

iOS 13 tells you when apps are secretly tracking you

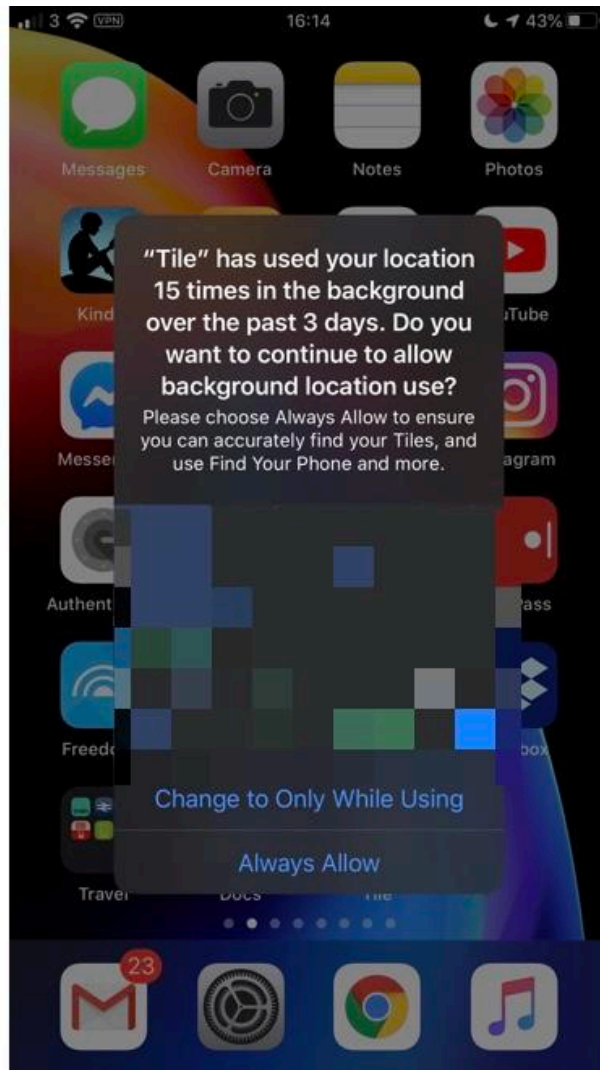
Apple brings an end to iPhone and iPad apps that secretly tracking your movements without your knowledge or explicit consent.



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Apple has added several [awesome and much-needed privacy features to iOS 13](#), and one of the best is the way the operating system informs you about apps that are tracking your movements.

How does it do this? Via a popup, like this:



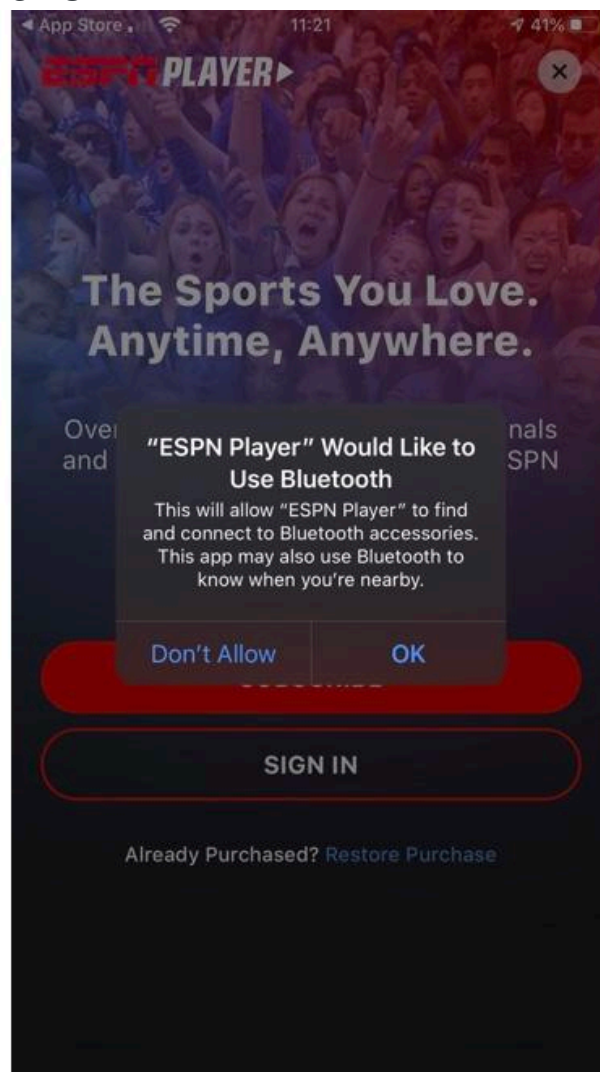
iOS 13 location tracking popup

This gives you the option of either allowing the tracking to continue in the background, or to only allow tracking when you are using the app.

This is a very handy privacy feature, and can float to the surface apps that you may have forgotten about, but that haven't forgotten about you!

The only drawback of popups like this is that you have to deal with it there and then, and there's no option to ask it to remind you again, which would be a nice feature.

Another new, and eye-opening privacy feature in iOS 13 is how the operating system informs you about apps that use Bluetooth for a variety of things that are separate to audio streaming to headphones or speakers. In particular, Bluetooth is being used to by companies to track users via Bluetooth beacons.



It's worth noting that if you deny an app from having Bluetooth access, this will not prevent audio streaming, as this is a separate feature.

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