

## Macworld opens for second year without Apple

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(AP) -- An annual trade show for Apple aficionados is now open to the public.

Macworld Expo, which is held at San Francisco's Moscone Center, is a showcase for companies that make software, protective cases and other accessories for Apple Inc.'s Mac computers, iPods, the iPhone and the iPad.

In past years, Apple CEO <u>Steve Jobs</u> used the Macworld stage to unveil some of the company's most important products, including the first <u>iPhone</u> in 2007. But Apple stopped attending the show starting last year, preferring to host its own media events instead.

Apple hasn't announced a second-generation iPad yet. But some vendors are Macworld are already producing cases for iPads with cameras and a bigger speaker, one of the anticipated features for the next model.

Macworld runs Thursday to Saturday.

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