

Courage

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It is 7:30 AM.

I grab my iPhone and I place my thumb on the home button. My iPhone pretends that my finger is not my finger is not my finger. I manually type in my PIN code instead. I put on my WATCH. It does not unlock itself automatically, even if I follow the ritual dance of holding my WATCH up while I unlock my phone with my thumb. I end up manually entering my PIN on my watch, too. I go to the kitchen to make a cup of coffee.

I go to my desk. I open the lid of my MacBook with Touch Bar. I have my iPhone in my pocket and an unlocked WATCH on my wrist. The Mac should unlock itself automatically. It does not. I place my finger on the Touch ID scanner. Wrong finger. Good finger. Not recognized. I end up manually typing in my password.

I start iTunes. Just like every Monday, it tells me that I need to log in to Apple Music. I do not remember ever having logged off. I enter my username and password. The dialog goes away. iTunes still does not allow me to listen to music. I close and re-open iTunes. I log off and on a few times. I finally reboot my Mac. I discover that the artist I would love to listen to that morning is not available on iTunes Music. I select another artist. I hit play. Music does not come out from the built-in speakers. I plug in my old 2002 Harman Kardon SoundSticks. The music plays.

I select the AirPlay speakers connected to my Airport Express to enjoy some music while I have breakfast. The Mac cannot connect to them. I reboot the Airport Express. After a few minutes I can stream music. After 2 minutes the stream ends. No way to start it again. My coffee is cold.

I sit on my Mac and open a Pages file stored on iCloud, one I was working on my iPad Pro during the weekend. The sync fails and I cannot see the last modifications I made on my iPad Pro. Open and close apps on both devices. I reboot them both. Pages for Mac tells me that there is a conflict between the versions in both devices, even though I have never edited the file on the Mac. I select the version on the iPad. My changes are lost.

My WATCH vibrates. Wife sends me an iMessage. Although she is on my

contact list, the WATCH only displays her phone number. I try to reply directly from the watch but I hit the wrong button on the tiny UI and send nonsense. I try to cancel the operation but the “dismiss” button is out of sight. I hit the crown and the side button. The watch keeps nagging me with vibrations for pretty much every single notification that I get that morning. I take it off and leave it on the desk.

I open iMessage on my Mac and the messages of my wife are not there yet. I write my reply to her anyway and hit enter. I am surprised my message shows up as “delivered.”

I open Xcode. I have to debug some iOS code. I plug my iPhone to my Mac. Both my Mac and my iPhone pretend they don’t know each other. Yes, you can trust each other; I told you so every day for the past 5 months. iPhoto opens thinking that I want to sync pictures. iTunes opens and starts downloading updates. I cancel the downloads. I close iTunes. I close iPhoto. Both take a few minutes to close. They eventually close.

By that time I have totally forgotten the bug I wanted to fix on my iPhone app. Ah, yes, I remember now. In the meantime the messages of my wife arrive to my Mac and plenty of notifications pop up on the screen, including things we wrote the previous week.

I open my Xcode project. The certificates, of course. Hit the fix button. I’m surprised it works. I need more coffee. The long compilation times of Swift 3 are perfect for a pause. At least the compiler does not crash.

I come back with fresh coffee. I sit down to write some code. Xcode opens the autocompletion menu at every keystroke. I disable it. I sigh and close Xcode. I open AppCode.

The Touch Bar suddenly stops showing the icons for the volume and the music. I do not know why. The “Esc” key is the only one showing up, which is quite ironic when I think about it. I touch the area where the volume control is supposed to be and everything appears again. I remember when the emoji bar appeared on the middle of the screen the first time I wanted to use it.

I would love to know how long I have until my battery dies, but the time indicator suspiciously disappeared a couple of weeks ago.

Debugging with AppCode requires hitting F7 and F8. I basically turn on the feature that keeps the “F” keys always on in the Touch Bar. And because of the lack of feeling on my fingers, I end up hitting a different key every time that my eyes are fixed on the screen debugging. The keys disappear after a few seconds. They reappear as soon as I touch the Touch Bar.

I sigh. I plug my USB keyboard to the Mac. I need a USB to USB-C dongle. I plug everything in place. The keyboard does not work. I unplug and replug a few times. The keyboard works. I wonder for how long. In the meantime the batteries of my Bluetooth Apple Trackpad die. I change the batteries. My Mac

does not recognise the Trackpad anymore. I reboot my Mac. The Trackpad is there again.

I open another application on my Dock. I am told that it cannot be opened. I click again. No luck. I remember that I got it from the App Store. I remember the certificates issue. I delete and re-download it from the App Store. The app opens. I forget why I wanted to open it in the first place.

I try to open an application I bought yesterday on this Mac. The operating system protest, telling me that I have to login to the App Store because the application was bought in another Mac. I log in. The app opens.

I need to print the Pages document I was working on. I turn the printer on, ask Pages to print it. The Mac complains of a CUPS, JetDirect or Ghostscript issue. My coffee is cold again. I reboot the Mac and the printer. I realize there is no paper on the tray. The page prints a blank page. The printer needs ink.

The iTunes icon starts jumping up and down in the Dock. I click on it. It asks to log in to the App Store. I don't know why. I click cancel. I quit iTunes.

I start Xcode. It crashes and quits. The dialog says "Unexpectedly."

I shut down Mac, iPad, iPhone, WATCH and Airport Express. I shut down my TV too. Just in case.

It is 9 AM.