

The 6 Coolest New iPhone Features Apple Just Announced

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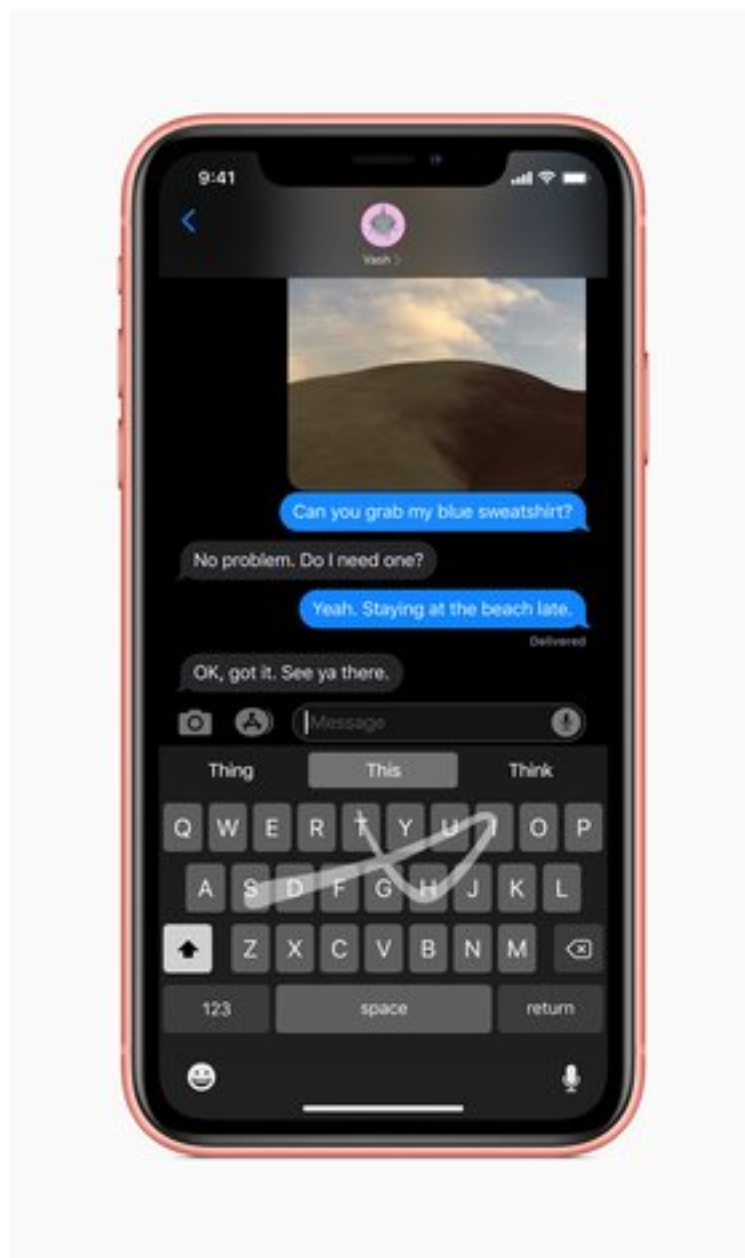
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Your iPhone is about to get an upgrade.

Apple CEO Tim Cook took the stage at the San Jose Convention Center on Monday to kick off the company's annual Worldwide Developers Conference (WWDC), where he and other Apple execs unveiled a handful of changes coming to the iPhone with iOS 13, an upcoming software update. Apple also announced changes and updates for the iPad, Mac, Apple Watch and more.

Here's a look at the iPhone announcements that got the most applause from the developer-heavy crowd, all coming to a device near you once iOS 13 launches.

iOS 13 is going dark (mode)



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Turns out, no one likes looking at an all-white display right before they hit the hay, not even the all-white-everything Apple. That could be why, following the trends set by both third-party app developers and the company's smartphone

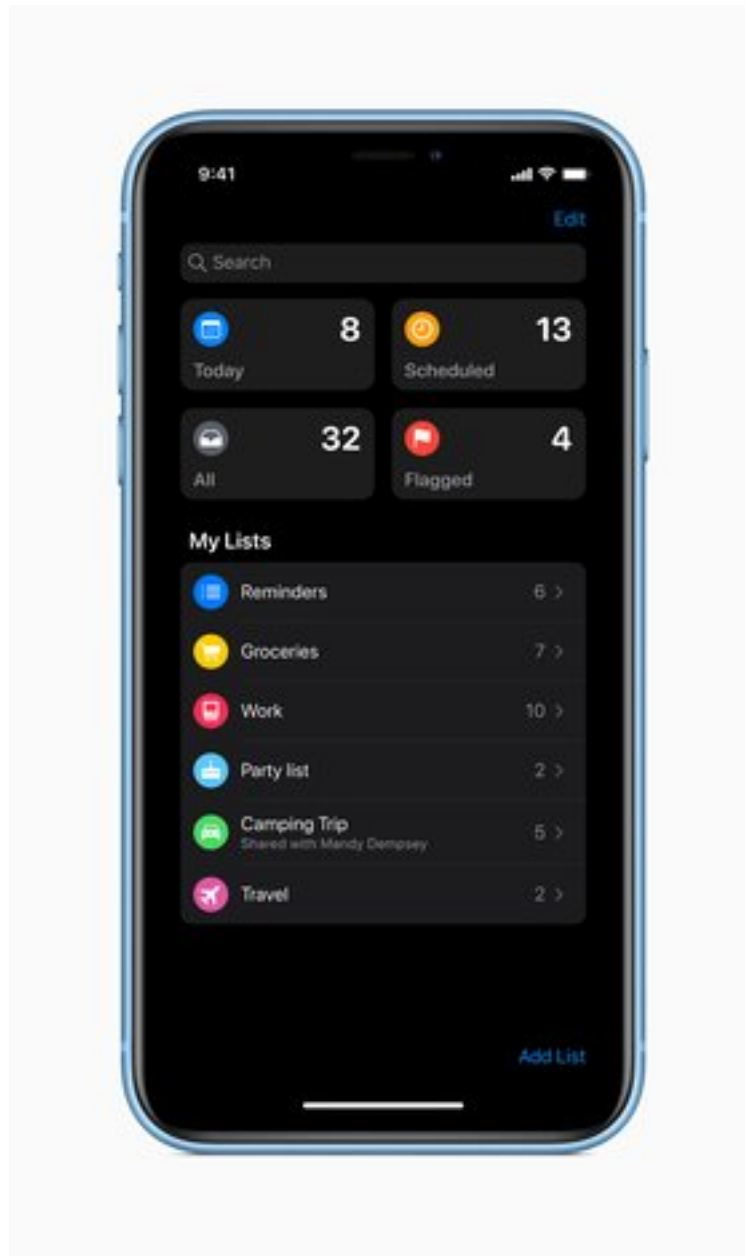
competition, it's adding the eye-friendly Dark Mode to iOS 13.

Switching your iPhone to Dark Mode will turn the device's typically bright design elements black and grey, drawing less power and easing eye strain in the process.

Finally, sharing music is easy again

The iOS 13 update will also make sharing music between your (or your friend's) devices a cinch. With Audio Sharing, two AirPods-wearing users can listen to the same song at once, meaning you'll no longer get to look cute when sharing your headphones with your partner, but at least you'll both get stereo sound. iOS 13 can also hand calls and other audio off to a HomePod, as well as hand off to your iPhone automatically if you leave the house during your chat or listening session.

Apple's own apps are getting a much-needed refresh



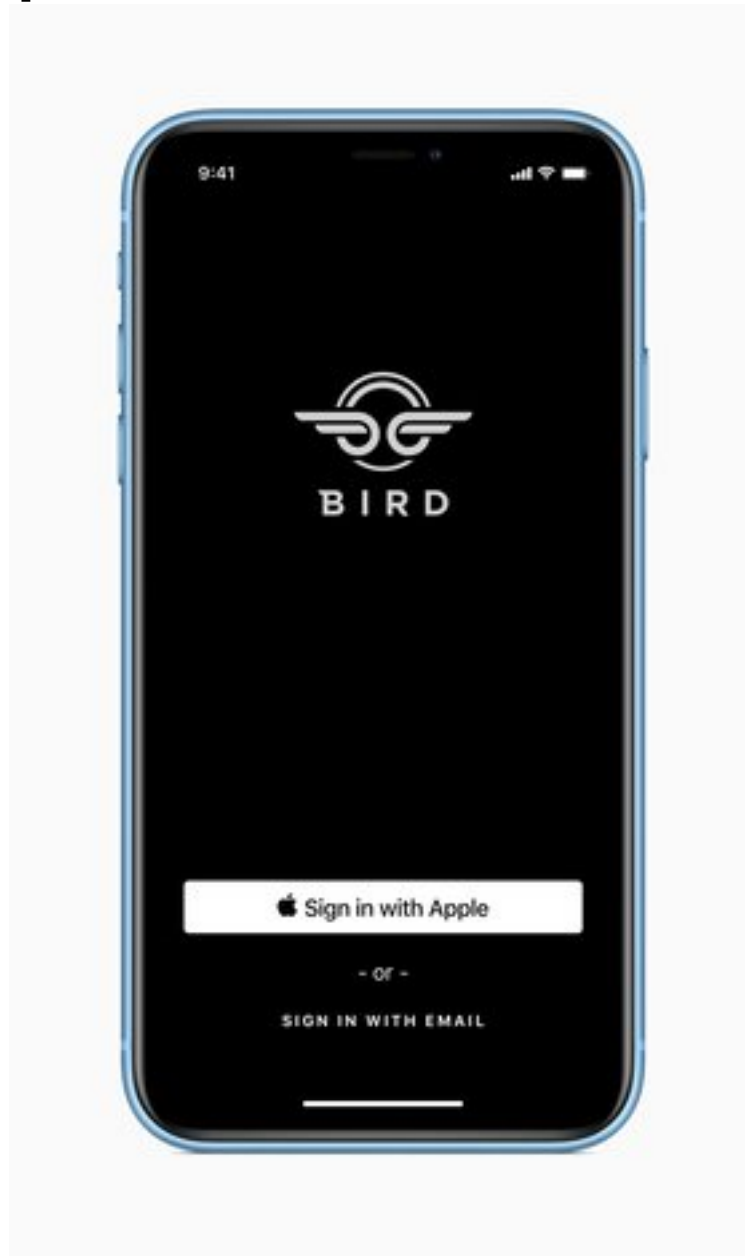
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Along with iOS 13's system-wide changes — including a newly swipe-friendly keyboard — some of Apple's first-party apps are getting much-needed updates in terms of both usability and functionality. Features like period tracking and

activity trends in Health, gallery views and shared folders in Notes, and richer information when viewing locations in Maps will all be new in iOS 13.

Apple's rebooted Reminders app now supports natural language entry, meaning you can simply type your reminder and when you want to be reminded about it, and the app will automatically understand what you want. You can tag other people in your to-dos as well, getting relevant reminders when you interact with them in a text message, for example.

Privacy, please



Apple

Apple's privacy-centric changes take aim at apps known for gathering (and sometimes abusing) user data collected surreptitiously during use.

First, Apple is giving users more control over apps' collection of their location data, adding the ability for users to share their location on a per-use basis. Apps trying to bypass user-approved location data sharing by using Wi-Fi or Bluetooth will be left high and dry, as Apple's keeping that info protected.

Second, Apple is creating its own single-sign-on service for iOS 13, called Sign In With Apple. It's the company's own version of the social login buttons seen on the web from companies like Facebook and Google. Your personal information stays in your possession and on your device when using this service, Apple software boss Craig Federighi said when unveiling it Monday.

Other privacy-centric changes include the ability to use a randomly generated per-app email address with apps that want to gather your email address and send information to your inbox. Those email addresses can be easily disabled, easily preventing an app from sending you any more emails.

A more powerful Photos app



Apple

Apple's new iOS 13 Photos app uses machine learning to ditch duplicate images, blurry photos, and distractions like screenshots or downloaded images when you want to see the best of the best when it comes to your photos. In addition, the app's editing capabilities have been vastly improved, giving

you the option to tweak more elements of your photos, like sharpness or light values when shooting in Portrait Mode.

For mobile videographers, Apple's new video editing tools allow for some mind-blowing video rotation on the device, meaning your vertical videos can finally be the horizontal masterpieces you truly want them to be.

More stylish Memoji are coming to Messages



Apple

If you've got an iPhone with a front-facing TrueDepth camera, you already know about Memoji, the personalized Animoji you can make and use in apps like FaceTime, Camera, or Messages. With iOS 13, Memoji will be more

customizable, with new options like eyeshadow, jewelry, hats, and additional hairstyles. You can also use Memoji as traditional emoji in text, with your Memoji appearing as intended across all supported Apple devices (those with an A9 or newer processor.)

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