Apple Fall Releases

As they like to do every fall *Apple* released a number of updates and some new models on September 9th. The *iPhone 6s* and *6s Plus*, a larger *iPad Pro*, an updated *iPad mini* and an all new *Apple TV*. The *Apple Watch* also received an update. As usual *Apple* is refining their products with some significant new features. If you are in the market for a new *iPhone*, *iPad* or *Apple TV* here is a rundown of the most promising features to look for.

iPhone 6s and 6s Plus

Same sizes, new features. How you pay for your new *iPhone* is also changing. In the past part of the cost of the *iPhone* was built into your monthly fee with your carrier so you had little idea how much total you were paying for the phone. There are now more options to break down your monthly charges so you can see clearly how much goes towards the new phone and how much goes towards your service. *Apple* is also offering its own payment plan that you can compare to your carrier's. To learn more see <u>Apple's iPhone Upgrade Program vs. the big four carriers' payment plans</u>.

- 3D Touch: Press and hold on items to bring up a menu of frequently used commands.
- Live Photos: When you take a picture the camera will also capture 1.5 seconds of video before and after the shot to give the picture animation. Press and hold a photo to see it come "alive".
- Touch ID update: The fingerprint reader built into the home button is now twice as fast and more accurate at reading your fingerprint.





iPad Pro

The *iPad* has been a very successful tablet device and now *Apple* has three different sizes that you can pick from. The latest *iPad Pro* is the largest.

- 12.9" Screen: The largest *iPad* yet, with the optional keyboard it could truly be a laptop replacement for some people. It still can not run regular *Mac* programs but there are more and more *iOS* Apps that perform many of the same functions. *Apple* even brought *Microsoft* on stage at the announcement to demonstrate the *Office* apps on the *iPad Pro*.
- A9x 64-bit chip: Is 1.8 times faster than last years A8 chip.



Apple TV

The Apple TV is a streaming device that can bring content from the Internet to your existing TV. Movies, TV shows, music, photos and now 3rd party apps can all be seen on your TV.

- Siri: Voice commands come to *Apple TV*. You can search for a movie or TV show with your voice.
- Touch Pad Remote: Scroll through content with the swipe of your finger.
- App Store: 3rd party developers will be able to create new apps greatly increasing the functionality.

Tip: Apple TV does have Netflix but still does not include Amazon Prime Video so if you are an Amazon Prime member you will want to consider an Amazon Fire TV or Roku streaming box instead.





More info:

Everything Apple announced at its September 2015 event (TNW News)

New Apple TV gets touch remote, Siri voice control, games and an app store (cNet)

<u>Does Apple Inc.'s iPad Pro Have What It Takes to Snag the Enterprise Market?</u> (Motley Fool)

Windows 10

I keep mentioning Windows 10 because Microsoft insists on popping up a message to upgrade even though it might not be in your best interest. Microsoft released Windows 10 on July 29th and so far so good for Windows 8 users. The operating system is a big improvement over Windows 8. For mouse and keyboard users it brings back the feel of previous versions of Windows. On the other hand since Windows 7 computers are older there seems to be more problems with them (slower systems, problems connecting to WiFi). Windows 7 was a very good version of Windows so do not upgrade your Windows 7 computer to Windows 10 unless you have a very good reason to do so. See my June newsletter for more information. So if your computer uses Windows 7 please ignore Microsoft's popup messages to upgrade to Windows 10.

If you have already upgraded to *Windows 10* and don't like it or it is causing problems you have 30 days from the day you upgrade to revert back to your previous version of *Windows*.

This guide can show you how: <u>How to uninstall Windows 10 and go back to Windows 7 or 8</u>

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