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iPhone OS 3

iPhone OS 3 is the third major release of the iOS mobile operating system developed by Apple Inc., succeeding iPhone OS 2. It was announced on March 17, 2009, and was released on June 17, 2009. It was succeeded by iOS 4 on June 21, 2010; the new version dropped the "iPhone OS" naming convention.[1] iPhone OS 3 was the last version to use the "iPhone OS" naming convention.

iPhone OS 3 added a system-wide "cut, copy, or paste" dialog bubble, allowing users to more easily move content. It also introduced Spotlight, a search indexing feature designed to help users locate specific information on their device, such as contacts, email messages or apps. The home screen was expanded to let users add up to 11 pages, showcasing a total of 180 apps. The Messages app received support for MMS, while the Camera app received support for video recording on the iPhone 3GS, and a new "Voice Memos" app let users record their voice.

Contents

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A version of the iOS operating system

iPhone OS 3.1.3 running on an iPhone 3G

Developer	Apple Inc.
Source model	Closed, with open source components
Initial release	June 17, 2009
Latest release	3.2.2 (7B500) / August 11, 2010
Platforms	**iPhone** iPhone (1st generation) iPhone 3G iPhone 3GS **iPod Touch**

Apps

- iTunes
- App Store
- Text
- Calendar
- Photos
- Camera
- YouTube
- Stocks
- Maps
- Weather
- Clock
- Calculator
- Notes
- Settings
- Voice Memos

Dock

- Phone
- Mail
- Safari
- iPod

	iPod touch (1st generation)
	iPod touch (2nd generation)
	iPod touch (3rd generation)
	iPad iPad (1st generation)
Kernel type	Hybrid (XNU)
License	Proprietary EULA except for open-source components
Preceded by	iPhone OS 2
Succeeded by	iOS 4
Official website	Apple - iPhone - New features in the iPhone 3.0 Software Update (https://web.archive.org/web/20090818022633/http://www.apple.com/iphone/softwareupdate/) at the Wayback Machine (archived August 18, 2009)
Support status	
Obsolete, unsupported	

History

iPhone OS 3 was announced on March 17, 2009, with a beta version available for developers the same day.[2] iPhone OS 3.0 was officially released on June 17, 2009.[3][4]

Updates

Version	Release date	Notes
3.0	June 17, 2009	Initial release
3.0.1	July 31, 2009	Bug fixes, including a security fix for SMS messages[5]
3.1 3.1.1[a]	September 9, 2009	Initial release on iPod Touch (3rd generation); new features[6] and security fixes.[7]
3.1.2	October 8, 2009	Bug fixes[8]
3.1.3	February 2, 2010	Bug fixes[9] including security fixes.[10]
3.2[b]	April 3, 2010	Initial release on iPad (1st generation). Exclusive to this device; user interface changes to make better use of the tablet form factor.[11]
3.2.1[b]	July 15, 2010	Bug fixes, including a Wi-Fi bug[12]
3.2.2[b]	August 11, 2010	Security fixes[13]

a. iPod touch (3rd generation) only
b. iPad (1st generation) only

System features

Cut, copy, or paste

iPhone OS 3 introduced a "cut, copy, or paste" bubble dialog when users double-tap text. The "paste" button would incorporate anything stored in the device's clipboard into the marked area.[14][15][16]

Spotlight

Spotlight is a system-wide indexing and search feature, aiming to help users search their device for specific contacts, email messages, calendar appointments, multimedia files, apps and more. It is accessed by swiping to the right from the home screen.[17]

Home screen

iPhone OS 3 expands the maximum number of pages on the home screen to 11, for a total number of 180 apps.[18]

App features

Messages

The Messages app received native support for the Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS), allowing users to send and receive messages that also contain pictures, contacts, locations, voice recordings, and video messages.[19][14]

Camera and Photos

The Camera app introduced video recording for iPhone 3GS.[20][18]

The Photos app featured a new copy button and the ability to delete multiple photos at once.[18]

Voice Memos

iPhone OS 3 added a "Voice Memos" app, allowing users to record their voice.[18]

Cost

Upgrading to iPhone OS 3 was free for iPhone. Upgrading to iPhone OS 3 cost iPod Touch users $5 to $10, depending on device purchase date.[21]

iPhone OS 3 was the last major version of iOS for which there was a charge for iPod Touch users to upgrade. Starting with iOS 4, iOS upgrades became free for all users, including users of iPod Touch.

Supported devices

iPhone

- iPhone (1st generation)
- iPhone 3G
- iPhone 3GS

iPod Touch

- iPod Touch (1st generation)
- iPod Touch (2nd generation)
- iPod Touch (3rd generation)

iPad

- iPad (1st generation)

Version history: iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad

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