

Your Apple ID is your digital passport to access Apple's apps, services, and other essential features. However, there might be times when you need to update it. But how do you do it? No worries; I'll walk you through the steps to change your Apple ID email on your iPhone, iPad, and Mac in this article.



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## Difference between switching Apple ID and changing Apple ID

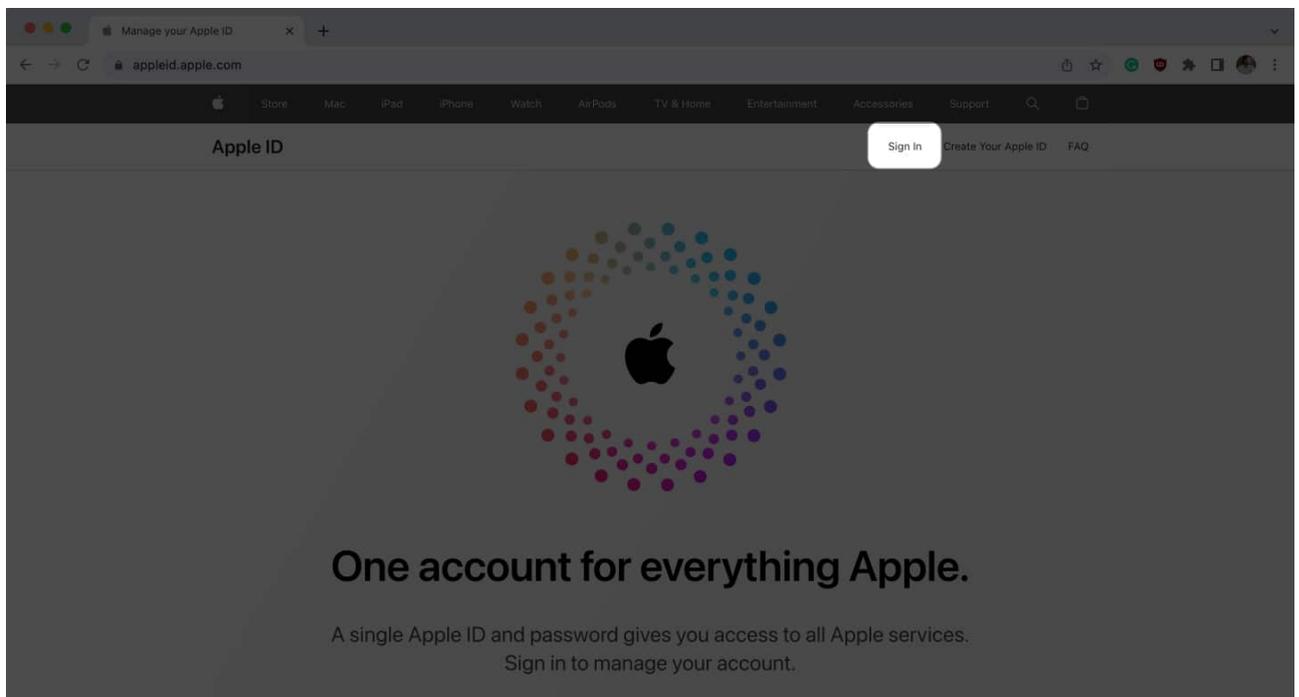
Changing your Apple ID and switching your Apple ID are two distinct actions that involve your Apple account, but they serve different purposes and have other implications. Let's explore the differences between these two actions.

- **Switching an Apple ID:** It means using a different existing ID on your device or within an Apple service. People do this for reasons like using a separate account for iCloud, the App Store, iTunes, or other Apple services. It's like logging out of one account and logging into another.
- **Changing Apple ID:** It requires editing the email linked to your Apple ID. You may do it for various reasons, like losing access to your current email, preferring a new primary Apple ID email, or updating your details. This process might include moving your data, purchases, and subscriptions to the new email address.

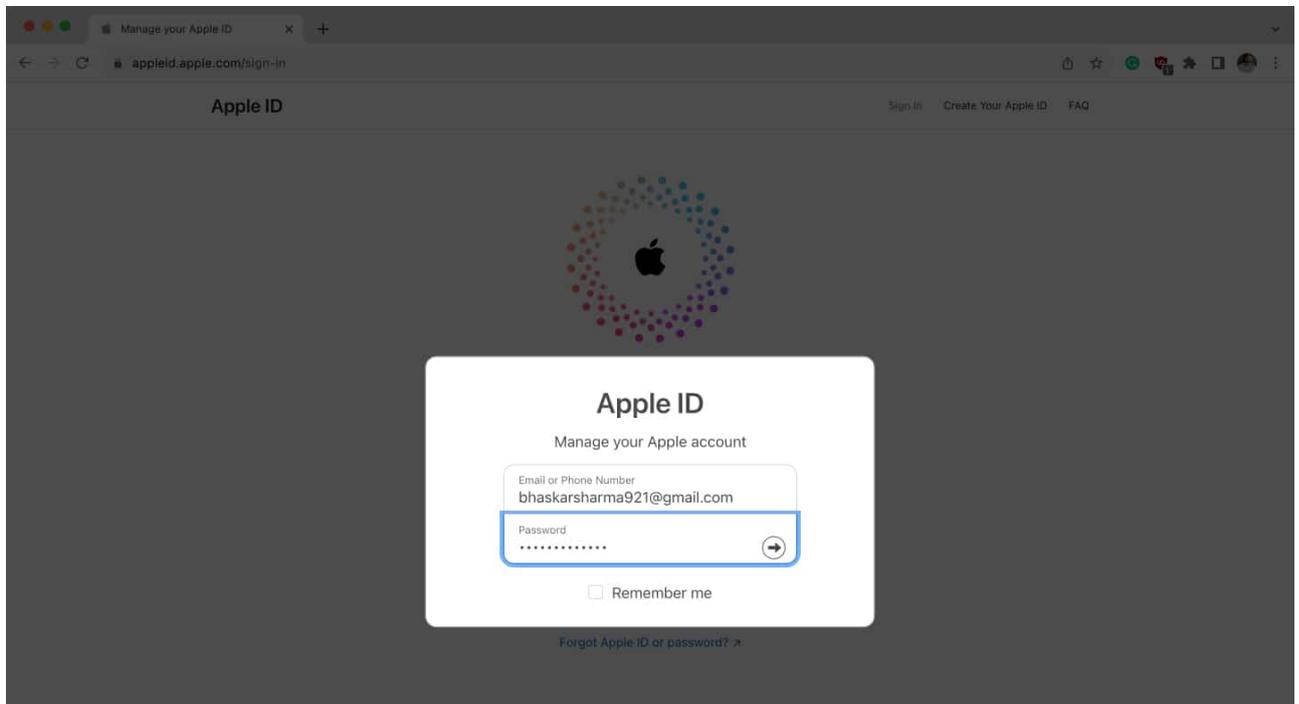
Though you can't change your Apple ID using the Mac Settings app, you may use the web browser on your Mac to do the same. The same steps can also be applied on your iPhone, Android device, or Windows PC.

## How to change your Apple ID email address on Mac

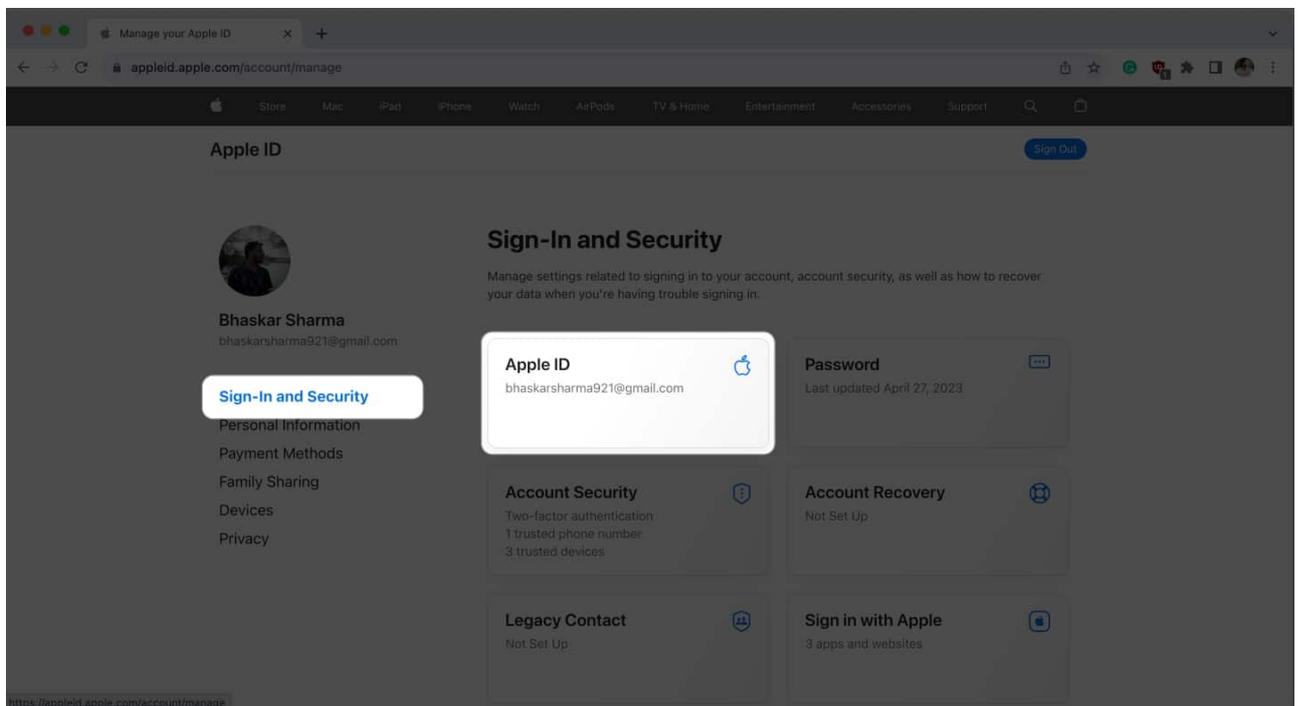
1. Open a [web browser](#) you like.
2. Go to [appleid.apple.com](https://appleid.apple.com) → Click **Sign In**.



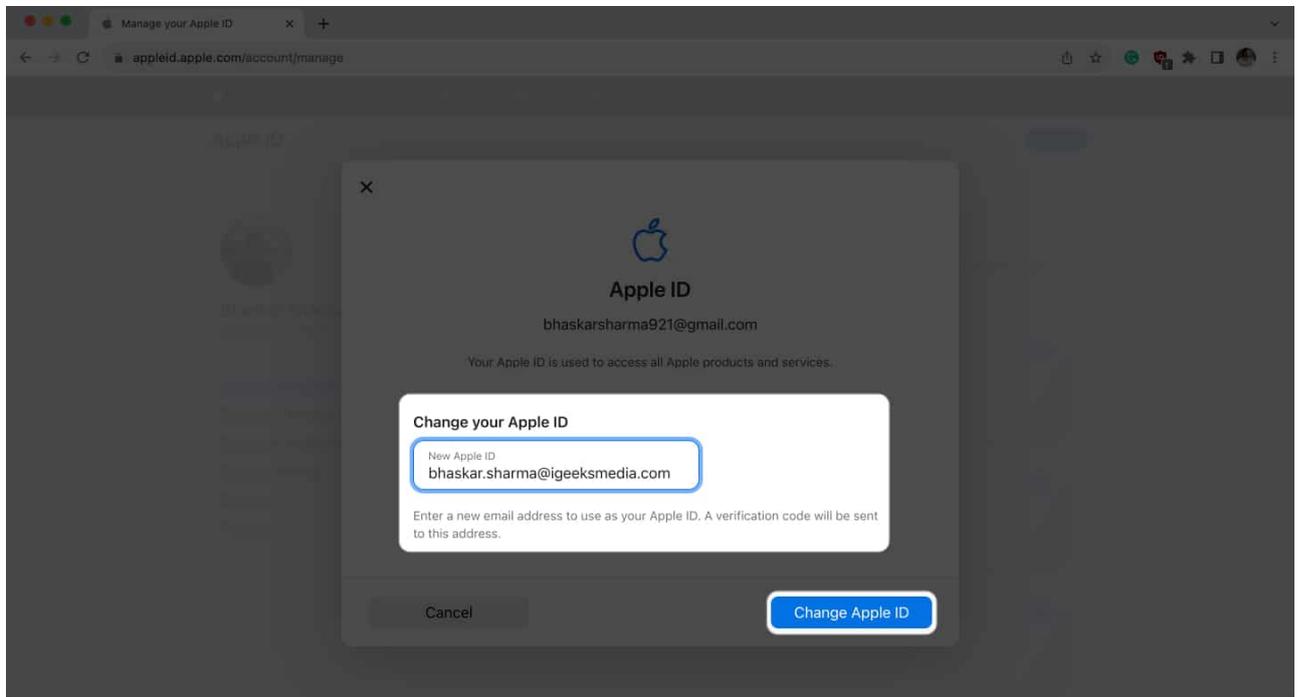
3. Use your **Apple ID** and **Password** to sign in.



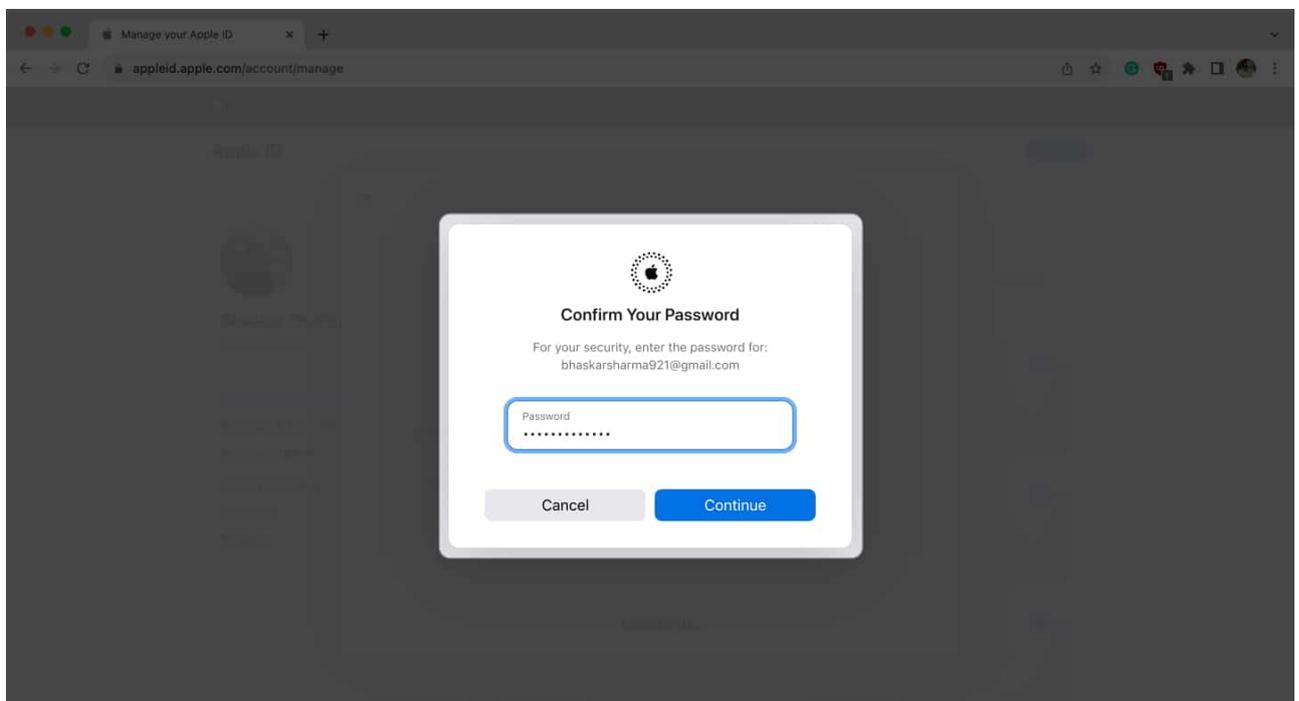
4. Head to **Sign-In and Security** → Select **Apple ID**.



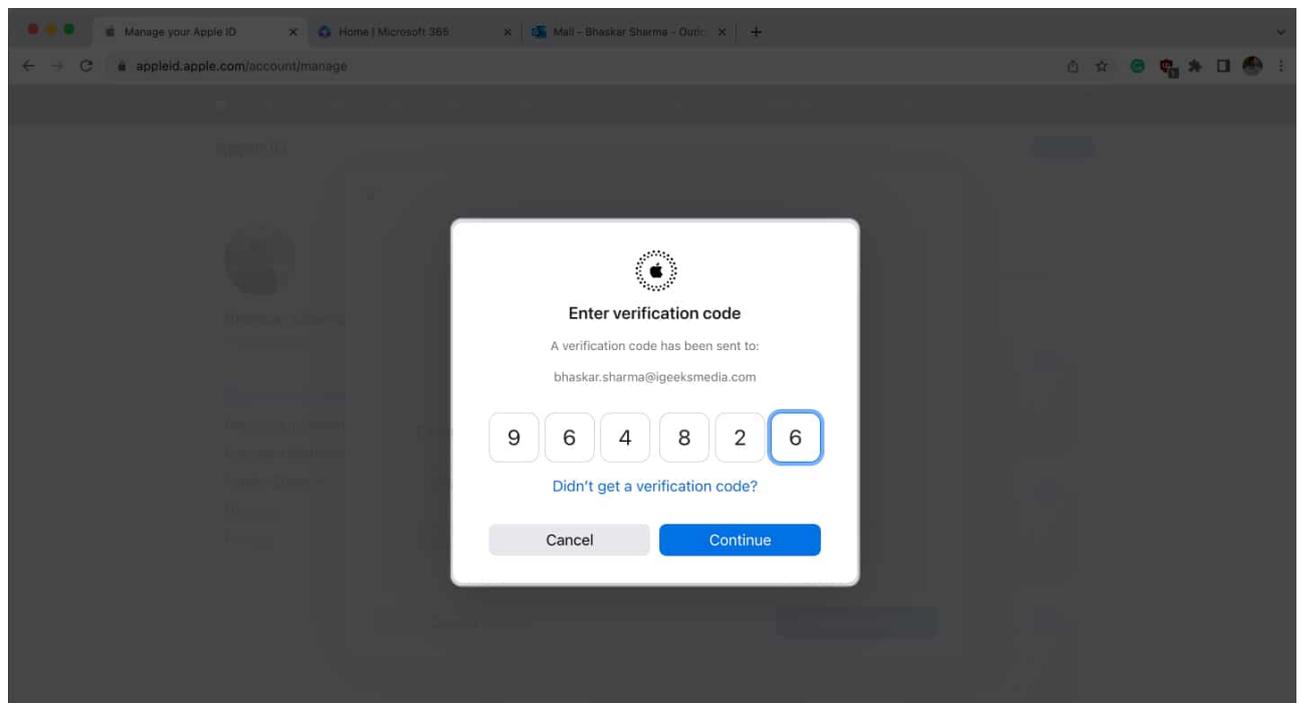
5. Type your new **Apple ID** → Choose **Change Apple ID**.



6. Enter your **current Apple ID password** → Hit **Continue**.



7. Type the **OTP** from your new Apple ID → Select **Continue**.

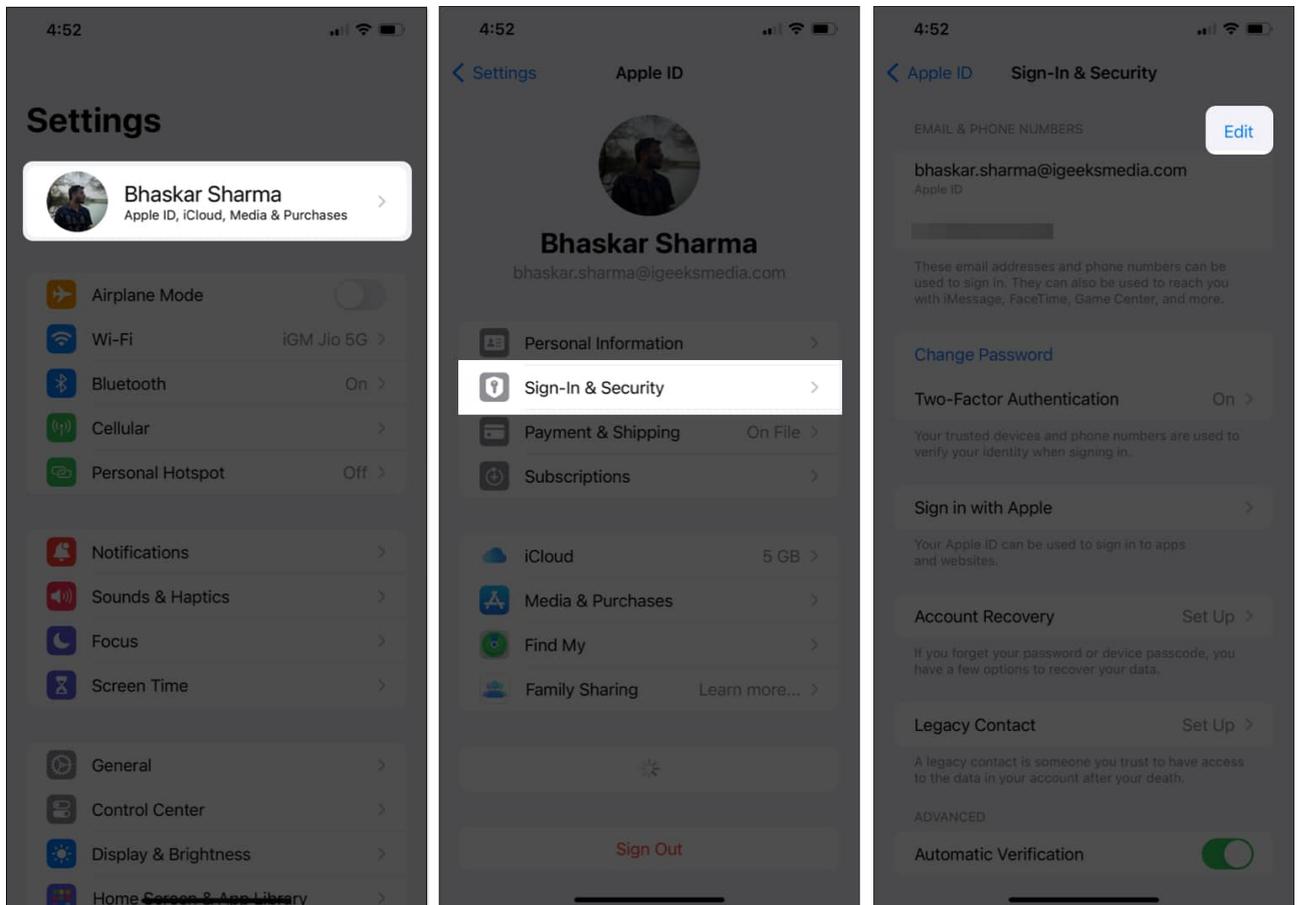


And there you have it! Your Apple ID has been successfully updated. Now, you must sign in to all the devices associated with your Apple ID using the new email address.

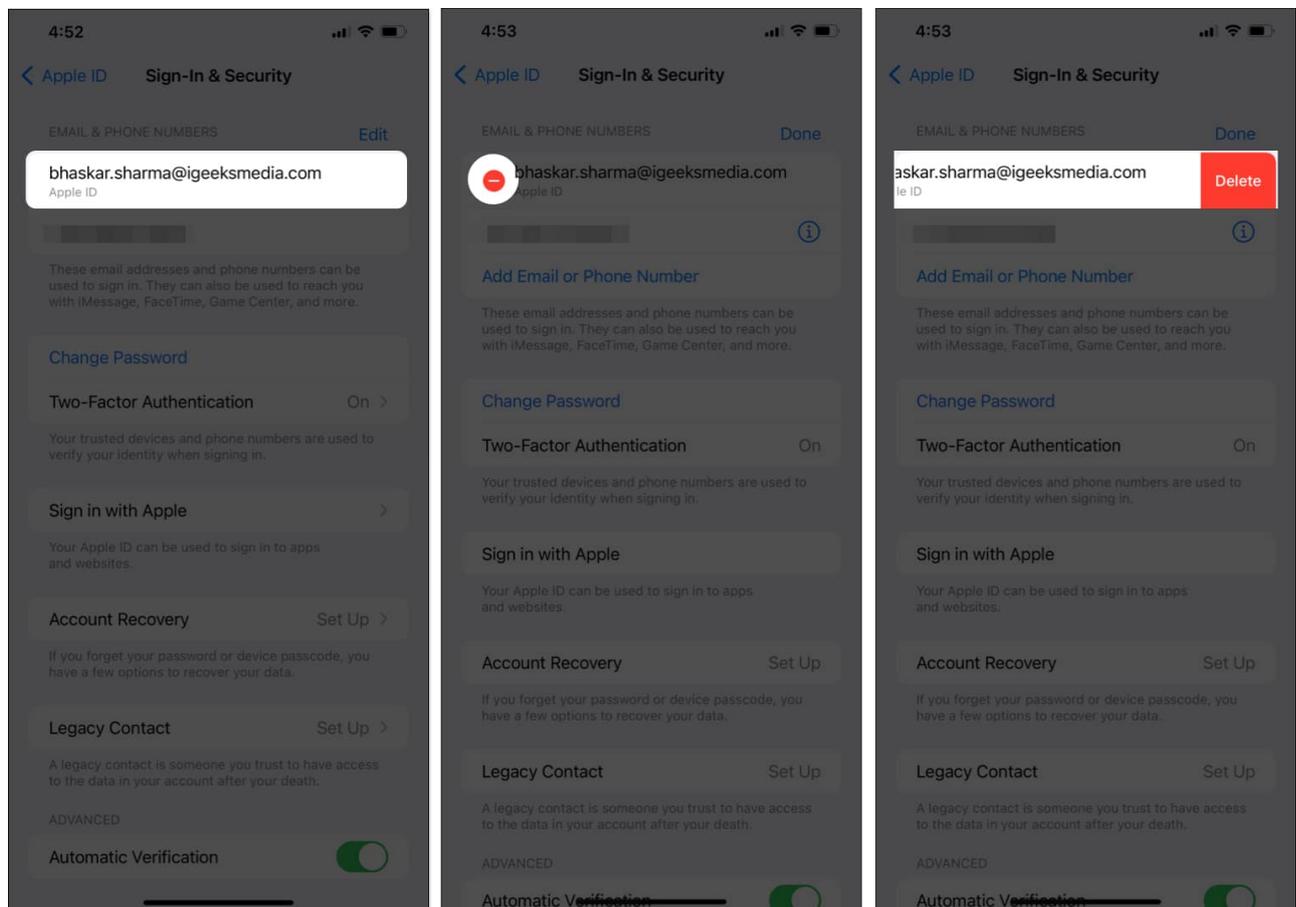
If you don't have access to any computer, you may change your Apple ID email address from your iPhone settings. Let's learn how to do that!

## How to change your Apple ID email address on iPhone or iPad

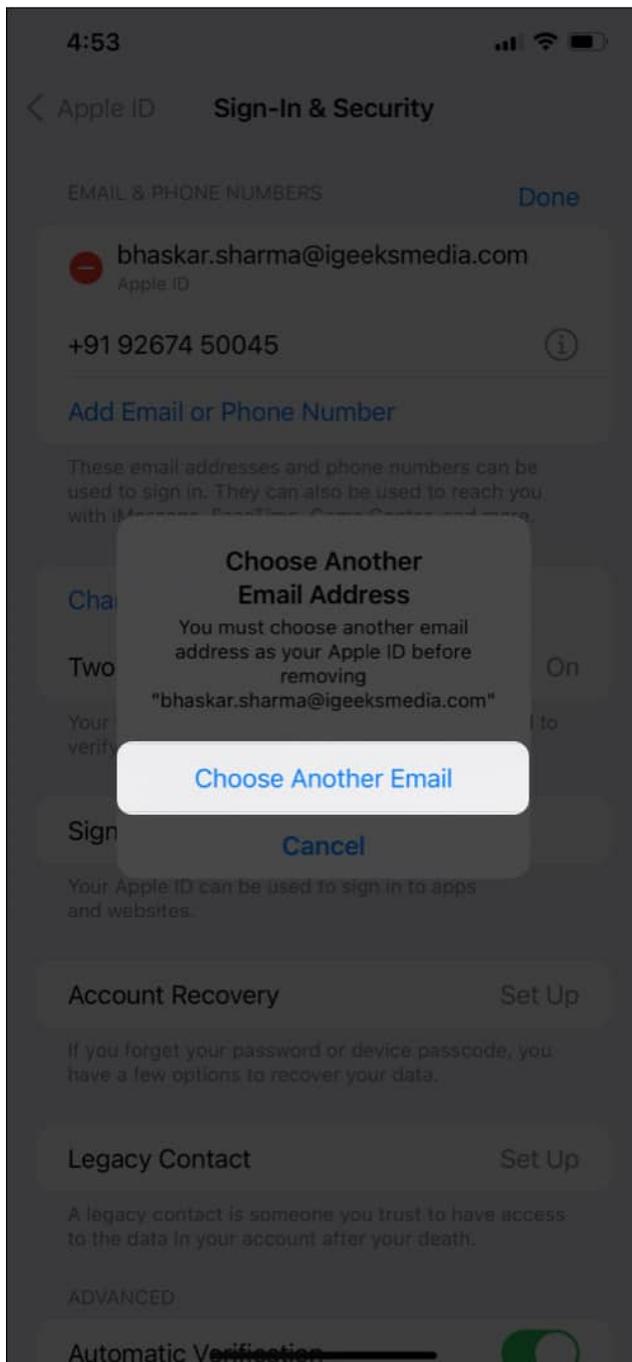
1. Navigate to the **Settings** app.
2. Go to your **Contact Card** → Choose **Sign-In & Security** → Click **Edit** next to Email & Phone Numbers.



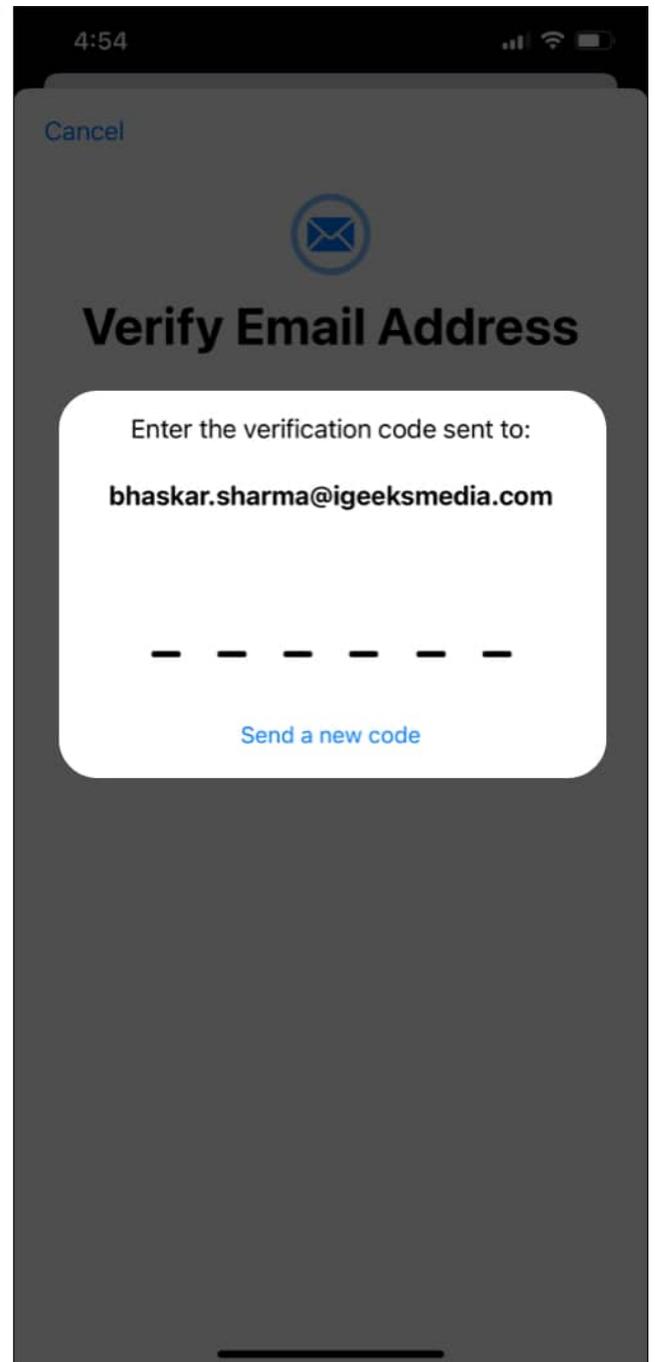
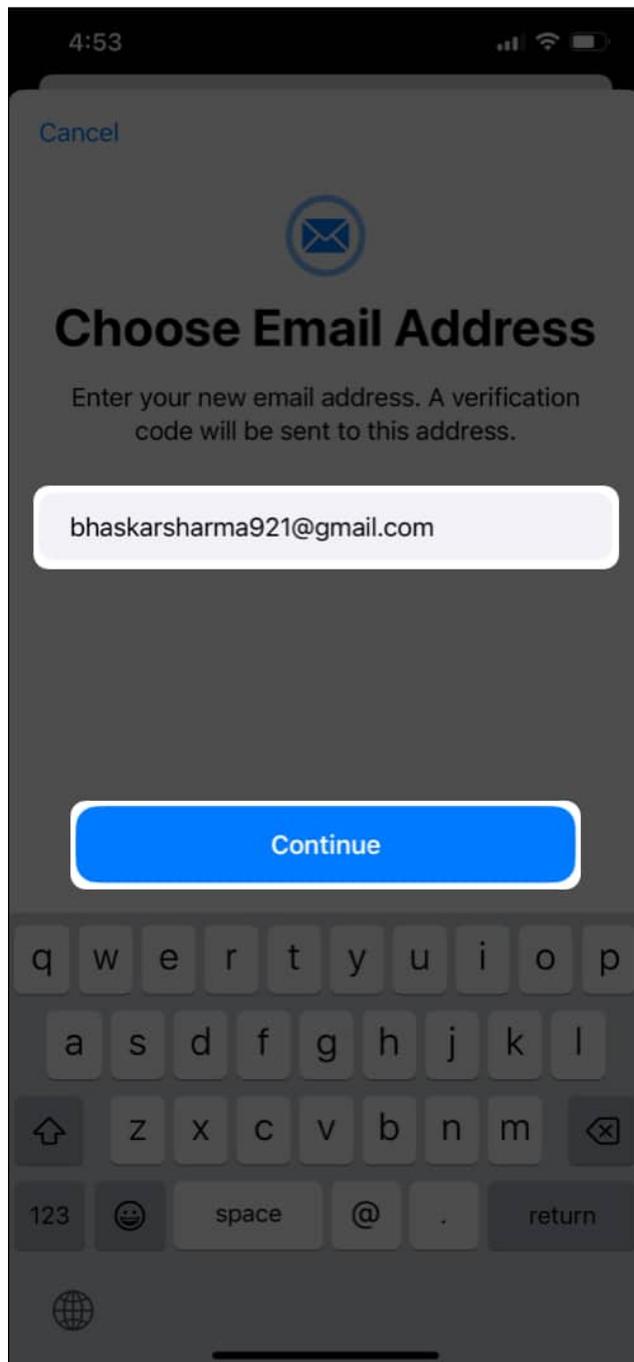
3. Tap the (-) button next to your **Apple ID** → Confirm by tapping **Delete**.



4. Tap **Choose Another Email** on the prompt → Enter your **iPhone's Passcode**.  
*If you've turned on Stolen Device Protection, wait for one hour before changing your Apple ID.*



5. Type in your **new email address** → Tap **Continue** → Use the **OTP** from your email.



**Video: How to change Apple ID email address on iPhone, iPad, and Mac**

## Change your existing Apple ID

Your Apple ID is like a unique key that unlocks everything Apple offers, such as [Apple Music](#), [Apple Arcade](#), and [Apple TV+](#). So, ensure you link the most accessible email address with the ID. If you have any other problems with your Apple ID, please drop them in the comments.

## FAQs

### What happens if you change your Apple ID on your iPhone?

When you change your Apple ID to a different email address, you don't lose any data like synced contacts, purchases, photos, or other information. Only you will use the new email to sign in to your Apple ID and receive the alerts or verification codes on that address.

### Can we merge two Apple IDs?

No, Apple does not offer the option to merge two Apple IDs. However, you can use [Family Sharing](#) to share purchases between different Apple IDs.

### Can I have two Apple IDs on my Mac?

Yes, you can set up different [user accounts](#) on your Mac to sign in to several Apple IDs.

### Can I have multiple Apple IDs?

You can link one email address to one Apple ID. Therefore, you can create several Apple IDs if you have multiple email addresses.

### How do I remove another Apple ID from my Mac?

Log in to the user account whose Apple ID you want to remove. Then go to **System Settings** → **Apple ID** card → Click **Sign Out**. Now, enter your password and confirm your choice.

### Read more:

- [How to change your Apple ID password](#)

- [How to generate and use Apple ID Recovery Key on iPhone or iPad](#)
- [11 Ways to secure your Apple ID on iPhone, iPad, and Mac](#)