

Summary

The article describes the compatibility of macOS versions with different Mac models. The latest version, macOS 26 Tahoe, is compatible with all M-series Macs and the last generation of Intel-powered Macs from 2019. Older Macs, including some Intel-powered models from 2019, are not supported by macOS 26 Tahoe.

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Find out if you can run macOS Tahoe on your Mac and which version of macOS is best for you with our macOS compatibility checklist.

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Wondering which versions of macOS your Mac can run? We've put together a macOS compatibility checker that will show you what Macs the different versions of macOS and Mac OS X support, so you can tell what version you should be running on your Mac.

Which version of macOS can my Mac run?

Apple releases a new version of the Mac operating system every year—but the newest version of the Mac operating system does not support every Mac. Each year more and more Macs fall off the compatibility list and are unable to be updated to take advantage of the latest features.

The latest version, [macOS 26 Tahoe](#), arrived on September 15, 2025, it can run on all M-series Macs and the last generation of Intel-powered Macs from 2019, but the older Macs don't get all the new features. Read on to find out exactly which Macs are supported by each version of the Mac operating system.

For advice about installing macOS read: [How to install macOS on your Mac](#) and read our guide to [every version of macOS released](#) to find out about the latest version.

macOS 26 Tahoe compatibility



There were fears that macOS Tahoe would not support any Intel-powered Macs – luckily this isn't the case, but Apple has confirmed this will be the last version of macOS to support Macs that don't run on Apple's own silicon.

Apple lists the following Macs as compatible with macOS 26 Tahoe and the Apple Intelligence-powered features:

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M-series Macs that run Tahoe

- MacBook Pro (M1 and later)
- MacBook Air (M1 and later)
- iMac (M1 and later)
- Mac mini (M1 and later)
- Mac Studio (M1 and later)
- Mac Pro (M1 and later)

Intel Macs that run Tahoe

These are the Intel Macs that run macOS Tahoe (but don't support Apple Intelligence):

- MacBook Pro (Intel, 13-inch, 2020, Four Thunderbolt 3 ports)
- MacBook Pro (Intel, 16-inch, 2019)
- Mac Pro (Intel, 2019)
- iMac (Intel, mid 2020)

Macs that don't run Tahoe

The following Macs that were supported by 2024's [macOS Sequoia](#), and any that are older than these, are not able to run Tahoe:

- iMac (Intel, 2019)
- iMac Pro (Intel, 2017)
- Mac mini (Intel, 2018)
- MacBook Pro (Intel, 2018)

macOS 15 Sequoia compatibility



Sequoia (macOS 15) became available on Tuesday, September 16, 2024. The software was regularly updated prior to the introduction of Tahoe, but now that Tahoe is here Sequoia will only get security updates when required. e.g. Sequoia 15.7 on September 15, 2025.

Which Macs run Sequoia? All the M-series Macs!
Apple

M-series Macs that run Sequoia

All M-series Macs can support Sequoia (and Apple Intelligence features), including:

- MacBook Air (M1 and later)
- MacBook Pro (M1 and later)
- iMac (M1 and later)
- Mac Pro (M1 and later)
- Mac Studio (M1 and later)
- Mac mini (M1 and later)

Intel Macs that run Sequoia

The following [Intel Macs can run Sequoia](#). None of these models can support the Apple Intelligence features though.

- iMac (Intel, 2019 and August 2020)
- Mac Pro (Intel, 2019)
- iMac Pro (Intel, 2017)
- MacBook Air (Intel, March 2020)
- Mac mini (Intel, 2018)
- MacBook Pro (Intel, 2018, 2019 and May 2020)

Macs that don't run Sequoia

The following Macs that were supported by 2023's [macOS Sonoma](#), and any that are older than these, are not able to run Sequoia:

- MacBook Air (Intel, 2019)
- MacBook Air (Intel, 2018)

For more information read: [Can my Mac run Sequoia?](#)

macOS 14 Sonoma compatibility



macOS Sonoma arrived in 2023
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[macOS 14 Sonoma](#) became available on Tuesday, September 26, 2023. Apple is still [issuing security updates for Sonoma](#), the most recent was 14.8 on September 15, 2025.

The following Macs run Sonoma:

- iMac from 2019
- Mac Pro from 2019
- iMac Pro from 2017
- Mac Studio from 2022
- MacBook Air from 2018

- Mac mini from 2018
- MacBook Pro from 2018

For more information read: [Can my Mac run Sonoma?](#)

Can I install an older OS on my Mac?

Officially, the operating system that was available on your Mac at the time that you bought it is the oldest version of macOS that can run on that Mac. It's likely that an older OS won't include the necessary drivers for the hardware on newer Macs. For this reason, it is unlikely that you will be able to install an older version of macOS on a new Mac—but you can take a look at [how to install old versions of macOS or OS X](#) for other Macs. Owners of Macs with M-series chips (sometimes referred to as Apple Silicon) won't be able to [run older versions of macOS that weren't designed for Apple Silicon Macs](#) which use a different architecture, known as ARM, instead of X-86.

But it may not just be a case of wanting to know if your Mac can run the newest operating system. You might also want to know if it is possible to [downgrade your Mac to an older version of macOS](#) and need to know the oldest version of macOS you can use. You'll also find that information below. You can also see a complete [list of all](#)

[the different versions of macOS and Mac OS X](#). Not sure which Mac you own? Check our article about [how to identify your Mac](#).

Note: In each case, the year referenced below is the year that Mac was first introduced—you could for example have bought a 2016 MacBook in early 2017, but it's still the 2016 MacBook.

macOS 13 Ventura compatibility



Apple

Apple released [macOS 13 Ventura](#) to the public on October 24, 2022. Apple is still issuing security updates for Ventura, the most recent was 13.7.8 in August 2025, this may be the last Ventura update now Tahoe is here, as Apple tends to only support the past two versions with security updates.

To run Ventura you will need one of these Macs:

- MacBook models from 2017 or later
- MacBook Air models from 2018 or later
- MacBook Pro models from 2017 or later
- Mac mini models from 2018 or later
- iMac models from 2017 or later
- iMac Pro (all models)
- Mac Pro models from 2019 or later
- Mac Studio (all models)

For more information read: [Can my Mac run Ventura?](#)

macOS 12 Monterey compatibility



Apple

[macOS 12 Monterey](#) was made available to download on October 15, 2021 (latest version 12.7.6 in July 2024). Apple is no longer issuing security updates for Monterey.

The following Macs are compatible with macOS Monterey:

- MacBook models from early 2016 or later
- MacBook Air models from early 2015 or later

- MacBook Pro models from early 2015 or later
- Mac mini models from 2014 or later
- iMac from 2015 or later
- iMac Pro (2017 and later)
- Mac Pro models from late 2013 and later
- Mac Studio

macOS 11 Big Sur compatibility



Apple

macOS 11 Big Sur was the version of macOS that arrived on November 12, 2020 (latest version 11.7.10 in September 2023). Apple is no longer issuing security updates for Big Sur.

Here’s a list of the Macs that can run macOS Big Sur:

- MacBook models from early 2015 or later

- MacBook Air models from 2013 or later
- MacBook Pro models from 2013 or later
- Mac mini models from 2014 or later
- iMac from 2014 or later
- iMac Pro (all models)
- Mac Pro models from 2013 and 2019

macOS 10.15 Catalina compatibility

Catalina arrived in October 2019 (latest version 10.15.7 in July 2022). Apple is no longer issuing security updates for Catalina:

The following Macs can run Catalina.

- MacBook (2015 to 2017)
- MacBook Air (Mid-2012 to 2019)
- MacBook Pro (Mid-2012 to 2019)
- Mac mini (Late 2012 to late-2018)
- iMac (Late 2012 to 2019)
- iMac Pro (all models)

- Mac Pro models from 2013

Note that the M-series Macs will not be able to run Catalina or earlier.

macOS 10.14 Mojave compatibility

Mojave arrived in September 2018 (latest version 10.14.6 in July 2021) and can run on the following Macs:

- MacBook (Early 2015 to 2017)
- MacBook Air (Mid 2012 to 2017, because it's the same as 2015 model)
- MacBook Pro (Mid 2012 to 2018)
- Mac mini (Late 2012 to late-2018)
- iMac (Late 2012 to mid-2017)
- iMac Pro (all models)
- Mac Pro (Late 2013, plus mid-2010 and mid-2012 models with recommended Metal-capable GPU)

macOS 10.13 High Sierra compatibility

High Sierra arrived in September 2017 (latest version 10.13.6) and can run on the following Macs:

- MacBook (Late 2009 to 2017)
- MacBook Air (Late 2010 to 2017, which is same as 2015 model)
- MacBook Pro (Mid 2010 to 2017)
- Mac mini (Mid 2010 to 2014)
- iMac (Late 2009 to mid-2017)
- Mac Pro (Mid 2010 and 2013)

macOS 10.12 Sierra compatibility

Sierra, the first update to drop the “X” from the name, arrived in September 2016 (latest version 10.12.6) and can run on the following Macs:

- MacBook (Late 2009 to 2017)
- MacBook Air (Late 2010 to 2017, which is same as 2015 model)
- MacBook Pro (Mid 2010 to 2015)
- Mac mini (Mid 2010 to 2014)
- iMac (Late 2009 to 2015)
- Mac Pro (Mid 2010 and 2013)

Mac OS X 10.11 El Capitan compatibility

El Capitan arrived in September 2015 (latest version 10.11.6) and can run on the following Macs:

- MacBook (Early 2015 to 2017)
- MacBook (Late 2008 to 2010)
- MacBook Air (Late 2008 to early 2015)
- MacBook Pro (Mid/Late 2007 to early 2015)
- Mac mini (Early 2009 to 2014)
- iMac (Mid 2007 to mid-2015)
- Mac Pro (2008, 2010, 2013)

OS X 10.10 Yosemite compatibility

Yosemite arrived in October 2014 (latest version 10.10.5) and can run on the following Macs:

- MacBook (Late 2008 to 2010)
- MacBook Air (Late 2008 to mid 2013)
- MacBook Pro (13" Mid-2009 to mid 2014)
- MacBook Pro (15" Mid/Late 2007 to mid 2014)
- MacBook Pro (17" Late 2007 to 2011)
- Mac mini (Early 2009 to 2012)
- iMac (Mid-2007 to mid-2014)
- Mac Pro (2008 and 2010)

Mac OS X 10.9 Mavericks compatibility

Mavericks arrived in October 2013 (latest version 10.9.5) and can run on the following Macs:

- MacBook (Late 2008 to 2010)
- MacBook Air (Late 2008 to mid 2013)
- MacBook Pro (Mid 2007 to early 2013)
- Xserve (Early 2009)
- Mac mini (Early 2009 to 2012)
- iMac (Mid 2007 to early 2013)
- Mac Pro (Early 2008 and 2010)

Mac OS X 10.8 Mountain Lion compatibility

Mountain Lion, the last of the “big cat” versions of the Mac operating system launched in July 2012 (latest version 10.8.5) and can run on the following Macs:

- MacBook (Late 2008 to 2010)
- MacBook Air (Late 2008 to mid 2012)
- MacBook Pro (Mid/Late 2007 to mid-2012)
- Mac mini (Early 2009 to 2011)
- iMac (Mid-2007 to 2011)
- Mac Pro (Early 2008 and 2010)

Wondering how long Apple will support your Mac for? Read: [How long do Macs last?](#)

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