



EU won't lose Home Screen web apps with iOS 17.4 update, contrary to previous expectations.

Description

Apple recently confirmed that it would continue to provide support for Home Screen web apps in the European Union (EU). This change of heart comes after the tech giant's earlier announcement to remove this feature as part of its compliance with the Digital Markets Act (DMA). Towards this, the company received significant criticism from organizations like Open Web Advocacy, saying that it would render specific categories of apps unviable.

Referred to as progressive web apps (PWAs), Home Screen web apps were reportedly on the verge of elimination due to complicated security and privacy concerns. In order to accommodate alternative browser engines, Apple would have had to design a new integration architecture for iOS, a task it deemed impractical, given the DMA's demands and low user adoption of the feature.

Contrarily, Apple now maintains that these apps will remain operative as they always have in the EU, providing assurance that all Home Screen web apps will continue being powered by WebKit, irrespective of usage through Safari or otherwise.

Reiterating its reason for turning back the initial decision, Apple recently issued a statement that read, "We've received several requests to continue supporting Home Screen web apps on iOS. Hence, we'll persevere to offer the current Home Screen web apps ability in the EU. This move will ensure these apps still get built directly on WebKit and its security structure, keeping in line with the security and privacy model for native apps on iOS."

The company's about-face, interpreted as a response to DMA's ambiguous guidelines, shows its willingness to reinterpret and navigate complexities for the benefit of its users and developers. The baffling guidelines earlier led Apple to believe that to abide by them, it had to extend PWA support for alternative browser engines - an assumption it rescinded following substantial attention and criticism.

In my opinion, Apple's initial decision reflected inadequate interpretation of DMA's guidelines, but its subsequent reversal highlights its commitment to its user base. Despite the DMA's ambiguity, Apple's readiness to reconsider and adapt to feedback is commendable. Phew, that was a close call!

Apple will make this announcement official on its Developer website soon, staying transparent by also keeping the initial explanation available.

You may want to keep a close eye on this space for more updates!

P.S. Don't forget to follow Chance if you're interested in these developments – you can find him on Threads, Twitter, Instagram, and Mastodon.



Vocabulary List:

1. **Repercussion** // (noun): An unintended consequence occurring some time after an event or action especially an unwelcome one.
2. **Compliance** // (noun): The action or fact of complying with a wish or command.
3. **Assurance** // (noun): A promise or statement that gives confidence.
4. **Ambiguous** // (adjective): Open to more than one interpretation.
5. **Impractical** // (adjective): Not practical or useful in a particular situation.
6. **Persevere** // (verb): To continue trying to do something in a determined way despite experiencing difficulties.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is the result or consequence typically a negative one of an action or event?

Option: Positive Outcome

Option: Neutral Effect

Option: Negative Repercussion

Option: Promising Future

2. Which term refers to the act of conforming to rules or regulations?

Option: Resistance

Option: Defiance

Option: Compliance

Option: Rebellion

3. Which word describes something that is not sensible or realistic?

Option: Feasible

Option: Logical

Option: Improbable

Option: Impractical

4. What term describes someone who is highly proficient and adept in a particular skill?

Option: Untrained

Option: Inept

Option: Skilful

Option: Clumsy

5. What word means to give new and improved form structure or appearance to something?

Option: Deteriorate
Option: Decline
Option: Revamp
Option: Destabilize

6. Which term refers to the action of gathering people together for a common purpose?

Option: Dispersal
Option: Scatter
Option: Assembly
Option: Isolation

7. What word means innovative and pioneering leading the way for others to follow?

Option: Conventional
Option: Typical
Option: Substandard
Option: Groundbreaking

8. Which term describes a sentimental longing or wistful affection for the past?

Option: Futuristic
Option: Forward-Thinking
Option: Nostalgic
Option: Current

9. In the context of technology what does the term 'console' generally refer to?

Option: Retrograde
Option: Future
Option: Console
Option: Mobile

10. What term is used to describe a situation where people or things are in a state of constant agitation or turnover?

Option: Stability
Option: Calmness
Option: Churns
Option: Stillness

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The manager provided _____ to the team that the project would be completed on time and within budget.

12. Despite facing challenges he decided to _____ and work diligently towards his goals.
13. She was _____ to achieve a new personal best in the upcoming marathon race.
14. The construction project experienced cost _____ due to unexpected delays and additional work required.
15. The conflict between the two countries was _____ rapidly causing concerns about potential military action.
16. The company focused on developing _____ solutions to address complex problems in the industry.
17. The data had been _____ to support a false conclusion leading to incorrect decision-making.
18. The professor placed great _____ on the importance of critical thinking skills for academic success.
19. The instructions provided by the supervisor were _____ causing confusion among the team members.
20. Due to repeated violations of company policies the employee was _____ from his position.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

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| 21. The dark wizard's army of minions obeyed his every command even in death. |
| 22. The powerful sorcerer was known for his mastery of dark magic and ability to raise the dead; he was a feared . |
| 23. The software update included several new features and performance to improve user experience. |



24. The evil queen's loyal carried out her every wicked demand without question.
25. The company decided to its marketing strategy to attract a younger demographic.
26. After numerous warnings the organization was left with no choice but to the underperforming employee.
27. The contract's clauses were intentionally leaving room for interpretation and potential disputes.
28. The startup's approach to solving common problems quickly gained attention in the industry.
29. The annual tech conference attracted thousands of eager tech looking to learn and connect.
30. In the fast-paced business world the market constantly with new trends and emerging competitors.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Negative Repercussion 2. Compliance 3. Impractical 4. Skilful 5. Revamp 6. Assembly
7. Groundbreaking 8. Nostalgic 9. Console 10. Churns

Gap-Fill: 11. Assurance 12. Persevere 13. Aiming 14. Overruns 15. Escalating 16. Innovative 17. Manipulated
18. Emphasis 19. Ambiguous 20. Terminated

Matching sentence: 1. Undead 2. Necromancer 3. Enhancements 4. Minions 5. Revamp 6. Terminated
7. Ambiguous 8. Innovative 9. Enthusiasts 10. Churns

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