

# Apple announces OS X Mavericks at WWDC

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Crowds line up around the Moscone West Center for the opening of the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference, Monday, June 10, 2013, in San Francisco. (AP Photo/Eric Risberg)

Apple is switching from its decade-long practice of naming its Mac operating system updates after big cats. Instead, it's paying homage to the geography of its home state.

Apple software head Craig Federighi says the next version of [Mac OS X](#) will be called "Mavericks," after an undersea rock formation that

produces big waves near Half Moon Bay, California.

The new operating system will extend battery life and shorten boot-up times, Federighi told the audience at the Worldwide Developers Conference in San Francisco on Monday. The system improves support for multiple displays and imports the "tab" concept from [Web browsers](#) to the Finder file-organizer.

The software update will include "iBooks" for the first time, giving people who buy e-books from Apple a way to display them on the computer screen in addition to the [iPhone](#) and iPad. Competing e-book vendors such as Amazon and Barnes & Noble have cross-platform applications already.

There have been nine OS X versions named after big cats. The latest was "Mountain Lion," released last year.



The new Mac Pro is previewed at the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference Monday, June 10, 2013 in San Francisco. The new Mac Pro will be the first Mac to be assembled in the U.S. in many years. CEO Tim Cook promised last year that the company would start a production line in the U.S., but didn't say where. Apple said the new computer will launch later this year. (AP Photo/Eric Risberg)

"We do not want to be the first software release in history to be delayed by a lack of cats," Federighi joked.

He said the new software will be out in the fall.

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