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Apple Moves the M4 Mac Mini's Power Button To the Bottom

(appleinsider.com)

 Posted by msmash on Tuesday October 29, 2024 @02:44PM from the oops-they-did-it-again dept.

Apple has moved the power button on its new M4 Mac mini to an awkward spot [underneath the device](#), requiring users to lift or tip the computer to turn it on. The button now sits near the left rear corner, raised slightly by cooling vents, instead of its previous accessible position on the back panel. The change, absent from Apple's marketing materials, complicates basic operations like power-cycling the machine - especially with cables attached.

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[Never turn an Apple product off \(Score:3, Funny\)](#)
[By Mong Isogin986395](#) on Tuesday October 29, 2024 @02:51PM ([#64903895](#))

It is an Apple device. You don't need to turn it off and on again.

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- [Well look shuh-lee... \(Score:5\)](#)
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Turning it off and back on is pretty much the first troubleshooting step when "it just works" turns into "it just doesn't work." If that doesn't fix it, then you factory reset the damn thing (hope you had a backup). If it's still broken, then you bring it to an Apple Genius so they can helpfully direct you to where the new ones are sold.

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- **Re: (Score:2)**
by [iAmWaySmarterThanYou \(10095012 \)](#)
You bought AppleCare, right? /s
Seriously, though, as expensive as that shit is it has saved me thousands.
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- **Re: (Score:3)**
by [Bahbus \(1180627 \)](#)
Congratulations on paying for a scam.
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- **Re: (Score:3)**
by [GoTeam \(5042081 \)](#)
Seriously, though, as expensive as that shit is it has saved me thousands.
It seems to have helped them. I guess from their perspective it isn't a scam.
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- **Re: (Score:2)**
by [greenwow \(3635575 \)](#)
Or, they needed AppleCare because parts and repairs are so overpriced. That makes it a scam.
With that said, I still always buy it.
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- **Re: (Score:2)**
by [Bahbus \(1180627 \)](#)
parts and repairs are so overpriced.
While also true, not what I'm getting at.
A manufacturer that also sells extra insurance to "help" you against accidental damages on their own products is then further inclined to design and build their products in such ways to maximize the possibilities that such accidental damage is likely to occur. And this is very true, specifically, of iPhones - of which the screens (hell, just iPhones in general) break remarkably easily, because it was designed to. Thus, a scam that you already half buy into anytime yo
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- **Re: (Score:2)**
by [demonlapin \(527802 \)](#)

I get the concept you're arguing here, but my wife has owned four iPhones and I've had two. The only problem we have had is that her 8 Plus had one of the haptic vibrators break loose a little inside, so every vibration turned into a buzzing noise from the case. It was about four years old.

By contrast, my Nexus 6P I had before switching had its battery go from great to worthless literally overnight when it was not yet two years old. And her dumbphones before the first iPhone she had were pract

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■ **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [Bahbus \(1180627 \)](#)

Of course. Personal experiences will vary. They can't all "accidentally" break all the time otherwise the ruse would be too obvious. But my personal experience is that Apple's batteries (5+ years ago) were prone to ballooning. Watched it happen separately to a MacBook and an iPhone. I've also watched as screens shattered from very low velocity 2ft falls. All of my Android's going back to the original Motorola Droid have worked flawlessly for as long as I had them. Admittedly I was a bit of an upgrade-aholic

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■ **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [jvkjvk \(102057 \)](#)

People who fall for scams often think they aren't being scammed, even when faced with mounds of evidence to the contrary. Oftentimes, they will even double down and buy/give more money to the scamming company/person. So I don't take this as any indication that this isn't a scam.

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■ **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [Bahbus \(1180627 \)](#)

That perspective is exactly why this type of scam works so well.

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■ **[Right Reasons \(Score:3\)](#)**

by [Roger W Moore \(538166 \)](#)

Congratulations on paying for a scam.

It's not a scam if you buy it for the right reasons. It does not save you money, on average, compared to paying for your own repairs if something goes wrong. What I buy the fast warranty repair for is just because it is fast. The last time I had my laptop keyboard die late one afternoon (Dell not Apple) I had the tech in my house at 9am the next day to replace it. That's what I buy the extended warranty for - speedy repairs on a machine I need for work, not because I think it will save me money on repairs.

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■ **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [Bahbus \(1180627 \)](#)

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Yeah, I had a Dell with that level of warranty as well, but it was the included default warranty. My GPU died, got the customer support rep to skip the scripts, told them all the steps I took to confirm the GPU just up and died, and boom, tech at the house the following day to swap it out.

Assuming it's a defect with the device itself, there should be no need of AppleCare, because the default warranty should be just as good and speedy, because it's their fault in the first place.

The scam is, Apple sells you

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- **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

- by [Bahbus \(1180627 \)](#)

- Good service is another thing that keeps the scam going without issue. If getting the repairs were a pain in the ass, then people would complain, and sales of the service would plummet. It doesn't surprise me that other manufacturers of lesser quality either don't honor their warranties or otherwise find reasons not to do the work. The scams are the same but Apple's is more sustainable by still providing superior service. Of course, the trick is that, in general, major manufacturers of similar hardware don't

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- **[Re: Well ack-shuh-lee... \(Score:2\)](#)**

- by [paul engr \(6280294 \)](#)

- Tip: the repair prices for apple products is egregiously inflated, so those "thousands" should have not existed in the first place.

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- **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

- by [iAmWaySmarterThanYou \(10095012 \)](#)

- Apple doesn't repair.

- It's not a secret. It's part of the deal if you want an Apple. That's why they offer AppleCare. It doesn't matter how inflated anything is. The prices are what the prices are when you buy in, if you don't want to deal with that, you buy something else.

- Hey guess what, when you buy a Ferrari it costs more to repair than a Civic. Weird.....

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- **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

- by [iAmWaySmarterThanYou \(10095012 \)](#)

- A perfectly valid option I suggested elsewhere is to not buy Apple.

- I was never an Apple guy until I got an iPhone and iPad. I have a mbp but it was gifted from work, I wouldn't have bought it with my own money.

- I've tried non Apple mobile devices and they just don't work for me so I pay the Apple tax. If other devices work for you, that's awesome.

- Two of my friends recently got iPhones for various reasons. Both hated the experience. I told them to return them, no big deal. One did and is happy with her u

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- **[Soft reboot covers that \(Score:2\)](#)**

- by [AmazingRuss \(555076 \)](#)

- I've owned 7 apple computers over the years... have never had to hard reboot one.

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- **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

- by [Big Hairy Gorilla \(9839972 \)](#)

- that's amazing, Russ.

- Welcome to Unix.... BSD I think.

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- **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

- by [CoolDiscoRex \(5227177 \)](#)

I've owned 7 apple computers over the years... have never had to hard reboot one.

That is nothing. I have owned 30 Apple computers over the decades and have never even had to touch the keyboard. It has always just known what I wanted to do, and has done it.

It is like

Magic

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■ **[Re: \(Score:3\)](#)**

by [sconeu \(64226 \)](#)

You're power cycling it wrong.

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■ **[Re: \(Score:3\)](#)**

by [Cinder6 \(894572 \)](#)

It's rare that I ever need to power cycle my Mac. About 90% of the time I do, it's through the restart menu. But there definitely are times I have to hard-reboot. I need the power button maybe 3-4 times a year, if I had to guess.

I'm looking at the Mac Mini promo shots right now. It's 5cm tall, so I zoomed on my display until it was actual size (using a ruler). Looking at it that way, I can definitely squeeze my finger under it to reach the power button, but it would be a squeeze.

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■ **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [J. L. Tympanum \(39265 \)](#)

There may be a good engineering reason for this, but to me it smells more like it was mandated by some ignorant executive with an inflated idea of his own genius.

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■ **[Re: Well ack-shuh-lee... \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [fortfive \(1582005 \)](#)

I suspect itâ(TM)s number 1, and the why is aesthetics. If you donâ(TM)t need real power, optimizing for size is a valid design choice.

Also, itâ(TM)s not like you canâ(TM)t just situate it upside down if your uses require frequent power button use.

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○ **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [Pibroch\(CiH\) \(7414754 \)](#)

Apple Silicon machines (our district has hundreds of them deployed) are great because they *do* have pretty good uptime. But they develop weird quirks that a reboot does cure. 9/10 times if a teacher says something is acting up that isn't a crash or file corruption, and it's something I've never heard of, a reboot fixes it.

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○ **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [teg \(97890 \)](#)

It is an Apple device. You don't(TM) need to turn it off and on again.

To be fair, you usually don't. Sleep works well, and if you want to reboot - just do that. It's not going to be an "all the time" problem, but it's certainly inconvenient those few times you need it - e.g. if you've removed the power due to a thunderstorm, it has crashed really hard (can't remember the last time it happened, but it certainly has) etc.

Same with the newly updated Magic Mouse - sure, the port for charging is below the mouse. That's impractical and you can't charge while you use it, but you

- - **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**
by [account_deleted \(4530225\)](#)
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- - **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**
by [mendax \(114116\)](#)
It is an Apple device. You donâ(TM)t need to turn it off and on again.
Uh, there are times when you need to turn off a computer, like when it becomes non-responsive. My M1 iMac is in this category on occasion as there are times when there is a hard crash. It's not a kernel panic and it doesn't happen very often but when it happens it needs a hard reset. Sometimes the plug needs to be pulled it's so unresponsive.
- - **[Yeah! Apple commitment to the environment. \(Score:2\)](#)**
by [SeaFox \(739806\)](#)
Should just leave your machine on 24/7. If you think that's a waste of money you must be a Poor and should just get a Dell.
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by [angel'o'sphere \(80593\)](#)
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Which is actually the current session.
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You are an idiot.
- - **[Re: Yeah! Apple commitment to the environment. \(Score:2\)](#)**
by [SeaFox \(739806\)](#)
Sleep mode isn't off, and still uses power. Way to miss the point.
- - **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**
by [angel'o'sphere \(80593\)](#)
No, I did not miss the point that sleep mode uses power.
But it is completely neglectable.
Your light bulb uses more in an hour than a laptop in a week.
Promoting switching off a computer instead of letting it sleep/hibernate: is just idiotic. Especially if it is a laptop.
- - **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**
by [bill_mcgonigle \(4333\)](#) *

> Sleep mode keeps you[sic] last session.
 > Which is actually the current session.
 > Switching off: does not.
 Hibernate/suspended to disk absolutely does. It takes seconds to resume on nvme
 > You are an idiot.

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> "Unite Behind the Science", Greta Thunberg

She gonna whip your ass for burning coal to save a few seconds.

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■ **Re: (Score:2)**

by [nightflameauto \(6607976 \)](#)

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Maybe Thunberg can swing by your place for correcting somebody with a completely flummoxed spelling correction. It's "you're" to replace "you are." Not to mention, it's still perfectly valid English to write "you are" all spelled out. You're (<--See?) just shortening it with an apostrophe. So, you're (<--OMG, ANOTHER ONE!) not even able to get the lazy approach right.

Good grief, grammar Nazis with bad corrections make my skin crawl.

I can't wait for the pile-up to correct me to start! This should be a

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■ **Re: (Score:3)**

by [viperidaenz \(2515578 \)](#)

I can't wait for the pile-up to correct me to start! This should be a real riot!

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■ **Re: (Score:2)**

by [angel'o'sphere \(80593 \)](#)

Hibernate/suspended to disk absolutely does. It takes seconds to resume on nvme

That is not switching off.

Hibernate and sleep mode are only two different levels of sleep.

You are seriously an idiot.

If you switch the machine off: it has to reload all windows, and for Chrome: that means he simply reloads the URLs from the internet. Because Google is to stupid to reload from cash, or do it the proper Apple way.

My computers never get switched off, and they only reboot, if a system upgrade requires it.

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○ **Re: (Score:2)**

by [sit1963nz \(934837 \)](#)

My 2012 Mac Minis running OSX server run 24/7

Yeah, they are 12 years old, but later Mac minis do not run the last useful version of OSX server.

I think it is time to halt put the Raspberry Pi's that I was given and learn how to use these (DHCP, DNS, Print server, VPN server, TimeMachine, Webserver, FTP Server, etc.)

And Yeah, I have a 16" M3 MBP as well as a lot of other Apple gear, but seriously , they have simply become an iPhone company (I own an iPhone)

■ **Re: Yeah! Apple commitment to the environment. (Score:2)**

by [SeaFox \(739806 \)](#)

My 2012 Mac Minis running OSX server run 24/7

Yes, and servers are supposed to run 24/7. I have a server, too. This is about normal consumer systems running non-server Oses and not being used to long periods of time during the day.

I don't need to desktop PC running while I'm gone to work, or while I'm sleeping, so there's 2/3rds of the day the machine doesn't need to be powered on.

■ **Re: (Score:2)**

by [sit1963nz \(934837 \)](#)

Mine stay running 24/7 at work.

■ **Re: Yeah! Apple commitment to the environment. (Score:2)**

by [SeaFox \(739806 \)](#)

Obviously because your IT dept manages it and runs backups or other maintenance in off-hours. Just like your server example, an apples and oranges comparison.

■ **Re: (Score:2)**

by [sit1963nz \(934837 \)](#)

OUR IT department does no such thing, and their Mac support sucks.

They have basically gone all in with MS.

○ **Re: (Score:2)**

by [teg \(97890 \)](#)

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It uses [0.5 W in sleep mode](#) [apple.com]. That's 4 kWh for sleeping a full year. It uses 4 W (without display, obviously) when on and idle, and not much using the efficiency cores. All things considered, it's going to be one of the most power efficient machines you can get.

Interestingly, it also uses 0.1 W when off.

○ **Re: (Score:2)**

by [UnknowingFool \(672806 \)](#)

Seriously I leave my PC on 24/7 and it goes to sleep when I am not using it. A Mac doing the exact same thing is not an Earth revelation. I will have to say Windows 10 has gotten better over the years at remembering the settings when it went to sleep. The early days of Windows 10, it would forget things like I have a mouse and a network card periodically. The last little bit of progress is that only once in a while now, Windows forgets I have 5.1 sound and defaults to stereo.

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■ **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [Bahbus \(1180627 \)](#)

Booting a (modern) computer up from a cold start only takes 5-15 seconds. Shaving that down further is completely unnecessary.

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■ **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [Cinder6 \(894572 \)](#)

From what I can tell, the power usage during standby on a modern Mac is barely any higher than the phantom power draw you have just by keeping it plugged in. I found a [discussion page](#) [slashdot.org] indicating it's less than 1W during sleep. That number is pretty astounding to me if true, though I admit to some skepticism.

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■ **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [Bahbus \(1180627 \)](#)

And I've found slightly more recent discussion page (<https://discussions.apple.com/thread/254505640?sortBy=rank>) describing that the automatic sleep feature is broken and pretty much won't save you any power, but even that's 2 years old.

Anyway, assuming all the hardware is actually asleep, then depending on the exact model, and age, Macs hover around 1-2W. And depending on the exact hardware and settings, Windows also achieves between 1-5W while sleeping. In general, a negligible difference.

And, regardless

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■ **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [Bahbus \(1180627 \)](#)

I don't want my stuff silently and automatically updating anyway. Plus, it's just better for the overall health of the computer.

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■ **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [nightflameauto \(6607976 \)](#)

Should just leave your machine on 24/7.

I haven't turned a computer off in decades...other than the rare time a hard power cycle had to be performed for a hang or something.

Do people actually turn their computers off anymore?

I want mine to be ready any second I want to sit down and do something with it...

Once we got past spinny disks, I turn my computer off every time. I turn it on as I'm sitting at the desk, situating my coffee, etc. Once I'm ready to put my hands on the keyboard, it's ready. No way I'm leaving my systems at home on all the time. I only get to use them a couple to three hours a day during the week. Unless I have a long render, long compile, or a long-running task of another stripe to run, home systems stay off if I'm not sitting at them. It may not make a huge difference in power consumpti

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- **Re: (Score:2)**

by [demonlapin \(527802 \)](#)

At the power consumption levels we are talking about, a sleeping computer is barely more than a sleeping TV. If there's a power button on the remote, *something* is watching for that signal. Back in the 80s, when TVs still had physical power switches, many cable boxes had a switched outlet on the back for the TV. "Power" turned that relay on or off, but the cable box was drawing power all the time to watch for the remote. My current TV has a strange software bug that occasionally drops out a

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- **Facepalm Moment (Score:4, Funny)**

by [jpatters \(883 \)](#) on Tuesday October 29, 2024 @03:03PM ([#64903935](#))

Ug that's so stupid. So if you have it in a bracket on the wall you will have to unplug all the cords and then remove it from the bracket to power cycle it? That's super annoying and a bad design.

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- **Re: (Score:2)**

by [sit1963nz \(934837 \)](#)

Yep. I have two 2012 Mac Minis I run as servers at home and they occasionally need to be shut down and powered on. These Mac new Minis will not work. I do not have the space to reach under them.

At work I have my screen sitting on TOP of the Mac Mini.

Please fire the moron who came up with idea, and the other morons who decided it was a good idea.

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- **Re: (Score:2)**

by [lsllll \(830002 \)](#)

With Apple it's been form over function for a very long time. Just yesterday we were talking about the USB charging port on the Mac mouse being on the bottom. I guess they just don't want to see anything but bezel around all their products.

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- **Re: (Score:2)**

by [sit1963nz \(934837 \)](#)

I like my 16" M3 MBP. But then again I like my 2009 27" iMac too.

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- **Re: (Score:2)**

by [JeffOwl \(2858633 \)](#)

That's nothing, wait until you see where they put the keys on the new Mac Keyboard!

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- **Re: (Score:3)**

by [mmarlett \(520340 \)](#)

The new model is so small that you will not be able to put your monitor on top of it. It's only 5" by 5" — almost 3" x 3" smaller than the older ones. I don't know what your home servers are connected to, but you'd have to rearrange your whole setup for the radically smaller form factor anyway.

■ **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [sit1963nz \(934837 \)](#)

Yes, I agree, I would need to rearrange, BUT RPi are cheaper, OSX server is unsupported

My home system is being forced away from all Apple products, and I have been a user since '86 when I moved up from an Amstrad PCW8256 CPM machine.

■ **[Re: Facepalm Moment \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [mmarlett \(520340 \)](#)

Iâ(TM)m also a lifetime Apple user, and I used MacOS X Server on a box back in 2013 and used it for a couple of years â! that said, Iâ(TM)m not sure it offers anything so special that I canâ(TM)t just homebrew the rest.

■ **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [sit1963nz \(934837 \)](#)

True, but it was just easier at the time and has worked well for me with practically zero maintenance for 10+ years.

But that is why I am plating with RPi's now

○ **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [OrangeTide \(124937 \)](#)

Yes. Apple devices aren't for every person or every use case.

○ **[Re: \(Score:3\)](#)**

by [Cinder6 \(894572 \)](#)

It's thin enough most can squeeze their finger under there, but it will probably be tight. I'll give them the benefit of the doubt and assume they, you know, tested the design and found it acceptable. It's definitely a head-scratcher, though.

○ **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [echo123 \(1266692 \)](#)

That's super annoying and a bad design.

Ubuntu user here. I thought the point about paying the Apple tax willingly was to get ultra-refined user-friendly design everywhere, including the shipping container. I'm sorry, but unless the power button is on the front of the device, or easily accessible with a single finger, (like a monitor power switch is often at the bottom), the product designer flat out fails at their job. This is an unforgivable UX/UI failure. It only adds cost for the user and brings no benefit.

○ **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [Gruntbeetle \(6802064 \)](#)

Meh, [prior art](#) [herokuapp.com].

- **[Sounds like an opportunity](#) (Score:3)**

by [zawarski \(1381571\)](#) on Tuesday October 29, 2024 @03:10PM ([#64903967](#))

For first person to design device that clips on side to push button on bottom. You are welcome.

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- o **[Re:Sounds like an opportunity](#) (Score:5, Insightful)**

by [PuddleBoy \(544111\)](#) on Tuesday October 29, 2024 @03:47PM ([#64904107](#))

Why not just bring back to ability to power up a Mac from the keyboard. Macs could do that for years, until they dropped the ADB ports.

No place more convenient than the place you're putting your fingers anyway...

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- **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [GoTeam \(5042081\)](#)

No place more convenient than the place you're putting your fingers anyway...

My wife disagrees... but that's more of a "me" problem...

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- **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [AmiMoJo \(196126\)](#)

Wait, Macs don't support power on by USB device, e.g. keyboard?

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- **[Re: \(Score:3\)](#)**

by [teg \(97890\)](#)

Wait, Macs don't support power on by USB device, e.g. keyboard?

They certainly support "wake from sleep" from USB, which is the 99.9% use case. Not sure I've seen actual power on on either Mac or PC.

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- **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [merlin \(160982\)](#)

They did for a while. The USB keyboards for the original iMacs, PowerMac G3 and PowerMac G4 had power buttons. Around the time of the "mirrored drive door" PowerMac G4 they replaced the power button with an eject button, although IIRC if you connected an older USB keyboard, the power button would still work. At the time it wasn't too bad, as the power button for the PowerMac G4 was in the middle of the front panel, but for the Mac Mini you needed to be able to reach behind it.

With their push to use Bluet

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- **[Courage](#) (Score:5, Insightful)**

by [Megane \(129182\)](#) on Tuesday October 29, 2024 @03:19PM ([#64903995](#))

“It really comes down to one word: courage. The courage to move on, do something new, that betters all of us. And our team has tremendous courage.” - Phil Schiller - Sep 7, 2016

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o **Re: (Score:2)**

by [thegarbz \(1787294 \)](#)

Why remove the iPhone 7 headphone jack? Courage!

Well this one actually has a reason. Firstly the use of cabled headphones was in decline, secondly there was a need to push the new Beats wireless earphones Apple spent a fortune on. This decision makes perfect sense.

The rest of these fucked up decisions don't.

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o **Re: (Score:2)**

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When the headphone jack was removed, I hadn't used wired headphones with my phone for years. I was not alone, which is why it worked. But can you guess what Apple just launched with a headphone jack? This Mac mini....

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■ **Re: (Score:3)**

by [jenningssthecat \(1525947 \)](#)

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Courage is already at Apple - it's just not evenly distributed.

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o **Magic Mouse (Score:5, Insightful)**

by [backslashdot \(95548 \)](#) on Tuesday October 29, 2024 @03:31PM ([#64904033](#))

The other thing they fucked up on was putting the charging port underneath the mouse so it can't really be used while charging (unless you jury-rig or hack it or something). The old Magic Mouse had the same issue and nobody liked it, this seems like it would have been an easy fix. Then again they need to have a reason for you to buy the next one and the follow on (wireless charging). If that's not the motive, either the Magic Mouse team is oblivious to criticism, or they're dumb.

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○ **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [jenningsthecat \(1525947 \)](#)

... either the Magic Mouse team is oblivious to criticism, or they're dumb.

Please note that obliviousness and dumbness are not mutually exclusive. In fact, I hear that the two get along famously.

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○ **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [ArchieBunker \(132337 \)](#)

5 minutes of charging the mouse gets several days of usage. Plus it gives you plenty of warning as to the battery level. It's really not an issue.

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○ **[Re: \(Score:3\)](#)**

by [Malay2bowman \(10422660 \)](#)

Because there would have to be a charging port on the side or end where people might see it, and Apple does not want to appear "goash".

But really, if people are that concerned over their computer as a fashion statement, they have mental problems. I won't sugarcoat this.

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• **[Jony? \(Score:3\)](#)**

by [swsuehr \(612400 \)](#) on Tuesday October 29, 2024 @03:32PM ([#64904037](#)) [Homepage](#)

I thought we got rid of all that junk that Jony Ive was producing. Is this is special consultant contribution to unusability?

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• **[How is this front page newsworthy? \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [pvt medic \(715692 \)](#)

Is it a slow day or are we just big Apple fan boys that the position of the power button is newsworthy

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○ **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [jenningsthecat \(1525947 \)](#)

Is it a slow day or are we just big Apple fan boys that the position of the power button is newsworthy

It may not be newsworthy, but it is definitely bitchworthy. Eliminating bitchworthiness might be the final nail in Slashdot's coffin.

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○ **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [ceoyoyo \(59147 \)](#)

Dumb apple stories get lots of comments. Political stories get more, but maybe the Slashdot editors thought they better cool it on those for a bit.

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• **[Does this *really* matter much? \(Score:3\)](#)**

by [King TJ \(85913 \)](#) on Tuesday October 29, 2024 @03:43PM ([#64904091](#)) [Journal](#)

Seriously, I've been using Macs a LONG time now and the power button in the back on the Mac Mini, Mac Studio and the iMacs was always kind of awkward to reach. Most people have the machines close to a wall or stuffed under of some kind of monitor stand on a desk, or against cubicle dividers in an office location -- so you have to find the button by touch, or drag the machine out far enough to flip it around to see it.

I'd say putting it along the front edge is an improvement, even if you have to tip it up slightly to get to it. Am I missing something here?

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o **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [Pf0tzenpfritz \(1402005 \)](#)

Even more people have their computer sitting on something. But you're right, the could also have positioned the power button at the rear edge, so it is a good idea. Sort of.

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■ **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [alvinrod \(889928 \)](#)

Maybe this is too novel of an idea, but perhaps they could have put the power button on the front of the device. I know that it's not frequently used, but it's not as though the front of the device is completely filled with ports or indicator lights that would make it difficult to place it there. I'm sure someone at Apple could design a visually pleasurable button that could be placed on the front of their computer without ruining the aesthetic.

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o **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [Bongo \(13261 \)](#)

Yeah, sleep is great, and maybe resetting the PMU (if it has that) is the last real need for a button.

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o **[Re: \(Score:3\)](#)**

by [greenwow \(3635575 \)](#)

On my 2011 mini, I hit the power button twice that I can remember by accident and turned it on when I didn't want to after shutting it down. I shut it down to move some cables and then hit the power button since it is in the back corner in just the perfect place where you'll hit it.

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• **[Uh? Biggest problem is power on bottom side \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [Dark Coder \(66759 \)](#)

IPad, often rotated, power button constantly pressed if resting on your stomach.

Not a very practical idea.

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o **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [sid crimson \(46823 \)](#)

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At the risk of sounding like Steve Jobs "you're holding it wrong"... since the display rotates, the power button does not need to be on the bottom.

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• **[One assumes "because it looks better"! \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [Tomahawk \(1343 \)](#)

Apple have a tendency to place form over function, to the point that the function is awkward, at best. So this isn't really all that shocking. I'm still surprised they haven't put the charging port for the magic keyboard under a removal enter key...

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- [I'm always astounded at the innovation at Apple \(Score:2\)](#)

by [Big Hairy Gorilla \(9839972 \)](#)

this may be a step up from the announcement last week that they would make an announcement this week.

It was reported here, look it up.

Maybe this is the announcement that they announced previously?

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- [Re: \(Score:2\)](#)

by [Megane \(129182 \)](#)

"Those who announced the previous announcement announcement have been sacked."

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- [Think about it \(Score:2\)](#)

by [battingly \(5065477 \)](#)

I haven't used the power button on my M2 Mac Mini since I installed it. These are very low power draw devices and you power cycle it from the apple menu. Is it really a problem to place a button you use once a year in an awkward position? If anything, that helps prevent it from being pressed accidentally.

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- [Re: \(Score:2\)](#)

by [DaveyJJ \(1198633 \)](#)

Ditto. And I mean how snowflakey are we all that we can't lift the corner of this thing up 1/4" and press and hold a power button when we need to? Jeez, we're becoming like the bloated entitled passengers on the spaceship in Pixar's Eve who can barely lift a finger. (Now quiet all of you and someone pass me my Haribo gummy bears, they're just out of my reach.)

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- [2026 Apple announcements \(Score:4, Funny\)](#)

by [thegarbz \(1787294 \)](#) on Tuesday October 29, 2024 @04:22PM ([#64904275](#))

Living up to our motto of thinking different we decided the 2026 Magic Mouse and Magic Keyboards will have the buttons on the bottom. This will create a new paradigm in computing whereby people will learn to cup their Apple products giving them the love and care they deserve. Market research has shown that this will also improve touch typing proficiency by 137.45% as people learn to use the devices without seeing the buttons. Additionally we have noted a 57% increase in emotional attachment to all Magic accessories, especially among women of child bearing age who have an evolved desire to hold and rock something in their arms.

We realise a change like this takes courage, but understand that this is the result of years of thinking different, something we like to call Apple Intelligence.

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- - [At least we have this story \(Score:2\)](#)
- by [Sloppy \(14984 \)](#)

3 years from now, someone asks you "Where's my power button?" You look. It's missing. WTF? Then you remember, "Wait, back in 2024, wasn't there a story about .. aha!"

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• **[In defense of Apple \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [93 Escort Wagon \(326346 \)](#)

It's patently clear that the previous power button location - on the back right side - was still convenient enough for people to restart their computers occasionally. So they had to move it to the bottom rear to prevent that.

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• **[Don't care Apple does. But others follow! \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [m00sh \(2538182 \)](#)

I don't care Apple does these consumer-unfriendly things. It is just that every other company follows suit.

Non-iPhones used to be user utility centered. Easily replaceable battery with removable back cover, Micro-sd card slots (sometimes even two of them), 3.5mm headset jack.

Now, it's all iPhone clones that you have to buy a case right away with and have no ports.

They've done the same with laptops and now all laptops have the same designs. Even workstation replacement Dells have batteries that are not easil

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○ **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [kaatochacha \(651922 \)](#)

"Apple: We're the bottom company!"

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○ **[Re: \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [king*jojo \(9276931 \)](#)

the next generation of all Apple products will have their ports, power cords, and power buttons, on the bottom of the device.

So a return to the g4 cube?

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■ **[Re: Crapple \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [retchdog \(1319261 \)](#)

format menu > make plain text

or just use the keyboard shortcut shift-cmd-T

it was saving as rtf (rich text format) because thatâ(TM)s the default format. this is similar behavior to wordpad, the analogous app in windows.

you can also just run nano from the command line, if you want. (shrug)

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■ **[Re: Crapple \(Score:2\)](#)**

by [retchdog \(1319261 \)](#)

if you want, you can do this

touch mytextfile.txt

open -e mytextfile.txt

if textedit opens a .txt file, it will open as plain text by default. also, just saying, the mac "open" command really is beautiful once you get used to it. i really wish linux had something similar, especially with the weird-ass names for simple things. i mean ffs the text editor in xfce is called "mousepad". WHY?!

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