



What's New for Business

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The new iPad Pro and iMac bring powerful new features to supercharge productivity wherever work needs to happen. And even more management and security updates give IT admins added control and flexibility.



Product Updates

New iPad Pro

The iPad Pro with the M1 chip and 5G wireless redefines power and versatility in and out of the office. The 11-inch iPad Pro has an incredible Liquid Retina display and supports a full-size keyboard, while remaining thin and light for portability. The new 12.9-inch iPad Pro features the Liquid Retina XDR display, delivering a stunning visual experience¹. M1 makes iPad Pro lightning fast for almost any task while remaining power efficient with all-day battery life². The new Ultra Wide camera enables Center Stage, which automatically keeps a presenter perfectly framed for video calls, remote whiteboard sessions, and customer meetings. Cellular models deliver super fast wireless³ with 5G. iPad Pro has the most 5G bands of any device of its kind, giving employees the flexibility to work just about anywhere.

New iMac

The new iMac, powered by the M1 chip, offers a much more compact and remarkably thin design with incredible speed and performance to handle even the most demanding workloads. iMac includes a 24-inch 4.5K Retina display⁴ with 11.3 million pixels, a 1080p FaceTime HD camera with an improved microphone and speaker system, Thunderbolt and USB 4 for expansion, and an optional 1Gbps Ethernet port in the power adapter for a less cluttered desktop. And new to desktop for the first time, Magic Keyboard with Touch ID enables employees to switch accounts with the touch of a finger.⁵

Management Updates

Updated Mac mini configuration option

Mac mini with M1 can now be configured with 10Gb Ethernet allowing employees to move files around up to 10 times faster and connect to high-performance networks or NAS storage devices. This option also enables Lights Out Management enabling remote startup, shutdown, or reboot of compatible Mac computers that are not easily accessible. This is ideal for organizations who use Mac Pro or Mac mini in server racks.

New MDM restrictions in iOS and iPadOS

By default, supervised iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad devices in Recovery Mode are restricted from being erased and restored to the operating system by an unpaired device. IT can choose to opt-out of this new behavior. IT can now restrict unlock iPhone with Apple Watch. Dictation content can be restricted from being sent to Apple. And NFC can now be disabled in compatible devices.

Deploy iPhone and iPad apps on Mac

IT teams can now remotely deploy iPhone and iPad apps on a Mac with Apple silicon using Apple Business Manager and MDM. Managed app distribution is also available, so the app can be installed directly on a Mac without requiring an Apple ID.

Managed Software Updates in macOS Big Sur

Managed software updates enables IT to defer updates on supervised devices for up to 90 days. With macOS 11.3, admins can now defer software updates for major, minor, and non-OS updates with independent deferral windows. When updating devices, admins can also prompt users to restart their Mac in addition to force restarting through MDM. This allows users to save documents or finish up tasks before restarting the device.

Shared iPad updates

Shared iPad for business enables iPad to be shared between multiple employees, while still providing a personalized experience. Employees simply sign in with a company-provided Managed Apple ID and password. iPadOS 14.5 adds even more options for IT to configure Shared iPad including the ability to show only the Temporary Session option at the sign-in screen and set automatic logout after a specified period of inactivity.

AppleSeed for IT

To help IT teams get ready, Apple provides in-depth beta documentation and release notes that are focused on IT admin workflows. Organizations can get started by participating in the free AppleSeed for IT program at appleseed.apple.com/it/.

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1.The displays have rounded corners. When measured diagonally as a rectangle, the iPad Pro 12.9-inch screen is 12.9 inches and the iPad Pro 11-inch screen is 11 inches. Actual viewable area is less.
2.Battery life varies by use and configuration. See apple.com/batteries for more information. 3. Data plan required. 5G is available in select markets and through select carriers. Speeds vary based on site conditions and carrier. For details on 5G support, contact your carrier and see apple.com/ipad/cellular. 4. Actual diagonal screen size is 23.5 inches. 5. Magic Keyboard with Touch ID is included with the 24-inch iMac systems with Apple M1 chip and 8-core GPU and is available as an option on systems with 7-core GPU. © 2021 Apple Inc. All rights reserved. Apple, the Apple logo, Apple Watch, App Store, FaceTime, iOS, iPad, iPad Pro, iPadOS, iPhone, iPod touch, Liquid Retina, Mac, Mac mini, iMac, Mac Pro, macOS, Magic Keyboard, Retina, and Touch ID are trademarks of Apple Inc., registered in the U.S. and other countries. Other product and company names mentioned herein may be trademarks of their respective companies. April 2021