WWDC 2023: what to expect at Apple’s Worldwide Developers Conference

Apple’s upcoming Worldwide Developers Conference (WWDC) is expected to be one of its biggest yet. After years of rumors and leaks, Apple could finally take the wraps off of its mixed reality headset, entering the company into a new product category and giving the world a first look at its attempt to prove that virtual reality is worth investing in.

There’s also certain to be a lot more: operating system updates, new apps and features, and possibly some new hardware, too. Here, we’ve pulled together details on how and when you can watch the main WWDC keynote as well as some of the announcements that we expect from Apple.

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Apple will stream the WWDC keynote live from its website and YouTube channel. You can also watch the stream that we’ll embed at the top of this article once it goes live. If you can’t watch the keynote live, you can always watch it from the prerecorded version Apple will post on YouTube after it airs.

With that said, let’s get into some of the biggest announcements that we expect Apple to make during WWDC.

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Apple is also expected to launch a larger 15-inch option for the MacBook Air — a device that has long featured a standard 13-inch display. We first heard about the device last year, and more detailed rumors have piled up since then.

The 15-inch MacBook Air will likely come with the in-house M2 chip used in the MacBook Air models released last year. As noted by a report from *Bloomberg*, it may also feature the same 3024 x 1964 resolution as the 14-inch MacBook Pro, although the screen may be a bit less sharp since it has an extra inch of space to fill in.

Aside from that, though, it’s not exactly clear whether Apple has plans to reveal any other new Macs. The company’s rumored to be working on a refreshed 13-inch MacBook Pro, 13-inch MacBook Air, and a 24-inch iMac, all of which could come with a new M3 chip.

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WWDC is an event for developers, which means we’re bound to see some updates to iOS, iPadOS, macOS, and more.

That includes the reveal of iOS 17, which is rumored to come with a **variety of smaller quality-of-life updates**. Apple already previewed the suite of accessibility features that will likely arrive with the new OS, **including a Personal Voice tool** that lets users create a synthetic voice with 15 minutes of training.

Apple is also expected to include some updates for Stage Manager in iPadOS 17, the multitasking interface that my colleague **David Pierce said “still doesn’t work,”** even after Apple officially released it last October. The updates sound like they’re **more on the technical side of things**, though, and less about its general functionality.

Not much is known about what’s in store for macOS 14 and tvOS 17, but Apple is reported to be giving watchOS 10 a fairly big update that adds a new widget-heavy interface.

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Apple is running out of time to comply with the European Union’s Digital Markets Act (DMA). While some of the rules have already gone into effect, “digital gatekeepers” like Apple have until March of next year at the latest to let users download third-party app stores and sideload apps within the EU, something Apple has strongly expressed opposition to over security concerns.

That’s why it wouldn’t come as much of a surprise if Apple uses WWDC to preview some of the changes it’s making to its iPhone and iPad ecosystems. (Or at least quietly inform developers that the change is coming.) According to *Bloomberg*, Apple is looking to “overhaul” iOS in order to comply with European regulators.

In addition to allowing sideloading, speculation is rampant that Apple may no longer require third-party browsers to use Apple’s own WebKit engine, which would allow more differentiation in mobile browsers. The company could also open up access to its NFC chip, which is currently limited to Apple services like Apple Wallet and Apple Pay.