

# Messenger



## ## What Messenger Does

Facebook Messenger for iOS has a very clean, streamlined look to it, but under the surface it is a robust communication tool with a wide variety of customizations and functions from standard instant messaging to voice and video calls, as well as the ability to send images, GIFs and even money to those you are connected with. The experience of the app is highly customizable as well, and provides a great way to stay in touch with people on the go, whether or not you are a Facebook user. Unlike some other social messenger apps on the market, Facebook Messenger for iOS does not require an internet connection for use, which means it may use your data plan, but it also ensures that you receive every message instantly.

## Key Functions

Besides the typical functions you would expect to find in a social messaging app like "Chat" (one to one or with a huge group of friends), "Video Call" and "Voice Call," Facebook Messenger for iOS has plenty of other functions that set it apart from the other messaging apps. For example, which other messaging app allows you to send money to a friend directly from your bank account with a "Pay" feature? This app also has a "Screen Share" feature that lets you show someone else what you are looking at from your browser or photo gallery during a voice or video call. "Add Friends" easily with the quick-scan QR code options, and let others use your phone without worrying that they'll see a private message with the new "App Lock" feature that makes sure your private messages stay private. ## Review

Overall, Facebook Messenger for iOS is a fantastic choice for a mobile chat solution. It is feature-rich and offers a wide variety of multi-media connectivity options. It's a fast download, works well on any generation of iPhone and fulfills user expectations. Many users rate Facebook Messenger ahead of WhatsApp in the slew of social messaging apps that are available, although there is no reason at all when you might not use both.

## Advantages / Disadvantages

Positive aspects of the Facebook Messenger for iOS app: There are over a billion users, so you are likely to have many friends on the app already. The app allows for big group chats, as well as offers free voice and video calling service. This app can also be used by those who have chosen not to have a Facebook account.

Negative aspects of the Facebook Messenger for iOS app: As with Facebook itself, there are privacy concerns about the use of personal data. Additionally, some features are hard to find or hidden in a sub-menu. There is no way to set a status indicator, so your contacts have no way of knowing whether you are available at any given time. Finally, the app tends to drain battery life pretty quickly, so keep that in mind before you decide to make a video call next time your phone is showing 10% battery life.