

Tempura tester handbook

Tempura pays editors to record their own screen work on a Mac. This handbook walks you from the download link to your first recording, shows every screen you will meet, and tells you exactly what to do when something goes wrong.

What you need: an Apple silicon Mac (M1 or later) on macOS 14 or later, about ten minutes, and your own account on the console.

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Read this before installing. While Tempura runs it records your whole primary display, every application on it, plus your mouse and keyboard. Nothing is uploaded that you cannot see on the console afterwards. Sign out when you want it to stop for good.

Create your account on the console

Open <https://console.usetempura.com/>. Press **Sign up** at the top right, create the account with your email and a password, then sign in. The same page also holds the download.

Tempura Dark Sign in Sign up

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The recorder is a macOS application that records this Mac while you work; read what it captures before you install it.

Download for Apple silicon Tempura 0.112 · 10.0 MB · macOS 14 or later

What it records

While it is running, Tempura records your **whole primary display** - every application, window, notification and document that is visible on it, not a single editing window. Anything you can see on that screen is in the recording, and alongside the picture it keeps a detailed record of how you were working.

YOUR SCREEN

- Video of the primary display, with the mouse pointer drawn into the picture. Only that one display's picture is recorded.
- Every display your Mac is actively using is still described, up to 32 of them: each one's identifier, size in pixels, scale, rotation and where it sits relative to the others. The picture is one display; this list is all of them.

YOUR MOUSE AND KEYBOARD

- Pointer positions and movements, drags, which button, and how many clicks in a row. Where you use a graphics tablet, stylus pressure as well; a mouse and a trackpad do not report it.
- Scrolling: the direction and amount, and the momentum phase - which says whether your fingers were still on the trackpad or the scroll was coasting.
- Every key press, release and repeat: which physical key, the keyboard model - which is what tells an ISO keyboard's extra key from an ANSI one - the modifier keys held with it exactly as macOS reports them, and **which keyboard layout you were using**.
- **What you type is not stored as text, and can still be worked out.** The key and the layout are in the same record, so anyone holding the recording can reconstruct

Install it

It runs on Apple silicon Macs on macOS 14 or later. There is no Intel build and no Windows or Linux build.

1. Open the downloaded disk image and drag Tempura to your Applications folder.
2. Open Tempura from Applications. It walks you through the rest.
3. The first time you open it macOS says it cannot verify the app. Open **System Settings**, go to **Privacy & Security**, and press **Open Anyway**. Once per app: the build is signed by LocalHost and is not yet notarized by Apple.
4. Allow **Screen Recording** in System Settings, under Privacy & Security. Without it there is no recording at all.
5. Allow **Input Monitoring** in the same place, so it can see mouse and keyboard activity.
6. Allow it to **open at login**, under General, Login Items & Extensions. Without this it stops recording after a restart and does not say so.

The app has a button beside each of those that opens the right settings pane. After the first two are allowed it starts recording on its own.

Sign in inside the app

1. In Tempura, press **Sign in**. It opens your web browser rather than asking for a password inside the app.
2. Sign in there with *the account you created here*. A different account records into a

The landing page: what it records, how to install, and the download button.

STEP 1, CONTINUED

Sign up, then sign in



Create your Tempura account

Create an account

Already have one? [Sign in](#).

[Get the recorder](#) without an account first.

Sign up.



Sign in to Tempura

The console for the Tempura platform.

Sign in

No account yet? [Create an account](#).

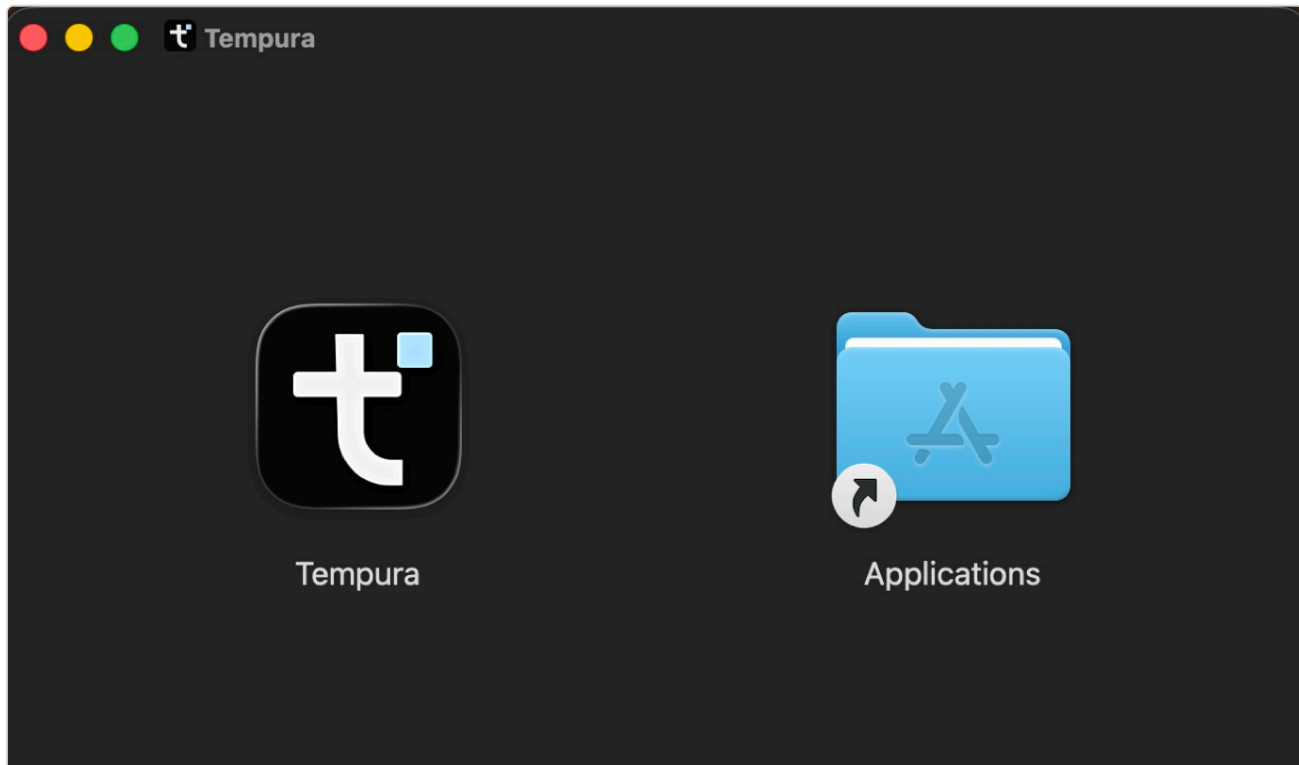
[Get the recorder](#) without signing in.

Administrators and contributors.

Sign in. Your password is only ever typed here, never inside the app.

Download and install

1. On the landing page press **Download for Apple silicon**. You get `Tempura_0.1.12_aarch64.dmg` , about 10 MB.
2. Open the disk image and drag **Tempura** onto the **Applications** folder.
3. Eject the disk image and open Tempura from Applications.



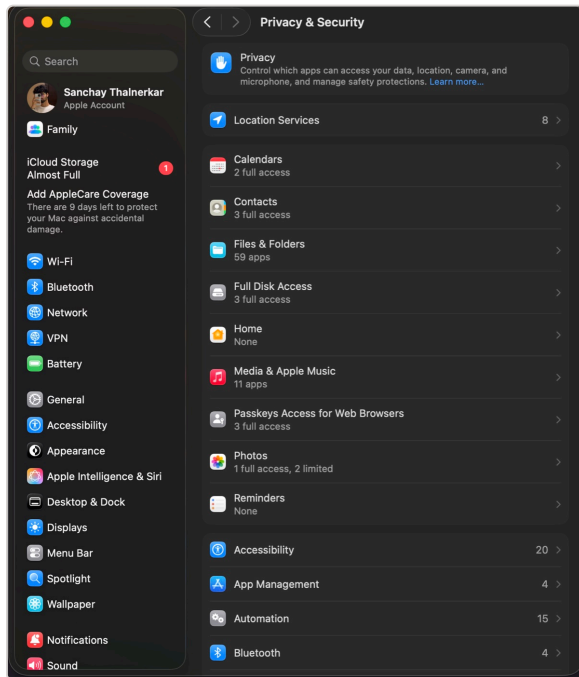
Drag Tempura to Applications.

STEP 3

The first open: "Open Anyway"

The build is signed by LocalHost and not yet notarized by Apple, so the first time you open it macOS says it cannot verify the app. This happens once.

1. Press **Done** on that dialog.
2. Open **System Settings**, then **Privacy & Security**.
3. Scroll to the **Security** section. A line says Tempura was blocked; press **Open Anyway** and confirm with your Mac password.
4. Open Tempura from Applications again.

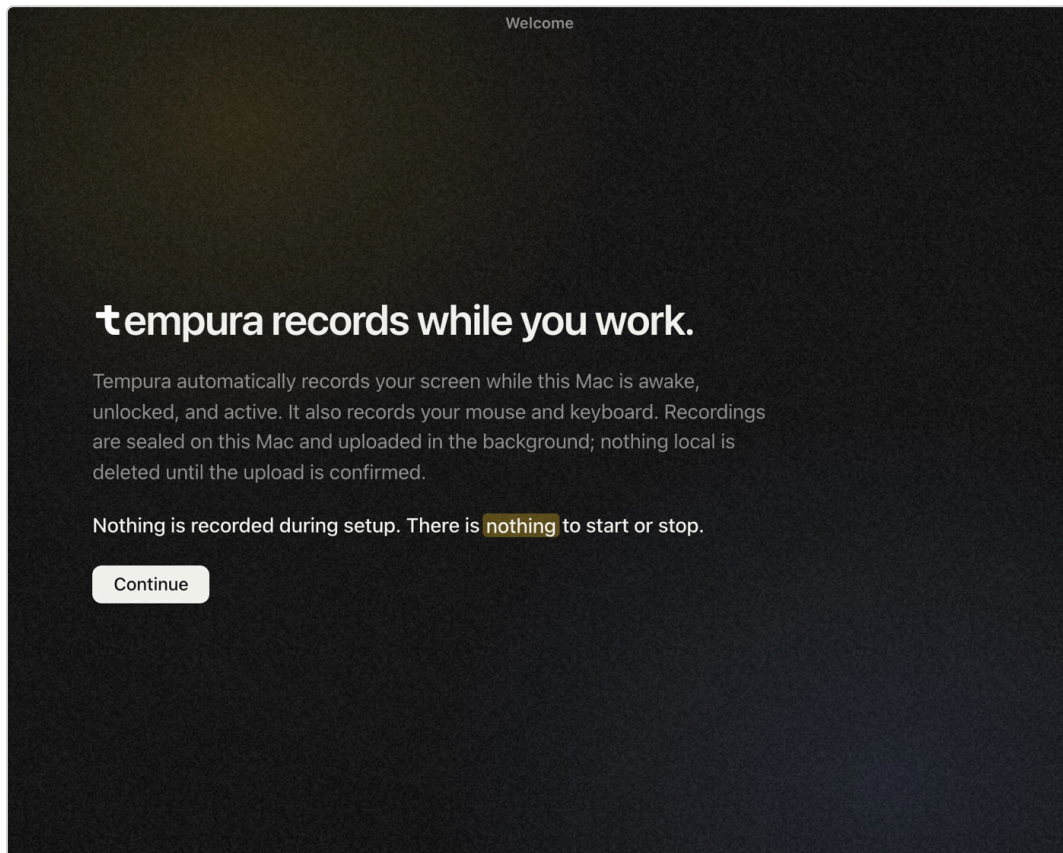


Privacy & Security. The Open Anyway line appears under Security only right after a blocked open.

STEP 4

Welcome

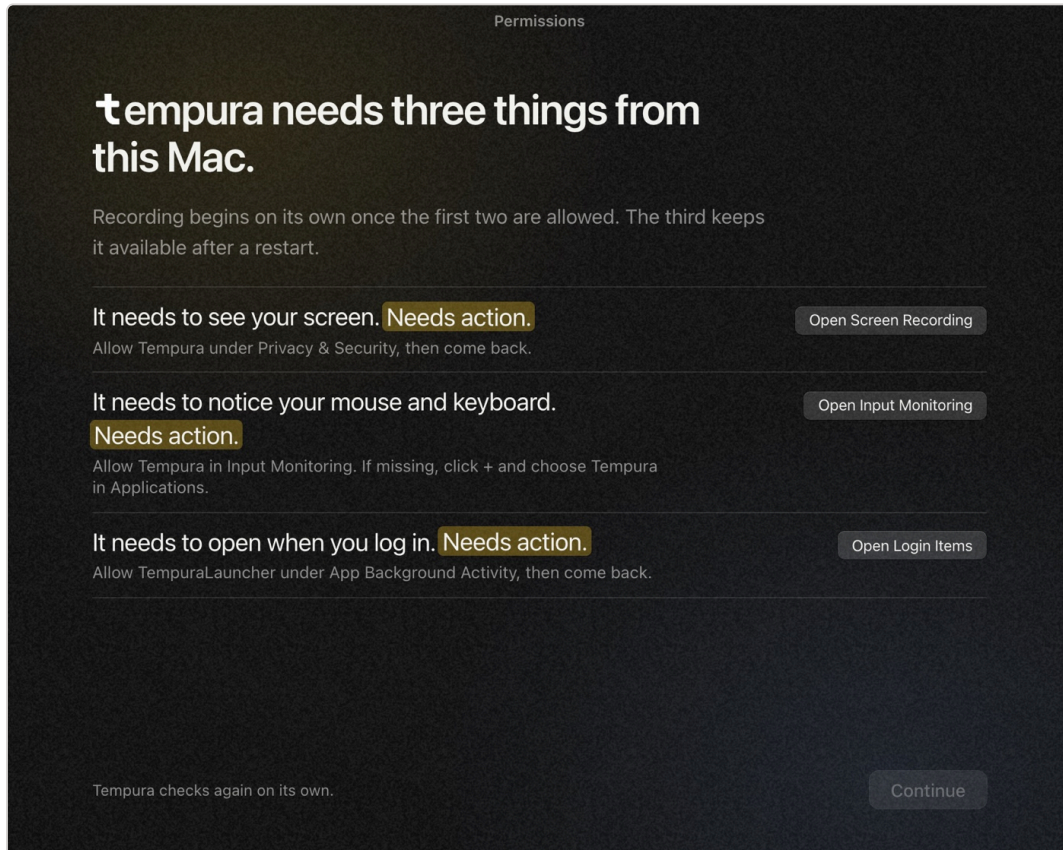
Tempura opens a small window and walks you through the rest. Press **Continue**.



The welcome screen.

Three permissions

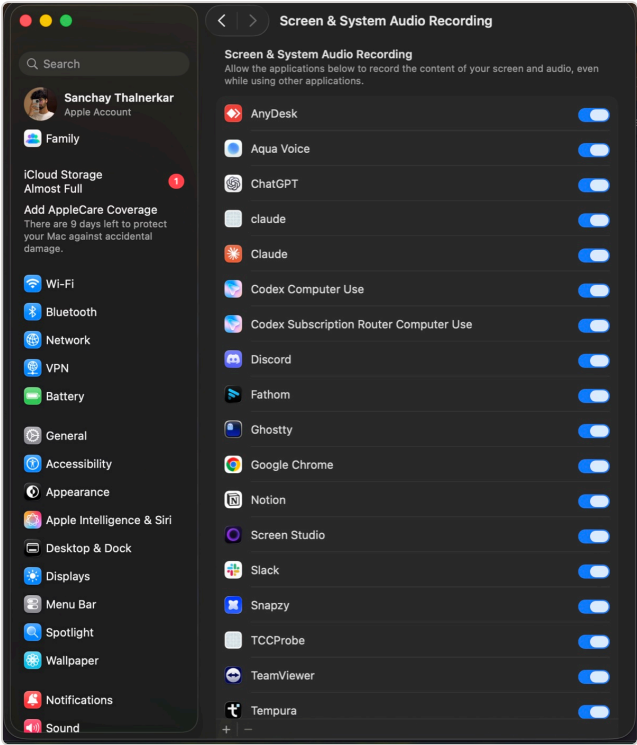
Tempura needs three things from your Mac. Each row has a button that opens the right settings pane; allow Tempura there and come back. The screen checks again on its own.



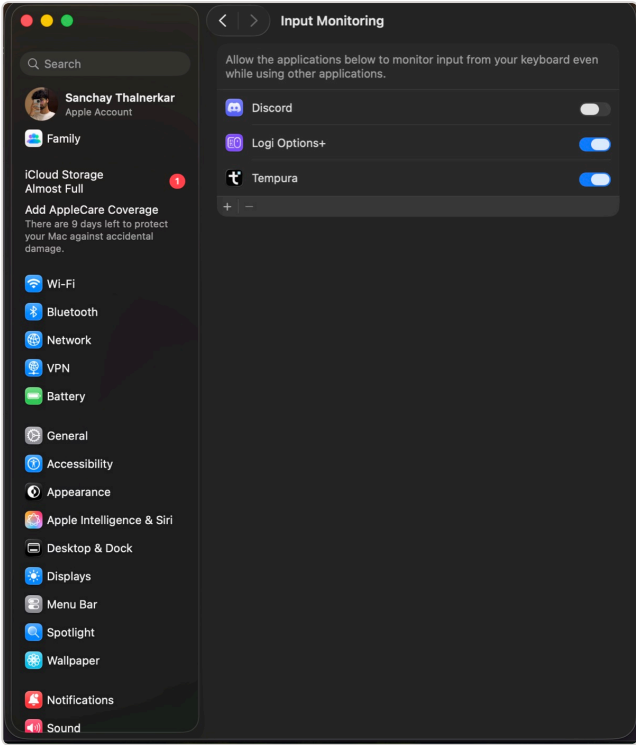
Before: all three need action.

Screen Recording and Input Monitoring

Turn on **Tempura** in both lists. If it is missing from Input Monitoring, press + and choose Tempura in Applications. macOS may ask you to quit and reopen Tempura once.



Screen & System Audio Recording: Tempura on.

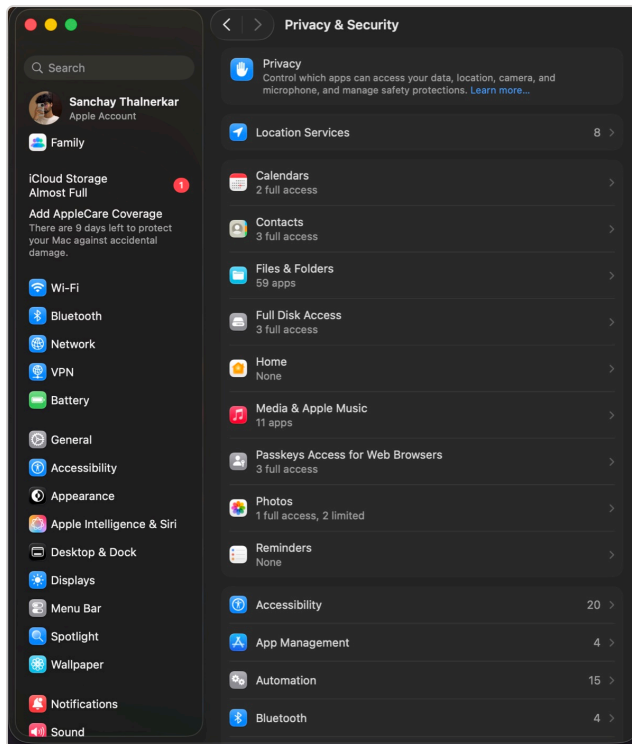


Input Monitoring: Tempura on.

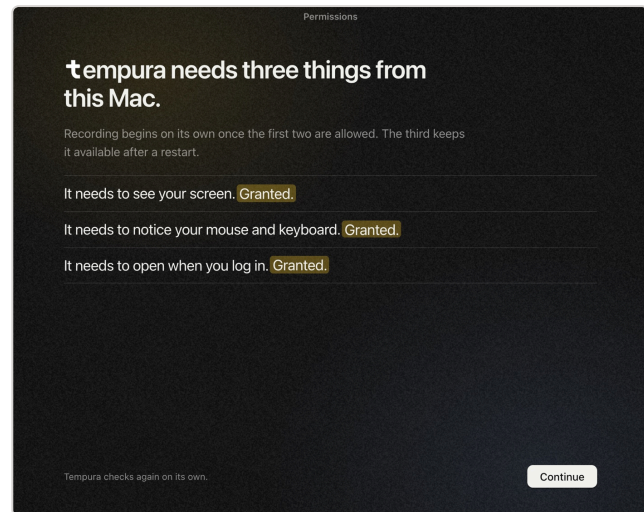
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Open at login

Under **General, Login Items & Extensions**, allow **TempuraLauncher** under App Background Activity. Without this Tempura does not come back after a restart and cannot install its own updates.



Login Items & Extensions.

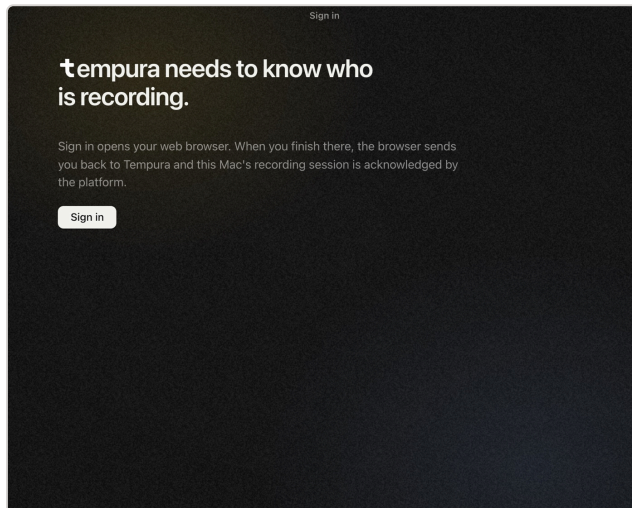


After: Continue is live.

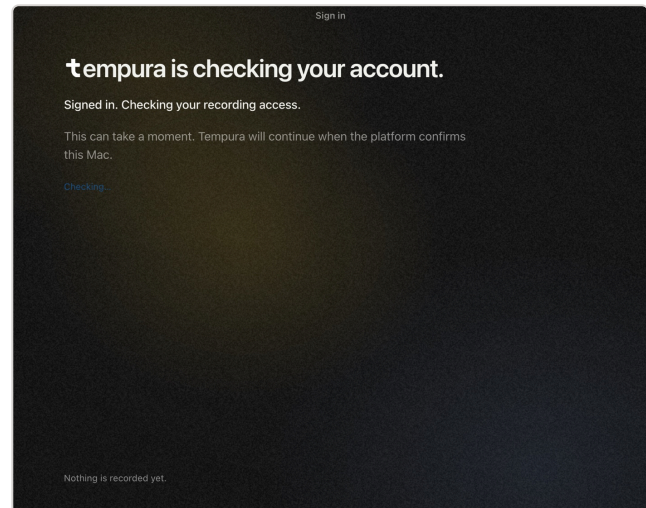
STEP 6

Sign in inside the app

Press **Sign in**. Your web browser opens on the console's sign-in page; sign in with the account from step 1. The browser hands you back to Tempura. Use the same account you created on the console, a different one records into a different account.



Before.

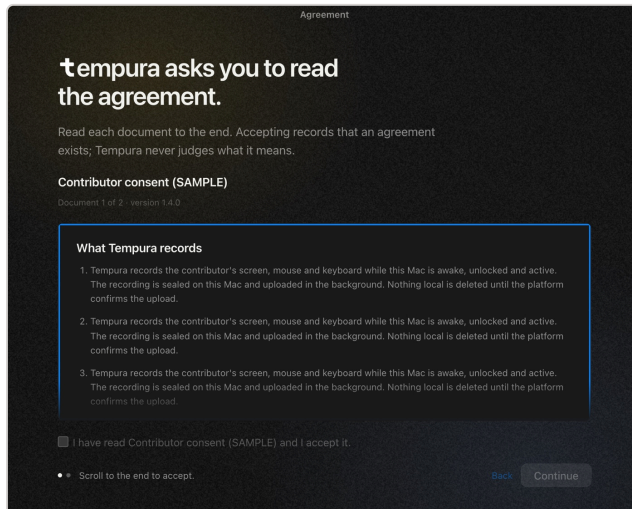


While the browser is open.

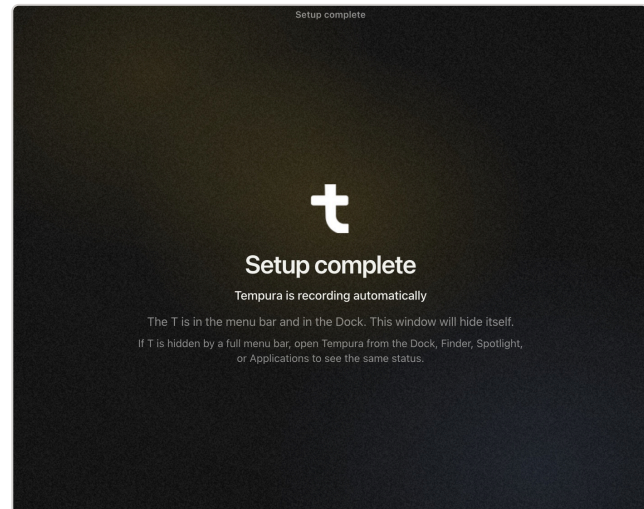
STEP 7

The agreement, then the finish

Read the agreement and accept it. Tempura then moves into the menu bar and starts recording on its own.



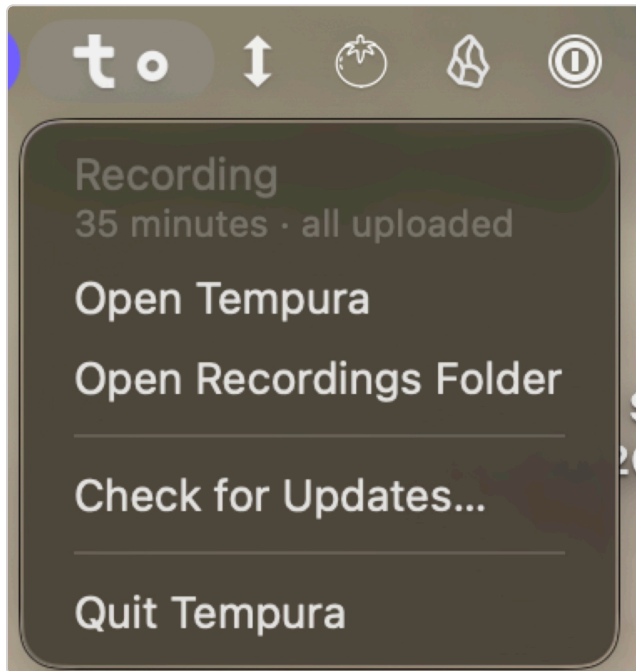
The agreement.



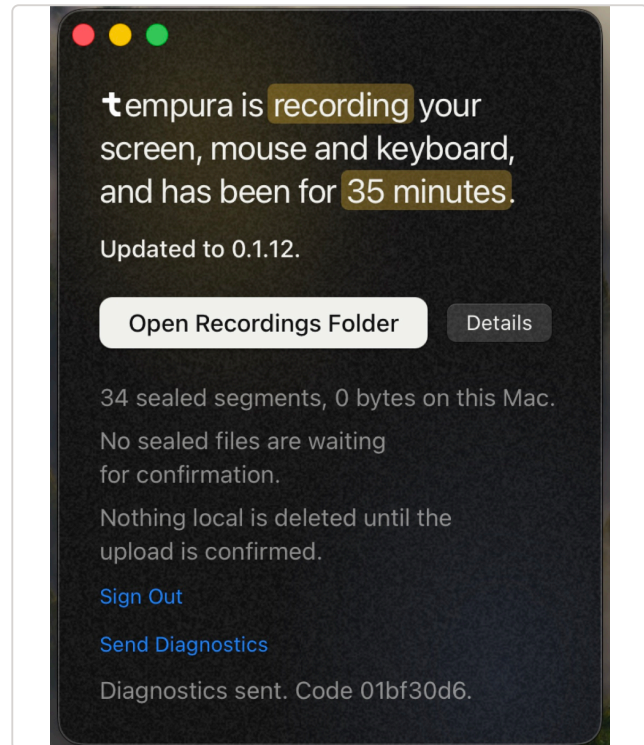
Done: Tempura lives in the menu bar now.

Recording: the menu bar icon and the window

The **t** in the menu bar is Tempura. Click it for the state, **Open Tempura** for the window, **Open Recordings Folder**, **Check for Updates...** and **Quit Tempura**. The window says what it is doing and for how long; **Details** shows the upload facts, Sign Out and Send Diagnostics.



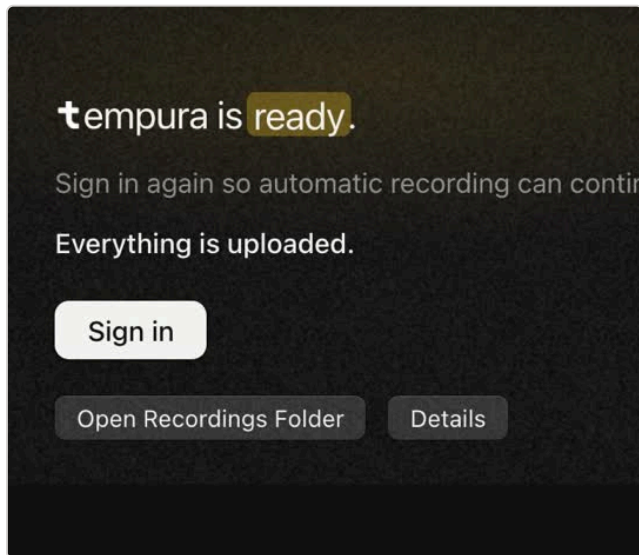
The menu.



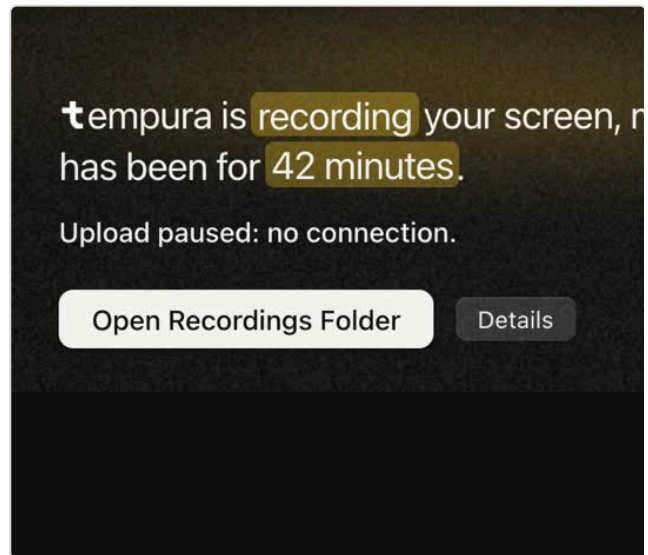
The window with Details open, after a diagnostics send.

Quitting Tempura is fine; the launcher opens it again and recording resumes. Locking the screen or sleeping ends the current recording; a new one starts when you unlock.

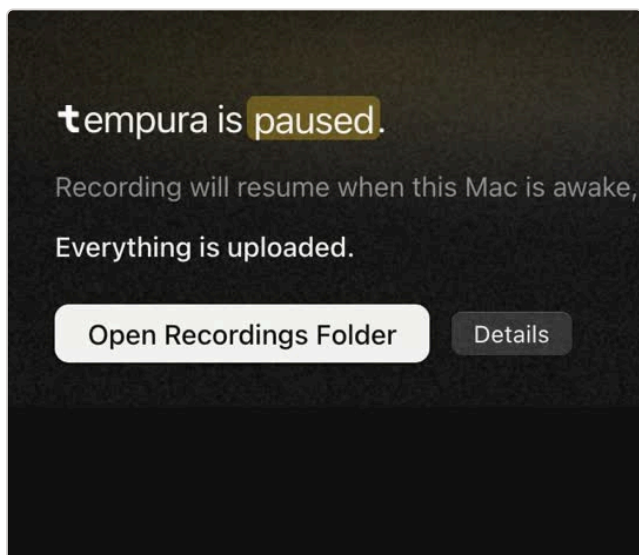
What the window says when something is off



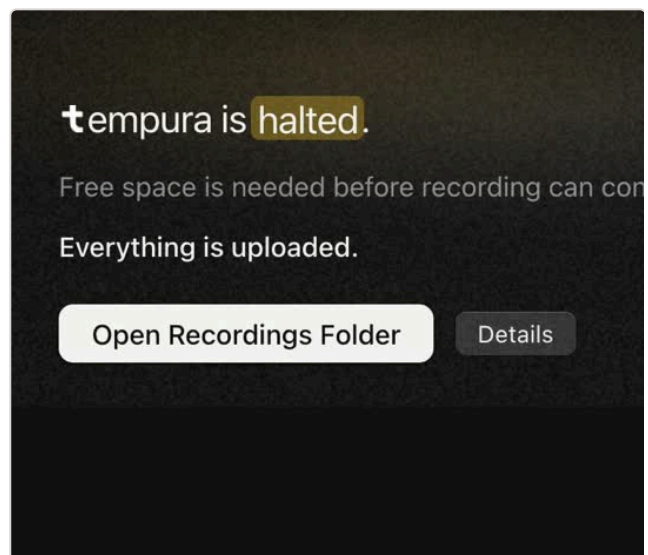
Signed out or expired: press Sign in.



Offline: recording continues, uploads wait.



Paused by policy or platform: it resumes on its own.

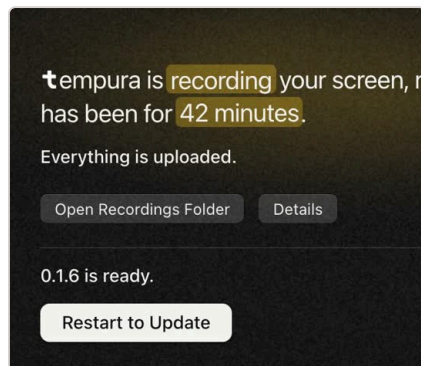


Halted: the recorder stopped itself; send diagnostics (step 12).

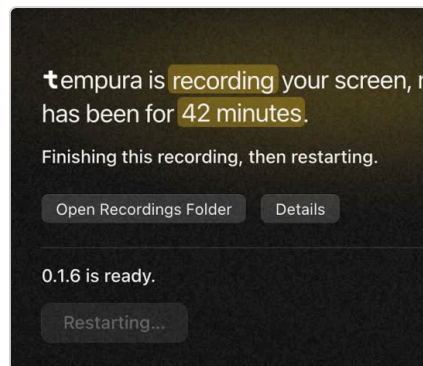
Updates

Tempura checks for updates a few minutes after launch and every six hours; **Check for Updates...** in the menu does it now. When one is ready the window says so and offers **Restart to Update**. Recording stops for a few seconds and resumes on the new version.

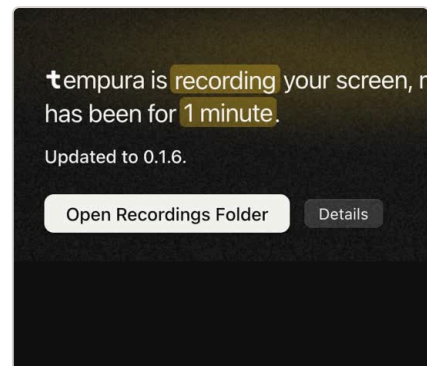
After a very long recording the first press can answer "Tempura could not restart yet". Press **Restart to Update** again; if you do not, it installs on its own the next time your Mac is locked.



Ready.



Restarting.



Updated.

Your recordings on the console

Sign in at <https://console.usetempura.com/>. **Recordings** lists every session with its condition and files; **Devices** lists the Macs you have signed in; **Leaderboard** ranks released recording hours; **Payouts** is where you set your UPI ID and request a payout.

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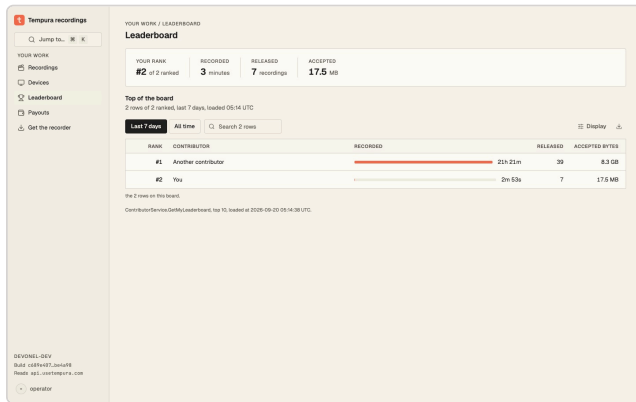
Recordings. Rows here are sample data, yours will show your sessions.

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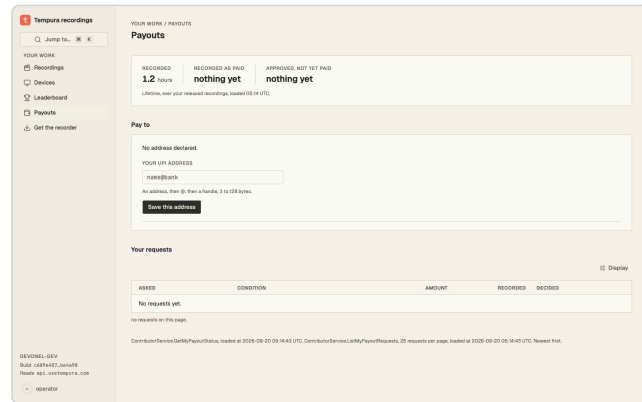
Devices.

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Leaderboard and payouts



Leaderboard.

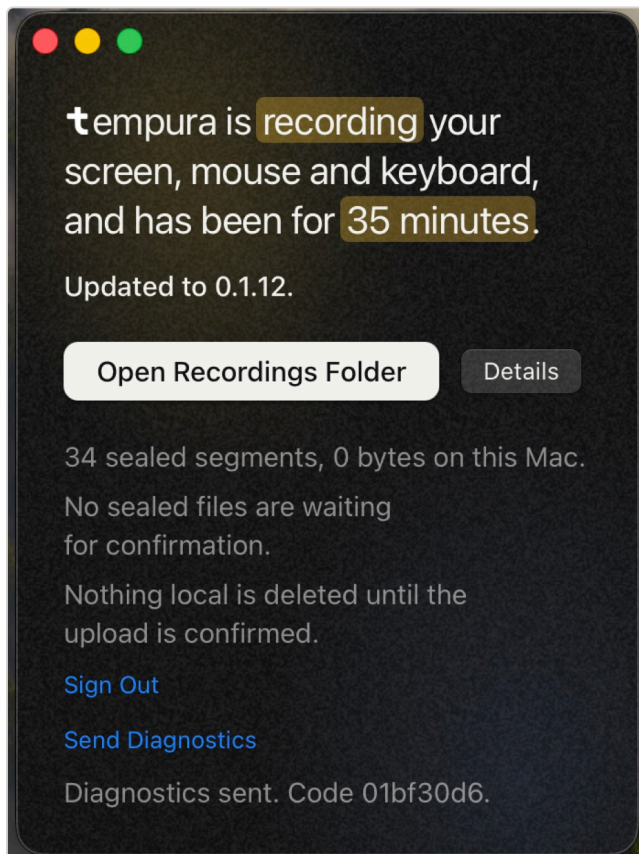


Payouts.

When it breaks: Send Diagnostics

1. Click the **t** in the menu bar, then **Open Tempura**.
2. Press **Details**, then **Send Diagnostics**.
3. The line below it reads "**Diagnostics sent. Code XXXXXXXX.**" Send that code, one line on what you saw, and roughly when.

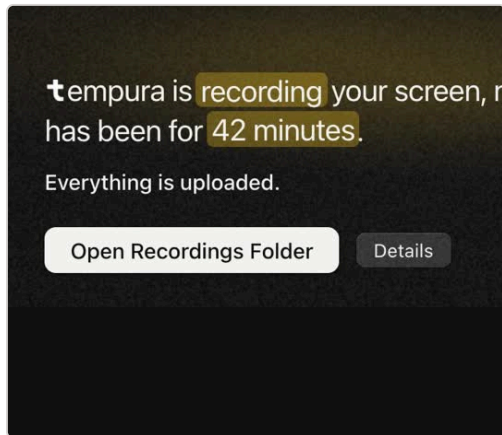
The diagnostics file is the app's own log with names, paths and typed text removed before it is written; nothing you recorded is in it. If the app crashed, just say when: the crash report arrives by itself. If the line says it could not be sent, check your connection and press again.



Details, Send Diagnostics, and the code to send.

Signing out

Sign Out sits in the same Details section. It stops the current recording cleanly, keeps every unconfirmed file on your Mac, and returns the window to the sign-in state. Recording does not resume until someone signs in again. To remove Tempura, sign out first, quit it from the menu, then drag it from Applications to the Trash.



The everyday view: recording, with the time so far.