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Talking To Siri: Mastering The Language Of Apple's Intelligent Assistant (3rd Edition)



Synopsis

*Includes a new Q&A with the creator of Siri! Sweet-talk Siri for iOS 7 into doing practically anything! Under iOS 7 and OS X Mavericks, Siri is better than ever: faster, smarter, more responsive. And it's even more amazing when you really know how to talk to it. Top Apple experts Sande and Sadun introduce you to the newest version of Siri. This release offers more functionality than you ever thought possible! You'll find tested step-by-step instructions for perfect results--including new Siri techniques and responses you won't discover anywhere else! Teach Siri to recognize requests and take dictation more accurately Help Siri recognize, track down, and connect with family and friends Transform Siri and iTunes Radio into your personal DJ (and tell Siri what songs you never want to hear again) Check Yelp or Rotten Tomatoes reviews and place OpenTable reservations Return calls, play specific voicemails, and check your email Make appointments, take notes, and set reminders Blog with Siri using email or text messaging Tweet updates and track up-to-the-minute Twitter trends Trigger reminders when you arrive at the supermarket, drugstore, or any other destination Retrieve up-to-the-minute sports stats Use Siri to control apps, access device settings, and enable Airplane mode Teach Siri how to pronounce names correctly Find the nearest store selling the products you need Answer math and science problems with Wolfram Alpha Make sure Siri responds only to you, not to an impostor Discover the silly side of Siri (including our top 10 Siri jokes)

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Siri is an intelligent voice controlled personal assistant which works on Apple iOS and OS X devices. The most current version runs on iPhones (4S or later), iPads (third generation or later), iPad minis, iPod touches (fifth generation and later) and Macs running the latest OS X release. Siri accepts spoken commands and provides answers and recommendations using a natural language or showing results from web searches. The range of commands understood by Siri is remarkable and its ability to provide relevant and at times humorous answers is surprisingly good. There is a problem, though, for the non initiated user. One must know how to ask questions using the right verbs and combination of words in order to get the most advantage out of Siri. So while it is easy to ask "What time it is?" there is no documentation of the range of commands that can be given Siri and the best way to ask them. This is where "Talking to Siri" shines. The book is a must for all serious users of Siri. In a very clear language and with lots of relevant well illustrated examples this book guides the user through the discovery of the range of capabilities offered by this application. The book consists of ten chapters. Each chapter focuses on a distinct class of commands and interactions supported by Siri. Responses by Siri are indicated for each question asked. The first chapter of the book explains how to launch and have basic interactions with Siri. Following chapters explain how to control your device, how to ask information about topics such as weather, sports, stocks, how to stay in touch with your contacts, how to schedule your day and provides help with various shopping activities. Advanced interactions with some apps such as Phone calls, Calendar, Contacts, Mail and Messages are discussed in detail.

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