Apple, I'm gonna I'm gonna I'm gonna sit back and let you to take over the show at essence. So So talk to me, what what did you feel like was good about the show this time around about the keynote? What was the biggest thing that kind of stood out for you in Apple's WWDC keynote,

Michael Sliwinski 1:38

I think the biggest thing as a theme is that they kind of caught up with the pandemic. And with us working from home and being from home, like all the improvements to FaceTime all these, you know, sharing and all that stuff, like all these improvements, is they like, they were kind of, you know, kind of a late response to what happened the previous year, I mean, it's better late than never, because I hope this will be this will mean that people who will be working from home and will stay working from home or in hybrid mode will have just better tools. So, for me, this was like, the main theme, and this was like the main show, you know, I've been using FaceTime a lot and, you know, FaceTime on Android through the web. I mean, just think about it. So yeah, yeah. I think this was like the biggest the main theme for for me. And second one would be just the the, the convergence of all the assets. So it's like, you know, they're just almost together now. Like, they're different, but the same different, but together, holding hands, you know, and of course, the demo in the end of moving cursors between iPad, Mac and iPad again, and stuff was magical.

Raymond Sidney-Smith 2:56

Alright, so let's take our way through the event. First up was of course, FaceTime, they've made a fundamental redesign thinking of how FaceTime has really worked on an in the apple ecosystem, by virtue of letting people beyond the apple ecosystem actually use FaceTime. They were listening to me haha. They finally let us use maybe next will be messages off off the apple ecosystem? I don't know. But we'll we'll see. But sure,

Augusto Pinaud 3:24

you're still need to have an Apple device to start that FaceTime call, you're not going to do it from your Android. But yeah, but I'll

Raymond Sidney-Smith 3:32

still be glad to do so like, I'll be happy to start it started on my iPad and then be able to take it to my desktop. And now actually use the equipment. I want to

Michael Sliwinski 3:41

just think about it like this, this particular conversation right now we have it through the web through stream yard. It's as a web app, you know, and it works. So yeah, so having having people from outside of Apple's walled garden, join through the web. It's possible.

Raymond Sidney-Smith 3:57

Yeah, it's easy, it's secure, it's capable. It's, it's, I think it's more for me, it's it's more, it has a stronger sense of, of how I want to be seen, which is using the equipment I want. And you know, it's like the iPad, just as weird angle, you know, it's just like all of those things that wherever I'm going to set the iPad down, it's not going to make me look as good as I would want to on camera. And now I can choose the equipment I want to do that on. And so I like that, that capability of being able to go to any device, I still have Apple devices, it's not like I don't, but I just want to use the platform I want to use to be able to to have those kinds of meetings. So

Augusto Pinaud 4:34

we are in the lieu of time, I'm going to say my favorite thing, because otherwise we're going to be here, seven hours. So my there are two things in there. One is that is the ability to now schedule them. That's awesome that I can send an invite, in the same way you do soom in the same way you do Google meeting. You know, I lay for an apple ecosystem. I agree with what Michael said. I love the fact that they're trying to make them one. So If you see the cockpit that I live, I love the idea. I may even consider getting a replace my MacBook Air so I can do certain more things. But for the FaceTime there, that part was really, really exciting. And actually this morning on a meeting, I joke, I didn't know we're going to meet on telegram or zoom. And I joke soon, FaceTime, okay, because it's through, it's calming. So, but the other thing that was cool was the microphones, and how you could filter the external sounds and how that's going to come. Because as you Michael said, and I hope and agree with you, as we are continue working here at home, there is noises. Okay, we're recording today at 12 is live, okay? My kids will come out of school any second, that means I need to start muting myself and doing this fun thing that we all do during the pandemic of please unmute yourself, so you can continue to talk. So but having some of those filters in place, it will be really, really awesome. And making that on top was that was shared so that you can do the watching and the sharing an all that. You know, I do tech support for my in laws for my parents, for my sisters. Just the idea that I will not need to go and tell them okay, connect too soon. Now share your screen just the same way you did it the last time just click that button. But I will be able to do all that on the iOS. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. So

Michael Sliwinski 6:35

there you go. Right. This is FaceTime, the tech support the mama tech support edition. Yeah, I totally understand. I was the I

Augusto Pinaud 6:46

was clients what clients are paying. So I don't I don't mind when they need to build and work.

Michael Sliwinski 6:52

Yeah, but my mom is a beta tester. She's Oh, she always like clicks on something or taps on something. And then she just, you know,

Augusto Pinaud 6:58

so yeah, Daddy's on record saying that he's Windows machine do not have a Windows button. Let's say about that.

Raymond Sidney-Smith 7:08

Maybe you broke it off, he broke it off. Chip part of the screen. Okay, so moving on, from from FaceTime updates to notifications, they've clearly made some updates in terms of notifications, would you think about the notifications their

Michael Sliwinski 7:25

productivity, baby, suddenly, you know, we can be focused, like, you know, everyone who's who's talking about productivity always tells you the same thing, turn off your phone or put on put it on the Do Not Disturb, like one of the you know, main things, you know, remove notifications, filter notifications, do all that, you know, thing. And I think what what Apple is giving us is just you know, not the step is awesome. But sometimes he wants to have a different on the step like Do Not Disturb where you can just, you know, tweak a little bit, you know, so I can, you know, let this person in but this person not really, and and i think is great. And you know, the whole thing of you know, setting up the phone in a different kind of mood different with different apps in the home on the home screen and things like we have to test it, we'll have to play with it. But I like productivity baby, this is good.

Augusto Pinaud 8:14

I need to agree with you. I'm really, really excited about that my default is Do Not Disturb at all. But it is good that I will be able to soak at certain time, you know, I want this list of friends to I don't want to miss their messages after 5pm. I tend to miss them because I'm distracted. So I still will keep most people I will keep my friend Mike, when I said that you need to earn the right to make noise on my phone, but now will be much easier to make noise on the phone for some people.

Raymond Sidney-Smith 8:45

Totally. Yeah, I think I think it's great that we're getting now feature parity in terms of granular notifications across both operating systems. I've always kept all iOS notifications turned off just because I'm primarily in, you know, the Android ecosystem. I don't want any iOS things, you know, duplicating those notifications. So I've always kept them off. Now I may actually turn some of them on, because I can actually utilize the granular notification functions, what did photos, get photos, got some updates here.

Michael Sliwinski 9:19

I mean, there is this thing of having, you know, if somebody sends you photos, then they can automatically go to your photos library. But still, what we didn't get was the fact that there is no easy way to have a concept of family photos. Like you know, like, you know, one iCloud account second iCloud account, like wife and husband. And, you know, um, in some, you know, marriages, people actually share things, you know. So, it will be pretty useful, you know, to have like all the kids photos together, you know, and not that, you know, my wife took some pictures, I took some pictures and then maybe we'll airdrop them or whatever or have a shirt album or something like this. So I'm still regretting that we that we didn't have any kind of solution for that. That's why, for example, me and my wife, we just use the same iCloud account on both of the phones. So this way, when we take pictures, everybody has the same photos, which is problematic on many different levels. Because, you know, we cannot, you know, separate other things. Yeah, I would love to have more updates there,

Augusto Pinaud 10:22

it's the first step, it's good, you know, they want to the whole thing, the whole idea that, you know, when you get messages and stuff, and things get connected, and they automatically show up, it's good, but it wasn't enough for me. You see, what for me was exciting the OCR

feature into that I am able to copy text out of a picture, being able to highlight the phone number and dial from that because like, that's something that is useful, I take the screenshot call later. I really like I really like that, you know, I don't, I am not the picture person in the family. Therefore I have that feature that you're discussing, I don't know my wife hopefully has the pictures. And if not, I will say that they die on a hard drive. And sometime in 2000. That's my plan. I have a backup plan with that. But but the OCR feature, I think is going to be cool. And they have been testing converting stuff. So is it's good that we're going to, to do all that. So the next thing was the wallet and the wallet now we'll have the keys, the keys to your home, if you have the special kind of keys, hotels hired already announced, they're going to do that and assign you your key to your thing. But more interestingly, they are going to encrypt an uncertain mistakes here in the United States, you will be able to even carry your driver license, so I carry ready insurance cards on the phone. So it will be really nice. That said, I don't know if I want to give my phone to, to a cop, if they want to see my driver. I don't know if I want to do that. But it's still I think it's really cool that all can go digital, and you do TSA. And now you don't need to do all that you just put your phone and it will recognize all your information at once.

Michael Sliwinski 12:13

So I can tell you from I mean, I'm polish. And in Poland, we are ahead of the curve, because there is an app by the government. And over there, you can have your I mean, you just basically, you know, identify as yourself through a trusted profile. And it pulls down your driver's license, your ID, your photo ID and if you own a car, which in my case, my mom, my wife is the owner of our car, so I don't see it. But the you know, the license plate and you know, the registration of the car. And it's an app by the government, which, you know, we have to choose to trust. And, but it works. So I don't have to import it, I don't have to carry any kind of identification. Like I have everything on the phone. So I can just show this. And this is validated by it in the banks, this is about everywhere. So it is valid. But I think what applicant do this, thanks to the wallet is the fact that they already do with the boarding pass passes, you know, so with the boarding pass, you don't have to unlock your phone to show the boarding pass, you just show the boarding pass. And that's it. So if you show your just your ID to the you know, Officer, they have to still unlock your phone if they want to see more. So that so that I think this is, again, the good thing that it would be saved in the encrypted, you know, way in the, you know, on the secure element on the phone instead of just an app done by a government. So I liked it that our government is so you know, advanced, but I still would prefer the integration with Wallet for this. But still, you know, it's a thing. I mean, we shouldn't be carrying pieces of paper that say who are like we have funds for that.

Raymond Sidney-Smith 13:55

I think this is a great development. I think it's good for Apple to be pushing the envelope here. There have been multiple projects. Can you guys still hear me? We can hear you? Yes, I my system is frozen. So you guys move on? And I'll be back. never good.

Augusto Pinaud 14:17

No, you're back. Do you want to toggle do we escape? You

Raymond Sidney-Smith 14:20

know, there are great programs out there. I think that this is great that there's a major operating system vendor who is putting this out. And I hope that Android follows suit and Google gets the kick in the rear. This is a problem that needs to be solved. We should be able to control our digital identities. And this shouldn't be tied to a particular ecosystem and global governance. governments need to support these, these opportunities for us all to be able to identify ourselves at borders and be able to travel freely. This is this is a great step in the right direction and I commend Apple for doing so.

Augusto Pinaud 14:56

So the next was weather but okay, it's cool. It's pretty bitter. I don't necessarily care for whether it's hot or it's cold, and I don't necessarily care. But did you care for weather? Because math was exciting for me is that?

Michael Sliwinski 15:11

No, I mean, they bought the weather thing. They they so so I was hoping there will be a information on that. But I was also hoping that they will give some weather API's for developers to be able to build their own weather apps based on Apple services. But this I don't think it happens. So yeah, I have iOS 15 on my on my iPhone SE, and the weather app is nice. But yeah, the Apple Maps, this is a new thing.

Augusto Pinaud 15:37

The Apple Maps I, I laugh, as we were watching, and, and they are describing how in certain cities at the beginning, you will be able to scan around and figure it out, the map will figure out where you are. So you give you the direction, because I'm not going to admit how many times I have or not to walk into the wrong direction. And then finally, the thing is like, Oh, great, now I've walked off, I have a blog on there or not on the opposite direction. So yeah, that was really interesting. Really exciting for me.

Michael Sliwinski 16:08

Yeah, you know, especially all the navigation systems that you have on the cars, they they show, you know, turn left turn, right, whatever. But in many situations, the highways are so complicated, and if you're driving around a big city that you don't know, and, you know, I live in a small city. So when I, whenever I go to, you know, to the Capitol with so many highways, and so many intersections, I get confused, you know, okay, you know, right after 100 meters, and then left after the next 100 meters, and then right again, or left, it's complicated, but what they were showing, you know, all these levels and stuff, it looks really, really amazing.

Raymond Sidney-Smith 16:41

I like the three dimensional view of things. And I like the ability for them to give that I'm really hoping that as they make their way into the automotive industry, we see more and more of this coming into heads up displays, so that we're capable of seeing this overlay happen, you know, in the dash so that we're not having to look down to them look up. And you know, this, reducing the number of car crashes, while we're still driving our own vehicles is my big concern here not in, you know, fancier features, but I do like the I like the concept of it, though. I mean, especially if you're walking around the city, this is a good challenge to Google Maps. And Google Maps still contend, you know, is the major contender here in the market. And it's good for them to be leveling up there. So yeah.

Augusto Pinaud 17:23

So on top of that, and, and they, they do a lot for iOS 15. They talk about voice search in Safari, Chrome, drag and drop cross app, new emojis, and a bunch of things. But it was for iOS 15. For the phones, it was really fantastic. And later on was announced that basically, they are going to allow any device that was capable of running iOS 14 the current operating system, it's going to be able to run iOS 13. That was impressive, because it's the second year in a row that they do the same.

Michael Sliwinski 18:00

So this, this old iPhone as a first generation is compatible works.

Augusto Pinaud 18:07

That was impressive. Yeah, I have an iPad Air two that is pretty old that will be able to run iOS 15. And I know, the only person complaining right now is my daughter who has an iPhone six,

who is not available to upgrade, but he wasn't available before. So she's now looking at me like, okay, we need an update, it's not going to happen. But then the next thing on the list is iPad, os 15. And the first thing they announced was the app library under widgets. I don't know why this was not part of iOS 14.

Michael Sliwinski 18:41
Give me beats me.

Augusto Pinaud 18:43
I complain when they put the library. Okay. And now it's a feature that I really love on my phone that I don't have any app that I can go and search things faster. But as I was growing into love for this type of library, I start complaining.

Michael Sliwinski 19:01
Yeah, I mean, this was like a catch up. But for So again, the widgets I don't think they would have are more powerful anymore. I get like, I don't think I was watching State of the Union. And I saw that they introduced an even bigger widgets for iPads, but I'm not sure if they are really interactive as much as we would like them to be. But anyway, it's it's good that they're, I mean that they're finally supported, because you know, it was long overdue. The widgets. For me, they of course, the changes to multitasking are very exciting, because, you know, it, you know, like who would think that, you know, when you have two apps like side by side, you might want to know which one has focus, like, you know, it would be a useful information like you know, where your focus is actually. And then second thing you know, to have it easier to really like you know, change the apps like you know, without doing lots of dancing and just turning around and you know and backflips but really be able to change it pretty easily. So and also add buttons you know when with the buttons You can manage the app. So this way, you know, you don't have to just make sure that the gesture is just right. So I think, all these improvements, I haven't tested them though, because you know, I didn't get the I buy the last 15 on my iPad Pro just yet, but I'm going to test it soon. So I'm really excited about these changes.

Augusto Pinaud 20:18
Yeah, the changes on multitasking are incredible. The fact that you can now open an app, you know, an added to a split view that before they need to be on the bar, it was you, if you're not using it, it was convert some period, the fact now that you can leave certain things fixed. They said that that was going to work on iOS 14 didn't really, I hope, this fix at this time, so I can have the things you know, when I do the show notes, here, I open Chrome, and Google Docs, I would love to have that forever, like that. Never change it again. Okay, that hasn't happened yet. But the other thing is they really improved the Translate on on the iPad. And now as far as you have data, you can put it in there and have a conversation in two languages do the trend translation of the two people? Wow, that's the only thing I can say about that. Okay, let's have a conversation, I will put this iPad in the middle. And we are going to talk in two different languages and see this thing making the translation

Raymond Sidney-Smith 21:25
that Google Translate has been able to do this for a while. And so I'm glad to see that iPad is now bringing this to the capability. And it looks like it's a really nice implementation. So Google Translate is a little bit clunky to

Augusto Pinaud 21:38
add this

Raymond Sidney-Smith 21:38
to get it set up

Augusto Pinaud 21:40

with it, but it seems to be better implementation that, but I agree Google, Google Translate has been my saver for that for Yeah, yeah.

Michael Sliwinski 21:49

I mean, I mean, when you think your points are valid, right, that, you know, the Google Maps was a leader in Maps, Google Translate was a leader in translation. Like, there were just many things where Google was clearly a leader. And now it has to be challenged, and it can be challenged. So and you know, and hopefully, Google says Challenge accepted. And we'll just, you know, also work on that on these things. But, you know, it was it was clunky. It didn't have to be a great because there was no competition. Now there's competition. So finally, they will they'll, they'll hopefully figure it out. And so so i think i think in many of these things, great that Google was the first mover, great that Apple is catching up. Because it's for us customers in the end is going to be just, you know, better services all around.

Raymond Sidney-Smith 22:33

Yeah, I think a good so frequently says this on the show, which is that the competition means that everybody is going to get better. And I think this is absolutely the case in this particular regard, both in the maps space, because you know, Apple had a little bit of a false start out the gate with Apple Maps, right. But they're, they're catching up. And that's really good for Apple users. And now again, here with translate. I think reducing communication barriers, I think, is one of the best things that we can do with technology, allowing for open and diverse communication. And being able to do translate now so that you know, when a gousto gets tired, and so speaking to me in Spanish, I can just open up the iPad and it won't make any difference.

Augusto Pinaud 23:16

It's still up to that moment that we kind of do the conversation that way. I'm

Michael Sliwinski 23:21

still still kids. My Uncle Mike is saying that you should still learn languages, so don't worry about it. So you should still learn languages it's a useful skill. Absolutely. You

Raymond Sidney-Smith 23:29

know, language language is about understanding culture more than it is understanding you know, vocabulary. And so absolutely, I'm right on your I'm right on your, your, you're laying there absolutely learning new languages that is good for cultural understanding. Okay, so

Augusto Pinaud 23:41

the next thing is the shift playgrounds and the ability to program on the iPad. I'm not a programmer. Okay. But I'm excited about this about seeing people leave in the iPad, eat the dog, the dog food on the iPad, been able to program on the iPad producing on the iPad, this is going to bring the application to a next level. I don't think I can state how excited I am about this.

Michael Sliwinski 24:09

Did you ever try to give Swiss bank playgrounds to your your son, Detroit's actually his summer camp plan.

Augusto Pinaud 24:19

And he has data and he's going to be coding Roblox games.

Michael Sliwinski 24:24

Cool. Because I did it a few years back with my daughter does with playgrounds. And she really liked it. It was it was a very cool way to to learn programming. So I totally agree with you that now that you can actually, you know, do apps from the iPad is great. I have a funny, funny story today. I was I had to sign new developer agreement, you know, for for nos B so that we could deploy a new app, and I got a notification that we have to do it. I signed into my developer portal through Safari on the iPad, and I couldn't get it done. I had to go to the Mac. To do it, so I'm hoping that Apple also with this improvement also fixes their website for developer so that I can actually click Yes. On agreement, you know, on the iPad, it would be nice.

Raymond Sidney-Smith 25:12

But you speak to a greater point, though, Michael, which is that so many people, you know, miss the boat on these, like, really important fundamentals of like, Okay, if you're going to support this, especially mobile computing, right, because this is like, this is something that both of you are very passionate about. And, you know, being iPad only and the mobile computing world, if you're going to support this, come on supported fully, like really get this to work. And and I'm actually really curious, like, from your perspective, do you feel like your developers will be able to do the work for those be in those teams development? iPad only now? Or do you think that they will still want to have full a full operating, full operating, but like a full desktop operating experience?

Michael Sliwinski 25:57

No, no, that, you know, they're they're geeks. And they are they have their own setups? And, you know, say, two monitors and all that stuff. So I don't think so. But a no, it's, I think it's, you know, I think that's also not the target here. The idea for swift playgrounds to be able to do apps on the iPad is, is more for the younger generation, the generation that really does use iPads a lot like for my daughter, my daughter does everything on her iPad, like she, like, she uses kinemaster cane master to do movies. You know, they then you know, like Roblox, they play Roblox. She cannot build stuff on robots, because then for that you have the Mac, but, but many things she does on the iPad. And for her, for example, if she would wants to start programming, she would definitely continue with swift playgrounds, and then build the app on swift playground. So I think it's just as an entry level, because, you know, in the end of the day, the more the more powerful menus and tools still will be on the Mac, because this is like the truck, like this is the machine that gets this this thing done. But I'm sure many, quite of basic and entry level apps could be really, you know, completely done on the iPad. And I think that's the that's the key here.

Raymond Sidney-Smith 27:05

Fantastic. Alright, moving right along.

Augusto Pinaud 27:08

So the next one, I had a visit from the latest Steve Jobs when they start talking about quick notes. Yeah, Steve Jobs will have been alive, he will have said that we just reinvented the positive notes. Much better. But the fact that I love my pencils, okay. And I recently got the new iPad, and the first thing of that order was the pencil. Do I use the pencil all day? No, but I use it enough to be part of my team. So and I love the idea. I don't have any paper around. And I like the idea of have this short place where I can do this quick notes, and then use them as an inbox for for notes, and then being able to purge them in every time I or any second that I need. So I'm really, really excited about that.

Michael Sliwinski 28:02

Yeah, I'm curious to see later like, what do you do with this quick notes? Like, we're like, Can you just merge them or copy them to a different note or whatever, like, I haven't tried it yet. So this this extra, the later phase will be interesting for me to see. But he has this fact too, you

know, of jotting things down is really important. And you know, this just this, you know, this change for you, I guess I think you can appreciate now that you have the new iPad is this fact that you have the the pencil so accessible, because it's all all the time there, it's all the time charged, and it's all the time with you. And for me, this is this was the game changer because I haven't used the previous pencil as much because when I wanted to use it, it was for example, not charged anymore. And to charge it was really strange, because he would just stuck it in the iPad like wasn't really nice experience. Very an apple like. So this with this magnet having the pencil always around, it makes me lose more and I use it more a lot more than with previous iPads.

Raymond Sidney-Smith 28:57

And I'm always worried about like when it's plugged in. I'm always worried that I'm gonna snap it and break it while it's while it's plugged in. Like it's a really weird, clunky Apple choice. It's very as you said on Apple that you would have it plugged in. So I'm actually looking forward to upgrading at some point the iPad to a version that allows me to just, you know, plop it on the top and first just automatically connect,

Augusto Pinaud 29:18

plop it on the top. It is really a game changer. He was really really nice. I didn't I have never I had I bought a thing that just stick it on the back of the iPad. So I had an towards the front. So I never really suffer from that from that and I so that's never been the real issue for me. It's charged on I have on the mania as well as the 12.9. And then that's never was an issue. But really, it is different when you just stick it there and it's charged. I don't think that thing has gone below 40% at any time so I'm I'm really really excited that so the next the next thing we saw was that what Do I losted extensions for the safari for both for the iPhones? One, and again, Michael mentioned this the beginning, we are making now everything standard, you know, if you are available in the Mac, you will have it available now, you will have available new in the phone. That is really exciting. I'm not a big extension guy. But, but he's excited to be able now to have the same extensions everywhere. I think that may make me use more of those extensions.

Michael Sliwinski 30:37

Yeah, in the whole thing, they revamped Safari as such, I'm looking forward to testing it, because it's also on the Mac different. It's, you know, the tabs and all that other stuff. And, you know, so the whole, you know, they really thought Safari through. So I'm looking forward to testing all this.

Augusto Pinaud 30:58

So the next question is what you thought was going to be the name of this iOS, did you guess Monterey or not, there was this ridiculous thing on the web, on Twitter and all that, people making bets of what was going to be the name and Monterey was one of the options.

Michael Sliwinski 31:16

California, maybe California love

Augusto Pinaud 31:22

for you This is this may be a game changer or not. But for developers is in a test flight. It is fantastic to for developers to allow people to test apps to be part of that closed group to get the feedback to get the updates and everything else, but has never been available for the Mac. So for the first time, that's coming to the Mac.

Michael Sliwinski 31:46

So some of the things that you know, me as a developer, are interesting for me. So like testflight for the Mac, definitely. Like we we want to be able. So for example, most teams, we

don't have a Mac App yet, we have a Mac App for those be personal but not for most teams. So we are getting ready to have, you know, to having a Mac App. So this will be just great to have it on test flight and just have the whole experience the same.

Augusto Pinaud 32:08

Tell my wife that Michael told me that I needed to get the new Mac. So I could do test flight for this.

Michael Sliwinski 32:14

Of course, of course, a no and especially the fact when you think about it, this is so this is where Apple is great. And then Apple is not great. So Apple is great, because I'm talking to you through my 2014 iMac. 5k. And the other Mac that I have at home is a 2013 MacBook Pro retina MacBook Pro. And these computers are so good. But both have retina screens, both are fantastic. But both are still fast there as is the only day that I didn't order any hard drive in there. So their SSD, they have 16 gigabytes of RAM, really good. None of them will get the Monterey both of them have just been bricked. I mean, break, not really, they will be able to people will be able to use it, but people not me because I I need to have the latest and the greatest, you know, I am a software developer, I will need to have Monterey on my Mac. So yeah, in the fall of this year, there will be costs.

Raymond Sidney-Smith 33:18

Now same the same thing with me, you know, it's one of the things you have to have the devices to test on. And, you know, it's why I do have Apple devices around them, you know, I play around with them, but I have them for testing purposes. And now I'm going to have to upgrade to be able to do that because I'm out of I'm out of that upgrade cycle on certainly on the Mac,

Augusto Pinaud 33:38

really we're all out of Mac update cycles. That's

Michael Sliwinski 33:43

Yeah, but just but but these Mac's are so good. Like really the 2013 MacBook Pro retina MacBook Pro is is amazing. And it still works very well. And even even though it said it says to me battery needs servicing the battery life is still like five or six hours on this thing. So it's just, you know, it's it's like a computer. And you know, and it was good that it maintains this update cycle until now, you know, so it's so stupid, it's great that you know, but, you know, I'm gonna be you know, I'm gonna be

Raymond Sidney-Smith 34:15

I'm gonna take the other side of that though, which is that, you know, they're all for getting rid of, of, you know, your power adapters to say for environmental purposes, you're not getting, you're not getting a charger, but on the flip side of that keeping your iMac and your MacBook in service for a longer period of time is truly the more environmental thing to do. And so there's kind of speaking out outside of, you know, out of both sides of their mouth here. But you know, sales you know, in a you know, that's what that's what they're really going after.

Michael Sliwinski 34:44

Yeah, but they're also at some point upgrade. But then at some point they have to start you know, because also I know as software developer that sometimes like the hardware just limits you what you can do and and like one of the things that my iMac doesn't have is the is the secure enclave. So for example, there is no way for like many, many features that you know, other new iMac can enjoy I cannot. And so they're just you know, legacy hardware that's just to support it still, you know, you just you just try to support as long as you can, but at some point, you're just like, you know, if it's, you know, 5% of my users, then maybe I'll just have to

tell them to, you know, enjoyed it while at last, but you know, at some point, you have to upgrade. So it's just a shame, because still, you know, the MacBook Pro and the iMac, the iMac they have, both computers are in really great, great shape. But yeah,

Raymond Sidney-Smith 35:34

I'm hoping that at some point, we get to a modular, I would rather spend \$1,000 a year on Apple, where I'm upgrading, you know, hardware in a modular perspective than the way in which they currently have it, which is, you know, if I, if I need something replaced on on the back, I'm handing it over to them. And they're taking off adhesive on soldering re soldering pieces and putting them back in and giving it back to me, that's never been the case in Mike my, my windows world, right, like, I take apart and rebuild my own machines. And we've never had that in the apple space. And to some extent, that really causes a lot of environmental impact. So I really do want Apple to focus on that, to some extent, I don't know if they'll ever get to that point where you'll be able to swap out your own components. But you know, I really do feel like it's one thing that they are missing, I'd love to be able to like, pop a secure enclave onto my, my MacBook, you know, like, that would be a really nice feature to be able to, and I pay them money to do so, you know, like, that would be a really great piece. And we see some modular computers coming coming onto the market now. And those appealed to me I you know, someone who is who is environmentally conscious and conscientious about the fact that I'd rather spend incremental dollars, then then buy a whole new computer when I don't need it, you know, I'm not a baby boomer, but you know, I still have that sense of like, you don't just like throw out your shoes, you go to a you go to, you know, a shoemaker and you have them, you know, fix the shoes. So, once again, yeah,

Michael Sliwinski 37:02

it's it's it's a tricky, it's a tricky, tricky, you know, situation. The good thing is, I think, you know, for example, in my case, like both of these Macs, I can imagine selling them somewhere to some you know, or just giving them to a school or somewhere else where they'll still be used on get to second life. So, for me this is would be like the, you know, at least I can do and i think i think this is what's the what's going on what's what's gonna happen.

Raymond Sidney-Smith 37:26

The wiper mountain put Linux on it.

Augusto Pinaud 37:30

He No, no, I, I got I got years ago, MacBook adorable as Martin, Mark sirven called him. And I never thought in my mind that I was going to beg my wife to let me use the MacBook adorable so I could test month right? Hey,

Raymond Sidney-Smith 37:49

there you go. All right, what other things do we want to cover in Monterey?

Augusto Pinaud 37:54

universal control, I think yes, a big thing. Okay. We can put that thing now and go to the different screens, it will be awesome. My disappointment, and it may not be real, it may be lack of information at the current moment is, are they going to allow me to do that from my iPad am one with a magic keyboard and move to a different iPad? If they do that. I will never replace this machine ever. That said that will be incredible. If I can move. I have two iPads around me if I can connect into them using my M one. And the magic keyboard.

Unknown 38:38

Yes.

Michael Sliwinski 38:40

August I think they said that it's official of Monterey. So it's a Mac feature. So I don't think two iPads will be able to do it.

Augusto Pinaud 38:49

Do not lie to me. My goal is certain wildlife are.

Michael Sliwinski 38:55

Yeah, but this would be the trackpad support and having you know it on both Mac iPads would be indeed awesome. Yeah, it was a great demo. It was just a beautiful demo. Like, you know, it was like, you know, this magic. borderline magic that, you know, this, this, this file goes from his iPad through the Mac to the other Mac and it's just being dropped there. And it actually worked. It was borderline magic and I loved it.

Augusto Pinaud 39:27

Yeah, that part was amazing. I think again, the big deal was ponderay from my perspective, is the fact that they are leveling the ground, I may need to wait to next year to get what I want that is that my iPad, do what I want to do, okay, but they are really making good steps store level in the ground to make it invisible for the user, which device you have which device you're using. And that's something really exciting To me at least, and the share play, they've been able to shoot us this the speakers of the Mac, to play or play things. That was really cool. And I don't know, I am really, really excited about what is coming for Monterey.

Michael Sliwinski 40:16

Yeah, and this is like, you know, what Apple is trying to do with, you know, with Swift, UI and swift and all these, you know, technologies that they introduced, and they they're right now, putting more emphasis on them, is the fact that you know, that these apps converge, and they can be, you can have the small mass small app on the phone and bigger app on the iPhone, iPad, and then the biggest on the Mac, and they are more or less the same apps. And this is something I always believed, and this is why, for example, in those be, we always believe that you should be able to have the same features on the phone. Of course, they might not be as accessible as they are on the big screen, where on the big computer where you have, you know, shortcuts or things like that. But you still, I didn't want the iPhone experience to be a limited experience, you know, like, you know, I have to add this task, you know, but I'm gonna add it on the Mac, it didn't make any sense. But not only this, you know, manage things, you know, move stuff around to, you know, move tasks, from projects and all that stuff. And this is what happens here with, with all the software right now with swift UI, that they are, they are telling developers effectively, like when you build build a swift UI app, your app will deploy to all these platforms, you know, you can choose to limit you know, and not go to the Mac or not go to the iPad, but it's going to be your choice. But actually, because it's going to be so awesome. Like, why would you do that because your app, you write it once, and it just deploys everywhere and it and it adapts to all these screens and works beautifully. And I love it. This is this is a great direction. And you know, and also including the watch, they really want to make sure that you have this watch apps, and I love it. Yeah, I

Raymond Sidney-Smith 41:57

think that, you know, connectivity, computing, power, battery life, all of those things were were issues at some point. And now we're coming to this convergence point of all of those things becoming at least for luxury market, which you know, is where Apple's focused on the premium market, you have, all of their devices are capable of running all of these apps pretty cleanly. And now they're capable of allowing you to do this kind of thing where you have a seamless experience, which are full featured applications across no matter what device you're running. And it's just basically fitting the form factor. And I'm with you, I think this is a brilliant move. I think that you know, most, I think most other OEMs. As you know, Samsung, I'm looking at you has their eye on what Apple is doing here and is going to be following that pack.

Because it is where consumers want to be consumers never said you know what, I'd rather not be able to do what I wanted to do on my mobile phone and have to put it down and go walk over to the computer to be able to do it, they've always wanted to do everything they want to do wherever they are. And Apple is giving people that capability. And I'm really, really pleased to see that.

Augusto Pinaud 43:03

So the next thing was to watch Oh, S, they did a lot of improvement there, especially on the Apple Health, they're really pushing the health and pushing the connection of the watch with the health and it's truly amazing the amount of information that your watch can provide you and what they're doing now, you will be able to get, you know, medical blood tests and stuff and uploaded there and get a guidance for that. So and keep them there and share them securely. So all that is really, really exciting. But I think we are really going to see the deep of those two components. When they announced the next version of the watch. My impression was that they Okay, we have this to show to you. But we're not we cannot tell you anything yet, because we're waiting to show you the hardware that will make this really amazing, at least that was my impression. For me, the

Michael Sliwinski 44:05

shame was a little bit that they didn't announce or didn't provide, you know, customers faces still, you know, it's what was eight and we still cannot build our own watch faces, we can put pictures and that's it's so it's a shame, but with the whole health thing, it's it's it's spot on, you know, especially in this pandemic, we want to make sure that we at least with within our family, you know, to, for me to be able to to see how is the health status of my father of my mom of my daughter, who were all wear Apple Watches or even you have to have an Apple Watch. You can just have the iPhone and it's already the information from there. It's pretty useful. So this way, you know, you can control people who are just getting older or who are just young and you just want to make sure that they are okay. So I love it. I just I can't wait to do the for example the health sharing i think it's it's fantastic.

Augusto Pinaud 44:59

You know That's and that you make a really great point I give to my parents and madam a device, so I could they could talk to the thing they could send, they could turn the lights on or off on an hour mean, so supports further security because like you they are the foreigner there My parents are far it's not like, Okay, let me drive and get there, it's not a possibility period. And was the pandemic make things even more complicated, and I agree, it's, even if I go in and buy both watches, you know, on \$400 apiece, \$800, you know, that tranquility that I am going to have, for those \$800 that they're going to have on the wrist, something that is telling me they're fine. This is how they're breathing and all that. It is, it is priceless, at least, again, at least for me, the person who is in New Jersey worrying about them. Okay, if I can convince them to wear them, that's a different bed, okay. Then, you know, I will be able to get this information and know how they are they're doing and monitoring that. And not only that, let me tell you the second part, when you need to take them to the doctor, you know, at the beginning of this year, we had scares was my dad, okay, who had an IQ test. And we didn't know, okay, I couldn't get there couldn't do anything from where I was other than worry and make phone calls. But when the doctor asked, okay, have you seen any symptoms of this developing? He said no. But I mean, other than Him, or my mother, nobody could have seen that information, I could have pulled that report and send it to the doctor right away. And he could have learned what we need to pay attention to.

Michael Sliwinski 46:51

Yeah, and I will start and actually the good news is that you don't have to spend \$100. For this. The the even the Watch Series three is still supported with the latest,

Augusto Pinaud 47:02

series three is a problem to update on these systems. And that means I need to do a lot more tech support, so need to be foreign. Oh,

Michael Sliwinski 47:11

yeah, yeah, no, you shouldn't get this serious three, I mean, you know, I mean, I'm just saying that you can, because they're still, you know, try to maintain it and keep it at this low price. But a what I love about what four and up is the fact that for example, for my father, it really monitors its his heart. So like when he had some issues with his heart. So actually, Apple Watch in warned him just ahead of this, telling him that he should calm down, because, you know, he might have some, some, some some issues. It's amazing. So like, you know, watch for an app, it's completely worth getting it for the loved ones, just to be able to monitor them

Raymond Sidney-Smith 47:51

becoming a little medical devices and, you know, on your wrist, I mean, you know, it's it's amazing how the continuous heart rate monitoring on on the watch, and everything else like that is just, you know, it's medical grade now, which is really phenomenal.

Michael Sliwinski 48:01

Look, I mean, I even, you know, sometimes sleep with my watch. And on one of these occasions, my watch told me that my, my, you know, my beats, when I'm sleeping are below 40, which is kind of quick can be concerning, it can be okay, but better, you know, go to your doctor. So I did, I had a whole tests is to have tests at my doctors to just to make sure that it's everything is fine. It turns out, it's fine. But anyway, like, what other device would continue continually monitor me throughout the day and throughout the night, you know, if it wasn't like a very clunky, you know, difficult device, I had just this and that's it. So it's just really because it's constantly you know, in the background monitoring you you can see as I was said you can you can get a report, you know, with all the situations and with you know, and and you can just see that black and white.

Augusto Pinaud 48:54

So, the next thing was homekit and the updates with some kids and something that actually I was particularly surprised by was that they are going to allow Siri to be on third party devices that I need to admit it was when they say that I wasn't really interesting.

Michael Sliwinski 49:15

I think it's kind of like a microphone relay you know, it's like you can speak to some other device but you still have to have a home pod or something else to to actually, you know, initiate and I mean, and understand that the request is that the question that for example, you have a thermostat here, but the home pod you have in the kitchen, but the thermostat connects with the home pod so whenever you speak to a thermostat actually you know the home pod responds but through the thermostat or something so I think it's this kind of situation but still

Augusto Pinaud 49:43

more likely. More Apple

Raymond Sidney-Smith 49:48

Yeah, it was really interesting I saw I saw a can a really broadening of Oh, so I'm gonna stop here art is asking a question. It says will the new watch have longer battery life to do either if you know about the battery life on The new watch is

Augusto Pinaud 50:01

no there because their new word choice doesn't exist only exists on the mind of the fans officially. Yeah,

Raymond Sidney-Smith 50:08

yeah, that's a no art sorry. We do not know if the new watch will have a better mind.

Unknown 50:15

But But going

Augusto Pinaud 50:16

back to that in art, we are not reading it by Google wear out. Also, we are not seeing the maps, okay, and the Google Translate, Google has let it go, because they were so superior. Okay, on the watch, we can wait a little bit to make interations Wait,

Raymond Sidney-Smith 50:32

I think I think we're iOS has a has a very powerful future a long longevity, their their partnership, both by purchasing Fitbit, but also was working with Samsung and Tyson ware has a very strong future ahead of itself. And again, back to this point that you've made, which is that them seeing the competition and watch us will only make wearos better. And that means for those of us who are not never going to get an Apple Watch, no offense, but you know, like when when, you know, Google decides to put out their own, or when I finally break down and get a Samsung Galaxy watch, you know, those are going to be better watches for watch OS existing. And vice versa. I really am very pleased with with all of those, you know, wearables because I am a watch where but also for the medical tech, you know, the medical information that it does, the health data that it's tracking is just, you know, unparalleled from any other time in history. So you know, just, I just really think this is a very powerful thing for humanity to have available to them. And that doesn't mean everybody has to be wearing a watch. But for those of us who are mindful of it, being able to track that data is just really, really powerful. So,

Augusto Pinaud 51:42

so I had three more things that were exciting for me. One of them was fine my network, you can still find the phone, even if they power off in case you lost it or it gets stolen, you still be able to find the phones, even if they tried to wipe out so I'm guessing they put it on security chip. That is really, really exciting. The second thing that I kind of laughed, but I was excited about it. Dude, I saw their time again, I have not yet figured out why on earth, like maybe interesting until they talk about separation anxiety. And that's how they call it anything, okay? And, but it's really the ability of the device to let you know, hey, you leave your purpose behind, hey, do you leave your pencil behind? Hey, you leave your back behind that now, it's a recent four four by that thing. Because if you can put that tag in there in the back, and it will let you know, when especially when you're traveling, for example, we are going to travel again, I hope, okay, um, you know, having those kinds of things that will be really, really cool.

Michael Sliwinski 52:53

Um, you know, I'm a geek, so for me, for me, I'm baffled like that people still, like, when they when they are tax when were announced, people were like, why would I use it? What Why would I use this for? For me, it was like, really? Like, Are you really that perfect person that never never leaves things behind?

Augusto Pinaud 53:16

Oh, you know, I do that all the time. I do.

Michael Sliwinski 53:19

I mean, I mean, I'm a tile user, because there were no tax, and I bought my first tiles like four years ago. And they're part of my life that you know that I have to find the keys all the time. I have three daughters, they lose keys all the time. So if there weren't no tiles, I would just lose my mind. So so for me the whole concept of air tags, and then the whole find my network is

just amazing, because this is where and until now. This idea that, you know that you couldn't really find the airports because they wouldn't need you know, they would they would just be somewhere around here. And now you can really get to them. It's really good. So, yeah, all these improvements are really, really important. And you know, and you don't have to be you know, a very old granny to lose things.

Augusto Pinaud 54:16

No, no, I agree with you. And I tell my story we style. We went on a trip from Indianapolis to Chicago. Okay, we're driving back and and I said, my keys, and I proudly pull my phone out of the open the title app, and they click quickly beep in Chicago, three hours behind.

Michael Sliwinski 54:40

But at least you had the certainty Okay, there

Augusto Pinaud 54:43

was fantastic, worth every penny of that thing.

Raymond Sidney-Smith 54:47

Yeah, especially as we have more and more of these small small devices. I will say that I have the Google Pixel buds too. And and once in a while the shell runs out of battery life as a shell will do. And then the kick on, and then they connect to the phone. And then for the next few hours, I don't hear the phone ring because all of the audio is being passed through the pixel bytes. Oh, hey, Google, you know, just figure it out, figure it out, please. So

Augusto Pinaud 55:17

well, the last thing I have here on my list was that they are going to put the lope together, Dorf, the iPhones has having this cultivating low power mode for for a really long time. Yeah, when the phone gets to a certain point, you can activate that and then they extend the life of the battery. But now they announced that's coming to the iPad, as well as the Mac. Again, I don't know about the Mac, this this MAC, it's as we discussed today in the show. Apple is giving them no more love. Okay, and but he's is there is some destructable Yes, I get it that define every time I want to do something now goes probably the maximum speed but he's worked for the three things I needed every month. No need to change it for now. But the iPad on I It's not often that my iPads run out of battery. Okay, but I use it all day. Okay, start my day at four or five in the morning. Hey, by 6pm that thing need to be plugged in Sorry, it's only 10 to 12 hour battery. But having an has happened to me that I'm outside and I was doing it. Okay, I need to pay attention to this because I didn't bring anything. Because the good news was the I buy this, I don't need to bring anything I can carry. Okay. This thing, okay. And that's it. I don't need to take anything else. That's awesome. The problem is, I don't need to take anything else. Again. This morning, a friend of mine was texting me and say, I'm traveling for God, the cable for the iPad. Okay, why big? Same thing. Most of his trips are in the city. Again, he needed to stay overnight for reasons not, you know, out of his control, and his bag to not have an iPhone or an iPad cable because he doesn't use it. You don't use it. So he remove it. So the fact that that low power mode is coming, at least I think is really exciting.

Michael Sliwinski 57:24

Yeah, but still, I think he you know, good productivity advice is that you always have to have two chargers with you one in the office and the other one in the backpack always. So this way you can end what I also have is a power bank always charged with me as well. Exactly. Because, you know, you never know when you run out of juice and and to have it you know, and this way, when you are going out, you just take your as you said you just take your iPad, and you put it in the backpack and you leave, because you know that the rest of the stuff is already in the backpack. So there's no need to think about it.

Raymond Sidney-Smith 57:57

Yeah, I've always got extra battery packs hanging around in all of my travel cases and laptop bags, because you just never know when not just me, but somebody else will need power. And I just like to be prepared for that stuff.

Michael Sliwinski 58:10

Yeah, totally. And, and these days really the, you know, the charges, the cables, the power banks are really inexpensive. So it's not like, you know, you have to buy \$200 power bricks for your laptops like you used to in the past, you know,

Augusto Pinaud 58:24

that they lost? I don't know. So I got this one. This one is like five or six years old. It's heavy. Okay, but it's fantastic. I can't charge the iPad twice.

Michael Sliwinski 58:41

Yeah. Yeah. So that's why that's why you know, but that's the thing. So it's a it's a small productivity thing. You know, always have them in your bags, as you said, right in all the bags that so that you don't have to think about it. You know, it's you can just leave home and it's gonna be here.

Augusto Pinaud 58:55

Well, this brings us to the end. Yeah, there are more things announced. And I'm sure during the next month, there are more things we are going to discover. I think you said something, Michael, that was really interesting. For me. This was Yes, all the systems are their own flavor. But this was really the convergence of every system, regardless if you use a phone, a Mac, or an iPad. And that's really exciting when sometimes when I get the question, why do I work this way, because I can copy from the iPad on the corner and paste it on the Mac on the opposite corner. I don't need anything else. And that is it's really nice. And having that now taken to the next level. It's really, really exciting.

Michael Sliwinski 59:42

Yeah, yeah, especially now that they really control the hardware as well like the new Macs are, you know, m ones. So they are this is the same heart as the iOS devices. So it's really easier to introduce very similar features, but I'm glad that they're still keeping the Mac the Mac you know, and keeping the iPad iOS, iOS, so just stick as my as my final thoughts. You know, many people were expecting improvements in iPad multitasking and an iPad, the way iPad works. I'm glad that they're sticking still. I mean, they improve things, but they're sticking with what we have like splitview. Like, we don't have to have it, they're not trying to copy Mac to the iPad, they let my iPad still be the iPad, I love so much. And this way, if somebody wants to be productive, they can just choose their poison. Like if somebody wants to have the iPad, great. Somebody wants to keep on using the Mac perfect. And and now these machines will just talk to each other even better.

Raymond Sidney-Smith 1:00:42

All right, we have reached the top of our commentary show. Michael, thank you so much for joining us as always on Anything But Idle. How do folks keep up to date with what you've got going on in the world? And maybe what you've got going on at Nozbe?

Michael Sliwinski 1:00:57

Yeah, so just yeah, goes to those of you that come are Yeah. cbc.com or my new website Michael tema. This is the so my blog, Siemens calm is being migrated to Microsoft steam. It's, it's, I changed the domain. Because minor Oh, that's the one. That's the one. Because you know, my name is Sliwinski. It's not really easy for Americans or for any other people to spell and microdots team is just much easier. So So I did that. And so just you know, and you know,

and then and then you can find me on Twitter and everywhere else. So thank you so much. Thanks for having me. No, thank

Raymond Sidney-Smith 1:01:32

you, as always, Michael, for joining us here. All right. Artie Cousteau, another one is in the can.

Augusto Pinaud 1:01:41

Awesome. Thank you. And this was fun. As always, thank you Michael Sliwinski Thank you. Art. Thank you, for the people always listening and watching us every week.

Raymond Sidney-Smith 1:01:50

Thank you. Augusto. And with that, we have covered our commentary. We've done our commentary on the worldwide developer conference 2021 that Apple did their keynote for yesterday. If there is something that we missed that Apple announced that you want to talk about, feel free to head over to Anything But idle.com forward slash 064 that's the episode number for this episode. Anything But Idle comm forward slash 064. That will take you over to the episode page, and you'll be able to go to the show notes, click on the links, but also comment on the story. They will there will be a text transcript where you can expand it and read it on the page or you can click the PDF download link and download it for offline viewing and marking up you can put it on your iPad and mark it up on the iPad. If this is your first time watching the live stream Feel free to click the subscribe button and go ahead and subscribe to the show so you'll get notified when we go live weekly. Usually on Mondays at 6pm Eastern listen to the podcast show after the after the fact that listen to the audio version, feel free to go ahead and subscribe to the podcast or follow it in Apple language now but you can also find out how to do all of that at Anything But Idle COMM And you'll find that on the subscriber follow tab where it has all the instructions. So with that, everybody we'll see you next time on Anything But Idle Here's your productive life.