

# IPHONE/IPAD TIPS



## Should I Update to iOS 8.2?

(iOS 8.3 is coming soon & iOS 9 in September)

The notice to update to 8.2 was out on Tuesday after the iWatch event on Monday. You never have to update right away so take your time and always read the release notes that are located in the software update screen in Settings/General. Always, always back up your phone on iTunes.

The main purpose of this update is to provide changes necessary for iWatch to work with new apps for the watch. I updated and found an iWatch app on my home screen. Most updates will also have some efficiency improvements to improve speed and batter consumption. A new version is also likely to have a few bugs and the worst ones affect battery life, speed, memory and reception.

## Health App info

First of all, if you think you do not need to know any health related information from your iPhone, turn fitness tracking off!!! iPhone 6 has a motion processor and it's computing every step you take. Yesterday was the first time I opened up the health app to find out that it's been tracking my steps since December 16th when I bought the phone. There is a data point for every set of steps you take. That's a lot. I gave up scrolling back to December to see the first records.

So the phone is using processing power and data storage to accomplish this feat. This is amazing if you want it and need it, but down the road this kind of techno-improvements, sometimes called "bloating", will require you to buy a 32gig iPhone rather than a 16gig. and faster processor phones. New and wonderful leads to spending more money.

To cut health tracking off, go to Settings/Privacy/Motion & Fitness and turn off Fittnes Tracking. That will discontinue monitoring of your activity. Also open the Health app and find the steps and distance functions. Click on "show all data" and then click on "edit" and "clear all" to delete all of those data points.

The Health app will keep a ream of your health data in the app if you input it or if you have devices that supply the information. It is a great idea to store emergency information or medical conditions that could be of use to emergency responders. The joke on the internet is that when someone ask "how are your doing", you will be able to open your health app and give them an hour's worth of information about your health.



## iWatch

In short, it's amazing and attractive. The negative experts are saying "why would I want one" but they always do. These are the guys are still building pc's. In a few months, that phrase will change to "when can I get mine". Prices range from \$349 for the sports model to \$10,000 for the 18ct gold version. I didn't think I needed one until I saw the Micky Mouse watch face.

The sports models are the 2 on the left, and the stainless steel versions are the 2 on the right.

There are more than 350 variations that you can order which include alternate watch bands. You can buy more interchangeable watch bands. The average battery life is 18 hrs assuming that you are making good use of the phone's capabilities. Just using iWatch as a time piece will get you 48 hrs of battery life. News reports say that Apple will make \$5 billion per quarter on the gold iWatches.

The watch is capable of doing so much, I really can talk about it, but I can point you to Apple's web site to



learn more about the health monitoring and other functionality.

<http://www.apple.com/watch/>

### Facts

*it's not just a watch, it's an wearable extension of your phone that happens to have a watch face*  
*it's an health input device*

*It's a way to know who's calling and keep you from fumbling for your phone while driving.*

*It's a way to see those all important text messages*

*it has a magnetic charger which means you don't really plug it in to charge*

*it comes in two sizes: 38mm and 42mm*

*it is water resistant*

*it can answer and originate calls*

*it's not for your Android phone*

*It's a way to send your heartbeat to your sweetie!! What???*

*It's a certain to be banned on exam days*

*here's a list of the supplied apps.*

<https://www.apple.com/watch/built-in-apps/>

### Next OS release

iOS 8.3 will be out in support of CarPlay for new model cars and retrofit radios. It will like have some fixes for 8.2 that they found when that OS got some use. iOS9 is scheduled for the fall and is reported to not be so feature-packed, but to be an optimizing, bug-fixing release that will also support any new features in the iPhone 6s.

