BITCOIN PDF ON FIVE macOS STORAGE

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BTC ON A MACBOOK?

On April 5, 2023, Andy Baio, CTO of Kickstarter, wrote about his research on finding the Bitcoin whitepaper on macOS. He discovered the PDF while fixing his printer and trying to connect the scanner to his Mac. A pop-up of the scanner folder was shown.

Yo, what are this?

"The pop up"

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WHAT VERSION IS AVAILABLE?

The Bitcoin whitepaper is available on macOS versions starting from Mojave (10.14.0) to the current version, Ventura (13.3). This means that Apple placed the BTC whitepaper since 2018 when Mojave (10.14.0) was published on September 12, 2018. However, earlier versions such as High Sierra (10.13) and before that do not contain the whitepaper

"I've asked over a dozen Mac-using friends to confirm, and it was there for every one of them."

Andy Baio
former CTO of Kickstarter, Waxy.org (Author),
co-founder of the XOXO Festival

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HOW TO FIND THE BTC WHITEPAPER?

There are two ways to find it, either through step 1 or step 2.

Step 1

1 **Open Terminal**
Either from spotlight search, launchpad, or application folders

2 **Write this Command**
open /System/Library/Image Capture/Devices/VirtualScanner.app/Contents/Resources/simpledoc.pdf

Open Terminal icon taken from http://rocketdockicons.ons.web.fc2.com/newmacos0014.html

Step 2

Bitcoin whitepaper named simpledoc.pdf
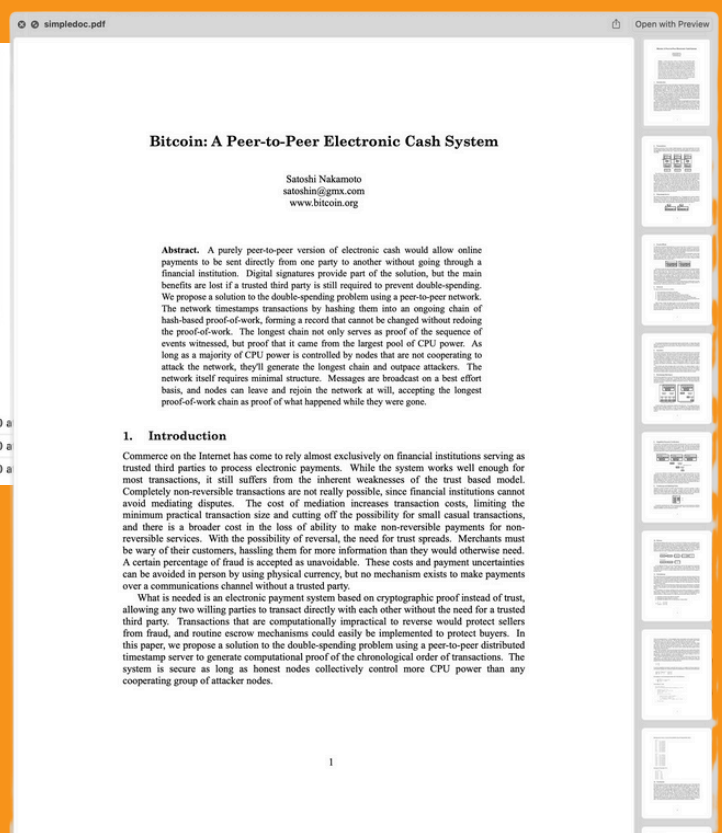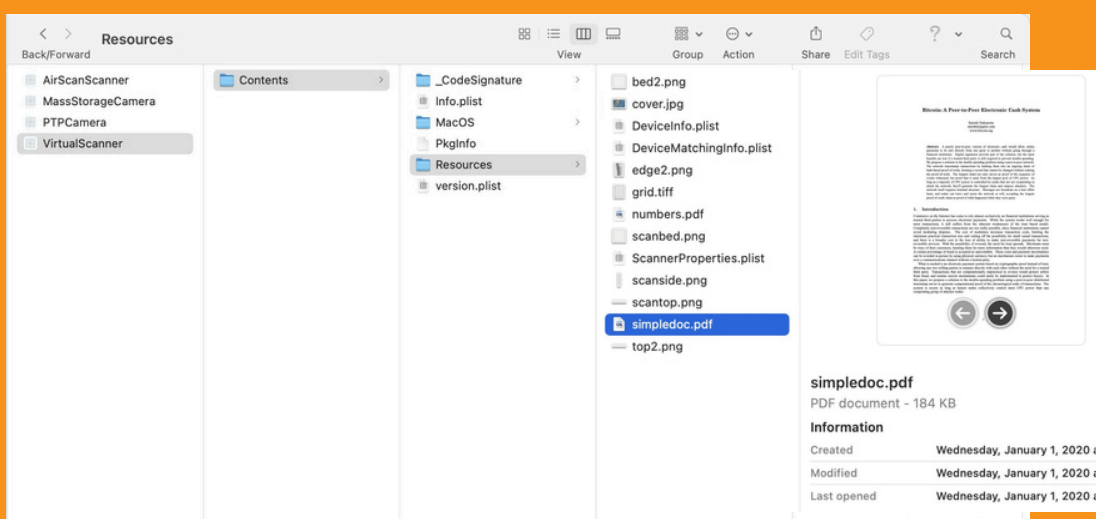
Follow this step:
Finder window (open) > System folder > Library > Image Capture > Devices > VirtualScanner (right click) > Contents. > Resources > find simpledoc.pdf, and click it
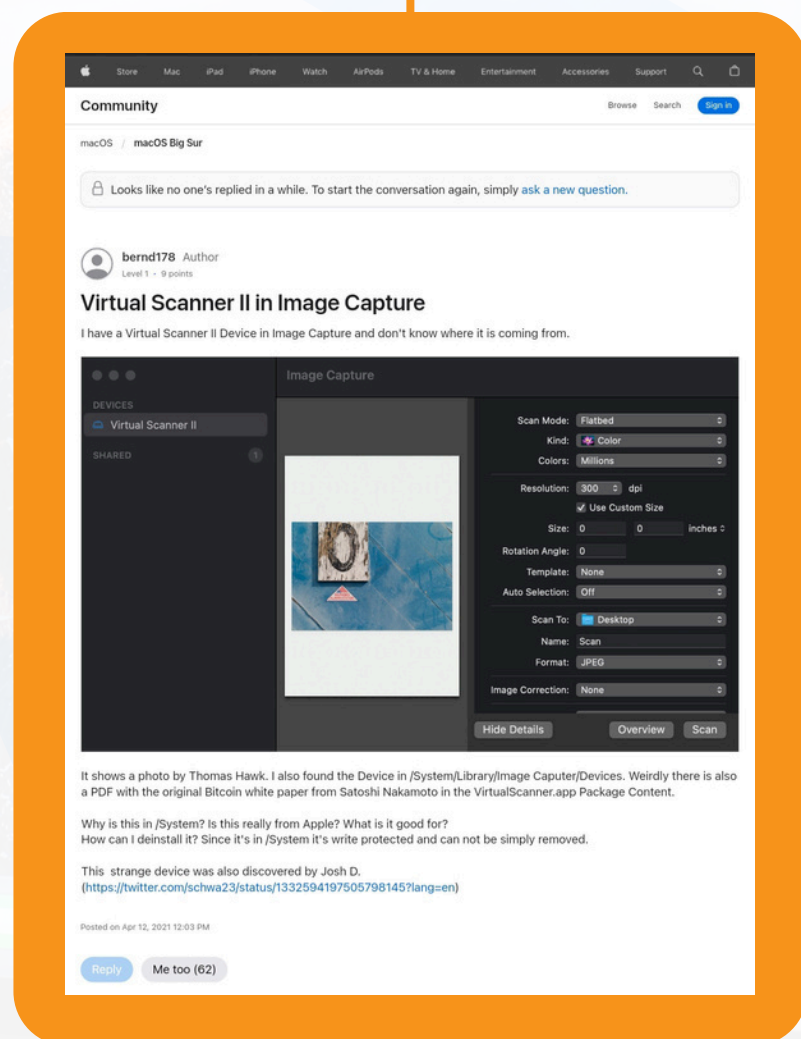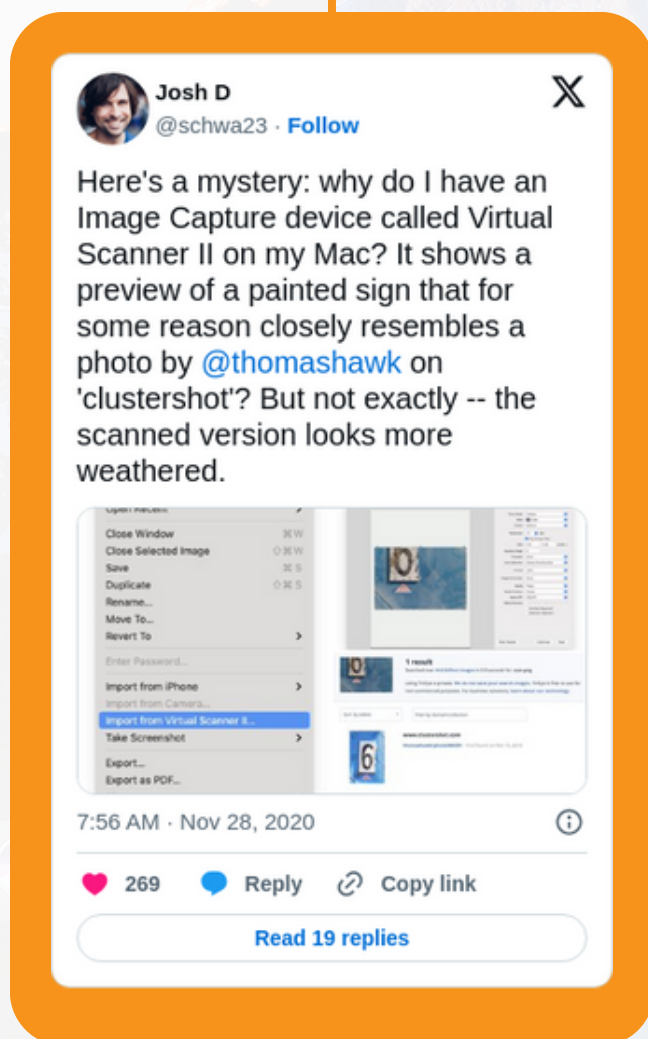
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ANDY BAIO WAS NOT THE FIRST!

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Josh D
@schwa23 · Follow

Here's a mystery: why do I have an Image Capture device called Virtual Scanner II on my Mac? It shows a preview of a painted sign that for some reason closely resembles a photo by @thomashawk on 'clustershot'? But not exactly -- the scanned version looks more weathered.

7:56 AM · Nov 28, 2020

♥ 269   💬 Reply   🔗 Copy link

Read 19 replies

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Community

macOS › macOS Big Sur

Looks like no one's replied in a while. To start the conversation again, simply ask a new question.

bernd178 Author
Level 1 · 9 points

Virtual Scanner II in Image Capture

I have a Virtual Scanner II Device in Image Capture and don't know where it is coming from.

It shows a photo by Thomas Hawk. I also found the Device in /System/Library/Image Caputer/Devices. Weirdly there is also a PDF with the original Bitcoin white paper from Satoshi Nakamoto in the VirtualScanner.app Package Content.

Why is this in /System? Is this really from Apple? What is it good for?
How can I deinstall it? Since it's in /System it's write protected and can not be simply removed.

This strange device was also discovered by Josh D.
(https://twitter.com/schwa23/status/1332594197505798145?lang=en)

Posted on Apr 12, 2021 12:03 PM

Reply   Me too (62)

Based on the timeline, on November 28, 2020, Josh D might be the first one who publicly tweeted that he found the virtual scanner II. The next year, on April 12, 2021, a user named bernd178 followed up on the same concern and asked if Apple accidentally documents such as the Bitcoin whitepaper to the system and how to uninstall it.

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DO APPLE WILL DELETE THE PDF?

"A little bird tells me that someone internally filed it as an issue nearly a year ago, assigned to the same engineer who put the PDF there in the first place, and that person hasn't taken action or commented on the issue since. They've indicated it will likely be removed in future versions."

Andy Baio
*former CTO of Kickstarter, Waxy.org (Author),
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Yes, they did!

On April 25, 2023, Filipe Espósito from 9TO5Mac tried to find the Bitcoin whitepaper on the new macOS, Ventura 13.4 beta 3, but he couldn't find it. Not only was the BTC PDF deleted, but all of the folders and VirtualScanner.app were removed in this beta version.

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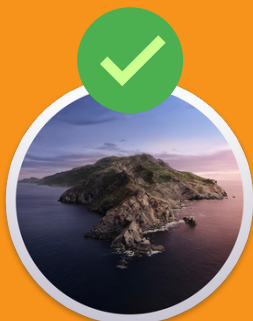
THE OS UPDATE REMOVES THE BTC

As long as you don't update the OS, you will still be able to find the Bitcoin whitepaper on your macOS.
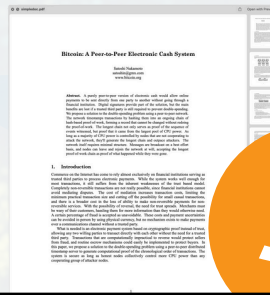
BTC whitepaper still available on

macOS Monjave

macOS Catalina

macOS Big Sur

macOS Monterey

macOS Ventura*

macOS Mojave taken from https://www.macosicongallery.com/icons/macos-mojave.2018-10-12/
macOS Catalina taken from https://www.macosicongallery.com/icons/macos-catalina.2019-10-09/
macOS Big Sur taken from https://www.macosicongallery.com/icons/macos-big-sur.2020-11-19/
macOS Monterey taken from https://www.macosicongallery.com/icons/macos-monterey.2021-11-15/
macOS Ventura taken from https://apps.apple.com/b/app/macos-ventura/id1638787503?mt=12

*If you have macOS Ventura before the 13.4 beta 3, you will have the Bitcoin whitepaper

MacBook Air

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APPLE CONDUCT A COPYRIGHT?

After the release of the Bitcoin whitepaper on Andy Baio's blog, a Twitter user named NAM asked Dr. Craig whether Apple does a copyright. Craig, an Australian computer programmer, and self-proclaimed Satoshi Nakamoto said yes. Why?

-Friendly Reminder-
WE ARE ALL SATOSHI

Charles Miller @chblm · 06 Apr
Amazing! The Bitcoin White Paper is buried deep inside my MacBook, as promised here: waxy.org/2023/04/the-bi... Congrats to @waxpancake for discovering.

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NAW @nawBitbot · 06 Apr
Replying to @chblm and @waxpancake
I think Apple maybe in breach of copyright. What say you @Dr_CSWright

💬 18   🔁 2   ♡ 7   ᵢₗᵢ 2,962   ⭷

Dr Craig S Wright ✓
@Dr_CSWright

Replying to @nawBitbot @chblm and @waxpancake
Yes

2:43 PM · 06 Apr 23 · **5,601** Views

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