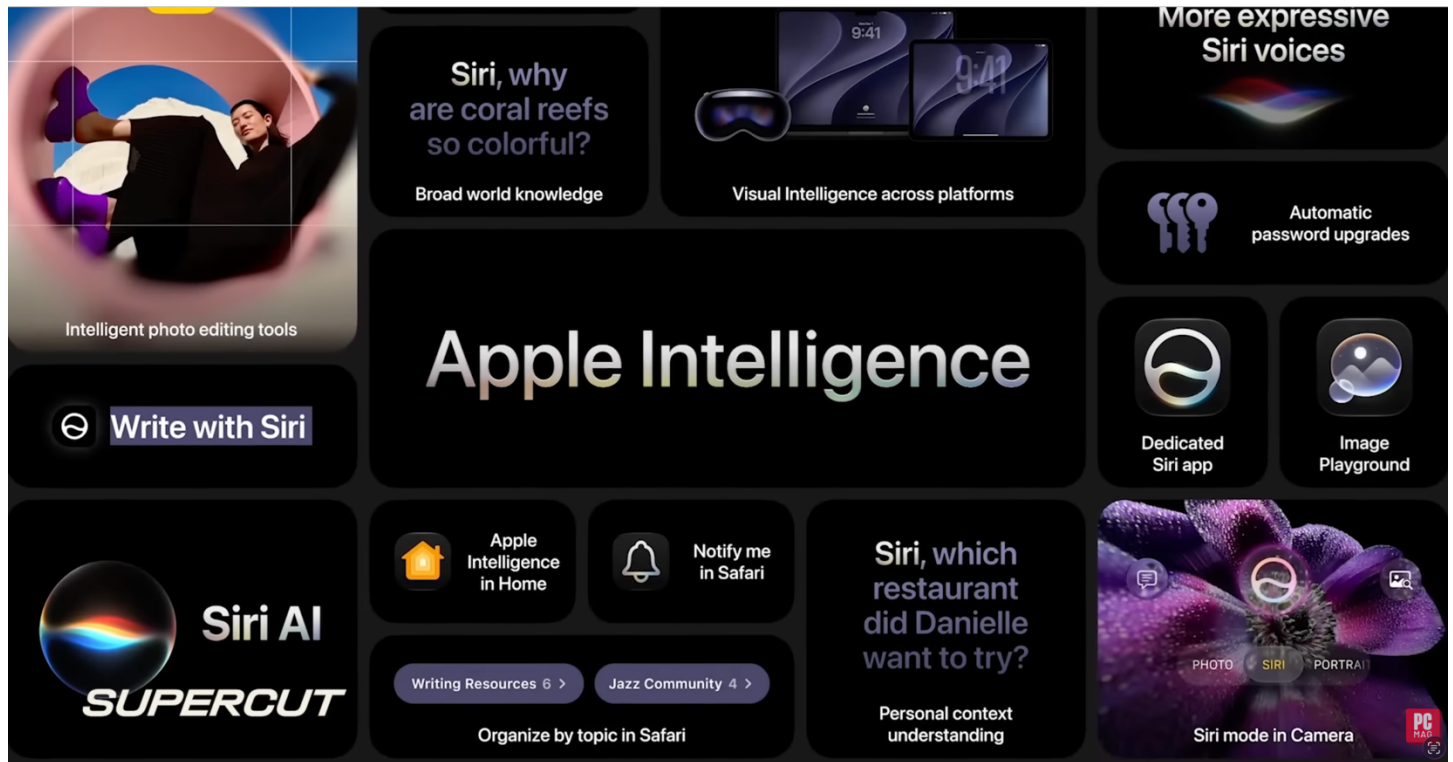




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At Apple's **WWDC 2026**, the company introduced the next generation of its operating systems—headed by **iOS 27**, **iPadOS 27**, and **macOS 27 (Golden Gate)**—focusing heavily on platform performance, user trust, and a massive, ground-up rebuild of its AI ecosystem branded as **Siri AI**. [1, 2]

Below is a comprehensive summary of the core features announced and the hardware required to run them.

1. Key Feature Highlights

Siri AI & Apple Intelligence

Apple completely overhauled its assistant by partnering with Google to use **Gemini models** as the backbone for its new **Apple Foundation Models on Cloud**. [3, 4, 5]

- **The Standalone Siri App:** A dedicated AI chatbot interface where users can text or speak to Siri, pull up past results, and reference previous conversations. [3]
- **On-Screen & Personal Context:** Siri AI can now "see" what is on your screen to help with tasks across different apps, using on-device and private cloud compute to integrate personal context from your messages, emails, and photos safely. [2, 5, 6]
- **Visual Intelligence:** Directly inside the camera app, users can point their phone at items to extract information—such as scanning a receipt to instantly split a bill with Apple Cash. [6, 7]
- **Smart App Integrations:** Safari adds AI-powered tab organization and a "Notify Me" feature to monitor pages. Messages, Calendar, and Shortcuts gain natural-language automation capabilities. [5]



Generative Tools & Photos

- **Image Playground:** A new generative model allowing users to create high-quality, photorealistic images directly on-device.
- **Advanced Editing:** The Photos app features a highly improved cleanup tool, an "extend" tool for expanding background frames, and spatial reframing to adjust an image's perspective after it has been captured.
- **Full-Resolution Shared Albums:** iCloud Shared Albums now seamlessly allow Android and Windows users to join and contribute without losing resolution. [5, 6, 8]



UI, Performance, and Everyday Apps

- **Liquid Glass 2.0:** A major design language update offering deep UI customization, including adjustable readability and window opacity.
- **Speed Optimizations:** A massive, free backend upgrade delivers up to **30% faster app launches**, 70% faster photo loading, and 80% faster AirDrop speeds across compatible devices.
- **Health & Lifestyle:** The Health app now includes proactive cycle tracking to flag and support symptoms related to perimenopause and menopause. AirPods receive **Custom EQs** directly in settings. [5, 6, 9, 10]

2. Device Compatibility & Requirements

Apple split its ecosystem compatibility: while the core OS upgrades run on a remarkably broad range of older hardware, the highly demanding **Siri AI and Apple Intelligence** features require specialized processors. [2]

Device Category	Core OS Compatibility (iOS 27 / iPadOS 27 / macOS 27)	Required for Siri AI & Apple Intelligence Features
iPhone	iPhone 11 series and newer, including iPhone SE (2nd Gen or later)	iPhone 15 Pro, iPhone 15 Pro Max, or newer
iPad	iPad models compatible with iPadOS 26	M1 chip or newer (iPad Air / iPad Pro)
Mac	Mac models compatible with macOS 26	M1 chip or newer (Apple Silicon Macs)
Other Devices	Apple Watch, Apple Vision Pro, Apple TV	Full integration expands to Vision Pro (3D visualization) and Apple Watch via the Siri app

Note: Siri AI is launching in English first (with other languages in development) and will initially face geographic restrictions in the EU and China due to local digital regulatory standoffs. [1, 2]