



The evolution of macOS

2001-2025

Tahoe macOS 26 (September 15, 2025)

Tahoe introduces the new **Liquid Glass design**, smarter Apple Intelligence, and a seamless Phone app with real-time FaceTime translation.



Sequoia macOS 15 (2024)

Apple Intelligence debuts with new Writing Tools, Image Playground, Genmoji, and improved Siri. **iPhone Mirroring** now lets you control your locked phone from Mac, and a cross-platform **Passwords app** arrives.



Sonoma macOS 14 (September 26, 2023)

Sonoma brings **desktop widgets** to the Mac, a Game Mode, and new stunning screensavers. **Video conferencing** also gets more engaging with great new features to help users present remotely.



Ventura macOS 13 (October 24, 2022)

With **Stage Manager**, new multitasking opportunities arrive. **Continuity Camera** enables you to replace Mac webcam with your iPhone camera.



Monterey macOS 12 (October 25, 2021)

Universal Control, Shortcuts, and SharePlay bring macOS and iOS even closer together. **Face Time** gets some epic visual and audio updates.



Big Sur macOS 11 (November 19, 2020)

Epic **design change**: new Control Center, notifications, and more. With the transition to Apple's M1 chips, you can now **run iOS apps natively** on Mac.



Catalina macOS 10.15 (October 7, 2019)

iTunes is replaced by dedicated apps for music, movies, and podcasts. It's now possible to **port iOS apps to macOS** and expand your workspace with **Sidecar**.



Mojave macOS 10.14 (September 24, 2018)

Visual refinements introduced via **Dark Mode** and **Dynamic Desktop** take central stage in Mojave. The new apps migrating from iOS include Stocks, News, Home, and Voice Memos.



High Sierra macOS 10.13 (September 25, 2017)

Major improvements go unnoticed for a user, but the overall performance skyrockets, due to embracing **Apple File System** and a new video standard, **HEVC**.



Sierra macOS 10.12 (September 20, 2016)

With Sierra, OS X dies and macOS is born. The renamed system introduces even more iOS perks like **Siri** and unlocking Mac with **Apple Watch**.



El Capitan OS X 10.11 (September 30, 2015)

El Capitan features **Split Views** - dualwindow functionality for arranging and managing app windows. Plus, OS X 10.11 comes with improved Safari, Mail, and Spotlight.



Yosemite OS X 10.10 (October 16, 2014)

A completely new sleek design is what Yosemite is remembered for. **Continuity** and **Handoff** integrated into the new OS strengthen bonds between iOS and OS X devices.



Mavericks OS X 10.9 (October 22, 2013)

Maps, iBooks, and Tags debut in the first inanimate OS X - Mavericks. To enable secure password encryption and storage, **iCloud Keychain** is introduced.



Mountain Lion OS X 10.8 (July 25, 2012)

Mountain Lion adds new integrations and further iOS perks like **Reminders**, **Notes**, and **Messages**. It gets easier to track app updates via the **Notification Center**.



Lion OS X 10.7 (July 20, 2011)

iCloud arrives. Apart from that, lots of iOS advancements find reflection in OS X Lion, covering **Launchpad**, **multi-touch** gestures, and more.



Snow Leopard OS X 10.6 (August 28, 2009)

While Leopard did a great job, Snow Leopard arrives to refine it even more. Mainly, it comes with apps rewritten in 64 bit and OpenCL. The 2009 OS X release is also known for **Mac App Store** launch.



Leopard OS X 10.5 (October 26, 2007)

Long-awaited and Mac-changing. Leopard gives a spectacular leap, introducing **Time Machine**, Boot Camp, QuickLook, and full support for 64-bit software.



Tiger OS X 10.4 (April 29, 2005)

A rich harvest for Mac, Tiger marks the launch of 200+ new features. **Spotlight** search and **Dashboard** are the top stars, with Apple TV, Automator, and VoiceOver joining the crowd.



Panther OS X 10.3 (October 24, 2003)

Panther release introduces **Exposé**, a feature for seamless management of open applications. **Safari** officially becomes the default web browser.



Jaguar OS X 10.2 (August 23, 2002)

A large grey **Apple logo** appears for the first time, replacing Happy Mac at startup. Optimized search functionality of Finder and the first release of Accessibility API - **Universal Access**. App arrivals: iChat and Address Book.



Puma OS X 10.1 (September 25, 2001)

No big functionality updates, the focus is shifted to **performance** instead. From improved file management to CD and DVD burning, Puma just makes it work better.



Cheetah OS X 10.0 (March 24, 2001)

When you saw it, you wanted to lick it," said Steve Jobs about **Aqua** - the brand new UI born with the release of Cheetah. Preview, Mail, QuickTime, and TextEdit make debut at this point.

