



Siri – your Personal Assistant

Voice assistant technology



Voice Assistant on your Devices

The most common voice assistants on your digital devices are Siri (Apple) and Google Assistant (Android).

What is Siri?

Siri is a built-in, voice controlled personal assistant available on Apple devices. Siri lets you use your voice to interact with your iPhone, iPad (including iPad mini), and latest iPod touch. And she speaks back to you!

You can ask Siri to perform tasks such as making phone calls, sending messages, setting reminders, even dictating your emails and text messages. Siri will action this for you. You can ask Siri questions about news, sports, weather and general information. Siri will give you the answer. You can even use Siri to make dinner reservations, where the closest petrol station is or update you on sports scores. Siri will not only hear your request but answer you in a human-like voice. Try telling Siri a joke!

When you turn on the Allow “Hey Siri” setting, you can access Siri by saying “Hey Siri” - and the voice can be set to be male or female.

What is Google Assistant?

Google Assistant is a personal data assistant for Android based devices. Similar to Siri, however it is an application (app) which you need to download from Play Store. Once downloaded, you can use the trigger commands to talk to it: “OK Google” or “Hey Google”.

What is Cortana?

Cortana is your personal productivity assistant on Microsoft Windows 10+ based devices. Again you just simply type or speak your requests. While you can set Cortana to work on a Windows 10+ device, you still need the details of a personal Microsoft account to activate and use Cortana.



Staying Connected

- Make calls and send messages
- Announce your messages on your AirPods
- Offers pro-active suggestions – like messaging someone that you are running late for!
- Read your last message
- Finish your sentence for you
- Start a Facetime call just by asking

Some Basic Phone and Message Commands

- Start a call on speakerphone. "Call John Smith on speaker"
- Call an emergency number. "Call 000"
- Check voice mail. "Do I have any new voice mails?"
- Text someone. "Tell [name] I am on my way," or "Tell [name] I am going to work."
- Send an email. "Send email to [name] about [subject] and say [message]"
- Hear your messages or emails read aloud. "Read my new messages," or "Check email"

Scheduling and reminders

- Schedule or cancel a meeting.
- Set a calendar appointment - "set up an appointment withat"
- Set an alarm just by saying "hey Siri, wake me at"
- Or "Set an alarm for six hours from now." "
- Set a timer. "Set the timer for 10 minutes."
- Set reminders – "remind me to pick up milk when I leave work"
- Preview your calendar – you can ask "what does my day look like?"
- Delete/turn off all alarms. "Delete all alarms" or "Turn off all alarms."
- Check the number of days between dates. "How many days until October 6?" or "How many days between April 3 and June 16?"

Other Everyday Tasks

Knowledge on the go

- Siri has answers to all kinds of questions
- Quickly check facts, do calculations, or translate a phrase into another language
- Even when you do not ask, Siri works behind the scenes like a personal assistant
- Languages - "Hey Siri, How do you say Hello in Italian?"
- Currency - "Hey Siri, how many dollar is 30 Euros?"
- Weather - "Hey Siri, what is the weather today?"
- International Time "Hey Siri, what is the time in New York?"
- Conversions (of all kinds) "How many centimetres in a metre?"
- Calculations. "What is a 20 percent tip of 600?"
- Solve math problems. "What is 234 divided by 6?" or "What is the square root of 16?"
- Find out the date and day of the week of holidays. Eg "When is Easter?"
- Split Bills – ask Siri to split the bill in three ways!



Random tips and tricks (some fun)

- Find out what airplanes are currently flying above you. Ex.: "What airplanes are above me?"
- Roll a die or roll two dice.
- Flip a coin.
- What is your favourite colour?
- Tell me a joke.
- What does the fox say?
- Knock knock.
- Who's on first?
- Why did the chicken cross the road?
- What is zero divided by zero?
- Learn how to say my name

Phone and settings

- Take a picture.
- Take a selfie.
- Turn on/off [Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Cellular Data, Airplane Mode, Do Not Disturb, Night Shift]
- Increase/decrease brightness.
- Open [app].
- Adjust music volume. Ex.: "Adjust volume to 80 percent," or "Turn the volume up/down."

Search the internet, files and apps

- Define [word].
- What is a synonym for [word]?
- Find photos. "Show me photos from last week," or "Show me my selfies," or "Show me photos from Sydney"
- Find apps. "Search the App Store for word games"

Navigation

- Take me home.
- What's traffic like on the way home?
- Get directions – Siri also lets you know when to leave based on traffic
- Find [driving, walking, transit] directions to [destination].
- How do I get to [destination] by [walking, bus, bike, car, train, etc.]?
- Where is [business name]?
- Where is the nearest [business type]?
- Find out how long until you arrive. "What's my ETA?"
- How much does petrol cost right now?

Music and Apple Music

- Apple Music and Siri work together
- Help you play your favourite song or album
- Or even answer questions about artists you love
- Siri can also suggest your favourite playlist when you arrive at the gym or start your drive home
 - "Hey Siri, play something I like"
 - "Hey Siri, what song is this?"



- “Hey Siri, play the latest”
- “Hey Siri, play me some”
- “Hey Siri, when did this song come out?”
- Basic controls: Play, pause/stop, skip/next, play previous song.
- Play [artist] or [song name] or [playlist] or [album].
- "Play some music" to begin an Apple Music mix on your device
- Shuffle my [playlist name] playlist.
- Choose the next song. Eg "After this, play Wildest Dreams."
- Buy this song.

Translation

Starting with iOS 11, Siri can translate five different languages: French, German, Mandarin, Spanish and Italian. Using the new feature is as easy as asking, "How do you say [word or phrase] in [language]?" For example: "How do you say where is the bathroom in French?"

Siri will then read the translation out loud. You will see the text on the screen alongside a play button, which you can use to replay the translation.

At Home

- Siri is a smart way to run your smart home
- Control your smart appliances
- Check their status
- Do a number of things at once – using just your voice
 - “Hey Siri, turn on the lights in the lounge room”
 - “I’m home”
 - “Hey Siri, show front door camera”
 - “Watch (tv show)”
- Siri learns and recognises family members’ voices for personalised responses

Powerful tools

- Take a note - “Hey Siri, note” or “Hey Siri, create a (Title) note.....”
- Siri can search, send and book faster than you can
- Find photos, locate your parked car, or find a file
- “Hey Siri, show my photos from Japan”
- “Hey Siri, find my AirPods”
- “Hey Siri, search Pinterest for photos of kitchens with white tiles”
- When Siri recognises events in apps like mail or messages, it suggests adding them to your calendar

The Apple Shortcut App

- Built into iOS and iPadOS the shortcut app gives you a library of useful shortcuts to choose from, like ‘Heading home’
- Just say the words and Siri will message your arrival time, start a playlist and find the fastest route home – all at once!
- You can also create your own shortcuts to streamline tasks you do all of the time such as – start a workout, dinner, drinking water, check remaining meetings, morning routines, and more!



Siri is always learning

- Personalise Siri to make it even more useful
- Speak in one of 21 different languages
- Teach Siri who your family members are
- Spell out unusual words so Siri can recognise them in the future

Security and Privacy

- Siri is designed to do as much learning as possible offline
- Searches and requests are not associated with your identify
- Your information is not gathered to sell to advertisers
- End-to-end encryption ensures that data synced between your devices cannot be accessed, even by Apple

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