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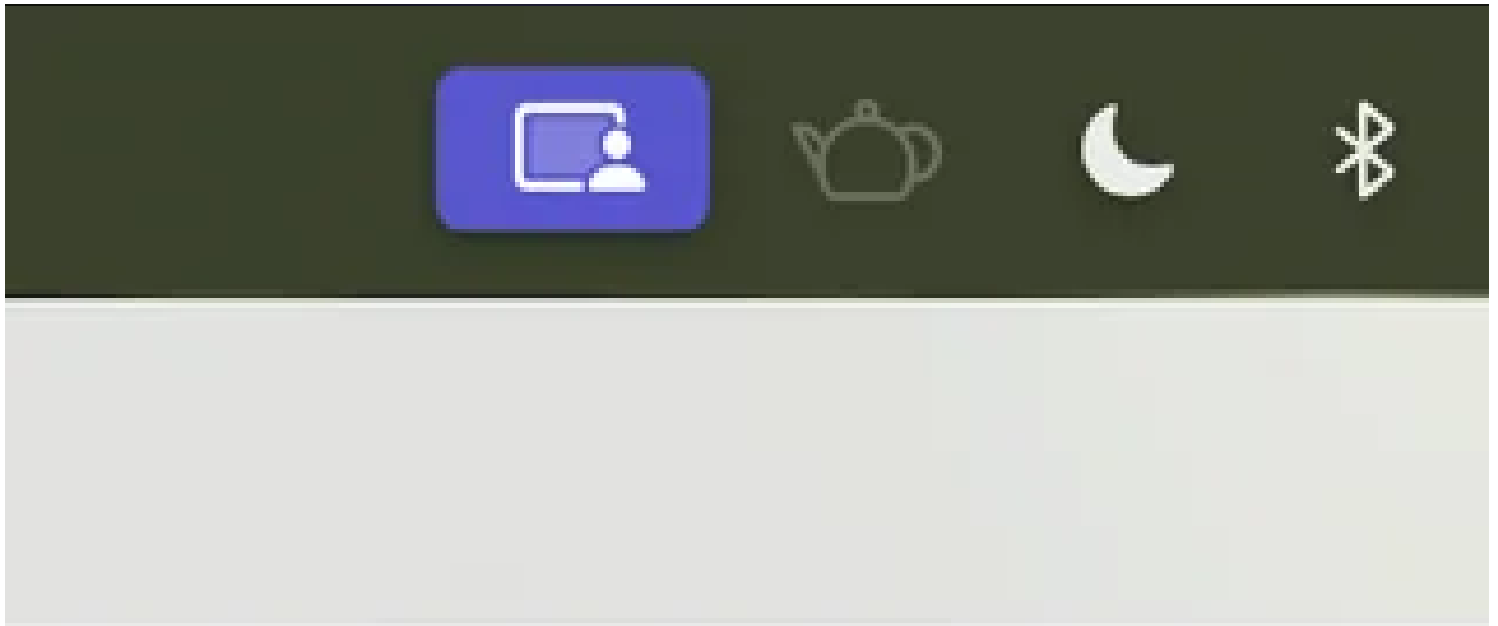
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Anyone know what this Purple Icon is -and why Bartender can't get rid of it?

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So when I click it it say's that it's Display Link Manager -which is another program I use to be able to use a second screen on my Macbook Air -But Display link already has an icon -Plus Bartender doesn't even identify it so can't Hide it. It's like it's MacOS system icon telling me that Display Link is using a second screen -any help here would be great -thanks guys

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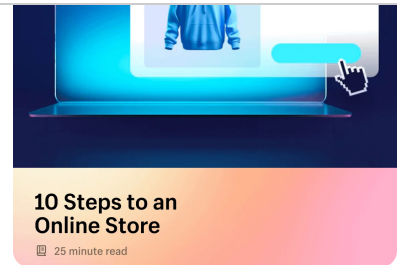
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You can't. macOS is telling you that your screen is being shared through DisplayLink. In fact this icon appears as a privacy notice whenever you're sharing your screen, plus you can click on it to access convenient features. Privacy wise it's similar to the microphone usage icon and hence cannot be hidden.



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I think it means an app is viewing your screen.



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This is the "someone is observing/sharing your screen" icon. Look at your system settings under privacy for screen, recording, and turn off any applications that you don't want to give the ability to record your screen.



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Sometimes I feel like, somebody's watching you (can't get no privacy)



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**JohnLockeNJ** • 6d ago

Here is how you get rid of it for DisplayLink:

<https://niclake.me/mac-displaylink/>

To get the instructions to work for myself however I had to substitute my own user-created directory like /Users/JohnLockeNJ/Documents/Scripts to store the script rather than /usr/local/bin/

I use the same technique to keep Bartender 4 itself from triggering the purple icon, except in the listed instructions I used the command I pasted at this URL instead of the DisplayLink one.

<https://codefile.io/f/BmMzQdc3MX>

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Does anybody know what this app icon is?



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I didn't notice that the email icon had text.

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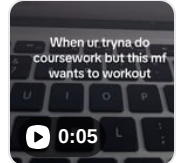
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How did Apple think that these icons are release ready? They hurt my eyes.

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Why does it do this?

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I've never noticed this feature before...

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I just noticed this, but only after I upgraded to Sequoia. Was this available before, i don't remember? Where was this in my life??

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I hate this update with all my heart.

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Oh ok then

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Is there any way to change the sidebar icons?

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Uh... is this normal?

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Will this ever be fixed?

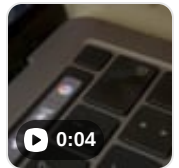
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Apple forgot to update something

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Fun tip: if you have a folder named "Developer" and it's located at root (so ~/Developer), it will have a neat little hammer icon next to it if pinned in the sidebar!

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How do I get rid of these annoying notifications every time I open my Mac and unlock it. How do I keep it from popping up every time it's getting annoying having to clear them...

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Translucent UI starts to hit hard ngl

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When did this display popup become a thing? Never seen it

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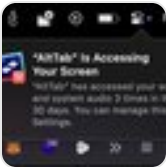
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How can I stop this pop-up from continuously appearing?



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Menu Bar, how I love thee!

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anyone knows what this is about?

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Power user here



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