What's New in iOS 27

1. **The hardware—iPhone 18 Pro, Pro Max and iPhone Duo**
    - 1.1. iPhone 18 Pro
        - 1.1.1. An incremental upgrade in battery life, camera, and speed
    - 1.2. Apple appears to be splitting the introductions
    - 1.3. Look for iPhone 18 and maybe revisions to iPhone Air and 17e in spring
    - 1.4. iPhone Duo: it folds
        - 1.4.1. Roughly passport-sized
        - 1.4.2. Designed to have the benefit of a larger screen, but still be pocketable
        - 1.4.3. A re-working of the iPhone interface

2. **The software—iOS 27**
    - 2.1. iPhone 11 and later, iPhone SE (2nd Generation or later)—same iPhones that run iOS 26
    - 2.2. Backup first
        - 2.2.1. On iPhone tap Settings > your name > iCloud > iCloud Backup > Back Up Now
    - 2.3. Install on your iPhone
        - 2.3.1. Settings > General > Software Update
    - 2.4. Stay current

3. **Three areas of focus**
    - 3.1. Design refinements
        - 3.1.1. Smoothing out the rough edges around look and feel
        - 3.1.2. Improvements to Liquid Glass, including customization
        - 3.1.3. Sharper and detailed app icons
    - 3.2. Faster performance
        - 3.2.1. Apps open faster, photos load faster, interacting feels smoother
        - 3.2.2. Smoother network transitions
    - 3.3. Siri AI
        - 3.3.1. Powered by Apple Intelligence
        - 3.3.2. More personal, more powerful with privacy at its core
        - 3.3.3. More natural conversations
        - 3.3.4. World knowledge, akin to other AI models

3.3.5. Understands your personal context, what's on-screen and contained within your device
3.3.6. Take actions in other apps
3.3.7. Customize how Siri sounds
3.3.8. Woven throughout iOS and apps

4. Liquid Glass design

4.1. Fewer on-screen controls means in might take an extra tap or two to perform an action
4.2. Some standard buttons now are displayed with icons—like ⓧ instead of Cancel or ⓒ instead of Done
4.3. Search fields are often at the bottom of the screen
4.4. A glass-like material containing buttons and toolbars appears to overlay content
4.5. Legibility of text can be at issue at times
4.5.1. Settings > Appearance > Liquid Glass
4.5.2. Drag the slider to adjust the amount of transparency

5. Siri AI

5.1. How it works
5.1.1. Apple distilled its own AI models from Google's AI models
5.1.2. When a request is made of Siri, the device determines whether the response can be provided directly by the device (e.g., a search of email messages, calendar appointments, or your photo library)
5.1.3. If the response cannot be determined on-device it is sent to Private Cloud Compute where more powerful AI models attempt to provide a response. Once the response is provided the data is not retained.

5.2. What you need
5.2.1. Current operating system
5.2.2. iPhone 15 Pro or later
5.2.3. Mac or iPad with M-series Apple Silicon, iPad mini (A17 Pro)
5.2.4. Apple Vision Pro
5.2.5. Apple Watch Series 9 or later, Ultra 2 or later, SE 3

5.3. Settings > Siri
    5.3.1. Pick from several voices; optionally change the pace and expressivity
5.4. Talk to Siri in the usual way—trigger phrases or press and hold side button
5.5. Siri app
5.6. Type to Siri
    5.6.1. In the Siri app; return to conversations in the future
        5.6.1.1. Conversations are synced between your devices through iCloud
    5.6.2. Tap the Search button on the home screen to search for things on your device or type to Siri
    5.6.3. Flick down from the top center of the iPhone to search or ask Siri
5.7. The initial hurdle: Recognize that Siri, after all these years, now works as intended
5.8. Ask open-ended questions, brainstorm ideas for work or creative projects, and engage in natural, back-and-forth conversations
5.9. Siri recognizes personal context: Search for a photo from years ago, locate an email buried in your inbox, or pull up the details from a note you saved
5.10. Ask Siri to take action in apps, such as resume a podcast, call a friend, create a reminder, etc.
    5.10.1. Example: See if you can find an airfare from San Francisco to Chicago in the month of November for less than $500. I'd prefer to fly United…Show me some examples.
    5.10.2. Example: Draft an email to Duane Lindberg listing the Fridays in the next two months when I'm free for lunch. Remind him that it's his treat this time, and not to conveniently forget his wallet.
    5.10.3. Example: I've got an email somewhere about a solar battery and panel installation from some company in the East Bay. Can you find it?
    5.10.4. Example: Will my Apple Watch call 911 if I fall? The watch does not have cellular service, but the Phone I'm carrying does.
    5.10.5. Example: Present to me in table form all 64 colors in a box of Crayola crayons, separated by color. So, for example, burnt sienna would be listed with the variations of brown.

5.11. System-wide writing tools
    5.11.1. Select text, tap the Siri button, ask Siri to proofread, rewrite with a particular tone (friendly, professional, concise) or style (say, as a poem), etc.
    5.11.2. Example: In the Notes app, tap the Write with Siri button and ask it to create a poem about a dog and a dog catcher who become best friends.
5.12. Dictation
    5.12.1. More extensive verbal text editing now supported
    5.12.2. Tap the dictation button to turn dictation on (and off)
    5.12.3. Use commands such as "Change red to blue" or "Replace the sleepy cat with the comatose feline"
    5.12.4. Change the case of words and phrases by saying "Capitalize phrase", "Lowercase phrase", or capitalize "football".
    5.12.5. Select words or phrases (example: "Select the word green") and undo actions (example: Undo that.")
5.13. Visual Intelligence
    5.13.1. Ask Siri about an image on your screen
        5.13.1.1. Example: Siri can create complete Calendar entries for information that is on your screen at that moment
        5.13.1.2. Example: What kind of dog is this…What about the plant behind him?
    5.13.2. In the Camera app, select the Siri mode, then tap the Siri button to have the image described for you. The search button can be used to find the contents of the image online at Amazon, Lowe's, etc.
5.14. Photos
    5.14.1. Tap a photo, tap Edit, then tap Tools
        5.14.1.1. Tap Clean Up to remove objects from a photo
            5.14.1.1.1. Three choices: Auto, Fast (handled on-device), and High Quality (done by Private Cloud Compute)
        5.14.1.2. Tap Extend to extend a photo
        5.14.1.3. Tap Reframe to change the angle of a photo or zoom in
    5.14.2. Save a video frame as a photo
        5.14.2.1. Select a video
        5.14.2.2. Tap Edit

5.14.2.3. Drag the playhead so the frame you want to save is visible on the screen

5.14.2.4. Tap More ••• > Save Video Frame as Photo

5.14.3. Shared albums improvements

5.14.3.1. Photos and videos appear in full resolution

5.14.3.2. Albums can be shared with Android and Windows users

5.15. Image Playground

5.15.1. Create unique, high-quality images in just about any style

5.15.2. Modify and transform your images with just a description or using touch

5.15.3. Describe an image, or start with a photo or person. Choose a size and style.

5.15.3.1. Example: Create a picture of an astronaut planting a flag on Mars. Make it photorealistic.

5.16. Safari

5.16.1. Notify Me monitors pages for changes — for example, a price change or restock — and alerts you when it's time to act

5.16.1.1. Open a web page, tap ☰, tap Notify Me and describe the change to the website that you want to be monitored

5.16.1.1.1. Example: Go to hoka.com, and monitor a shoe for a price change

5.16.2. Create an extension

5.16.2.1. Describe an extension to enhance your web browsing experience

5.16.2.2. Open a web page, tap ☰, tap Describe Extension and describe the extension you want to create

5.16.2.2.1. Example: Block the cookies pop-up that appears when I visit the website

5.16.2.3. Siri will show you an extension that might suffice or allow you to create your own

5.17. Genmoji

5.17.1. Describe an emoji and let Apple Intelligence generate it

5.17.2. Open the Messages app, tap the emoji button, tap Genmoji and describe the image

5.18. Shortcuts

5.18.1. Shortcuts is a way to accomplish tasks on your device, perhaps using several apps, with a tap or voice command

5.18.2. Open the Shortcuts app, tap ⊕, then describe what you want the shortcut to do

5.18.3. Example: When I leave church, message my wife that I'm on my way with my ETA

6. Camera

6.1. Touch and hold the controls to edit the list of pinned controls

6.2. Use the camera with Siri and Visual Intelligence to search, ask questions, and take actions

6.2.1. Open Camera and select the Siri mode

6.2.2. Tap the Siri button

7. Messages

7.1. Add a drawing to a conversation

7.2. Tap ⊕ next to iMessage field and then tap Drawing

7.3. Markup tools appear at the bottom of the screen; draw on the screen with your finger

8. Mail

8.1. Much improved search function, both within Mail and when asking Siri

8.2. Improved smart replies

9. Phone

9.1. A new Call Context feature can surface information that may be useful when on a call

9.2. The information is selected according to who you are calling rather than by listening to the conversation

9.2.1. Example: Calling an airline could cause iOS to surface the relevant flight confirmation from Mail.

9.3. Birthday reminders can also appear when calling contacts whose birthdays are stored on the iPhone

10. FaceTime

10.1. Dual Capture allows the front and rear cameras to be used at the same time during a call.

11. Wallet

11.1. Create a wallet pass by scanning a bar code or QR code

12. Sounds

12.1. Set separate volume levels for ringtones, alerts, timers, and system sounds

12.2. Settings > Sounds & Haptics

12.3. Disable Match Ringtone Volume and adjust the sound levels separately

13. Good places for help

13.1. Apple Support: apple.com/support/

13.2. Tips app—*all* the user guides are here

13.3. Apple's iOS webpage: https://www.apple.com/os/ios/

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