

Apple Watch Unlock Guide for macOS High Sierra

- 1: Sign out of iCloud on the Mac
- 2: Shutdown the Mac
- 3: On iPhone > Settings > Tap on your name at the very top (AppleID) > Scroll down to bottom and find your MacBook Pro (if it's even present)
- 4: Tap on the MacBook Pro and then tap on 'Remove from Account' at the bottom. You may need to do this a few times if you see the same MacBook Pro reappear; this usually happens when you had another version of macOS installed, especially an unsupported 'patched' version.
- 5: With the upgraded 802.11ac Wi-Fi card installed in the machine, clean install High Sierra.
- 6: Do NOT sign into iCloud during the High Sierra install (Click: 'Skip').
- 7: During the High Sierra install towards the end, choose the same Wi-Fi network as your iPhone and Watch, making sure the devices are all on the same Wi-Fi frequency and SSID (ex: 5 GHz).
- 8: Shutdown the Mac once you see the Desktop for the first time after the clean install.
- 9: While holding the Command and R keys, turn on the Mac and continue to hold the two keys until you see the progress bar, which indicates Recovery Mode is starting.
- 10: Click on 'Utilities' on the top bar.
- 11: Click on 'Terminal'
- 12: Type the phrase and hit return to disable SIP: `csrutil disable; reboot`
- 13: Wait for the machine to reboot (might take a moment as it might say: *'busy updating; waiting for lock'*)
- 14: Open the App Store and check for updates and install all of them. Continue to do this until there are no more updates available. (May require several restarts if you have an older High Sierra installer file without the newer updates already baked-in).
- 15: Run our provided bash script ([download link here](#)). You may need to right-click and select 'Open With', and then choose the 'Terminal' application in the 'Utilities' folder. The script will prompt you to enter in your password.
- 16: Shutdown the Mac (do not click restart)
- 17: Boot the Mac
- 18: Log into iCloud on the Mac
- 19: Once iCloud is finished setting up, make sure that 'Keychain' is selected under iCloud
- 20: Go to System Preferences > Security & Privacy and enable: 'Allow your Apple Watch to unlock your Mac' It should say: 'Turning on' to the right of the phrase and will then disappear and the checkbox will then be check marked for you. This may take one or two minutes for the 'Turning on' message to disappear.
- 21: Shutdown the Mac (do not click restart)
- 22: Boot the Mac
- 23: Enter the Mac user login password
- 24: Wait a few minutes, use apps, etc.
- 25: Press the Control, Command, and Q keys all at the same time to bring you to the lock screen.
- 26: Wait until the display goes dark with no image.
- 27: Press any key to wake the Mac.

28: Watch should now unlock the Mac.

29: Do NOT re-enable SIP. Doing so will cause Wi-Fi to be broken. If you reset your PRAM, SIP will automatically re-enable itself. If Wi-Fi continues to work even with SIP enabled again, then you probably won't have to disable SIP until you experience issues.