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Apple Introduces iOS 8 And Texting Will Never Be The Same

by Alexis Kleinman, Huffington Post ~ June 2, 2014

Apple introduced its latest update to the iPhone operating system, iOS 8, at its annual World Wide Developers Conference in San Francisco on Monday. If you're a big texter, some of the changes should make your life a lot easier. iOS 8 will be available for the iPhone 4S and above this fall.

Easier Email—significant changes. You can mark emails as unread or delete them with a single gesture, and you can swipe down a message you're composing in order to see the rest of your inbox.

'Damn You Autocorrect' Is...Over?

Texting is what most people do on their iPhones - iMessage is the device's most popular app by far, Tim Cook said on Monday. He introduced QuickType for iMessage, a new feature that could potentially eliminate embarrassing auto-correct errors. As you type, you'll get suggestions for what to type next. QuickType learns from you, based on what you type and to whom. It will suggest different words based on how you generally speak to a specific person.

No More Annoying Group Texts

Group messaging is also going to be vastly improved. With iOS 8 you can name your group texting threads and add or remove people from group texts. You can also leave a group messaging thread or push "do not disturb" to mute a specific thread. No more annoying group texts!

If you want to find your friends, you can share your location through messages and show your friends where you are for an hour, until the end of the day, or until you decide to stop.

Apple's New MacBook Air Is Cheapest Ever

by Alexis Kleinman, The Huffington Post | April 29, 2014

Apple just quietly introduced its cheapest MacBook ever to the public. The company last month put two new MacBook Airs on its website: an 11-inch laptop and 13-inch laptop, each available with either 128 GB or 256 GB of storage.

At \$899, the 11-inch MacBook Air with 128 GB is the least expensive MacBook Apple has ever offered to the mass market, according to AppleInsider. Only one other time has the price of a MacBook dipped to \$899, and that was only when Apple offered a special discount to educational institutions.

Article at http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/04/29/new-macbook-air-price_n_5231755.html

Apple to replace defective Sleep/Wake buttons on iPhone 5

[Apple.com](http://apple.com)

Apple has determined that the sleep-wake button mechanism on a small percentage of iPhone 5 models manufactured through March 2013 may stop working or work intermittently. Apple will replace the sleep/wake button mechanism, free of charge, on iPhone 5 models that exhibit this issue and have a qualifying serial number. Replacement of the sleep/wake button mechanism is done at an Apple Repair Center.

There are two ways to send your iPhone to the repair center—carry-in or mail-in. The replacement process takes approximately 4-6 days from the time your iPhone is received at the repair center until it is returned to you. Your iPhone will be examined prior to any service to verify that it is eligible for this program and is otherwise in working order. Before sending your iPhone to Apple for service, you will need to back up all your data and erase all your content and settings. Before bringing or sending in your phone:

Back up your data to iTunes or iCloud

Turn off Find my iPhone

Erase data and settings in Settings > General > Reset > Erase all Content and Settings

Remove any case or cover

More at <https://ssl.apple.com/support/iphone5-sleepwakebutton/>



Texting Will Never Be the Same

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If you're less into texting, you can send audio, video or photo messages right from iMessage. Taking a cue from Snapchat, these messages will self-destruct unless you say otherwise because they take up so much space on your iPhone.

Smarter Notifications. Now when you get a notification for a text message or a Facebook comment, you can respond from whatever app you're in. So if you're looking at Twitter and you get an iMessage, you can quickly respond without leaving Twitter.

If a notification appears -- on the lock-screen or wherever -- and you don't want to deal with it immediately, you can flick it up and off the screen.

You will also be able to use the double tap you use to see your open applications to see the people you communicate with the most frequently.

To read the complete article, please visit http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/06/02/ios-8_n_5431083.html?utm_hp_ref=technology



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eBay sees > \$1 billion in Apple gadget sales every year

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Apple hardware sales are killing it on eBay. A report released by data analytic firm TeraPeak showed sellers hawking new and used Apple MacBooks, desktops, iPhones, and iPads raked in \$1.11 billion on eBay between June 8, 2013 and May 24. The astonishing figures show that demand for new and used Apple products is not only growing, quickly, but that it nearly overtakes sales volumes by numerous other producers of IT hardware combined.

Hardware that everybody else made—that includes HP, Toshiba, Samsung, and Dell—totaled \$1.19 billion during the same period, Hsiao noted. "This is a picture not often seen out there. It is very impressive and shows that Apple products command a premium, even used," noted TeraPeak analyst Aron Hsiao. [TeraPeak is the data analytic firm that conducted the study. - Ed.]

Apple, of course, does not use eBay as a commercial conduit for goods. Rather, sellers and re-sellers use the site to hawk Apple hardware of their own volition. Apple laptops, for example, have their own channel on the eBay site. Indeed, laptop and desktop categories on eBay are split into Apple and non-Apple hardware, which includes everybody manufacturing laptops and desktops other than the Cupertino, Calif.-based technology titan.

"It is Apple versus the entire rest of the market," Hsiao said.

Full article at <http://venturebeat.com/2014/06/03/ebay-sees-over-1-billion-in-used-apple-gadget-sales-every-year/>

Tips for Protecting Your Privacy Online

by Julia Angwin, BillMoyers.com ~ March 13, 2014

Most of the conventional wisdom about building passwords is terrible. People are told to change their passwords every three months; that their passwords should be made strong with multiple symbols and letters; that passwords should not be written down anywhere. It's actually better advice to choose a more secure password and write it down somewhere in a safe place. After all, it's much less likely that someone will break into your house and steal your master password list than it is that someone will hack into your account from afar through a weak password.

For recommendations from this investigative journalist and former Wall Street Journal reporter, please visit <http://billmoyers.com/2014/03/13/tips-for-protecting-your-privacy-online/>