



macOS Catalina

Preparedness Checklist



macOS Catalina is here! Use this checklist to easily identify critical action items before you rollout 10.15 in your environment.

ACTION ITEMS

- The end user now has complete control to leverage and verify privacy preferences. **Review your organization's privacy policies to ensure software will be accepted and will use resources as intended.** [Learn more here.](#)
- 32-bit apps will retire. **Check your environment to see if there are 32-bit apps in use.** If so, talk with those vendors or end users. [Read more here.](#)
- Gatekeeper is getting significantly more powerful with notarization. While this won't impact your actual rollout of Catalina, once the upgrade is deployed, the end user will be warned when an app launches and the developer isn't verified. **An updated inventory of approved developers is recommended.** [See more here.](#)
- Test your MDM solution with your upgrades prior to rollout.** With Catalina, an MDM solution is becoming critical to manage an Apple environment. [Your solution should have the ability to quickly adapt and grow with your company.](#)
- 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](#).

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Ensure Mac devices are up to spec:
 - OS X 10.8 or later
 - 2 GB of memory
 - 15 GB of available storage to perform upgrade
 - Some features require an Apple ID
 - Some features require internet access
- Identify if there are any other devices in your environment that don't meet these requirements. Here are the devices that will support Catalina:
 - MacBook: 2015 and later
 - MacBook Pro: 2012 and later
 - MacBook Air: 2012 and later
 - Mac Mini: 2012 and later
 - iMac: 2012 and later
 - iMac Pro: 2017 and later
 - Mac Pro: 2013 and later, with a Metal-capable GPU

Now that Catalina is here, all subsequent new macOS devices will include this major version. These devices are not backwards compatible and cannot be demoted to previous versions (i.e., High Sierra, Mojave) when reinstalling macOS. Familiarizing yourself with Catalina is crucial moving forward.