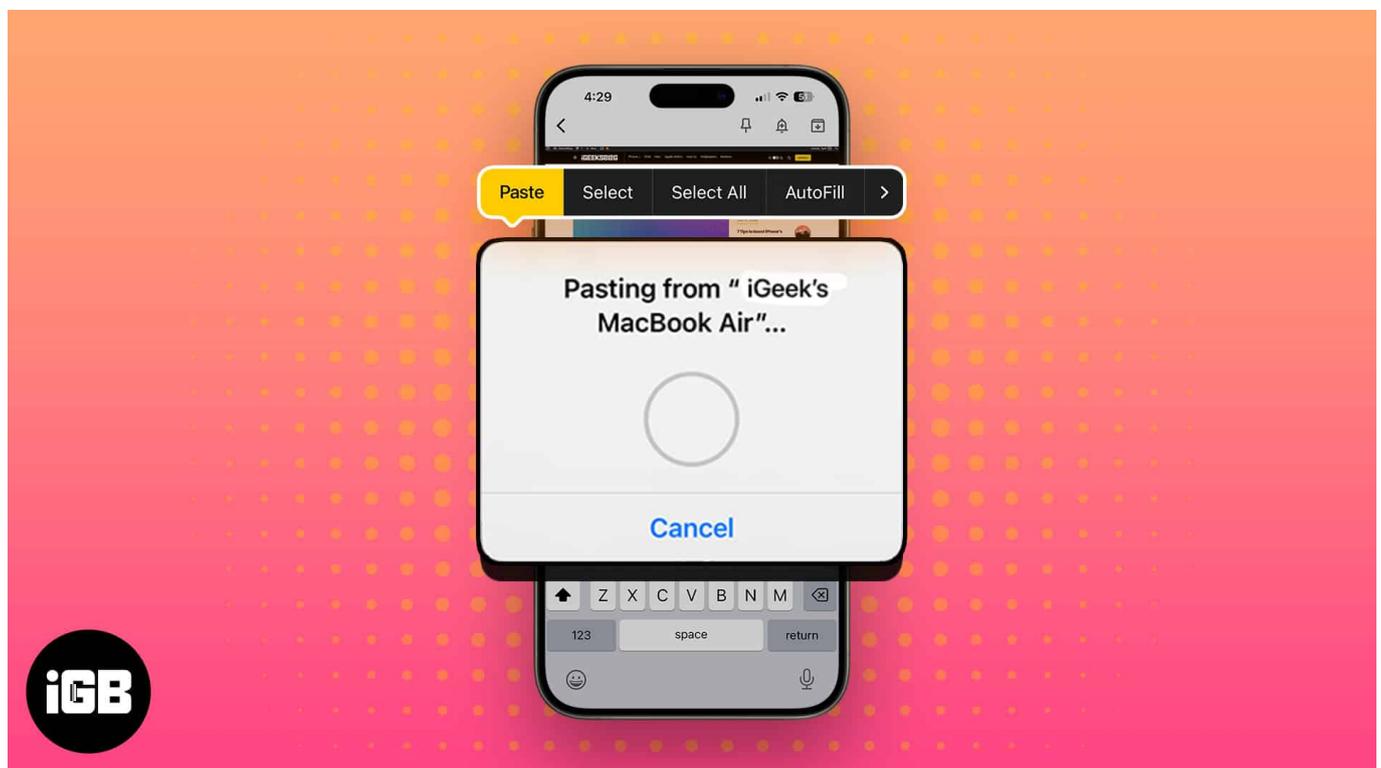Key Takeaways

- Control + Command + Shift + 3: Capture the entire Mac screen and save screenshots to the clipboard.
- Control + Command + Shift + 4: Allows you to select a section of the screen.
- Press Command + V to paste the screenshot.

Do you know you can use your Mac screenshots without saving them? Say goodbye to cluttered desktops and simplify your workflow by learning to copy Mac screenshots to the clipboard.

So, you can directly paste the screenshots from the Mac clipboard and don't need to save them.

How to copy screenshots to the clipboard on Mac

Before we get down to the steps, familiarize yourself with the Universal Clipboard feature on your Mac. Once you successfully enabled Handoff for your devices, consider the steps below to take screenshots and copy them to the clipboard on your MacBook.

Method 1: Via Keyboard shortcuts

First off, go to the screen you want to capture.

Next, you need to press the **Control (⌃)** key on the keyboard. Now, you need to hold **Shift (⇧)+Command (⌘)+ 4** shortcut to send an image of part of the screen to the clipboard.

Simply hold the **Control (⌃)+Shift (⇧)+Command (⌘)+ 3** to take the screenshot of the entire screen.

Press **Command + V** to paste the screenshot.

It works flawlessly for every device running with the same Apple ID. For instance, I directly paste screenshots from the Mac clipboard on my iPhone.
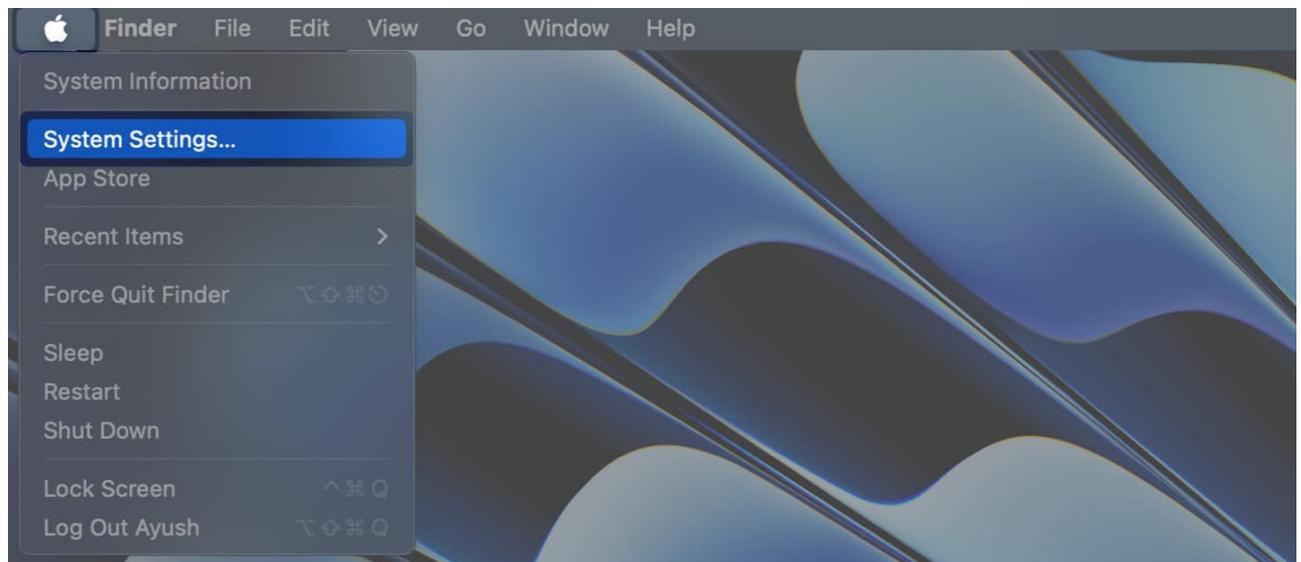
Method 2: Using the Screenshot app

1. Access your desired **screen** on Mac.
2. Press **Command + Shift + 5** altogether.
3. Click **Options** → Select **Clipboard** from the Save to menu.
4. Set the **screenshot parameters** as you desire → Click **Capture**.
   *Alternatively, you can press **Return** to copy the screenshot to your clipboard.*
5. Now, simply **paste** the screenshot on your Mac.

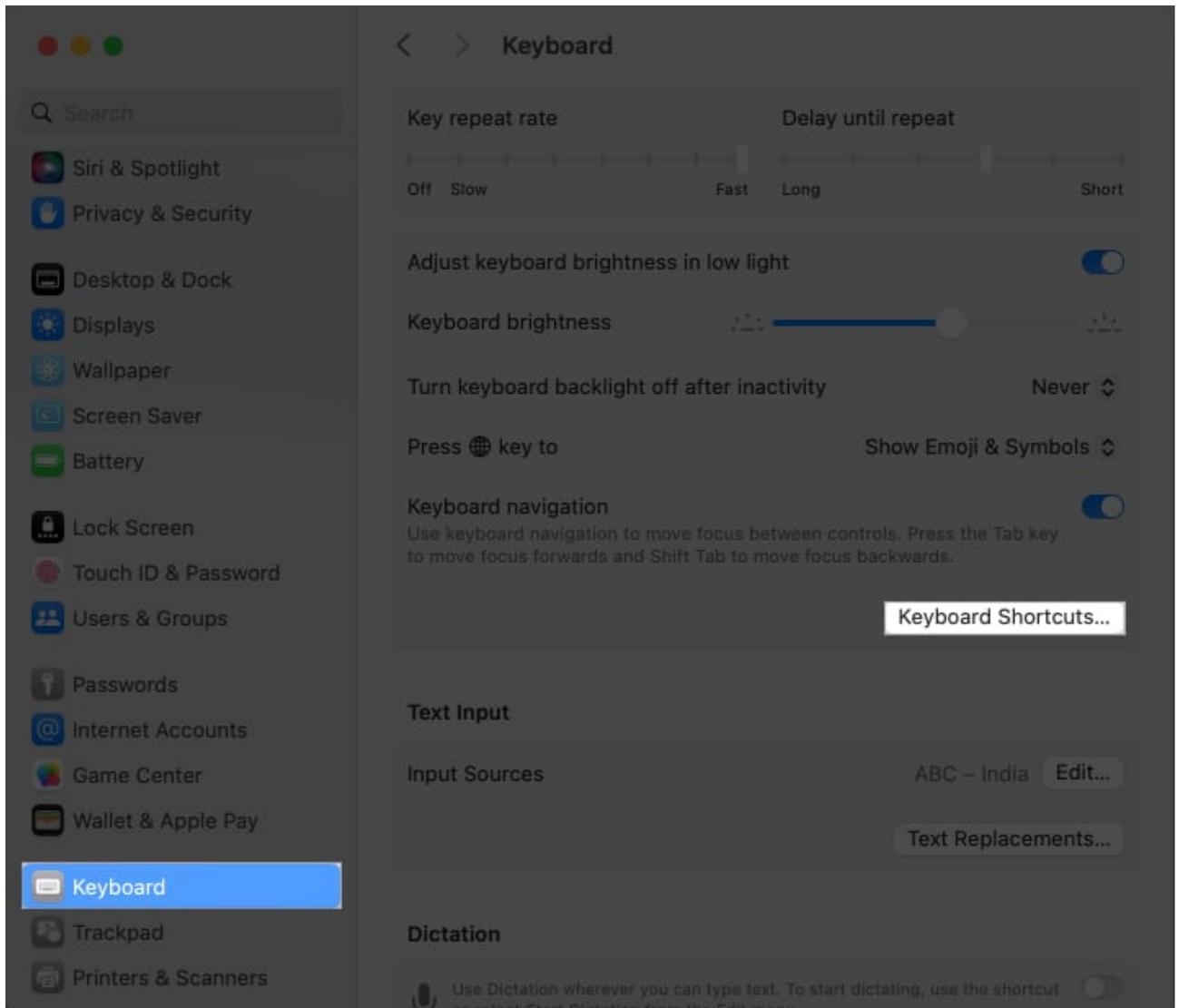You may also paste the screenshot on your iPhone with the same Apple ID.

How to customize your Mac screenshot shortcuts

We're not done here. You can customize keyboard shortcuts for your convenience to copy and save screenshots to a clipboard in a jiffy. Here's how:
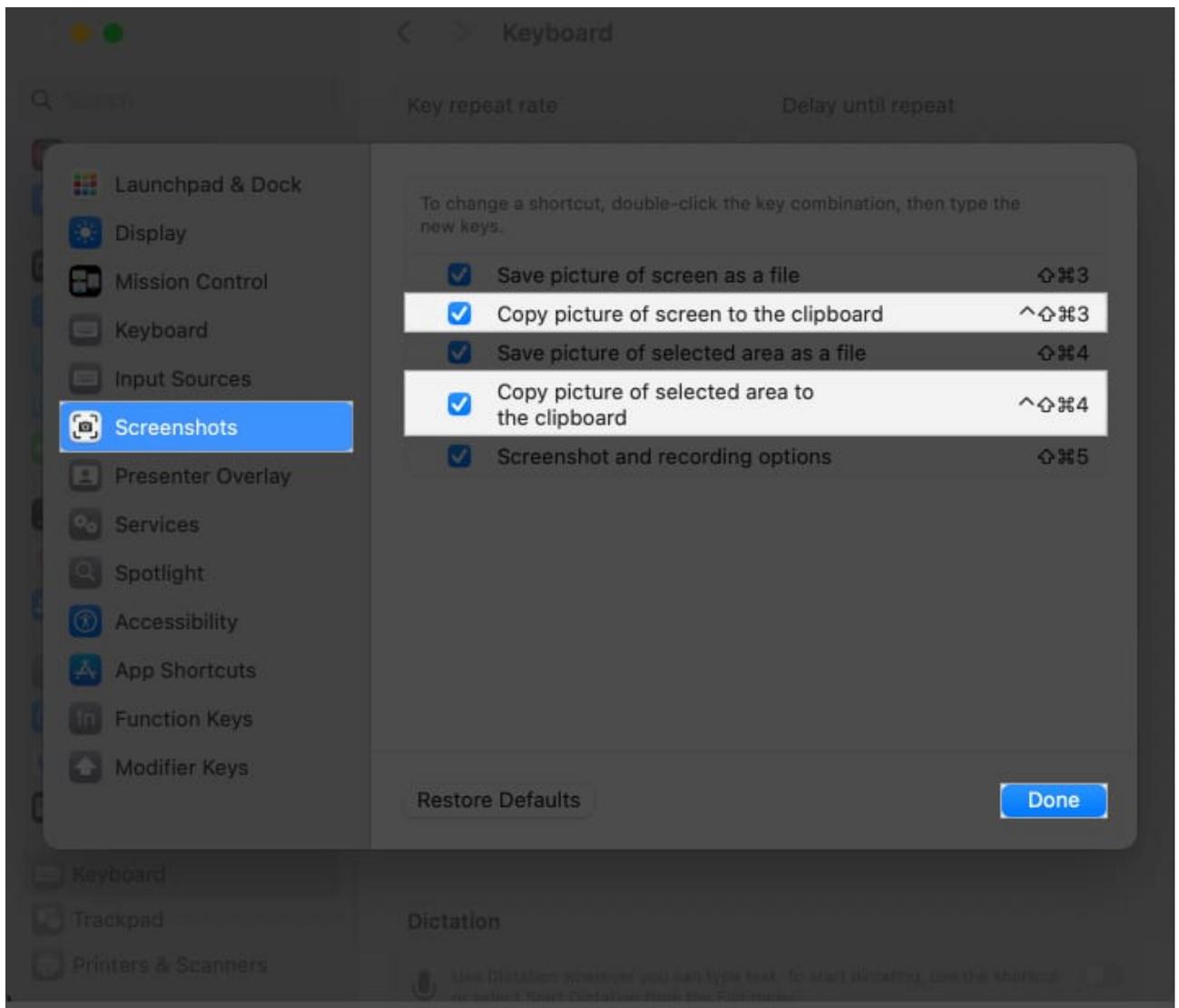
1. Click the **Apple logo (⌘) → System Settings**.

2. Select **Keyboard** from the left pane → Click **Keyboard Shortcuts**.

3. Choose **Screenshots** → Select the **clipboard** options.
4. Double-click the **key combinations** → Enter the **new keys**.
   You can use a maximum of four keys for a shortcut.
5. Hit **Done** to save your preferences.

Elevate your screenshot game!

The idea of copying anything on iPhone and pasting it in a document on Mac or vice-versa is really super handy and productive. I've always found it neat and therefore would recommend you to take advantage of it to enhance your experience.

Read more:

- [Screenshot not working on Mac? 8 Quick fixes](#)
- [How to take screenshots on iPad using gestures](#)
- [How to Take a Picture or Record a Video on Mac](#)