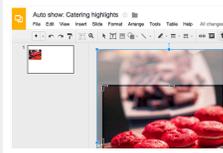


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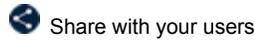
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-The Google Apps Team
April 1, 2014

Simple to use

Get Gmail faster on iOS

Released March 5, 2014



What's new: Whether you're checking your email first thing in the morning or as you're waiting in line at the grocery store, you want to get your messages as quickly as possible. With this update to the [Gmail iOS App](#), it's easier to do just that.

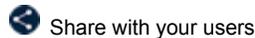
How it works: The app now fully supports background app refresh, which means your Gmail messages will be pre-fetched and synced so they're right there when you open the app—no more annoying pauses while you wait for your inbox to refresh. This feature requires iOS 7, and you'll also need to [turn on background app refresh](#) and notifications (badge or any other type) for the Gmail app.

The Gmail app also now supports sign-in across Google iOS apps, including Maps, Drive, YouTube, and Chrome. Sign in to one, and you'll be signed in to all (this also works for signing out). So you won't have to type in that 27-character password or retrieve your [2-step verification code](#) every time you navigate to another Google app. You may need to re-login after you update the app, but then you'll be all set.

For more information, click [here](#).

Increase in max file size in Drive

Released March 14, 2014



What's new: We've increased the max file size in Drive from 10 GB to 1 TB! Your users can now upload very very large files, such as video recordings, CAD designs, and any form of rich media to Google Drive, and access it anywhere on any device—and easily share it with their co-workers.

How it works: No action needed from administrators or end users—one of the many joys of services delivered from the Cloud.

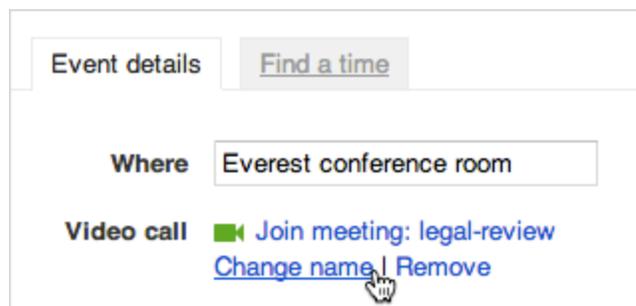
Hangout links in Calendar events automatically

Released March 25, 2014

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What's new: New Calendar events will now have a Hangouts video call link added automatically to save time and reduce last minute confusion and delays when event creators forget to add a Hangouts link. Additionally, users can change the name of their Hangouts video links.



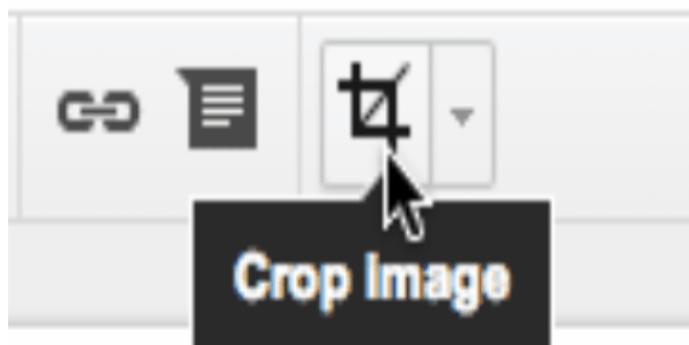
How it works: Users don't need to take any additional action when setting up meetings. Hangouts video calls are only added to the event created if the user has an active Google+ profile. As an admin, you can disable this feature through the Calendar settings page in the Admin console.

For more information, click [here](#).

Edit images right in Google Slides and Drawings

Released March 26, 2014

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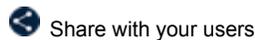
What's new: Slides and Drawings now lets you crop, apply shape masks, and add borders to your images right within your presentation and drawings.

For more information, check out the [Google Enterprise Blog site](#).

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Gmail security: HTTPS-only and 99.978% availability

Released March 20, 2014



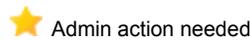
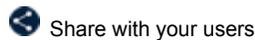
Your email is important to you, and making sure it stays safe and always available has always been important to us. Gmail [has supported HTTPS](#) since the day it launched, and in 2010 we made [HTTPS the default](#).

What's new: Starting today, Gmail will always use an encrypted HTTPS connection when you check or send email. Today's change means that no one can listen in on your messages as they go back and forth between you and Gmail's servers. So your users can work from anywhere—coffee shop, airport, home—without worrying about security.

For more information, see the [blog post](#).

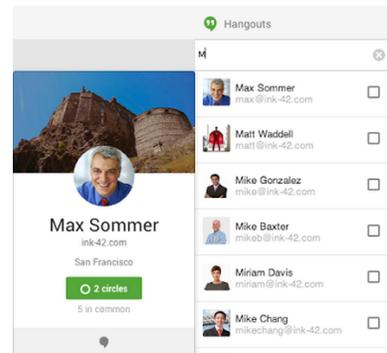
Hangouts controls: Warning when chatting outside the company

Released March 3, 2014



In [November](#), we added security controls to make Hangouts work better for businesses, schools, and governments. These included capabilities such as limiting Hangout chat messages to being internal-only and setting chat history to off by default.

What's new: Admins can now enable a setting that warns users when chatting out of their own domain. In case of group chats, the chat conversations will be split when the first person from outside the domain is added to the discussion. This will prevent external users from seeing previous internal discussions. These features are only available in the desktop. We are working on adding them to the Hangouts mobile apps soon.



For more information, check out the [Help Center](#).

Google+ controls: Admins can now set default profile discoverability

Released March 25, 2014



Collaborating with customers and partners outside the company using Google+ is important to our customers. However, you may not want all of your employee profiles on Google+ to be visible in public web searches.

What's new: Now Google Apps admins have the ability to set the default state for Google+ profile discoverability.

How it works: The setting is available for customers who have enabled [Premium Features](#), and is *checked on by default*, so please remember to change this default to make profiles non-discoverable.

For more information, check out the [blog post](#), or learn how to [set the default for profile discoverability](#).

Apps as a platform

Docs and Sheets with add-ons

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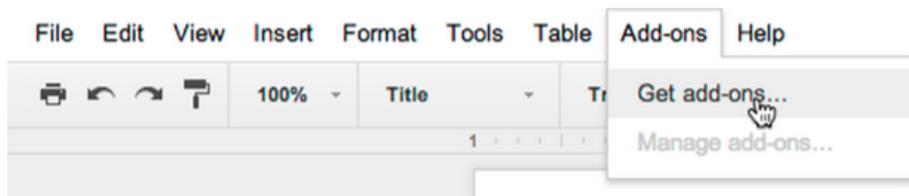


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What's new: Last month we launched [add-ons](#)—new tools created by developer partners that give you even more features in your documents and spreadsheets. Users can use add-ons to send mail marketing campaign from Google docs, create address labels, launch business workflows, and more.



How it works: Users can browse through add-ons, in the **Add-ons** menu bar, select **Get add-ons** of any open document or spreadsheet. Once they install an add-on, it becomes available across all of their documents or spreadsheets—and they can start using it right away.

Admin note: Add-ons are enabled by default. Admins have the option to disable add-ons through [Drive settings](#). Add-ons for spreadsheets are only available in the new [Google Sheets](#)

For more information, see the [blog post](#).

Additional updates

Change in consumer Drive pricing

Released March 13, 2014

What's new: We've lowered the price of our monthly consumer Drive storage plans to \$1.99 for 100 GB (previously \$4.99), \$9.99 for 1 TB (previously \$49.99), and \$99.99 for 10 TB. Like before, storage continues to work across Drive, Gmail and Google+ Photos, and the 15 GB plan remains free.

Admin note: The changes in consumer Drive pricing does not change Admin purchased storage.

For more information, see the [blog post](#).

Ending support for Google Apps Connector for Blackberry Server

Released March 5, 2014

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What's new: Google Apps Connector for BlackBerry Enterprise Server allows BlackBerry 7 OS and older devices to connect to Google Apps through the BlackBerry Enterprise Server (BES). However, BlackBerry no longer supports the version of BES that the Connector needs. The latest BlackBerry devices also do not require a BES. As a result, we're ending support and turning off the services for the Google Apps Connector for BlackBerry Enterprise Servers on **March 5, 2015**.

Note: This affects any Google Apps user with a BlackBerry OS 7 or older device connecting to Google Apps with a BlackBerry Enterprise Server version 5.0.3.

For more information, check out the [blog post](#).

New Birthday release track

Released April 1, 2014

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**Scheduled
Release**



**Rapid
Release**



**Birthday
Release**

Back in 2012, we announced the [Scheduled and Rapid release tracks](#) to help admins manage feature rollouts to users. Today, we're excited to introduce the Birthday release track. Add your users' date of birth date to their Apps profile, and they receive a year's worth of Google Apps features all at once on their special day. IT admins can help users with change management to the next year of life with a gift of 125+ new Gmail, Calendar, and other updates. (**Note:** With the annual Birthday release, a feature might occasionally appear as new and deprecated simultaneously.)

For more information, click [here](#).

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