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Important Note: I have been conducting the iDevice SIG for almost 6-1/2 years. It is time for me to pass along the hosting of this SIG to someone else. I will continue for a few more months. I will help someone through the transition as they take over.



Supply chain preps for Apple's Oct. launch of 'iPhone 8' with hiring spree, resolves bottlenecks

The latest supply chain reports out of China are refuting previous observations that the "iPhone 8" would be delayed, and are claiming that manufacturers of previous low-yield products have resolved production problems.



"iPhone 8" OLED concept [via iMore](#).

According to a report [early Monday](#) from the *Economic Daily News*, laminate motherboard suppliers Zhen Ding, and Kinsus Interconnect have worked out difficulties, and are ready to ramp up iPhone parts in June. Long-time Apple supplier TSMC is ready to go with the "A11" chip, also according to the report, and will also start producing in mass quantities on June 10, with volume quantities arriving at Foxconn in the second half of July.

At the same time, the report alleges that iPhone assemblers Foxconn Electronics, Winstron and Pegatron have started the hiring surge process, and required training, to have an adequate work force on hand.

Multiple venues declared [in April](#) that the "iPhone 8" would ship significantly later than "normal" iPhone timetables. While the reports stated that the phone would launch alongside the "iPhone 7s" family in Apple's regular September event, the April accounts noted that it may not ship until significantly later.

Analyst Ming-Chi Kuo cautioned investors that Apple's anticipated flagship "iPhone 8" could be in [extremely limited supply](#) in 2017, thanks to the expected adoption of a number of new technologies. As a result, customers could wait, or shift interest to the "iPhone 7s" family of phones which are expected to be released at the same time, potentially capping iPhone shipments in the holiday quarter.

The "iPhone 8" is predicted to sport an [edge-to-edge OLED panel](#) with a 5.1-inch user space — the rest dedicated to virtual buttons. Slimming or removing the bezels would allow Apple to cram [a larger battery](#) into a form factor similar in

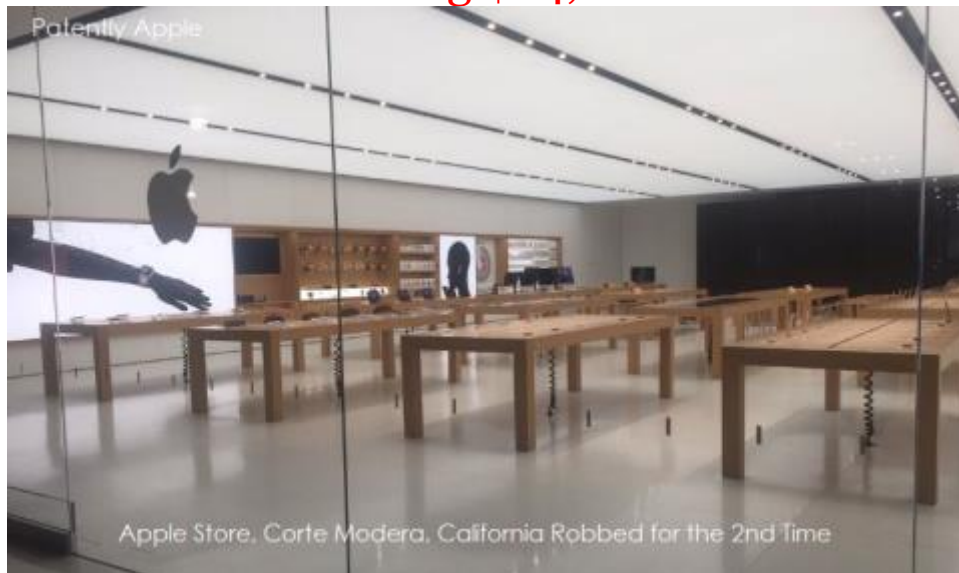
size to the 4.7-inch iPhone 7. Also expected is a new [3D facial scanner](#) .

With a complete redesign said to be forthcoming in the device implementing a curved glass back with wireless charging, some reports have pegged the starting price of the "iPhone 8" at [more than \\$1,000](#).

Apple Patent Reveals a New Security Feature Coming to Siri

Recently the US Patent & Trademark Office published a patent application from Apple that revealed a new security feature coming to Siri. While it sounds very simple, this new feature could actually pack quite the punch in that it could be extended to a whole host of future devices. Today we have passwords we type in and Touch ID. In the future, we may also have facial and voice recognition. You may have a vocal password that also carries an audio footprint. Technically it's Voice Biometrics, a feature that's not associated with Siri today. In the future, if Siri doesn't recognize the voice of the owner of the device, accessing Siri or the computer associated with it will be impossible.

Another Apple Store Smash and Grab Happened in Corte Madera California taking \$24,000 worth of Devices



The Corte Madera police have confirmed that \$24,000 worth of Apple devices were stolen last night shortly before the store was set to close for the evening. Customers still in the store at the time were shocked to see the robbery unfold. This is the second time that this particular store has been targeted. The devices included 17 iPhones, 3 iPads and 2 Macs.

Easily Remind Yourself About a Phone Call on iPhone

Have you ever had a phone call come in which you couldn't answer right away, but it's important enough that you don't want to forget to call back? The iPhone has a great solution to this common scenario, with the iPhone phone app's "Remind Me" feature.

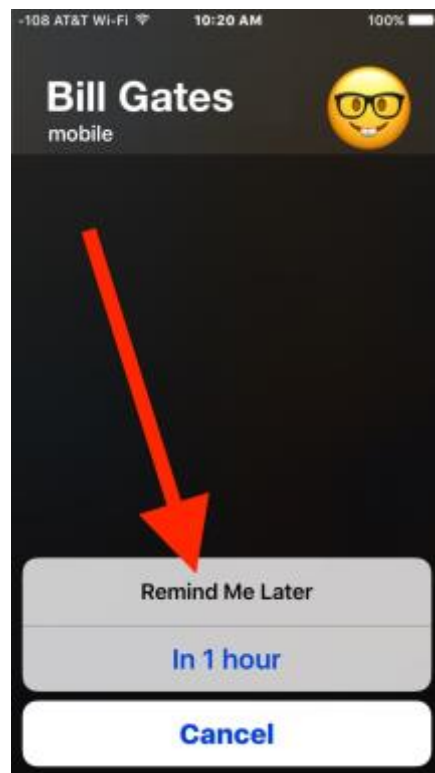
This "Remind Me" about a phone call feature is available only when a phone call is coming into the iPhone, it's quite easy to use and it's intuitive too, here's what you'll want to do:

How to Remind Yourself About a Phone Call on iPhone

When a phone call comes into the iPhone that you can't answer at the moment...

Tap the "Remind Me" button, it looks like a little alarm clock

Choose when you want the iPhone to remind you about this phone call so that you can call them back



The iPhone will offer an option to remind you in one hour about the phone call, or when you leave work or home if you have the various location services turned on for that ability. This is essentially just a phone front end to the reminder app and remind service, which you can also access manually from the Reminders app or by telling Siri to remind you about something, but since it comes from the phone app and is available when a phone call comes in, it's perhaps one of the most useful ways to trigger the function.

Another option is to [use the message responder for incoming calls to iPhone](#) which will send the caller a text message or iMessage from an approved auto-response message list.

You can always just [send a call to voicemail on iPhone](#) too and then use the visual voicemail transcription service to read a voice mail if it's left, but the reminder feature is really quite handy if you're forgetful or just want to emphasize returning a particular phone call.

Can't Spell? Ask Siri to Spell a Word on iPhone, iPad, Mac

Can't remember how to spell a word? You can ask Siri to spell the word for you! That's right, good old Siri on your Mac, iPhone, or iPad has no problem helping you spell words if you can't think of where to begin and when [autocorrect is off](#) or otherwise failing you, is this Siri feature supercalifragilisticexpialidocious or what? You'll think it's great too.

Here's how you can stop fumbling with a confusing word and use this great Siri spelling trick on any iPhone, Mac, or iPad that has Siri enabled.

Summon Siri, then say “spell (word)”

Summon Siri however you normally do, whether that's [using Hey Siri handsfree](#), [earbuds](#), or holding the Home button on the iPhone or iPad, [the Siri Mac keystroke](#), or trigger the menu bar for Siri on the Mac, then you can say anything like the following:

Spell (word)

Hey Siri, spell supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

Spell the word bureaucracy

Spell baccalaureate

Siri, spell bourgeois

Siri, tell me how to spell accommodate

Siri spell Caribbean

Spell entrepreneur

This trick works exactly the same on iPhone, iPad, and Mac

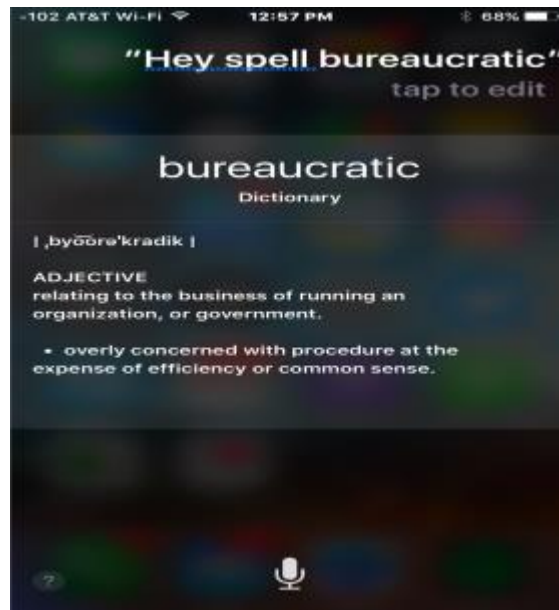
OS, as long as you have Siri you can use this.



Siri will spell out the word, and also define it for you.

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Now you can type it accurately even if you don't know where to begin, great stuff.

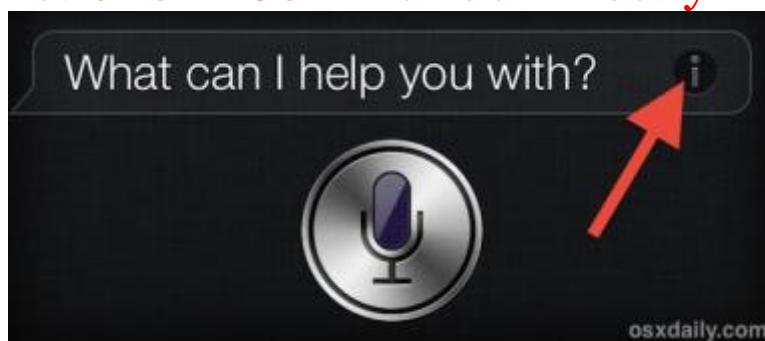


This is just yet another handy Siri trick available in the always expanding [massive Siri commands list](#) for iOS, and there's a slightly different big [list of Siri commands for Mac](#) with some

desktop specific actions.

The Siri word spelling is generally quite good but there are some failures, for example trying to spell “glycine” or “glycerinate” breaks it up into various weird word combos like “Glisan eight” or “Delight sunlight” – not quite what you’re looking for. Oh well... not everything is perfect!

Get a List of Siri Commands Directly from Siri



We’ve [shown you many](#) of the great and [legitimately useful things](#) you can do with Siri, but there is much more to the intelligent voice assistant than meets the eye. Sure you can wing it to find out what Siri can do, but a better solution is to ask Siri directly... and it’ll tell you with a giant commands list!

Ask Siri to List Siri Commands

To access Siri’s very own manual of actions and commands, just do one of the following:

Summon Siri and **tap the (i) button** to bring up the commands list

OR: Summon Siri and **ask “What can you do?”**

OR: Click here to see the huge Siri commands list

Either option will bring up an interactive commands list broken into categories, the initial list of Siri examples include a command alongside the category and/or topic it pertains to:

- Call (Name) – Phone
- Launch Photos – App Launching

- Tell (Name) I'll be right there – Messages
- Set up a meeting at 9 – Calendar
- Did the Giants win? – Sports
- Give me directions home – Maps
- Tweet with my location – Twitter
- Post to Facebook – Facebook
- Table for four in Palo Alto – Restaurants
- What movies are playing? – Movies
- Play Norah Jones – Music
- Remind me to call mom – Reminders
- Email Emily about the trip – Email
- What's the weather today?- Weather
- What is Apple's stock price? – Stocks
- Wake me up tomorrow at 7AM – Clock
- What is Emily's address? – Contacts
- Note that I spent \$12 on lunch – Notes
- Where's Brian? – Find My Friends
- Define mitosis – WolframAlpha (for the tough questions)



Notice there's an arrow alongside each of these entries, and every one of them can be tapped on to see even more specific example Siri commands related to the initial topic.

That's just the beginning though, **here's an enormous list of possible Siri commands you can try out.**

Huge List of Siri Commands

If you'd rather see a gigantic list, this one is pretty extensive, though it's certainly not all-inclusive and therefore won't include all of the newer abilities that pertains to Maps and things like [buying movie tickets](#) and [finding wi-fi](#).

Nonetheless, it's a useful list to browse through if you don't want to navigate through Siri's menus.

Maps & Directions

- Give me directions to Best Buy in Seattle, Washington
- Directions to Moms house
- Show directions to Bobs Taco Shed in Transit
- Where is Apple Store in Phoenix

Address Book

Querying Contacts

- 1 What's Michael's address?
- 2 What is Susan Park's phone number?
- 3 When is my wife's birthday?
- 4 Show Jennifer's home email address

Finding Contacts

- 1 Show Jason Russell
- 2 Find people named Park
- 3 Who is Michael Manning?

Relationships

- 1 My mom is Susan Park
- 2 Michael Manning is my brother
- 3 Call my brother at work

Calendars

Adding Events

- Set up a meeting at 9
- Set up a meeting with Michael at 9
- Meet with Lisa at noon
- Set up a meeting about hiring tomorrow at 9am
- New appointment with Susan Park Friday at 3
- Schedule a planning meeting at 8:30 today in the boardroom

Changing events

- Move my 3pm meeting to 4:30
- Reschedule my appointment with Dr. Manning to next Monday at 9am
- Add Lisa to my meeting with Jason
- Cancel the budget review meeting

Asking about events

- What does the rest of my day look like?
- What's on my calendar for Friday?
- When is my next appointment?
- When am I meeting with Michael?
- Where is my next meeting?

Alarms

Setting Alarms

- Wake me up tomorrow at 7am
- Set an alarm for 6:30am
- Wake me up in 8 hours
- Change my 6:30 alarm to 6:45
- Turn off my 6:30 alarm
- Delete my 7:30 alarm

Checking the Clock

- What time is it?
- What time is it in Berlin?
- What is today's date?
- What's the date this Saturday?

Using a Timer

- Set the timer for ten minutes
- Show the timer
- Pause the timer
- Resume
- Reset the timer
- Stop it

Email

Sending Messages

- Email Lisa about the trip
- Email Jennifer about the change in plans
- New email to Susan Park
- Mail Dad about the rent check
- Email Dr. Manning and say I got the forms, thanks
- Mail Lisa and Jason about the party and say I had a great time

Checking Messages

- Check email
- Any new email from Michael today?
- Show new mail about the lease

- Show the email from Lisa yesterday

Responding to Messages

- Reply Dear Susan sorry about the late payment
- Call him at work

Friends

Checking Up on Friends

- Where's Jason?
- Where is my sister?
- Is my wife at home?
- Where are all my friends?
- Who is here?
- Who is near me?

Maps

Directions

- How do I get home?
- Show 1 Infinite Loop Cupertino California
- Directions to my dad's work

Local Businesses

- Find coffee near me
- Where is Starbucks?
- Find some burger joints in Baltimore
- Find a gas station within walking distance
- Good Mexican restaurants around here

Messages

Sending Texts

- Tell Susan I'll be right there
- Send a message to Jason Russell
- Send a message to Lisa saying how about tomorrow
- Tell Jennifer the show was great
- Send a message to Susan on her mobile saying I'll be late
- Send a message to 408 555 1212
- Text Jason and Lisa where are you?

Reading Texts

- Read my new messages
- Read it again

Replying to Texts

- Reply that's great news
- Tell him I'll be there in 10 minutes
- Call her

Music

Playback

- Play The Light of the Sun
- Play Trouble
- Play Taking Back Sunday shuffled
- Play Alicia Keys
- Play some blues
- Play my party mix
- Shuffle my roadtrip playlist
- Play
- Pause
- Skip

Notes

Creating and finding notes

- Note that I spent \$12 on lunch
- Note: check out that new Alicia Keys album
- Find my restaurant note
- Create a reading list note
- Add Tom Sawyer to my reading list note

Phone

Phone calls

- Call Jason
- Call Jennifer Wright mobile
- Call Susan on her work phone
- Call 408 555 1212
- Call home
- FaceTime Lisa

Reminders

Requesting reminders

- Remind me to call mom
- Remind me to call my mom when I get home
- Remember to take an umbrella
- Remind me take my medicine at 6am tomorrow
- Remind me to pick up flowers when I leave here
- Remind me when I leave to call Jason
- Remind me to finish the report by 6

Stocks

Checking Stocks

- What's Apple's stock price?
- What is Apple's PE ratio?
- What did Yahoo close at today?
- How is the Nikkei doing?
- How are the markets doing?
- What is the Dow at?

Weather

Checking the Forecast

- What's the weather for today?
- What's the weather for tomorrow?
- Will it rain in Cupertino this week?
- Check next week's forecast for Burlington
- What's the forecast for this evening?
- How's the weather in Tampa right now?
- How hot will it be in Palm Springs this weekend?
- What's the high for Anchorage on Thursday?
- What's the temperature outside?
- How windy is it out there?
- When is sunrise in Paris?

Websearch

Looking up information

- Search the web for Bora Bora

- Search for vegetarian pasta recipes
- Search the web for best cable plans
- Google the war of 1812
- Search Wikipedia for Abraham Lincoln
- Search for news about the World Cup
- Bing Alicia Keys

Using Wolfram Alpha

- How many calories in a bagel?
- What is an 18% tip on \$86.74 for four people?
- Who's buried in Grant's tomb?
- How long do dogs live?
- What is the Gossamer Condor?
- What's the square root of 128?
- How many dollars is €45?
- What was the Best Picture of 1983?
- How many days until Christmas?
- How far away is the Sun?
- When is the next solar eclipse?
- Show me the Orion constellation
- What's the population of Jamaica?
- How high is Mt. Everest?
- How deep is the Atlantic ocean?
- What's the price of gasoline in Chicago?

Also worth remembering; when interacting with many of these Siri commands, you can use virtually all of the separate [Dictation commands](#) from elsewhere in iOS and OS X to help things along, whether it's writing out emails, formatting notes, changing punctuation, or whatever else you want done.

It's important to note these are not the only commands you can give Siri, they're just examples which give you a better idea of the guidelines and frameworks for which Siri works and responds to requests. Look through them and try them out, or

browse through the enormous list below.



Check out more [Siri tips](#), and don't forget [tips for Dictation](#) too, which isn't interactive but translates your spoken words into text and is available in iOS and Mac OS X too.

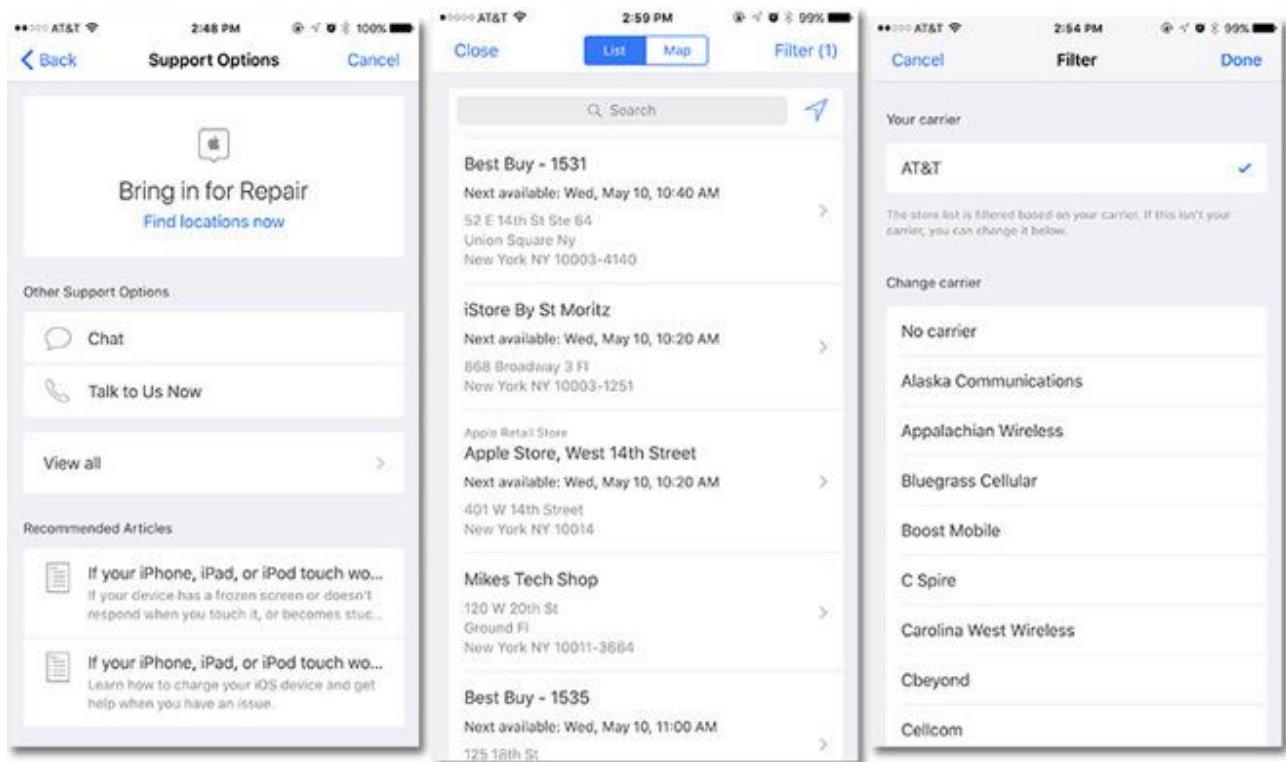




Apple Support app users can now schedule repairs with authorized service providers

Tuesday, May 09, 2017, 06:01 pm PT (09:01 pm ET)

Apple in an update to its official Apple Support app for iOS on Tuesday activated a new feature that allows users to schedule repair appointments at participating Apple Authorized Service Providers.



According to release notes supplied alongside Apple Support version 1.1, users of the app are now able to schedule device repairs at Authorized Service Providers, not just Apple store Genius Bars. The integration greatly increases the number of service locations available to customers and is a welcome addition for users living in rural areas where the nearest Apple store might be hours away.

The change brings Apple Support more in line with the company's support [website](#), which activated repair scheduling at authorized providers [in December](#). Similar to the online version, Apple Support presents users with a list of repair venues that can be sorted by location, distance and available appointment. The scheduling process is identical to reserving a spot at the Genius Bar, with authorized facilities presenting open dates and times which can then be selected by the customer.

While many Apple store locations are typically busy servicing

online reservations and walk-ins, authorized repair providers often have open availability.

With the new update, Apple Support users can also filter service locations by mobile carrier.

In addition to the scheduling system modification, the app now supports Genius Bar reservations at Apple retail locations in China, Hong Kong, Macao, Turkey and United Arab Emirates. A new simplified authentication process has also been implemented, while the app now supports iOS 10 rich notifications for chat. Finally, Apple includes the usual unspecified bug fixes and improvements to its list of upgrades.

In many ways an iOS port of Apple's support website, the app is designed to provide users with technical documents, repair scheduling, personal support via phone, chat or email, and case history information, among other assets.

Apple Support version 1.1 is a [free 110MB download](#) from the iOS App Store.

Apple Chooses Bosch for Sensors that Support Augmented Reality, In-Air Gestures, Indoor Navigation & Smart Glasses



According to a new report, Robert Bosch GmbH has won orders from Apple Inc. to supply the next iPhone with some of its motion sensors, according to a person familiar with the deal, a potential blow to InvenSense Inc., currently the main supplier of those smartphone components.

The change -- hinted at by InvenSense's finance chief in August -- comes as the San Jose, California-based maker of motion-sensing chips seeks to complete its \$1.3 billion sale to TDK Corp., a deal partly aimed at boosting the Japanese company's business with Apple. InvenSense shares declined more than 5 percent in extended trading Thursday.

Bosch may supply as much as half of these components for the new iPhone, with InvenSense supplying the rest, the person said. Bosch already supplies barometric pressure sensors for the iPhone, according to product teardowns by iFixit and other firms that analyze the guts of gadgets. Representatives for Apple, InvenSense and Bosch declined to comment. TDK didn't respond to requests for comment outside of normal business hours in Japan.

The components produced by Bosch and InvenSense contain gyroscopes and accelerometers. Gyroscopes can tell if a phone is being held horizontally or vertically, being shaken, or pointing in a particular direction. An accelerometer detects different movements, such as side-to-side motion. Together, the sensors help measure step count, and they're useful for

mobile games and augmented reality applications. In the iPhone 6S and iPhone 7, these were supplied exclusively by InvenSense, according to teardowns.

What the [Bloomberg report](#) didn't point out is that Bosch notes that their Gyroscope has properties that Apple plans to bring to future products that may even begin with the iPhone 8. As the Bosch graphic in our report points out, their Gyroscope's can meet the needs of products related to [Augmented Reality](#), [in-air gesture recognition](#), [indoor navigation](#) and [smart glasses](#). These are known markets that Apple is aiming for. They're areas that Apple has supporting patents on.

If the Bosch chips are going to be used in the iPhone 8, then more than likely one of the the major strengths of this chip may make it to market. This chip also happens to be used in smart car systems.

All of a sudden the ho-hum news of Apple bringing Bosch sensors onboard today has taken on a whole new and exciting twist.

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iPad Support Site: <https://help.apple.com/ipad/10/>

Apple Watch Support Site: <https://support.apple.com/watch>

iTunes Support Site: <http://help.apple.com/itunes/>

iOS 10 Support Site: <https://www.apple.com/ios/ios-10/>

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Little Kitten - My
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Sleepy Fan - Get
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