

iOS 17

First Look



iOS 17 is a major release with new features and enhancements that make your everyday activities even better. Big updates to Phone, FaceTime, and Messages enable more expressive communication. AirDrop improvements make it easier than ever to share content and experiences and adds NameDrop for contact sharing. Enhancements make text input even more intelligent with Keyboard and Dictation. StandBy and Journal deliver new ways to experience your iPhone. Updates to AirPods and Music deliver a more enriching entertainment experience. Health provides you with new tools and insights in two important areas—vision health and mental health.

Compatibility iPhone XS, iPhone XR and later, iPhone SE (2nd generation and later)

Availability Free software update



Phone

The Phone app is getting a big update, with features that make the calls that matter stand out. Incoming calls get a totally new look with Contact Posters that let you customize how you appear on others' devices across Phone, FaceTime, Messages, and AirDrop. Live Voicemail helps you take back control of your incoming calls, giving you a real-time transcription of the voicemail so you can pick up the calls that matter.¹



Messages

Messages has big updates to search, replies, audio messages, location-sharing, and more. Behind the new plus button are all your iMessage apps and two new experiences. Check In lets a friend know automatically when you've arrived at a destination safely. Updates also bring all your stickers into one place with a new way to create your own Live Stickers.



FaceTime

You can now leave a message when someone doesn't pick up your FaceTime call. New video effects give you more ways to express yourself on all videoconferencing apps, including FaceTime.² And you can now enjoy FaceTime calls on Apple TV 4K using Continuity Camera.³



StandBy

By turning iPhone on its side while charging, you get a new full-screen experience with glanceable information designed to be viewed from a distance. You can choose clocks, photos, and widgets to display. Personalize StandBy by changing the accent colors for certain clock styles or choosing a specific photo album to display. For widgets, you can browse the widget gallery to select which you want to appear in each stack. With support for Live Activities, Siri, incoming calls, and larger notifications, StandBy makes iPhone even more useful when viewed at a distance. For each place you charge with MagSafe, StandBy remembers your preferred view.



Widgets

Widgets are getting more powerful with interactivity. You can take action on a widget with just a tap. Complete to-dos, play or pause your media, access your home controls, and much more.



AirDrop

AirDrop is making it easier than ever to share with your friends, family, and colleagues. With NameDrop, easily exchange your contact information by simply bringing your iPhone near someone else's iPhone or Apple Watch.⁴ The same gesture lets you share photos or kick off a SharePlay session. And you can now walk away after initiating an AirDrop and the transfer will continue over the internet.⁵



Find My

Item Sharing allows up to five other people to share an AirTag or Find My network accessory. Everyone in the sharing group will be able to see the item's location and will not receive unwanted tracking notifications. Members of the sharing group can use Find My to get directions to the item and use Precision Finding to help pinpoint a shared AirTag's location.



Journal⁵

This brand-new app lets you capture your life's everyday moments and special events by writing about them. Intelligently curated suggestions with writing prompts to get you started are created just for you, using data your iPhone already knows, like your activity, location, phone calls, photos, and more. Journal also includes scheduled notifications to help build a habit and look back to past events to generate new insights and mark personal growth.



Keyboard

Entering text is faster and easier than ever before. Autocorrect is powered by a new language model, making it more accurate,⁶ while the refreshed design makes corrections easier to fix. Inline predictive text helps you quickly finish sentences,⁷ and Dictation's new speech recognition model improves accuracy.⁸



Safari

Safari helps you take your productivity to the next level. Separate your browsing between topics like Work and Personal with Profiles, and get an even more private experience with Private Browsing. You can also share passwords and passkeys more easily with the people you're closest with.



Music

SharePlay now makes it easy for everyone to control and play music in the car—even passengers in the back seat. Users can join with a tap, and a subscription isn't required to participate. Collaborating on playlists⁵ allows users to create playlists with their friends. Invite friends to collaborate and add their favorite music, and leave an emoji to react to favorite songs.



AirPlay

iPhone now makes it even easier for you to get connected to the right AirPlay device as it uses on-device intelligence to learn your preferences over time and conveniently suggests a TV or speaker. You can also enjoy your content beyond your home and conference rooms—in select hotel rooms.



AirPods software

Adaptive Audio⁹ delivers an entirely new listening mode that combines the best of both Active Noise Cancellation and Transparency mode in one. With Conversation Awareness⁹ and Press to Mute and Unmute,¹⁰ it's easier than ever to communicate with those around while wearing AirPods. And with improvements to Automatic Switching,¹¹ it's now more convenient than ever to move between your Apple devices with AirPods.



Maps

You can now download maps and use them while offline. Select an area you'd like to access, search and explore rich place information, and get routes for all modes of mobility, all while offline. See real-time EV charger information and choose a preferred charging network for your electric vehicle.



Siri

To help you stay focused on the task at hand, updates have made your interactions with Siri even simpler. You can now just say "Siri" to activate Siri,¹² and you can now issue back-to-back requests once you activate Siri.¹³



Health

Health provides you with new tools and insights for two important areas—mental health and vision health. And Favorites in the Summary tab now include rich chart details, so you can see more information at a glance.



Accessibility

Assistive Access helps users with cognitive disabilities communicate, take photos, and enjoy music. Personal Voice enables users at risk of speech loss to create a voice that sounds like them for communication, and Point and Speak makes it easier for users with vision disabilities to use household appliances.

Features are subject to change. Some features, applications, and services may not be available in all regions or all languages.

¹ Available in English (U.S., Canada). ² Available on iPhone 12 and later when using the front camera. ³ Available on iPhone XS and iPhone XR and later on Apple TV 4K (2nd generation and later). ⁴ Available on Apple Watch Ultra models, Apple Watch Series 7 and later, and Apple Watch SE (2nd generation) in an update later in 2023. ⁵ Coming in an update later in 2023. ⁶ Available in Arabic, Dutch, English, French, German, Hebrew, Korean, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Spanish, and Thai. English, French, and Spanish require iPhone 12 and later. ⁷ Available in English on iPhone 12 and later. ⁸ Available in Arabic (Saudi Arabia), Cantonese (China mainland), Danish (Denmark), Dutch (Belgium, Netherlands), English (Australia, Canada, India, Ireland, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, UK, U.S.), Finnish (Finland), French (Belgium, Canada, France, Switzerland), German (Austria, Germany, Switzerland), Hebrew (Israel), Italian (Italy, Switzerland), Japanese (Japan), Korean (Korea), Malay (Malaysia), Mandarin Chinese (China mainland, Taiwan), Norwegian Bokmål (Norway), Portuguese (Brazil), Russian (Russia), Spanish (Chile, Mexico, Spain, U.S.), Swedish (Sweden), Thai (Thailand), Turkish (Türkiye). Requires download of speech models. ⁹ Available on iPhone XS and iPhone XR and later and AirPods Pro (2nd generation) with the latest firmware. ¹⁰ Available in compatible applications with AirPods (3rd generation), AirPods Pro (1st and 2nd generation), and AirPods Max, with the latest firmware. ¹¹ Available on iPhone XS and iPhone XR and later and AirPods (2nd and 3rd generation), AirPods Pro (1st and 2nd generation), and AirPods Max, with the latest firmware. ¹² Available in English (Australia, Canada, UK, U.S.), on iPhone and on AirPods Pro (2nd generation). ¹³ Available in English (Australia, Canada, UK, U.S.) on iPhone 11 and later.