# Major Apple Future Software Announcements

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## **Apple's Upcoming Software Releases**

#### iOS 26



#### macOS 26 Tahoe



#### iPadOS 26



#### watchOS 26



#### Also Updates to visionOS 26 and tvOS 26

### Major New Software Features

https://www.macrumors.com/2025/06/09/everything-apple-announced-wwdc-2025/

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## Major Apple Software Trends

- Better Software Parity on All Platforms
  - New design on all platforms Liquid Glass
  - New consistent numbering scheme for all Apple OS Apps
  - Most new features will appear in some form on all platforms
  - iPad is much more Mac-like
- AI (which Apple calls Apple Intelligence) is pervasive on all Apple Silicon platforms but not Intel Macs
  - Apple Silicon chips have a Neural Engine that facilitates machine learning
  - Apple is expanding incorporation of Generative Artificial Intelligence models with machine learning and the use of Large Language Models
  - Much of Apple's AI is performed solely on device for enhanced security
  - Less emphasis on Apple Intelligence at this year's WWDC
- Support for Intel Based Macs is dying
  - Only a couple of Intel Macs are supported with Tahoe most cannot run Tahoe
  - The next macOS release in 2026 (macOS 27?) cannot be installed on any Intel Macs
  - Rosetta 2 support (which allows Intel software to run on Silicon Macs) will be dropped in 2027
  - Your new or updated apps should be either Apple Silicon or Universal to ensure future compatibility

# Brief History of Mac Operating Systems

Classic Mac OS from System 1 in 1984 to Mac OS 9 in 1999  $\bullet$ 

- 10.0 Cheetah on March 14, 2001
- 10.1 Puma on September 15, 2001
- 10.2 Jaguar on August 14, 2002
- 10.3 Panther on October 24, 2003
- 10.4 Tiger on April 29, 2005 PowerPC to Intel & Rosetta
- 10.5 Leopard on October 26, 2007 (iPhone June 29, 2007)
- 10.6 Snow Leopard on August 28, 2009 End PowerPC
- 10.7 Lion on July 20, 2011 (iPad April 3, 2010)
- 10.8 Mountain Lion on July 25, 2012
- 10.9 Mavericks on October 22, 2013
- 10.10 Yosemite on October 16, 2014

#### 25 years of macOS

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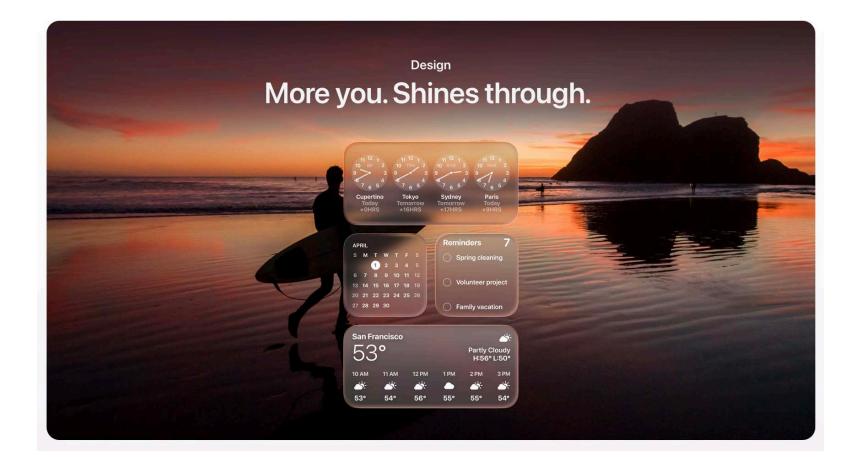
- 10.12 Sierra on September 20, 2016
- 10.13 High Sierra on September 25, 2017
- 10.14 Mojave on September 24, 2018
- 10.15 Catalina on October 7, 2019
- 11.0 Big Sur on Nov. 12, 2020 Intel to Apple Silicon & Rosetta 2
- 12.0 Monterey on October 25, 2021
- 13.0 Ventura on October 24, 2022
- 14.0 Sonoma on September 26, 2023
- 15.0 Sequoia on September 16, 2024 (Vision Pro Feb. 2, 2024)
- 26.0 Tahoe in Fall of 2025



### macOS 26 Tahoe Major New Features

- New Design with Liquid Glass
- New Phone app with Live Activities
- Better ability to manage unwanted calls
- Hold Assist for phone
- Enhanced Spotlight capabilities
- Clipboard History
- Live Translation
- Visual Intelligence using content on screen
- Journal app now on Mac





## macOS 26 Tahoe Compatibility

iMac (2020 and later)\*

MacBook Air with App

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MacBook Pro with App

MacBook Pro (16-inch 4 Thunderbolt 3 ports)

Mac Pro (2019 and late

Mac Studio (2022 and

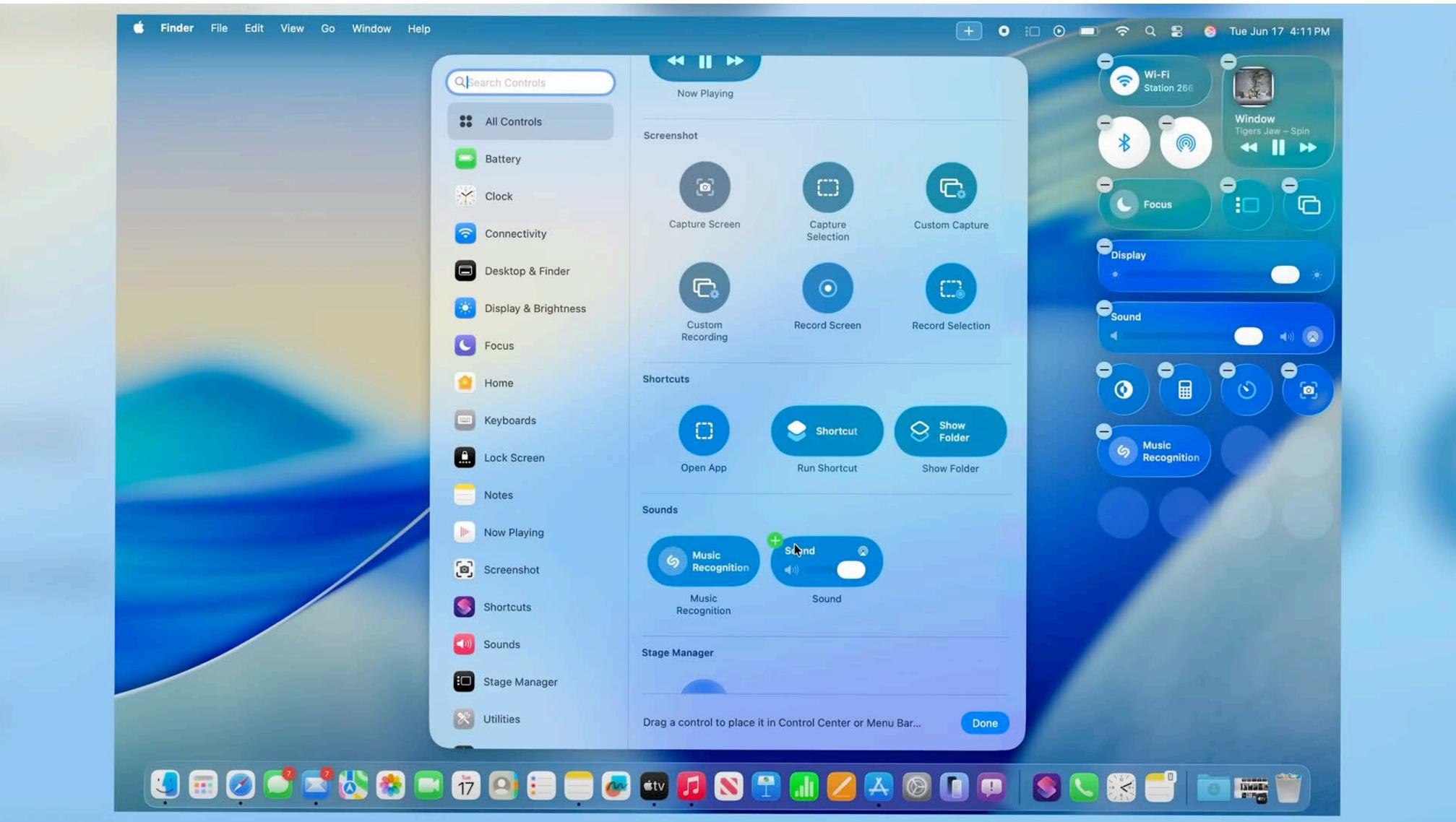
Mac mini (2020 and later)

Compatibility with many Intel Macs has been dropped as Intel models are being phased out. The remaining Intel models (indicated by \* in the above list) will not support many of macOS Tahoe's new features. Apple Intelligence is only supported on Apple Silicon Macs (M1 chips or later).

Firewire support has been dropped

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### Major macOS 26 Tahoe New Features



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# Brief History of iOS Operating Systems

- iPhone OS 1 on June 29, 2007 (with original iPhone release)
- iPhone OS 2 on July 11, 2008
- iPhone OS 3 on June 17, 2009
- iPhone OS 3 for original iPad released on April 3 2010
- iOS 4 on June 21, 2010 for iPhone & iPad
- iOS 5 on October 12, 2011 for iPhone & iPad
- iOS 6 on September 19, 2012 for iPhone & iPad
- iOS 7 on September 18, 2013 for iPhone & iPad
- iOS 8 on September 17, 2014 for iPhone & iPad
- iOS 9 on September 16, 2015 for iPhone & iPad (tvOS Branch)

18 years of iOS

- iOS 10 on September 13, 2016 for iPhone & iPad
- iOS 11 on September 19, 2017 for iPhone & iPad
- iOS 12 on September 17, 2018 for iPhone & iPad
- iOS 13 & iPadOS 13 on September 19 and 24, 2019 (iPadOS Branch)
- iOS 14 & iPadOS 14 on September 16, 2020
- iOS 15 & iPadOS 15 on September 20, 2021
- iOS 16 & iPadOS 16 on September 12 & October 24, 2022
- iOS 17 & iPadOS 17 on September 18, 2023
- iOS 18 & iPadOS 18 on September 16, 2024
- iOS 26 & iPadOS 26 in Fall of 2025



## iOS 26 Major New Features

- New Design with Liquid Glass
- Live Translation
- Better ability to manage unwanted calls
- Screen new senders
- Hold Assist for phone
- Message app enhancements
- Maps app understands preferred routes and visited places
- Visual Intelligence using content on screen
- New Games app





## iPhone iOS 26 Compatibility

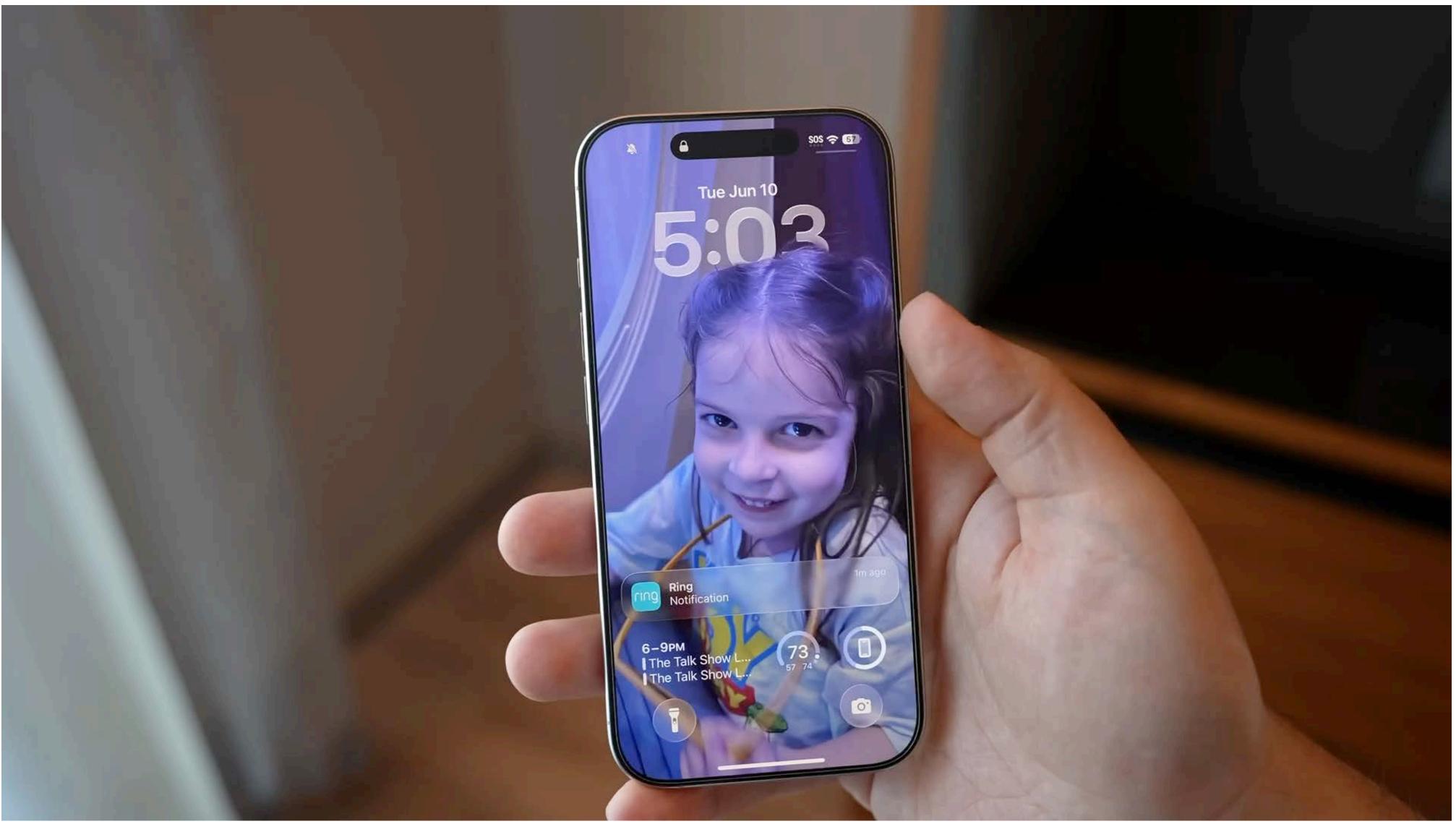
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iPhone 16
iPhone 16 Plus
iPhone 16 Pro
iPhone 16 Pro Max
iPhone 15
iPhone 15 Plus
iPhone 15 Pro
iPhone 15 Pro Max
iPhone 14
iPhone 14 Plus
iPhone 14 Pro
iPhone 14 Pro Max

Several other iOS 26 new features are not supported on older iPhone models.

iPhone 13
iPhone 13 mini
iPhone 13 Pro
iPhone 13 Pro Max
iPhone 12
iPhone 12 mini
iPhone 12 Pro
iPhone 12 Pro Max
iPhone 11
iPhone 11 Pro
iPhone 11 Pro Max
 iPhone SE (2nd generation or later)

• Apple Intelligence is only supported on iPhone 15 Pro and iPhone 15 Pro Max and all iPhone 16 models.

## Major iOS 26 New Features



#### https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gCov2x7oo6Y&t=370s

### iPadOS 26 Major New Features

- New Design with Liquid Glass
- Windows now on iPad similar to Mac (replaces previous multitasking feature)
- Exposé allows easy switching of windows
- New Menu Bar similar to Mac
- New Files app
- Folders in Dock
- Preview app now on iPad
- Live Translation
- Phone app now on iPad
- Message app enhancements





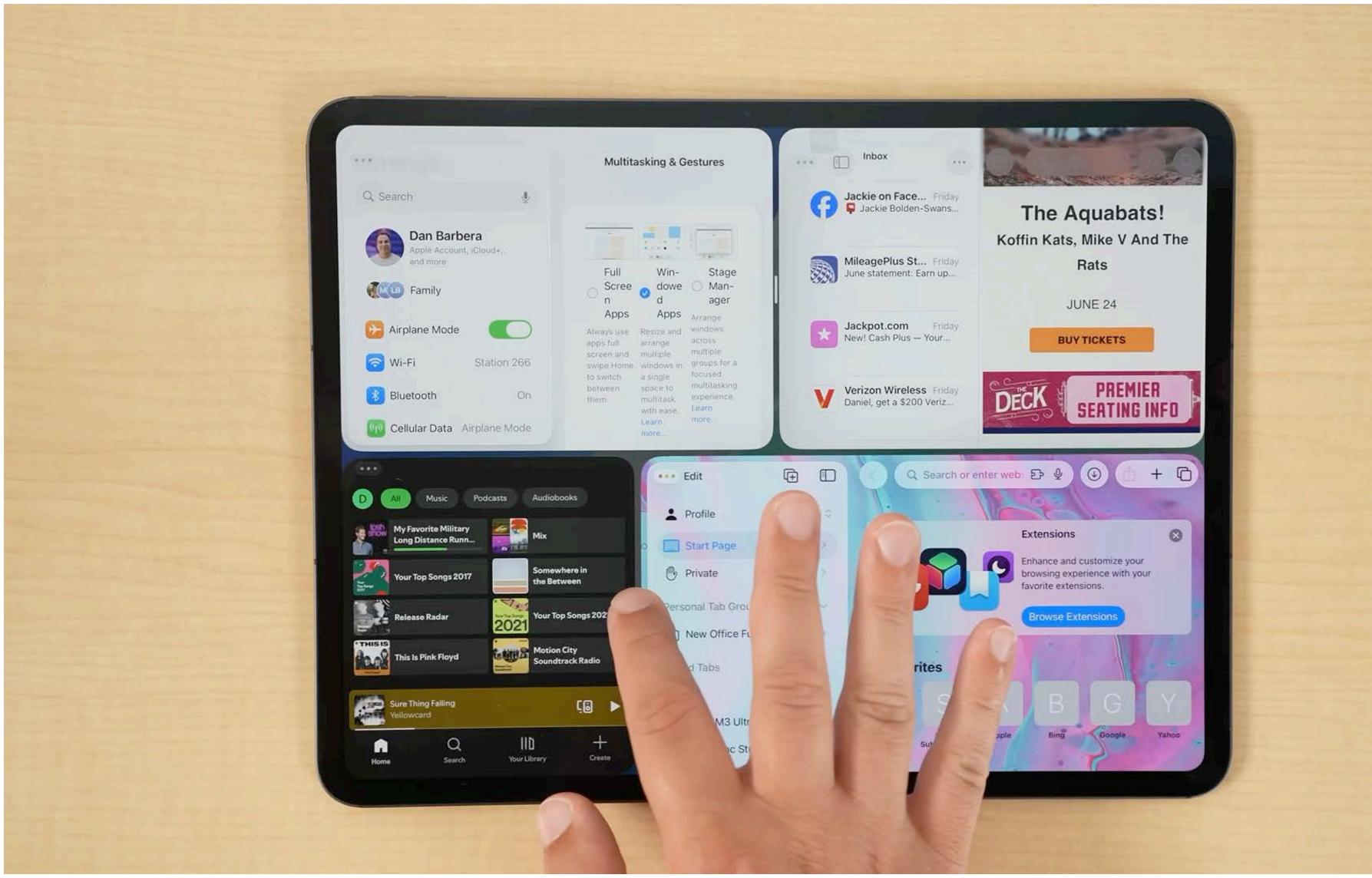
### iPadOS 26 Compatibility

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• Apple Intelligence is only available on iPad models with either M-series chips or A17 Pro (or later) chips.



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#### Major iPadOS 26 New Features

### watchOS 26 Major New Features

- New Design with Liquid Glass
- Workout Buddy
- Sleek Smart Stack
- New Notes app
- Refreshed Control Center
- Live Translation



### watchOS 26 Compatibility

- Requires iPhone 11 or later or iPhone SE (2nd generation models:
  - Apple Watch SE (2nd generation)
  - Apple Watch Series 6
  - Apple Watch Series 7
  - Apple Watch Series 8
  - Apple Watch Series 9
  - Apple Watch Series 10
  - Apple Watch Ultra
  - Apple Watch Ultra 2

• Requires iPhone 11 or later or iPhone SE (2nd generation or later) with iOS 26 and one of the following Apple Watch

#### New system software with Liquid Glass and many other new features is coming to all recent Apple devices this fall (probably **September or October**) macOS 26 Tahoe iOS 26, iPadOS 26, tvOS 26, watchOS 26, and visionOS 26



#### Summary