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Maya: Good morning, and welcome to the Apple Morning Briefing for Saturday, October third, twenty twenty-six. I'm Maya.

Devon: And I'm Devon. It has been a full week in Cupertino, so let's get right to it.

Maya: Our top story today is privacy. Apple is putting new guardrails around how apps, especially A I agents, can access your Mac's most sensitive data.

Devon: That's right. Apple says granting an app Full Disk Access will now require very explicit user action. That permission is a big deal, because it reaches deep into the machine: core files, your email, your messages, even your web history.

Maya: Apple called out that some developers have leaned on that permission in ways that could put users at risk, without users fully understanding what they agreed to.

And the timing matters, because A I agents are spreading fast. Tools that act on your behalf often ask for sweeping permissions to do their jobs.

Devon: No individual apps were named, but the direction is clear. Apple wants you to understand the risks before you hand over the keys, especially as these agents get more capable and more autonomous.

Maya: On to the courtroom. A federal jury in San Diego has hit Apple with a five point seven billion dollar verdict, the largest of its kind in the country. A company called Taction Technology argued that Apple's Taptic Engine infringes two of its haptics patents.

Devon: Apple says it will appeal, and legal experts say ongoing royalties could still pressure hardware margins. For now, though, it is just a verdict, not a bill paid.

Maya: And looking ahead, the smart home rumor mill is spinning again. Apple is reportedly preparing a new home hub with a roughly six inch display that can sit on a countertop or mount on a wall, plus an updated HomePod mini and a new Apple TV with faster chips for smarter Siri features.

Devon: Word is the hub could arrive as soon as October thirteenth, and Apple Stores are already prepping demo space. None of this is confirmed by Apple, so treat it as a rumor with a date attached.

Maya: Now the security desk, and this one is important. Apple has patched a serious vulnerability that may already have been used in targeted attacks.

Devon: It is tracked as C V E twenty twenty-six eighty six nine five zero, an out of bounds write in CoreGraphics, the framework Apple uses to render graphics across its operating systems. A specially crafted file could let an attacker run code on the device.

Maya: Apple says it is aware of a report that the flaw may have been exploited in what it called an extremely sophisticated attack against specific individuals running versions of i O S older than i O S twenty seven. So this was targeted, not a mass

Gate twenty seven point oh one, do not appear to be affected. And this is the second zero day Apple has patched this year, after a similar targeted attack disclosure back in February.

Devon: Bottom line: update your devices. If you are someone who might be personally targeted, consider Apple's Lockdown Mode, which is built exactly for threats like this one.

Maya: That's the briefing for today. We'll be back tomorrow morning with more. I'm Maya.

Devon: And I'm Devon. Have a great weekend, and check your software updates.