WhatsApp Release Notes

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Introduction

Meta Platforms Inc. is releasing WhatsApp with new updates. The current release 1.1 includes new features, enhancements, system information, issues fixed, known issues, limitations and general information related to the usage.

What's New

This section contains the new features and enhancements.

New Features

Release 1.1 introduces two new features with the focus on privacy and security.

1. **App Lock:** When logging in, the users will need to set up a security lock for the account. They will need to provide a security PIN, fingerprint or a face ID. For more information, see *Setting up App Lock*.

2. **Profile Security:** The users can now further customize their profile security. They can choose who can view their last seen status, profile photo and more. For more information, see *Account Privacy and Security*.

Enhancements

This release includes several enhancements across multiple features. The following sections provide a detailed overview of each enhancement.

- **Status Update:**

- Added a new option of selecting HD images.
- Users can now upload high-definition images on their status updates.
- It gives users an option of adding good quality images, improving their experience.
- HD images option is located on the left side of the chat box.

- **Video Calls:**

- Added a new option of performing 4K video calls
- Users can now perform 4K video calls with their contacts.
- It improves user experience by enhancing the video and audio quality on the calls.
- 4K video calls option is located in the contact info section of the respective contacts.

System Information

WhatsApp can be accessed on smartphone and desktop devices. The system information for accessing WhatsApp is as below:

- **Mobile Devices:**

  - Android: Android 5.0 or newer.
  - iOS: iOS 12 or newer.

- **Desktop Devices:**

  - Windows: Windows 10 or newer.
  - iOS: macOS 12.1 or newer.

- **Additional Notes:**

  - WhatsApp will notify you if your device or operating system is no longer supported and encourage you to upgrade.
  - For Windows, the new desktop app requires Windows 10.1 64-bit 1903 or higher. If your Windows version is older, you can use WhatsApp Web.
  - You can also use WhatsApp Web in a web browser on your desktop for all other operating systems.

Fixed Issues

- Resolved an issue where certain stickers sent to users displayed an incorrect padding color.
- Fixed a bug that prevented users from downloading PDF files sent via chat.
- Addressed an issue where live location sharing was being enabled automatically.

Known Issues

1. Slow Notifications on Android

- **Issue:** Some Android users may experience delays in receiving message notifications when the app is running in the background.
- **Workaround:** Ensure WhatsApp is excluded from battery optimization settings. Go to **Settings**>**Apps**>**WhatsApp**>**Battery** and select **Unrestricted**.
- **Status:** The issue has been identified and a fix is being developed for an upcoming release.

2. Blank Screen on iOS

- **Issue:** Users on iOS may encounter a blank screen when trying to open the "Updates" tab after the app is freshly installed or updated.
- **Workaround:** Force close the app and reopen it. In most cases, this resolves the issue temporarily.
- **Status:** The issue has been reported and is under investigation by the development team.

Limitations

- The live-location sharing feature cannot be integrated with Google Maps or Apple Maps.
- The social media linking feature is only applicable to Facebook, Instagram, and Threads.

Language Support

WhatsApp supports the following languages based on your locale:

- English (US)
- English (UK)
- Hindi

For more information about how to customize the language for your user account, see How to Change WhatsApp's language.