

iPhone updates...should I?

I have the iPhone 5S. Should I do the update to IOS 8.1 or leave well enough alone? I ignored the 8.0 update.

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Honest to god, I'd wait, at least for a little bit.

I updated my Ipad 3, which is a couple of years old, and I have to say, it has been buggy; it's slowed down. I have entirely avoided updating my 4S at all; it runs fine under 7.X and I'm not seeing any compelling reason to do so. In your case, 5S is newer; nonetheless there have been reports of problems with most recent update;

<http://www.gottabemobile.com/2014/10/21/ipad-air-2-release-date-tips/>

I'd kind of wait till they get these problems settled. I regret updating the Ipad, and I'm not seeing any reason to update my 4S to iOS 8 at all.

Ronald Jones, Florida

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That's what I was thinkin.'

Renee Langley, South Carolina

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I'm carrying an older 5. The update to 8.1 was flawless. As always, do back up your unit to iTunes before you start. No problems at all since the update.

Now, I did have a quirk taking my iMac over to Yosemite, but I've checked enough to know that it was just a quirk and I was able to re-download the whole OS and it worked just fine the second time.

Bruce L. Dorner, New Hampshire

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Common wisdom is that you should update iPhone 5 and 5s but not the 4

series. I updated my 5 and have had no problems.

iPad updates are hit or miss, some report no problems updating older iPads, and others have extreme problems. I updated my iPad 2 and regret it. It runs slow and crashes often, which it never did before.

Roger Traversa, Pennsylvania

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I updated to 8.0 on my 5S and would recommend it. I have had no problems, and 8.0 has some pretty nice features. From what I've read, it appears that the phones that encountered problems with the update were all older model iPhones.

S. Robert Sutton, Maryland

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I updated both (iPhone & ipad) and have had problems with both. I'd wait if you're not already having problems.

Laura S. Mann, New Jersey

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I have an iPhone 5s, and when the iOS update to 8 was offered a few weeks ago, I waited a couple of weeks, then allowed it. I started having problems: some events were being set to GMT, I couldn't turn email to landscape, or if I could, it would get stuck there, same for calendar. And when it got stuck in landscape, none of the controls were available, like up or down or trash for email, or ANYTHING for the calendar. Yesterday, I got notification of an update to 8.1 being available, so I'm inclined to

wait. OTOH, I'm hoping that it fixes those bugs, er, features. If more of you report that 8.1 is good, I'll be more inclined to allow that update.

Miriam N. Jacobson, Pennsylvania

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An issue I have with Apple is that you cannot reverse the OS updates. I had a problem in the past with an update, it was horrible, and they cannot go back to an old OS, just move forward.

Phil A. Taylor, Massachusetts

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First updated my iPhone 5 to 8.0 and now 8.1 and no problems. My only problem is I only have 16gb on the iPhone and my iPad Air. I have 8.0 on my iPad Air and it is working fine. I will put 8.1 on the iPad Air through iTunes.

Richard S. Rosenstein, Florida

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Updates are always a challenge it seems. I have updated 4s phone and all but the most recent generation of Ipad without any issues.

8.1 was designed to address a few issues in 8.0 so I would generally tend to see it as an improvement. With each update I will usually use one device as a guinea pig and see how it goes, only updating others if there is no problem.

Darrell G. Stewart, Texas

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Make sure you back up the phone on iTunes first, and do that update while plugged into your computer and update using iTunes. 8.1 seems to fix the initial problems from 8.0, so far so good.

Andrew Kornoff, California

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While I generally agree with the overall position expressed on this thread... and while I have updated the iPad 4 and iPhone 5 to iOS 8 without issue, I have an email from LIT software, asking me to hold off on updating to 8.1. So for now, I'm holding off.

Laurie Axinn Gienapp, Massachusetts

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