

watchOS 26 added Notes app to Apple Watch, here's how I'm using it

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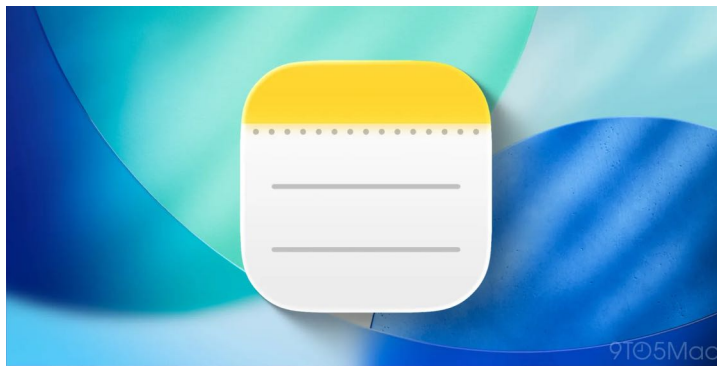
Apple Notes is now available on Apple Watch with watchOS 26. Users can view and create notes, though editing is limited to checklist items. The app allows note creation via dictation, keyboard, or Siri, and organizes notes by pinned, recent, or other criteria.

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Apple Watch users got a brand new app in watchOS 26, with Apple Notes [now available](#) on your wrist. Here's how I've been using the app.

Apple Notes in watchOS 26: What it can do and how I'm using it



Apple Notes is one of my most-used apps across iPhone, iPad, and Mac, so I was excited when it came to the Apple Watch in watchOS 26.

At its core, the app does two basic things: let you view existing notes, and create new ones.

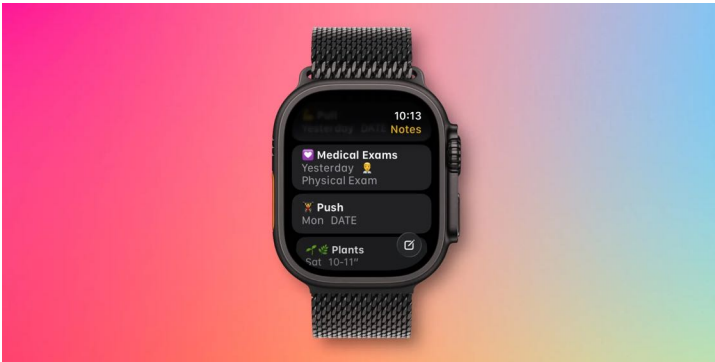
Understandably, you can't edit existing notes aside from completing checklist items. But that hasn't proven a big limitation for me.

When creating notes, you can use dictation, the onscreen keyboard, or—perhaps most conveniently—you can invoke Siri. I suspect the ability to use Siri on Apple Watch for note creation is a big part of why this new app exists.

My main use of the Notes app has revolved around two things:

1. Creating new notes via Siri
2. Referencing information when my iPhone isn't nearby

For those times when I want to create a new note on the go, Siri is a great option to have. I like using Siri on my Apple Watch whenever I'm not wearing AirPods or I'm away from a HomePod. Being able to raise my wrist and quickly say "Note to self" to create a note is extremely convenient.



As for referencing notes, the Notes app automatically puts all pinned notes at the top, followed by a list of your most recent notes. I have over 2,600 notes in iCloud, including many pinned notes. So having pinned notes first was a potential problem.

Fortunately, Apple has a down-facing arrow in the app's top-right corner that you can tap to collapse the list of pinned notes. This makes it easy to get to recently edited notes, which is what I usually want anyways.

Inside the Watch's Settings app → Notes, you can also choose whether notes are sorted by Date Edited, Date Created, or Title. Grouping notes by date can also be enabled or disabled.

Overall, I haven't found myself using watchOS 26's Notes app as much as I expected. But there have definitely been those key moments when it was convenient being able to create or reference a new note right from my wrist.

Have you used the Notes app much in watchOS 26? Let us know in the comments.

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