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What is Different in the iPhone 4S? by [Lexoremman](#)

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In October of 2011 news reports showed lines of people camped outside Apple stores waiting patiently to get their hands on the latest iPhone4S. You may have actually thought people were lining up for Christmas doorbusters!

That S on the end of iPhone4 meant a lot to fans apparently and after some minor problems people were finally able to get their hands on a phone with vastly improved iOS software and the largest bundle of Apple software updates ever to be launched at one time.

The main difference for most folks was that no longer were they tied to receiving service through AT&T. The new iPhone4S can now also be used with Sprint and Verizon or a choice of carriers offered in Japan, the UK, Australia, Canada, and Europe where it was launched simultaneously. Apple's aim is to have the device available in over seventy different countries by the end of 2011.

So what's really new with the iPhone4S? Well the primary attraction is the choice of capability. This newest iPhone4S offers three capacities: 16GB, 32GB and 64GB, available for just under \$400. They also offered white as an alternative to black, but this proved to be an enormous challenge for Apple, because it tends to yellow and it also interferes with the phone's internal sensors. That problem took nearly 10 months to overcome.

One very welcome introduction that came along with the iPhone4S was the ability to increase the warranty from 90 days to two years via AppleCare which also offers extended tech support. The \$49 fee also covers accidental damage to the phone - you can beat it up twice but no more for that \$49, after that your carelessness will mean shelling out another \$400 for a new phone, but the AppleCare option is a vast improvement on the original iPhone warranty.

If you've replaced your iPhone with an iPhone4S, or another device that you'll no longer have a use for - or you're staring at your third replacement that's in pieces in your hand, please be sure to recycle whatever device you are replacing responsibly.

Millions of cell phones are being thrown into trash cans and this is extremely hazardous to the environment. If your old phone is still in good condition, you can sell it online - you may be surprised at how much it's worth. It may be enough to pay your new iPhone4S bill for the next couple of months. If it's not such a desirable old phone, then you might want to think about donating it to a local charity, or simply placing it in a recycling bin that one of the major electronics retailers provide.

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