

A second display treat arrives for Android

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Duet Display has been brought to Android. Duet is the company behind the app Duet Display, which has attracted fans for the way it provides a second display. Duet is an app—developed by a team of former Apple engineers—that lets you turn your phone, tablet, or Chromebook into a secondary display for your Windows or Mac computer.

Damien Wilde in *9to5Google* spelled out the brand-friendly turn of events: "Duet Display for Android, when released, will enable you to turn your Android smartphone or tablet into a secondary [display](#) for your MacBook, PC, or Windows laptop."

Up to now, Apple fans have enjoyed this software tool allowing Mac

users "to utilize their iPads as an extra display, either mirroring or extending their [desktop](#)," said William Gallagher in *AppleInsider*. The company announced the release for Google's operating system after several [months](#) of beta testing, said Brian Heater in *TechCrunch*.

Brittany Roston in *SlashGear* provided a brief history of how Duet Display first came on the scene and its purpose. "Duet Display launched as a way for Apple users to connect their iPad to their Mac computer. When connected, the tablet could be used as a small external monitor, extending the display [real estate](#) for the laptop and [opening](#) the door for some unique usage scenarios, such as accessing the desktop version of Photoshop on the iPad."

Thomas Ricker in *The Verge* also looked back at its launch. "When Duet Display launched, it was the first app to deliver a true [no-lag](#) iPad-as-secondary-display experience."

Ex-Apple engineers at Duet want you to appreciate their pitch that you can turn your iOS *or* Android device into a high performance second display for your computer. Oh, and "with zero lag."

Duet decided to bring their technology to Android and one can step on the welcome mat by going up to Google Play Store and viewing the opportunity there. So, the iOS app Duet Display is now available to download on Android.

The page announces the Duet Display on special price offer, a 50 percent reduction, as \$9.99.

Cult of Mac said Duet promises an output of up to [60](#) frames-per-second.

But wait, tell me again, some might say, why do I need a second display?

One easily convincing answer is in a video appearing on the Google Play page, which shows the many faces of solo keyboard warriors engaged in creating varied content.

David Oh in *Android Police* mentioned reasons like having to do multitasking, easier cutting and pasting and simpler image and video [editing](#).

"We firmly live in a multi screen productivity world," said Duncan Jaffrey in *Ausdroid*. "Visit any corporate office and you'll see an array of single, double, triple and beyond displays set up depending on the users work requirements (or maybe their prestige in the organisation). Even some of us at Ausdroid who've held out for years are conceding that [single](#) display life might just not be as productive."

Android tablets will easily come to mind but Wilde said Android [large-screen](#) phone displays could serve too.

The Duet site carries more details on display [features](#).

More information: www.duetdisplay.com/

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