**iPhone/iPad Class:**
Getting the Most out of Siri!

**Session Duration:**
60-90 minutes

**Subject:**
Apple
iOS
iPhone/iPad

**Materials Needed:**
Apple iOS device with internet and Apple ID/Password
Hooksett Library card

**Links to Resources:**
- [apple.com/siri/](http://apple.com/siri/)
- [9to5mac.com/2018/06/05/ios-12-siri-shcut](http://9to5mac.com/2018/06/05/ios-12-siri-shcut)
- [imore.com/siri-suggestions-whats-new-ios-12](http://imore.com/siri-suggestions-whats-new-ios-12)
- [siriuserguide.com/how-to-use-siri](http://siriuserguide.com/how-to-use-siri)
- [imore.com/siri](http://imore.com/siri)

Siri is Apple's very capable virtual assistant that's built in to Apple devices. Sadly, she's often the most underutilized feature of our iOS devices. In this class, we'll learn about the many ways that Siri can help you to become more productive (and perhaps even entertained) when using your iPhone or iPad.

**What is a digital/virtual assistant?**


**Setting up Siri...**


[support.apple.com/guide/iphone/change-siri-settings-iphc28624b81/ios](http://support.apple.com/guide/iphone/change-siri-settings-iphc28624b81/ios)

**Calls & Texts: Siri lets you stay connected...**

“Hey Siri, call Mom on speaker”
Siri reminds you to make the calls...

“Text [Name of contact] ‘I’m on my way exclamation point’”

“Read my last message”

Don’t know who’s calling? Siri can help.

“Message [Name of contact] ‘I’ll be there in 30 minutes’ on WhatsApp”

“FaceTime [Name of contact]”

**Everyday Tasks: Siri is a faster, easier way to do all kinds of useful things...**

Let Siri finish your sentences for you.

“Hey Siri, wake me up at 7 AM”

“Split a $94 check three ways”

Siri lets you know when to leave based on traffic.

“Remind me to pick up the dry cleaning when I leave work”

“Hey Siri, set a timer for 20 minutes”

“What does my day look like?”

Siri suggests shortcuts based on your routine.

**Navigating and Travel Commands...**

“Show me the nearest [gas stations/type of restaurants/malls/etc.].”

“How do I get to [destination] by [car/foot/bike].”

“Take me home.”

“What are the traffic conditions” or “What are the traffic conditions near [name location].”

“How long until we arrive at [destination].”

“Check flight status of [airline and flight number].”
“Show me the bus route to [destination].”

**Music: Siri can find the song you want to hear...**

“Hey Siri, play me something I’d like”

“What song is this?”

“Play me some ’90s hip hop”

“Play the latest Beach House”

Siri suggests the playlists you want

“Hey Siri, when did this song come out?”

**Home: Siri is a smart way to run your smart home...**

“Hey Siri, turn on the lights in the living room”

“I’m home”

“Hey Siri, warm it up in here”

“What did they say?”

Siri suggests scenes based on your routine.

“Tap to turn the lights off and the heat down.”

“Did I close the garage door?”

“Show driveway camera”

“Watch The Good Place”

**Knowledge on the Go: Siri has answers to all kinds of questions.**

“How do you say ‘Thank you’ in Mandarin?”

“How many dollars is 45 euros?”

“Hey Siri, how are the reviews for Deadpool 2?”

“What’s the derivative of cosine(x)?”
Stay on top of stocks, scores, your schedule, your Activity rings, and more with the Siri watch face.

“What was the score of the Orioles game yesterday?”

Siri gets you answers even before you finish searching in Safari.

**More Powerful Tasks: Siri can search, send, and book faster than you can...**

“Show my photos from Thailand from last summer”

“Find my AirPods”

“Open the presentation I was working on yesterday”

“Search Pinterest for photos of kitchens with white subway tile”

“Apple Pay Charles $50”

When Siri recognizes events in apps like Mail or Messages, it suggests adding them to your calendar.

**Search Commands...**

“Open [name of app].”

“Define [word].”

“Search the App Store for [name of app or category of apps].”

Ask any question and Siri will search the internet. For example: “How do you cook an omelet?”

“Find notes/email about [say some keyword related to what you’re searching for].”

“Find friends near me” or “Where is [name of friend].”

Find photos by saying, “Show me photos from [date] or of [name — if you have assigned names in the People album].”

“Find/download the [name of artist] podcast.”
**Shortcuts**

Siri Shortcuts show up right on your Lock screen.

You can add Shortcuts to the apps you use all the time.

Shortcuts can do multiple things across multiple apps.

Siri is always learning how to be even more helpful.

Siri keeps your information private and secure.

How to use Siri

SiriKit lets Siri work with all your favorite apps.

**Best & Funny Siri Commands**

digitaltrends.com/mobile/best-siri-commands

digitaltrends.com/mobile/funny-questions-to-ask-siri

**More Siri Support...**

If Siri doesn't work as expected on your iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, Mac, or AirPods, learn what to do.  

macOS Sierra and later brings Siri to your Mac, with new capabilities designed just for your desktop.  

With iOS 12 or later, Siri Shortcuts let you quickly do everyday tasks, and with the apps you use the most — all with just a tap or by asking Siri....  

Learn how to change the voice and language that Siri uses.  

Learn how to use Siri, the intelligent personal assistant that helps you get things done. Siri can send your messages, place calls, get directions, and more....  

Learn how a device responds to "Hey Siri" when there are multiple nearby devices that support this feature.  
Turn on lights, adjust the thermostat, and control all of the products that you use in your home—even when you're not there. And you can do it all by asking Siri.

Siri can play music from your library and help you discover new music. Siri can also help you catch up with your podcasts and find new ones.

Plan your day, prepare dinner, and get answers to everyday questions. Whatever you need, discover all the ways Siri on HomePod can help.

Siri takes the work out of watching TV, finding apps, and more. Simply ask for movies, TV shows, or apps, and Siri finds them for you. It's that easy.

Learn how to find menus, play content, and more.

Learn how to control power, volume, and more with your Siri Remote, Apple TV Remote, or home theater remote.

Learn how to charge your Siri Remote or Apple TV Remote.

Change how loudly—or softly—Siri speaks on your iPhone, Apple Watch, HomePod, or Mac.