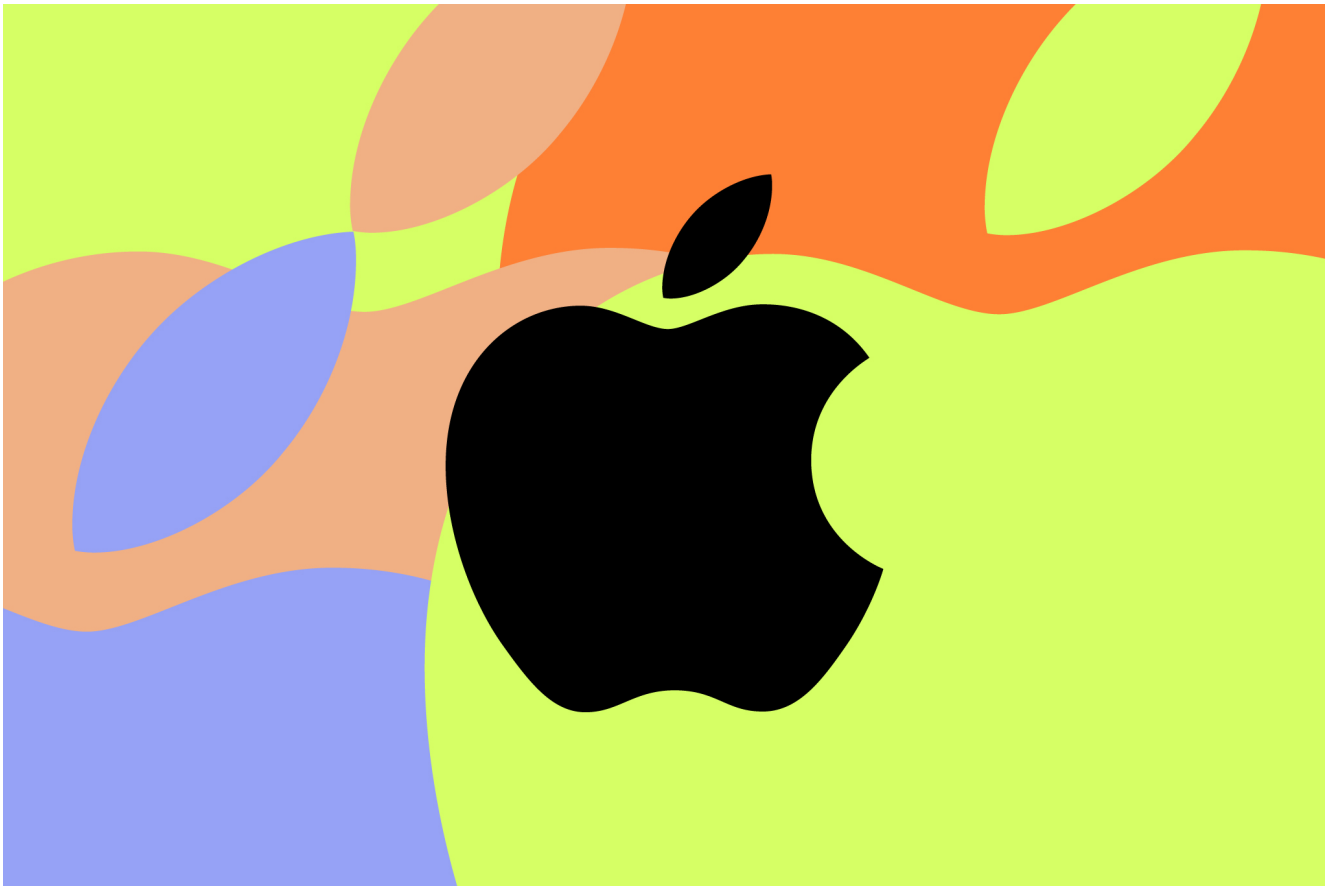
iPads could get more Mac-like features soon



By the time Apple releases M5-powered iPads, using iPadOS may feel closer to working on a Mac, according to *Bloomberg*'s Mark Gurman in today's *Power On* newsletter. It won't be macOS running on a tablet, but he writes that the changes will be significant enough to make people who want such a thing happy.

Updates to iPadOS coming this year will be focused "on productivity, multitasking and app window management — with an eye on the device operating more like a Mac," according to Gurman. He says these changes are due "about a year" after the release of the M4 iPad Pro, a fantastic tablet with far more power than its software demands.

Gurman's report doesn't give any indication of what Apple's updated multitasking will look like, and it's best to reserve any excitement until we see more. Back in 2022, Apple added

Stage Manager to iPadOS 16, a feature that enables windowing and also groups app windows together in a dock-like collection on the side of the display. It might have seemed like an exciting change if you wanted to be able to ditch your MacBook, but what shipped felt too half-hearted to be a useful step in the direction of a proper desktop operating system.

Apple has iterated since, for instance by letting users resize windows more freely in iPadOS 17, but the approach is still much more iPad than Mac. That’s not necessarily a problem on its own unless you’re the type who wants to replace your MacBook with an Apple tablet. We’ll see how much the company moves the needle on that when it unveils iPadOS 19 in June.

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