What's New for Business WWDC 2021

The latest software updates from Apple enable employees to be more productive and collaborative. IT and security enhancements simplify deployment and management. And platform updates help developers build the next generation of business apps.



Connect with your team

Updates to FaceTime on iOS 15, iPadOS 15, and macOS Monterey enable employees to easily share their screen or interact with other content with SharePlay. New camera and microphone modes help reduce background distractions. Links to FaceTime calls can now be added to calendar invites and calls can now be joined from any device, including other platforms.

Be in the moment

New Focus modes across iOS, iPadOS and macOS help make it easy to concentrate on current tasks by muting non-urgent notifications. Focus status can be broadcast in messaging apps. Notifications have been redesigned and the all new notification summary helps to deliver the right content at the right time.

Get more done from anywhere

Multitasking improvements on iPad enable employees to more easily navigate apps in split-view mode. And iPadOS 15 brings redesigned widgets and the new App Library to provide more information at a glance. Updates to Notes with the new Quick Note and Activity View with mentions and tags help teams collaborate with ease. The redesigned Safari tab bar and extension support make it easier to work with web content.

Work in new ways with Mac

With macOS Monterey, employees can now AirPlay content to a Mac from their iPhone, iPad, or another Mac. With Universal Control, users can connect Mac or iPad with a single mouse and keyboard or trackpad, seamlessly dragging content between devices. Shortcuts are also now on Mac, which will let users quickly accomplish tasks with their most used apps.

Leverage on-device intelligence

Live Text and Visual Look Up enable Mac, iPhone, and iPad to leverage text or other info from an image for easy search and sharing. On-device dictation and Siri enhancements enable more with voice without an internet connection. Spotlight better surfaces information from within apps. And the new App Privacy report helps control and monitor how app data is being used.

Enhanced security and deployment for Mac

Apple Configurator for iPhone now makes it possible to add a T2 or Apple silicon Mac to Apple Business Manager regardless of where it was purchased. Admins can now remotely install and remove System Extensions using MDM. Security enhancements include the ability to set a password for recoveryOS and set remote lock on Mac computers with Apple silicon. Software updates have new enforcement options and a Mac can now more seamlessly erase all content and settings in one step.

Extended iPhone and iPad management

Managed Open-In controls the flow of corporate data between managed or unmanaged apps and has now been extended to include managing copy and paste. For unsupervised devices, IT teams can now specify one required app to be installed silently. And new options for software updates allows IT to keep users on a previous OS, while still getting important security updates A new version of the MDM framework with improved reliability and scaleability was also previewed to MDM developers.

Going even further with BYOD

User Enrollment for BYOD balances user privacy with securing corporate data. With iOS and iPadOS 15, a new Sign In to Work Account screen in Settings guides users through the MDM enrollment process with their Managed Apple ID. Once signed in, users can easily see details about their managed account. For managed accounts, iCloud Drive now shows a separate location in the Files app on iPhone or iPad and in Finder on Mac.

Powerful technologies for apps

WWDC sessions covered in-depth updates for enterprise developers across a wide range of tools, technologies, and APIs that enable new app experiences. Object Capture helps easily create 3D models of any object using the iPhone camera. Xcode Cloud accelerates the development and delivery of high-quality apps by bringing together cloud-based tools to build, run automated tests, deliver apps to testers, and manage user feedback. Updates to Swift help improve app performance and enable execution of asynchronous and parallel operations.

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