



iDevices SIG



iPhone - iPad - Apple Watch - Apple TV -
iPod - AirPods - HomePod
Apps and iTunes

Happy New Year!

Batteries

Bugs

Security Vulnerabilities



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Reference Materials for iDevices



iPhone	https://support.apple.com/iphone
iPad	https://support.apple.com/ipad
🍏 Watch	https://support.apple.com/watch
Apple ID	https://support.apple.com/apple-id
iTunes	https://support.apple.com/itunes
Apple TV	https://support.apple.com/apple-tv
Apple Music	https://support.apple.com/music
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Apple Slows Down Older iPhones **Offers \$29 Battery Replacement**

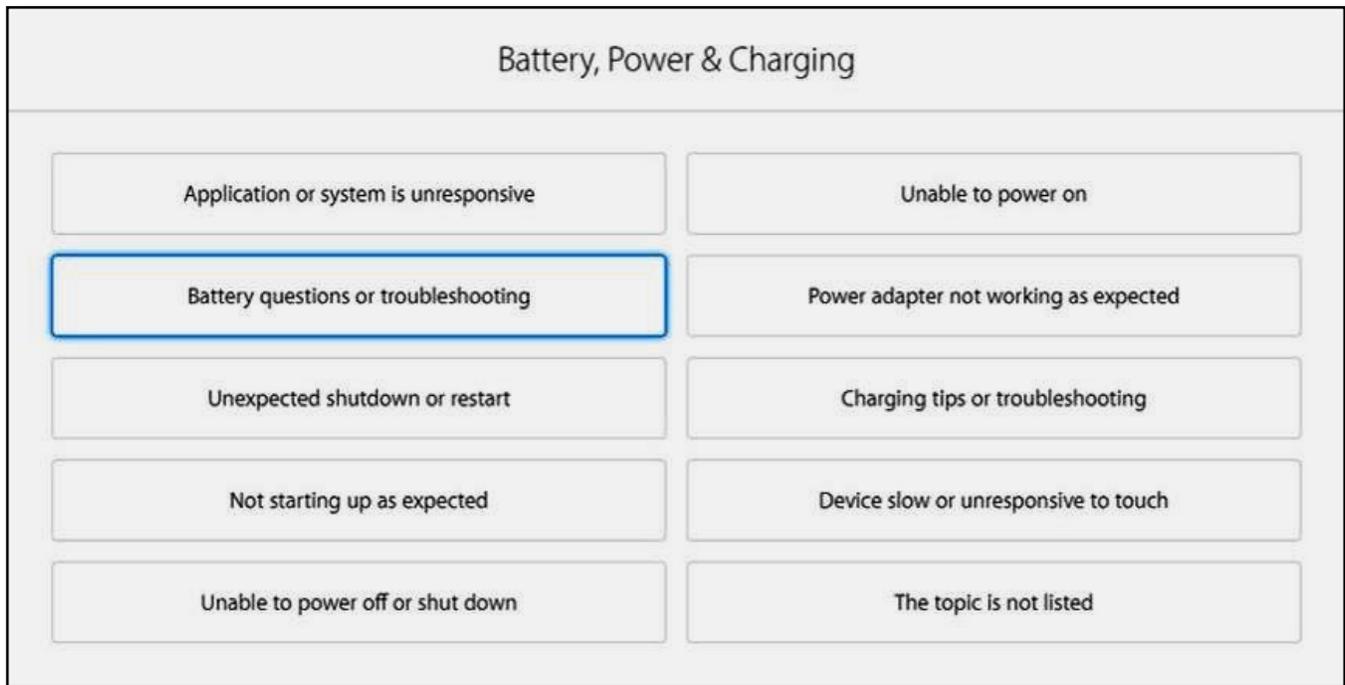
- **Issue**
 - **Benchmark tests showed performance issues in older iPhones**
 - **Apple confirmed it had made a decision that this was needed to compensate for the unavoidable degraded performance of old batteries**
 - **Apple decided that we would prefer an iPhone that performed worse for a longer time, than an iPhone that performed just as well for a shorter amount of time.**
 - **Many people feel Apple was purposely slowing phones to encourage you to upgrade.**
 - **Is this right or wrong?**

- **The biggest issue is that  didn't tell people this would happen or offer some type of option.**
- **Things you *may* see with an old battery**
 - **Longer app launch times**
 - **Lower frame rates while scrolling**
 - **Backlight Dimming**
 - **Lower speaker volume**
 - **Gradual frame rate reduction in some apps**
 - **In extreme cases, camera flash will be disabled**
 - **Apps refreshing th background may require reloading upon launch**
- **Things not affected.**
 - **Cellular call quality**
 - **Networking throughout performance**
 - **Photo and video quality**
 - **GPS performance**
 - **Location accuracy**
 - **Sensors - gyroscope, Accelerometer, barometer**
 - ** Pay**
- ** engineered new software that lets iPhone 'self-balance' and take a little longer to complete tasks.**

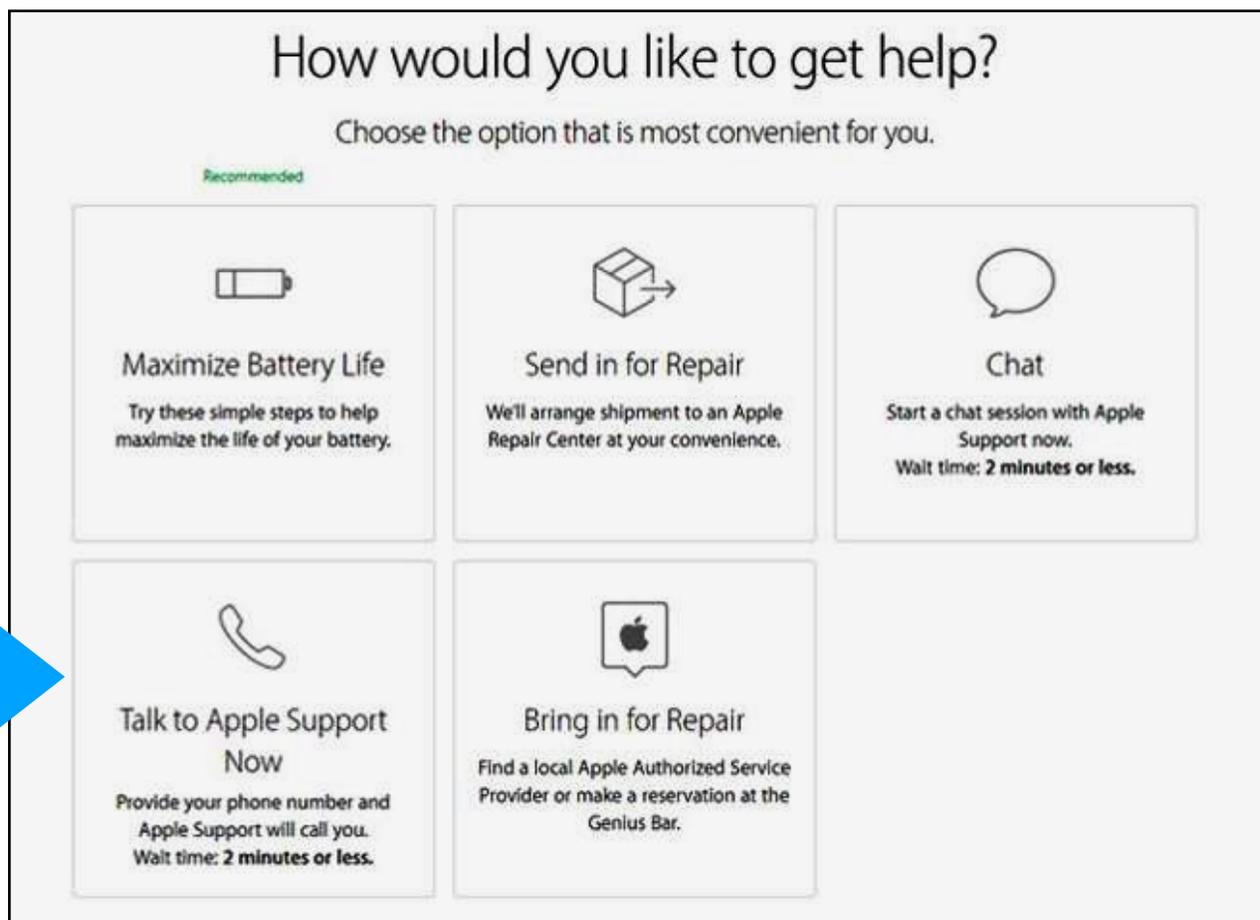
- **\$29 Battery Replacement Program**
 - **iPhone 6 or later qualifies for \$29**
 - **iPhone SE is included**
 - **Apple Store or authorized service center**
 - **Closest is Brownsville Best Buy**
 - **Make an appointment or send it in**
 - **Apple Support page or Support App**
 - **Click here for iPhone support page**
- **Click Battery, Power & Charging**



- **Click Battery questions or troubleshooting**



- **Click Talk to Apple Support Now**
 - **To schedule an appointment**



- **Due to demand, supplies of replacement batteries are extremely limited for:**
 - **iPhone 6**
 - **iPhone 6 Plus**
 - **iPhone 6s Plus**
- **There may be a delay in getting an appointment until March/April**
- **Should you replace your battery?**
 - **It is your decision**
 - **Do you keep your phone a long time or update frequently?**
 - **I would consider it for iPhones 6 & 6s**
 - **Maybe for iPhone 7/7 Plus**
 - **🍏 will only do the \$29 replacement once per device.**
 - **Standard out of warranty replacement is \$79**
 - **Is your screen cracked?**
 - **they must replace the screen to do the repair.**
 - **Why? - they have to remove screen to get to the battery**
 - **This is an additional charge**

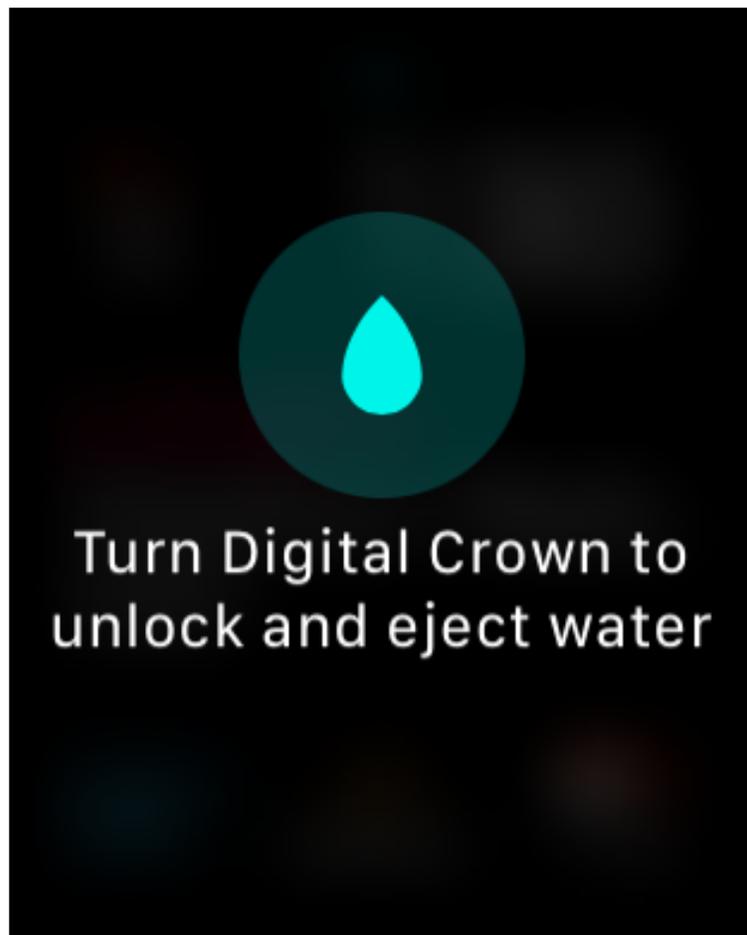
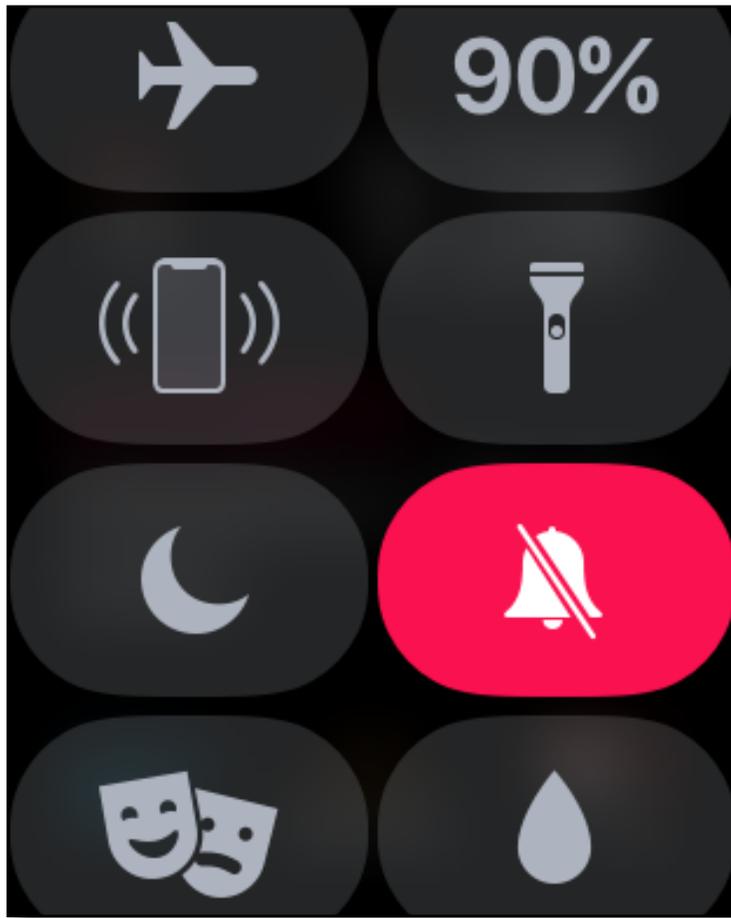
Security Vulnerabilities

- **Meltdown & Spectre - Simplified explanation**
 - **Both relate to a CPU function called 'speculative execution' or SE**
 - **SE is used to speed up performance**
 - **SE allows CPU to perform functions it 'may' need in the future**
 - **These 'future' functions are unprotected and therefore 'vulnerable' to exploits**
 - **Example - entering your address and CPU might speculate your email and phone number will be needed next**
- **Some good news?**
 - **No known exploits have been reported, but they are hard to spot**
 - **🍏, Microsoft, Google have put out software patches**
 - **iOS 11.2.2**
 - **macOS 10.13.2 supplemental**
 - **Safari 11.0.2 for El Capitan and Sierra**
 - **tvOS 11.2.1 (🍏 TV version 4 only)**

TIPS!

Apple Watch

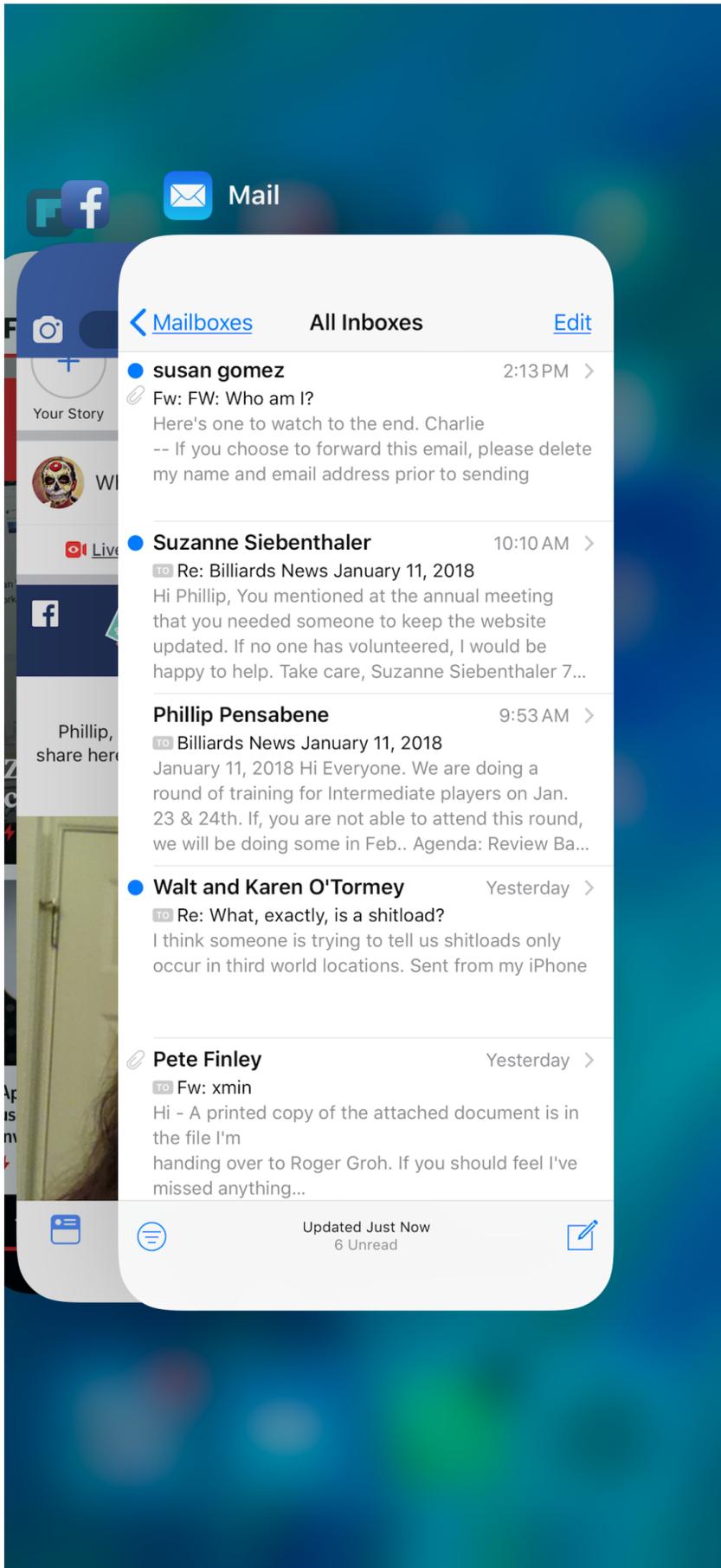
- **Water Lock**
- **Automatically turns on during swimming workout**
- **Manually turn it on from Control Center (CC)**
 - **Swipe CC up from bottom of screen**
 - **Scroll down to Water Lock icon**
 - **Tap to enable**
 - **Blue water drop rotates through status bar**
- **Locks the touchscreen to prevent accidental 'touches' from the water.**
- **To disable - spin the digital crown**
- **Beeping noise ejects any water from speaker opening**
- **Does not make the watch more waterproof**
- **Don't worry if you go swimming without turning it on.**





App Switcher on iPhone X

- **No home button**
- **White bar at bottom of apps is called the ‘Home Indicator’ (HI)**
- **Swipe left to right along bottom edge of screen**
 - **Switches to last used app**
 - **You can then swipe right or left on the HI to go back and forth between apps.**
- **Swipe up and to right to see the line-up of recently used apps**
 - **Swipe to the app you want to open and tap it**
 - **Press on an app to get the red circle icon**
 - **Swipe up to remove the app from recents list**
 - **App will reload next time you use it.**

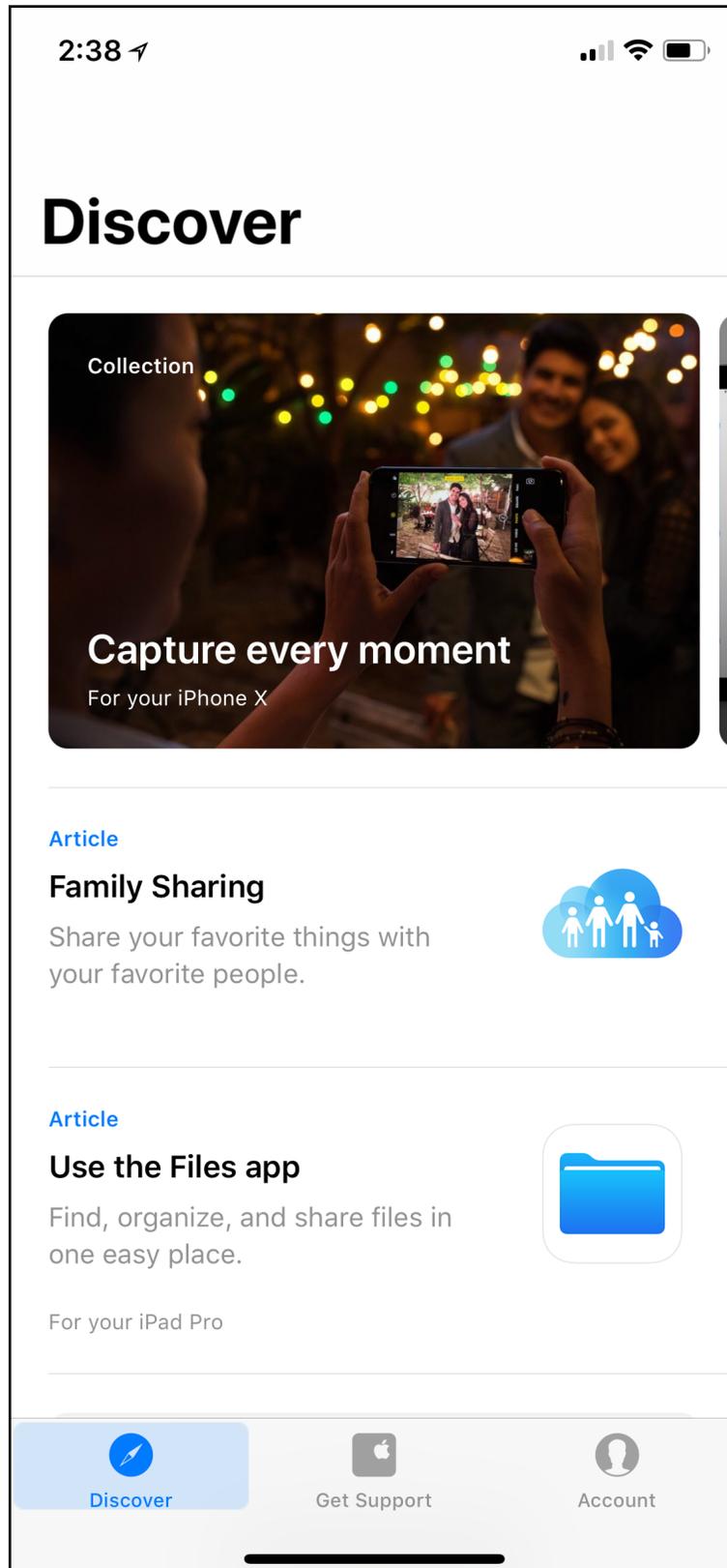




- **Apple Support App**
- **Free from the App Store**

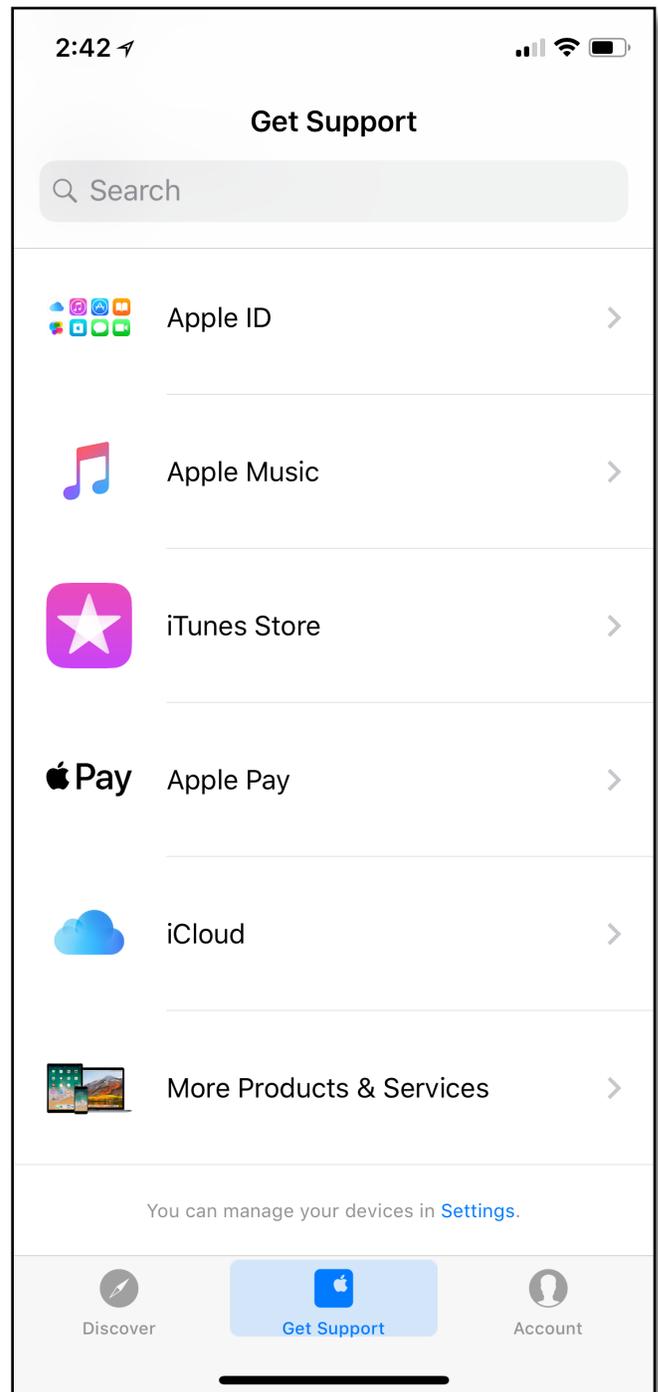
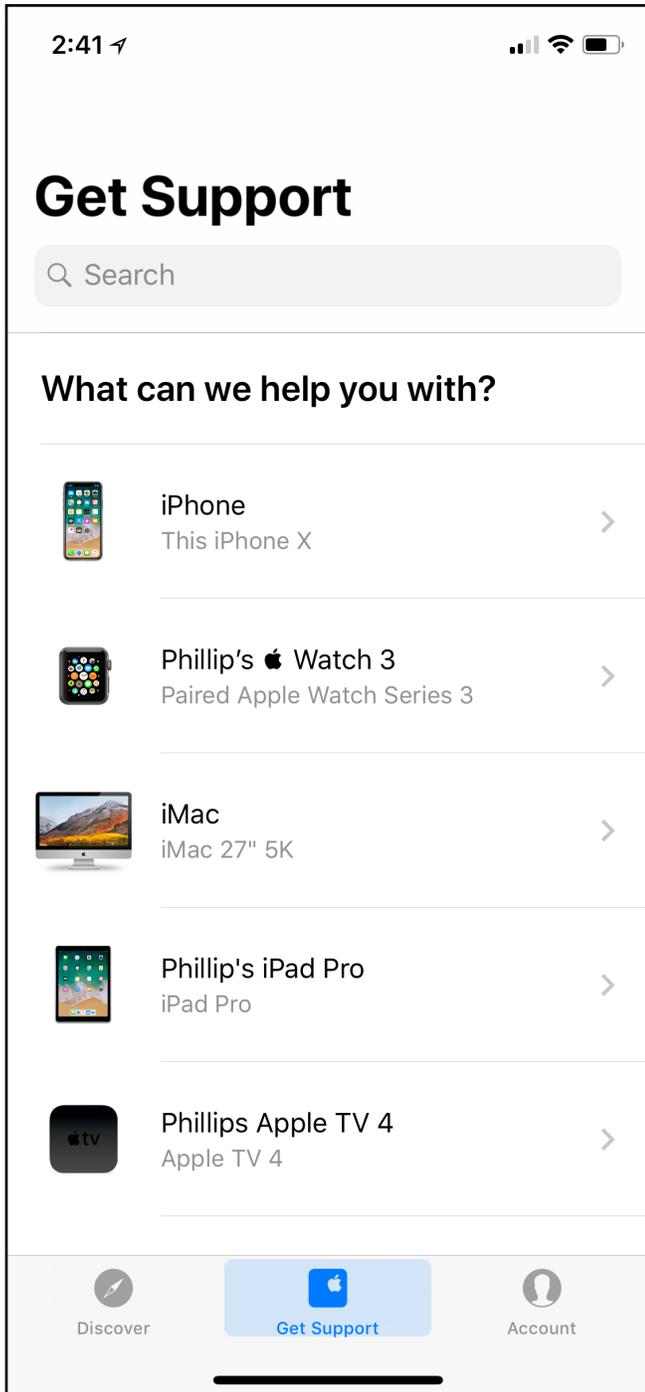
- **Discover Tab**

- **Articles on various Apple topics**

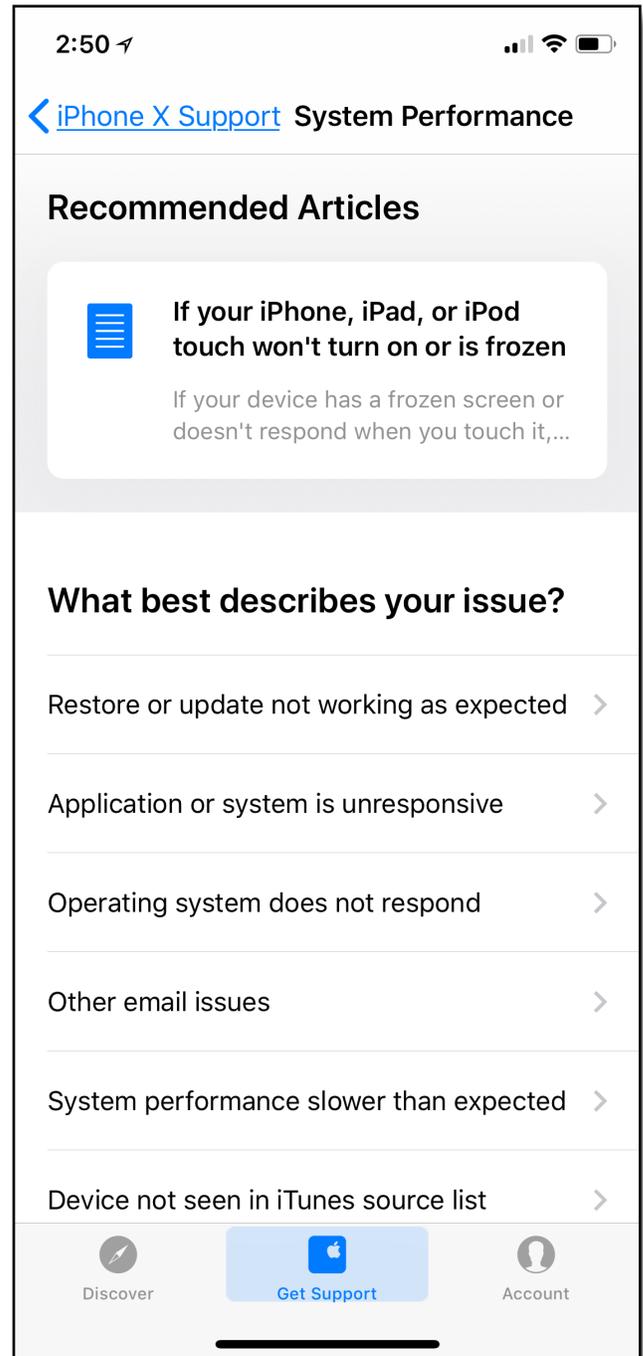
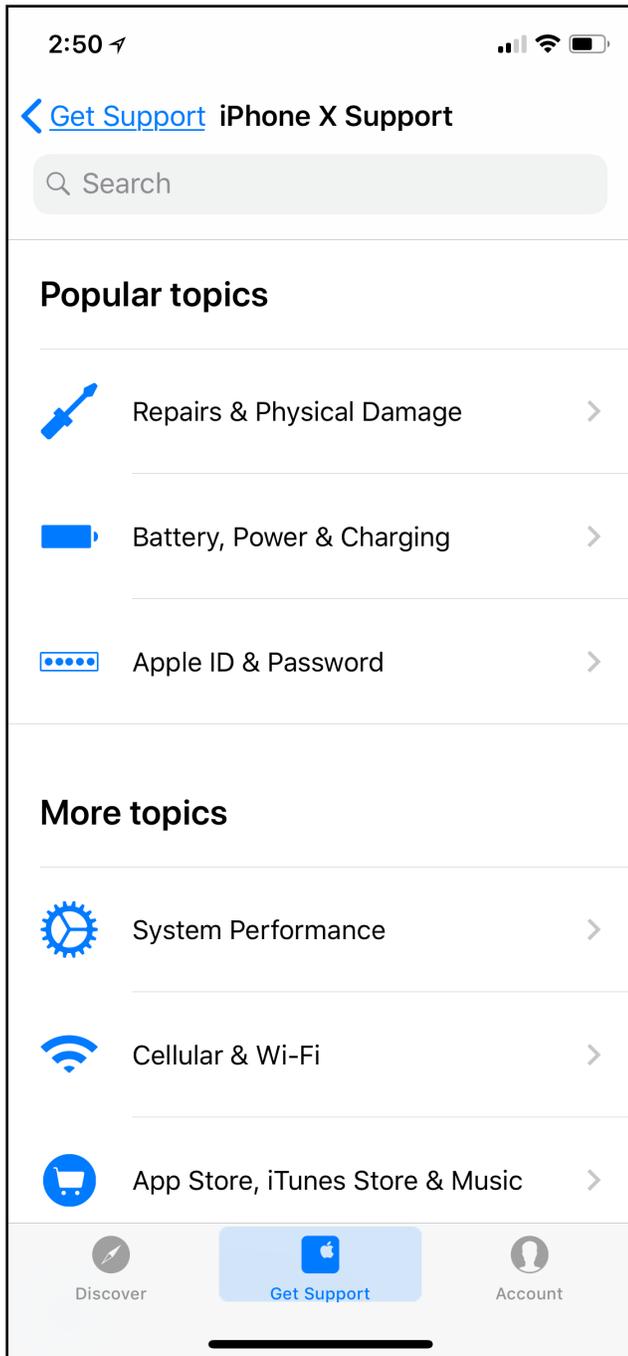


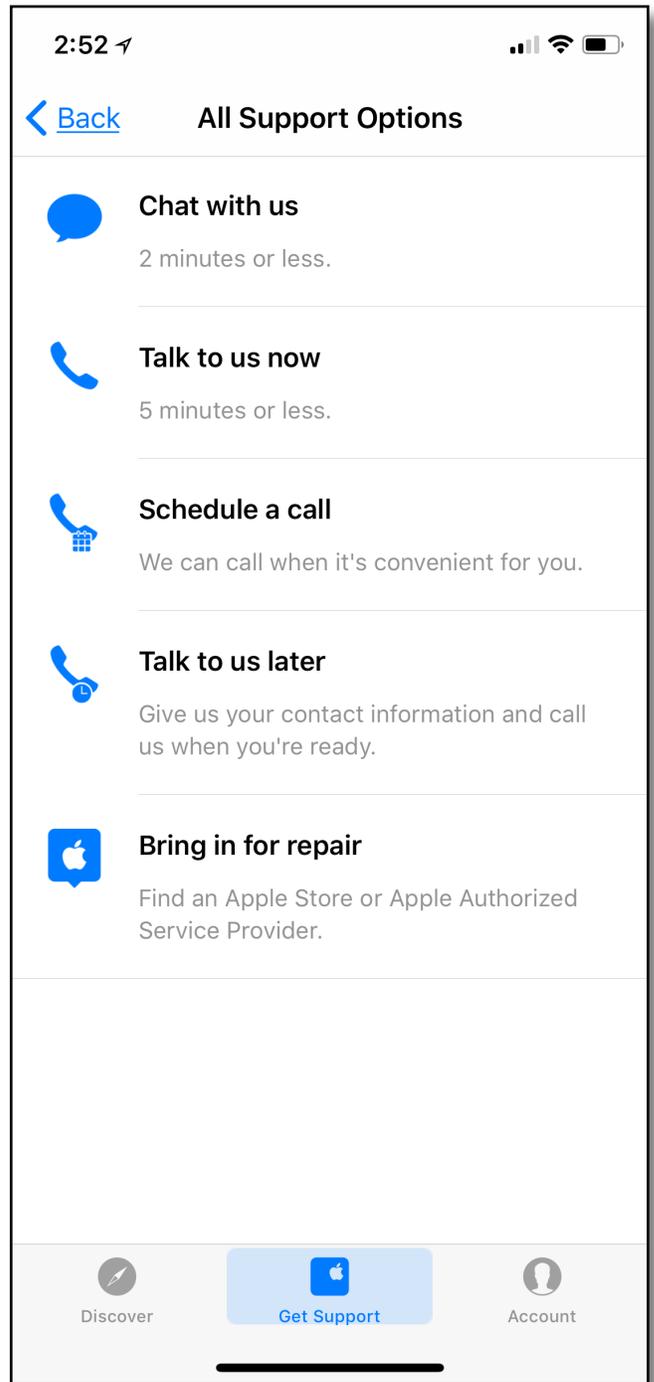
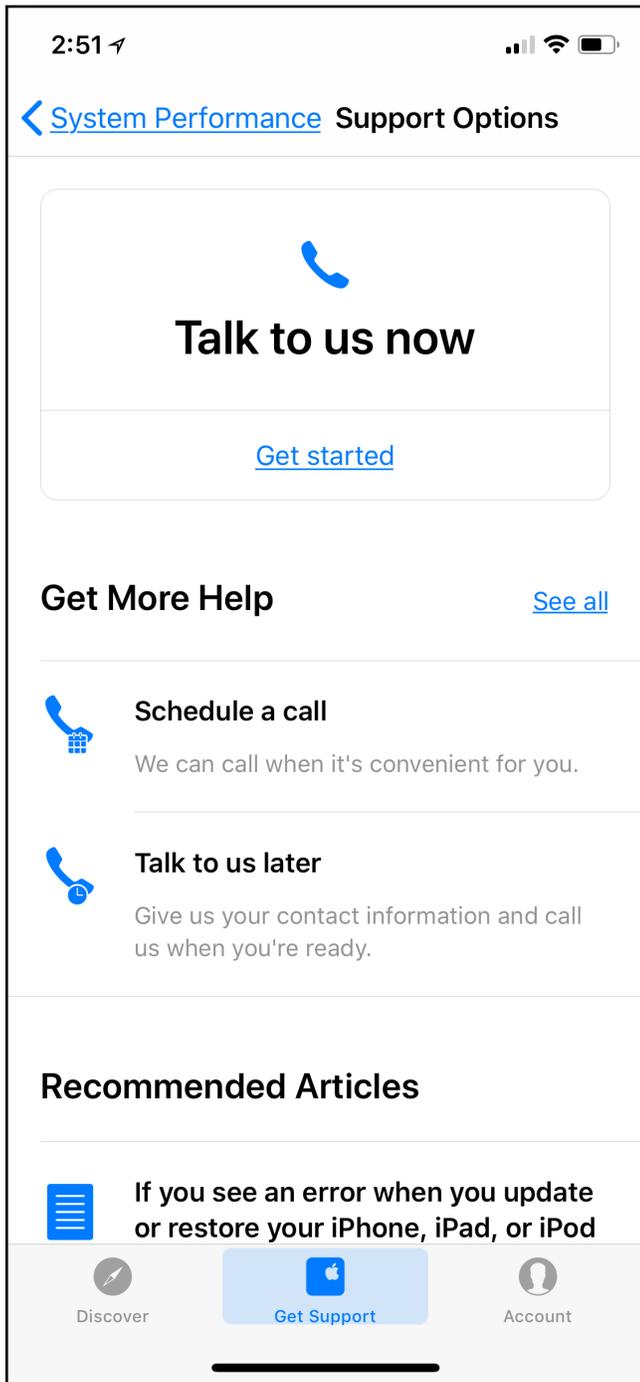
• Get Support Tab

- Lists all devices tied to your **Apple ID**
- Lists other **Apple Services** (i.e. iCloud, **Apple ID**, etc)



- Tap your device or service
- Tap a topic and describe your issue
- Read article and/or Get more help





No Meeting in February



**Next Meeting March 9
Atrium - 1:30**

Help with the chairs....

