

iOS 11 Review

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As of September 19, the iPhone got a new and refreshing look and set of functions. Many aspects of this update we believe are much better than those of IOS 10 and earlier.

One of the new features is the new interface for the Messages app. Although there are not many differences in functionality, the new interface looks much better than the last. At the top of the list of messages there is an enlarged “Messages” logo above a search bar. Although this may not make the app any better from a functionality standpoint it makes it look a lot better. Another difference is the new control center. Users can also send each other money with messages using Apple Pay. In IOS 10, the user could not change what was in the control center so things the user did not need were in it, and things they needed were not. With IOS 11, the control center can be customized by the user so the things you want can be accessed easily. It also got a huge update in the visual department. The classic curved squares have come into play in yet another aspect of an Apple device. A refreshing set of new colors have also been incorporated to the useful control center. New sliders for the brightness and volume functions make add to an even more user friendly update. Another big improvement is the improvement to Siri. In IOS 11. Apple added the capability of being able to translate languages to Siri. It can now translate into Chinese, French, Spanish, German, and Italian. This new feature is potentially very useful for people traveling in countries that speaking these languages. Hopefully in future updates Apple will incorporate more languages into Siri’s arsenal. Apple also added a feature in which it changes the formats of photos and videos to take up less storage on your device. This was a big issue with phones with lower storage levels, and it is a huge improvement. A lot of times people were seeing all of their storage being eaten up by 100 photos. They then had to delete these photos that might hold memories. With this update people will be able to hold more photos on their phone without having to worry about a lack of storage. Another improved feature is Maps. Maps now has live traffic, a feature seen in apps like Waze. Obviously the code for this function is not that hard so seeing a technology juggernaut like Apple finally using this is invigorating. It also added the feature of indoor maps to some airports and malls. Hopefully in future updates we can see maps for all airports and malls throughout the world.

With these many positive changes there are also some drawbacks of the update that may make you rethink whether there was an overall positive impact of the update. Battery life has obviously declined a large amount. It may not say it explicitly in the update description but it is very evident. This is a great example of planned obsolescence, where Apple makes the battery life worse so then users would be more inclined to buy a new phone.

Overall, the positive changes outweigh the negative ones and that is why we believe this was a very solid update. A lot of the things that were update in this new package are things that we believe could alleviate some of the negative stigma that Apple has with Android users.