



macOS Big Sur

Readiness Checklist



macOS Big Sur will ship in November —the countdown is on! Use this checklist to easily identify critical action items before you roll out macOS 11 in your environment. You can also dive deeper into expected changes based on Apple's [latest WWDC](#).

Technical Requirements

Identify if there are any other devices in your environment that don't meet the requirements for macOS Big Sur. Here are the devices that will support Big Sur:

- MacBook: Early 2015 or newer
- MacBook Air: Mid 2013 or newer
- MacBook Pro: Late 2013 or newer
- Mac Mini: Late 2014 or newer
- iMac Pro
- Mac Pro: Late 2013 or newer

Action Items

Important: macOS Big Sur introduces improved user interface changes that update the appearance of apps and make them more approachable to people transitioning from iPad apps.

[Learn more here.](#)

Critical: The end user will no longer have complete control to verify privacy preferences. Review your organization's privacy policies to ensure software will be accepted and will use resources as intended.

[Learn more here.](#)

Critical: Profiles command will no longer support -install flag. If you are using profiles -install command or specific legacy features in Addigy, you will need to migrate them to the alternative deployment mechanisms.

[Learn more here.](#)

Critical: Kernel Extensions are being changed and deprecated. Check your environment to see if any apps are using Kernel Extensions. If so, talk with those vendors or end users. [Learn more here.](#)

Test your MDM solution with your upgrades prior to 

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If you find issues please open a [support ticket](#).

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Conduct your standard best practices within your environment, such as:

- Check into your most critical apps
- Verify that you're not upgrading during major work hours
- Create awareness, enable adoption, and empower your end users; check out the [Apple Employee Communication Kit](#).

Once Big Sur ships, it will be included in all new macOS Devices. Installing OS editions before Big Sur can be extremely difficult or impossible to do. Apple Silicon devices will not support macOS editions before Big Sur.