



iOS 8: What does this mean for you?

iOS 8 has a whole new range of features, but how can you use them in everyday life?

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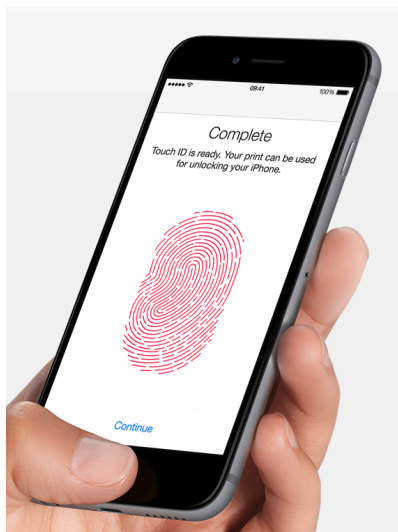
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iOS 8 - The Features (Well some of them)

With the launch of iOS8 last week we thought it would make sense to explain what some of the new features mean for the average person. There have been a few articles on the interweb that explain these new features in huge amounts of detail, that not only are totally alien for the average user but you need a development degree to understand them.

Here are a few of the biggest changes, and how they will effect your mobile experience.

Touch ID



Touch ID is a technology that allows you to unlock your phone using your thumbprint, lessening the need for pin codes or passwords. What this means for you as a user is that only your thumbprint will grant you access to the device. Everyone else is barred. Unless you add them as a user.

The beauty of Touch ID and the new iOS8 is you can use your thumbprint for so much more than just accessing your device. For example you can purchase books and apps for the App Store and for the first time ever third party developers can integrate this technology - an example of this could be booking a cab and your thumb print is the payment via a taxi app like Cab2Grab or Hailo.

iOS Family Sharing

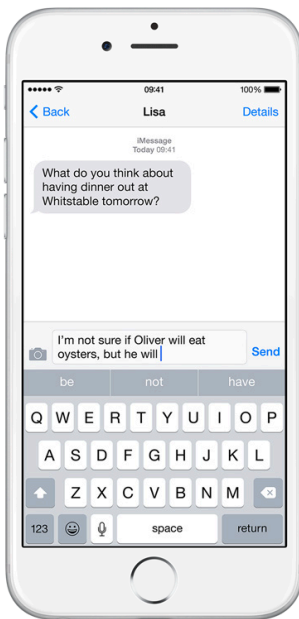
Allowing up to six people to share purchases from the app store including books, apps and music from iTunes. Parents can regulate how much their children spend on apps and purchases from the Apple stores.

Best of all - you can sync calendars, maps and photo albums meaning the whole family can be kept up to date and can contribute to photo albums, no more having to pass everyone's phone around with all the pictures from the family holiday.

You can also check in to maps and see where all of the members of your family currently are. Ideal if you have younger children or are worried about losing your partner on those long family walks in the country.



Quick Type



For the first time since the original iPhone the keyboard has had a massive update. iOS8 now predicts the words you are typing and the next word after that. Impressive stuff. What this means is, you could write an entire sentence in just a few clicks.

The next feature, which is huge for Apple, is they have finally let 3rd party developers build products, like keyboards for the iPhone. So depending on your personal preference you could have a swipe keyboard or any other keyboard of your choice. The input process can be totally moulded and shaped to your personal preference.

iCloud Drive

Now this is clever. What this does is house all of your files in the 'cloud', which means that you can access them on any device you, choose to use.

So you can start working on a presentation on your iPhone on the train into work and pick it up on your Mac when you are at your desk for the finishing touches. A key thing with iCloud drive is that the edits are made across all devices so what this means is no annoying duplicate copies. You have the latest edition on your iPhone and so you have the latest version on your Mac. Smart.



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