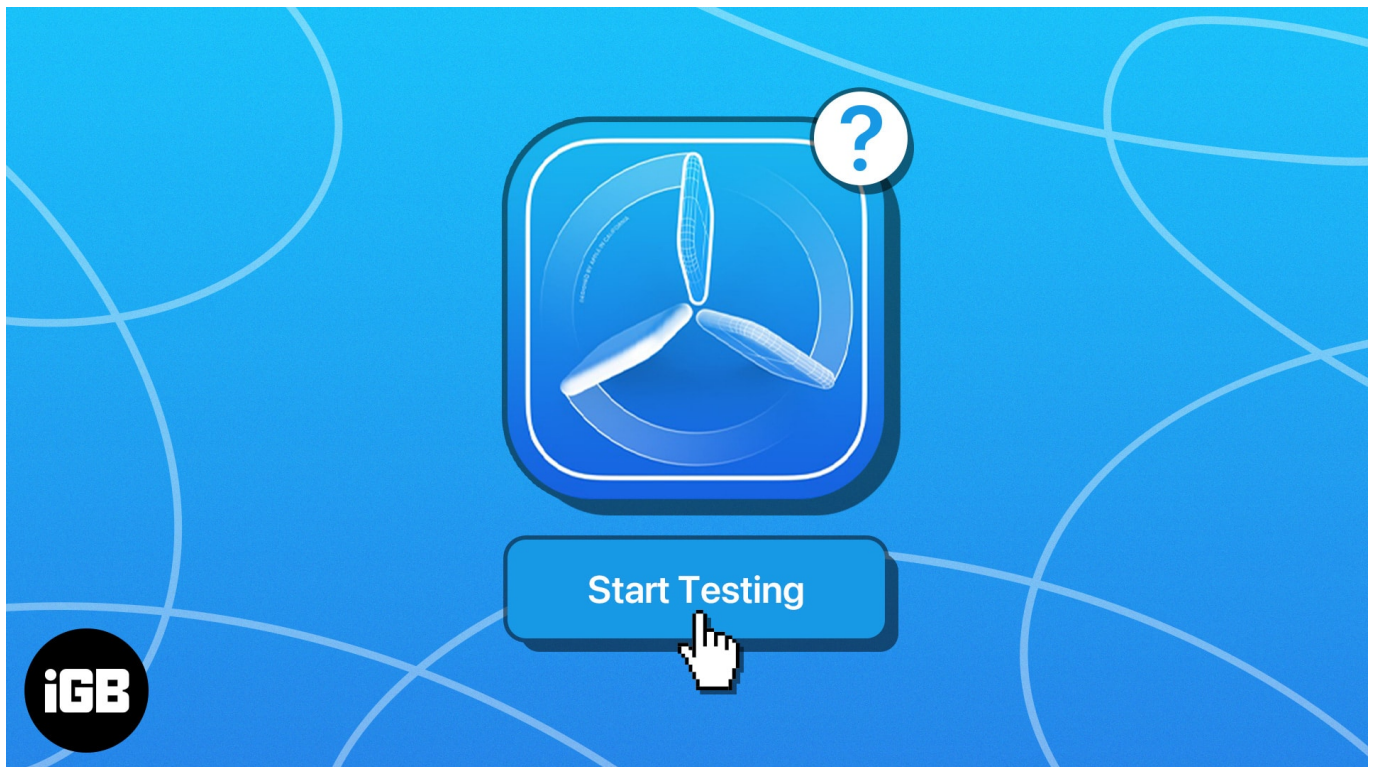# iGEEKSBLOG

Developers make it possible for users to access millions of apps from the App Store that are integral to Apple's success. To help developers create these great apps, Apple offers a handful of advanced dev tools like Xcode, TestFlight, and App Store Connect. While Xcode offers a way to code apps, developers can use TestFlight to test apps before publishing them through App Store Connect.

Unlike other dev tools provided by Apple, everyone can access TestFlight to test apps. In case you find the idea of beta testing apps interesting, here's a comprehensive guide that explains how you can start beta testing apps on iPhone and iPad with TestFlight.
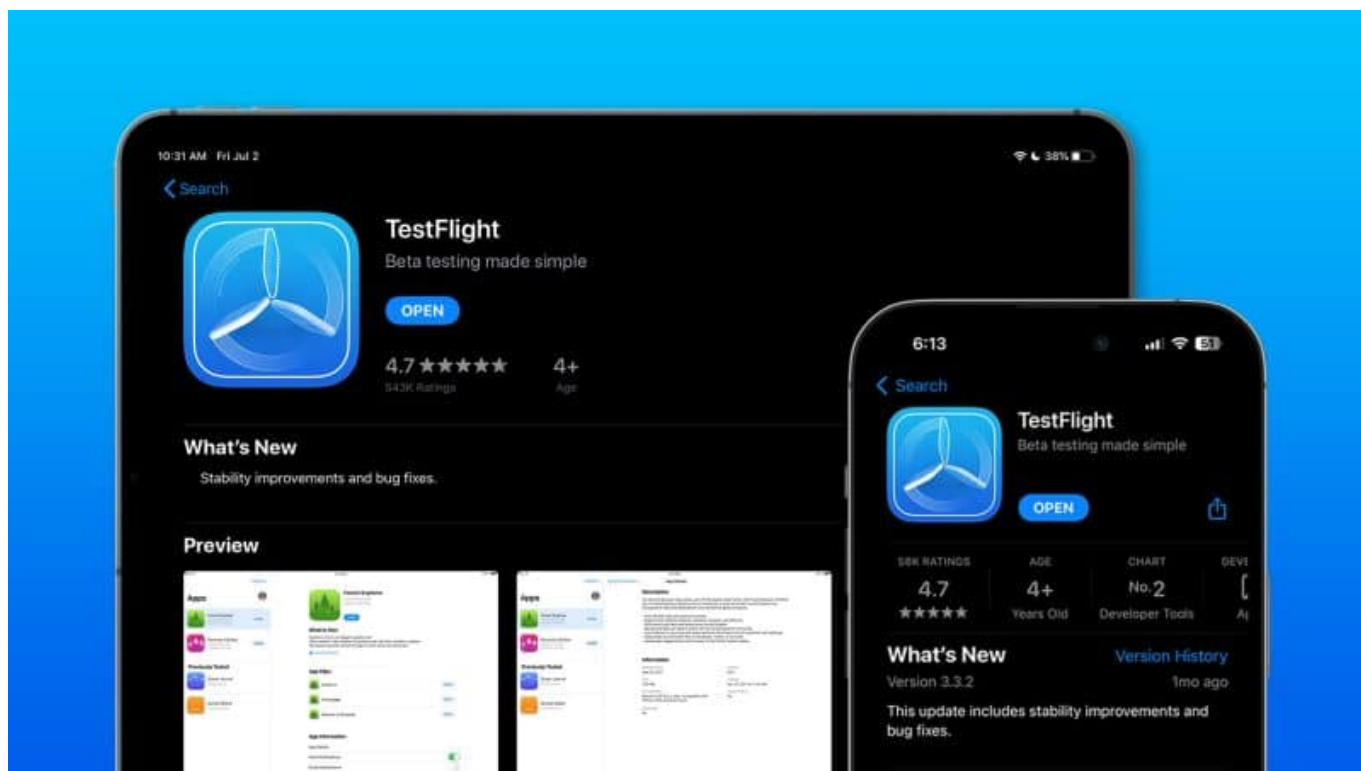
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What is TestFlight, and what is it used for?

TestFlight is a tool offered by Apple that allows app developers to distribute beta versions of their apps to testers before they are released. Developers can use it to test iOS, iPadOS, macOS, tvOS, watchOS, and iMessage apps.

With TestFlight, beta testers can easily send detailed feedback, bug reports, screenshots, and other relevant information directly to the developers. This gives developers an opportunity to connect with the beta testers to quickly address issues and make improvements to the app before its final release.

All app developers must enroll in Apple Developer Program before they can upload their apps on TestFlight to receive feedback from up to 100 internal and 10,000 external testers. Meanwhile, everyone with an Apple device and Apple ID can participate in testing apps via **invitation codes** or **public links**.

Even though Apple doesn't compensate the testers, beta testing apps with TestFlight comes with its own set of benefits. It allows the testers to use apps before everyone else. Additionally, testers even get to explore apps related to their field of interest for up to 90
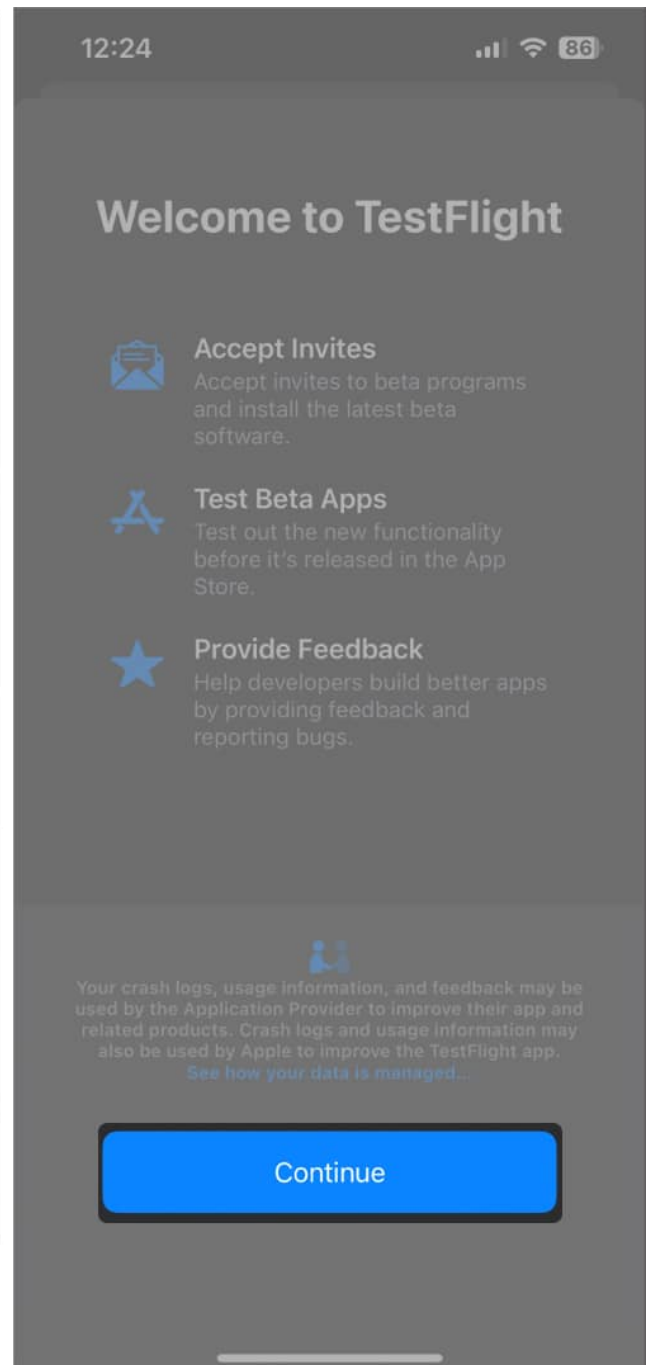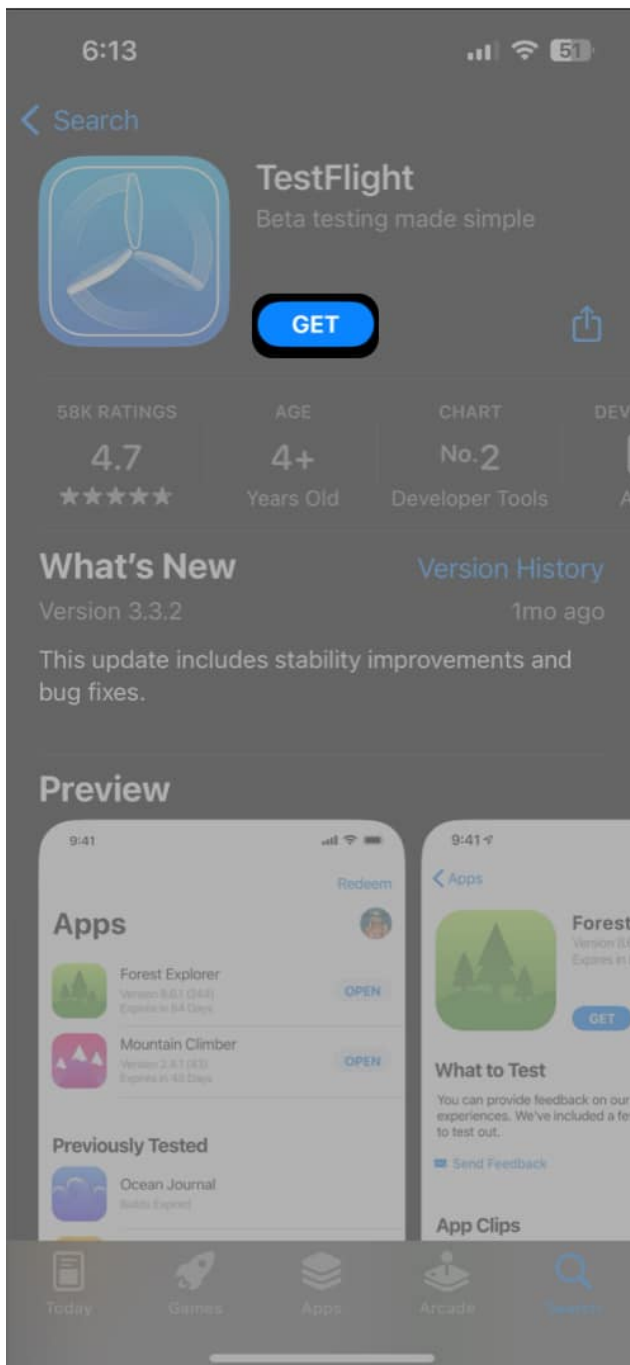
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Things to keep in mind before testing apps with TestFlight

- **Backup your data:** It's necessary to [create a backup](#) of the important data on your device before testing any unreleased app with TestFlight.
- **Beta apps are unstable and may lack features:** It's common for beta apps to experience frequent crashes. Moreover, beta apps may lack a few features that might make their way to the final version of the app.
- **Your device's battery consumption may increase:** Many beta apps have inefficient code that may drain your device's battery faster than usual.
- **Always review the developer's track record:** It's important to visit the developer's website before beta testing an app to ensure they have a trustworthy background and review their previous projects.
- **Avoid invitation links from unverified sources:** It's always a good idea to not click on invitation links from unverified sources to avoid exposing your devices to unnecessary risks like malware or phishing attacks.
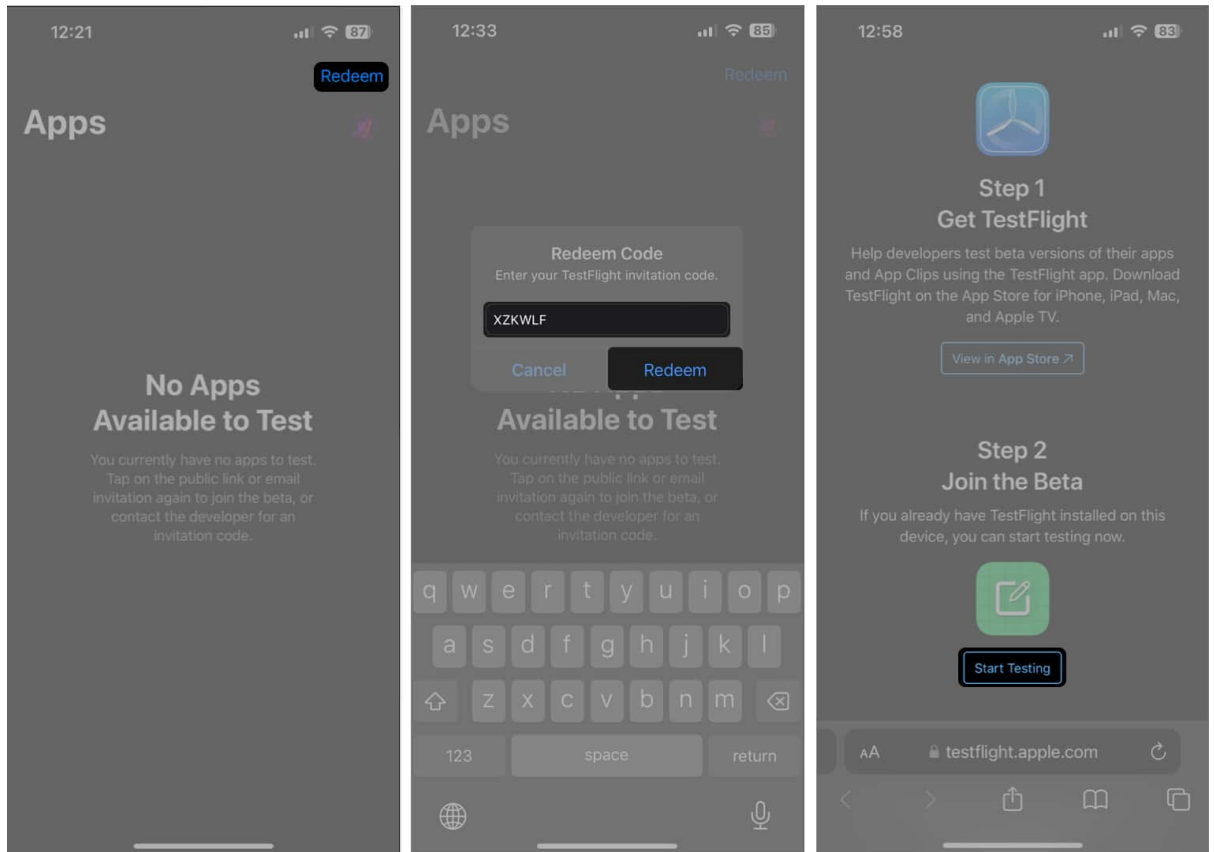
How to use TestFlight on iPhone or iPad

1. Install [TestFlight](#) from the App Store.
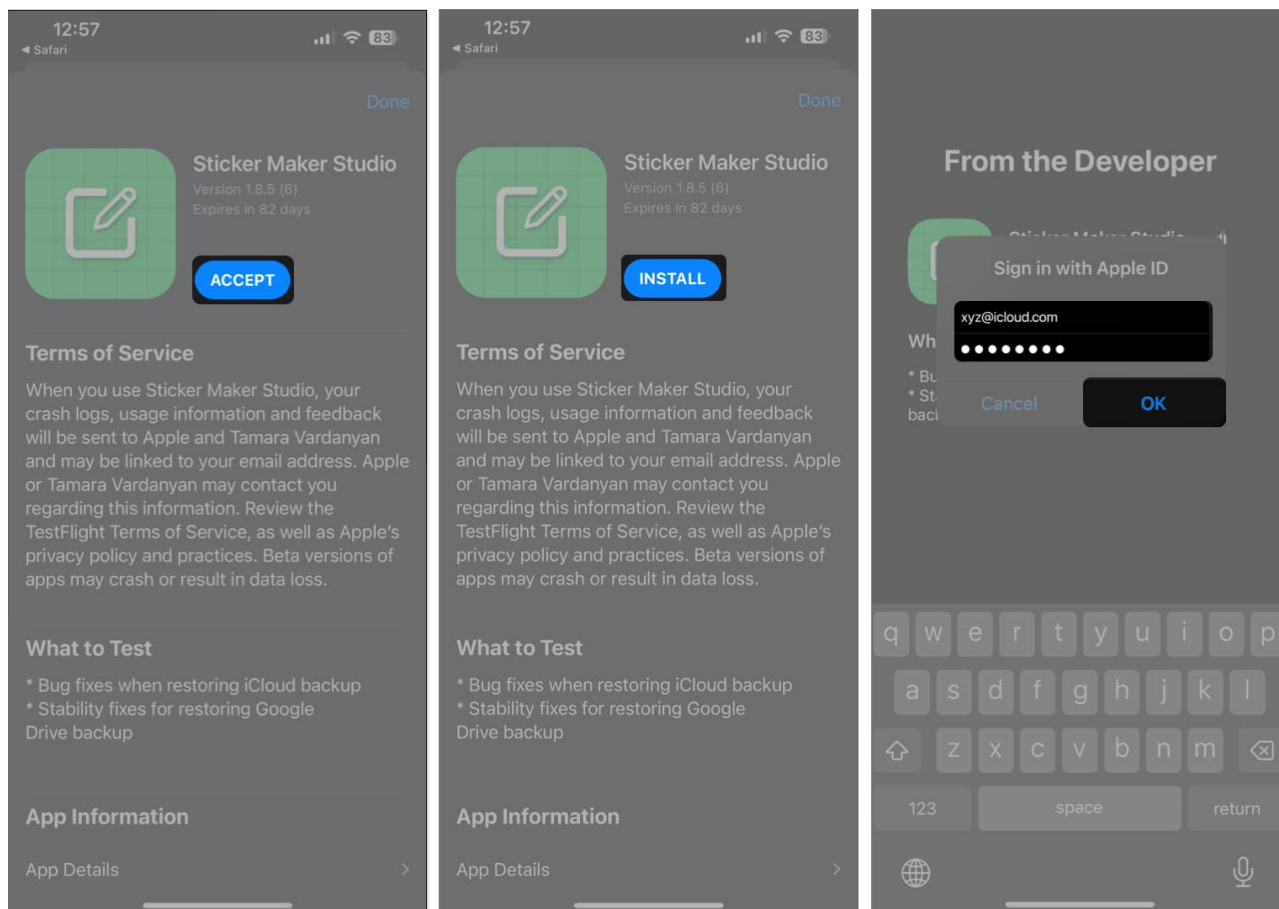2. Open **TestFlight** → follow the on-screen instructions → Tap **Continue**.

3. Then do one of the following:

   ○ If you have a TestFlight invitation code, tap **Redeem** from the top-right → Enter
     your **TestFlight invitation code** → Confirm **Redeem**.
   ○ If you have a public link, **open the link** → Tap **Start Testing**.
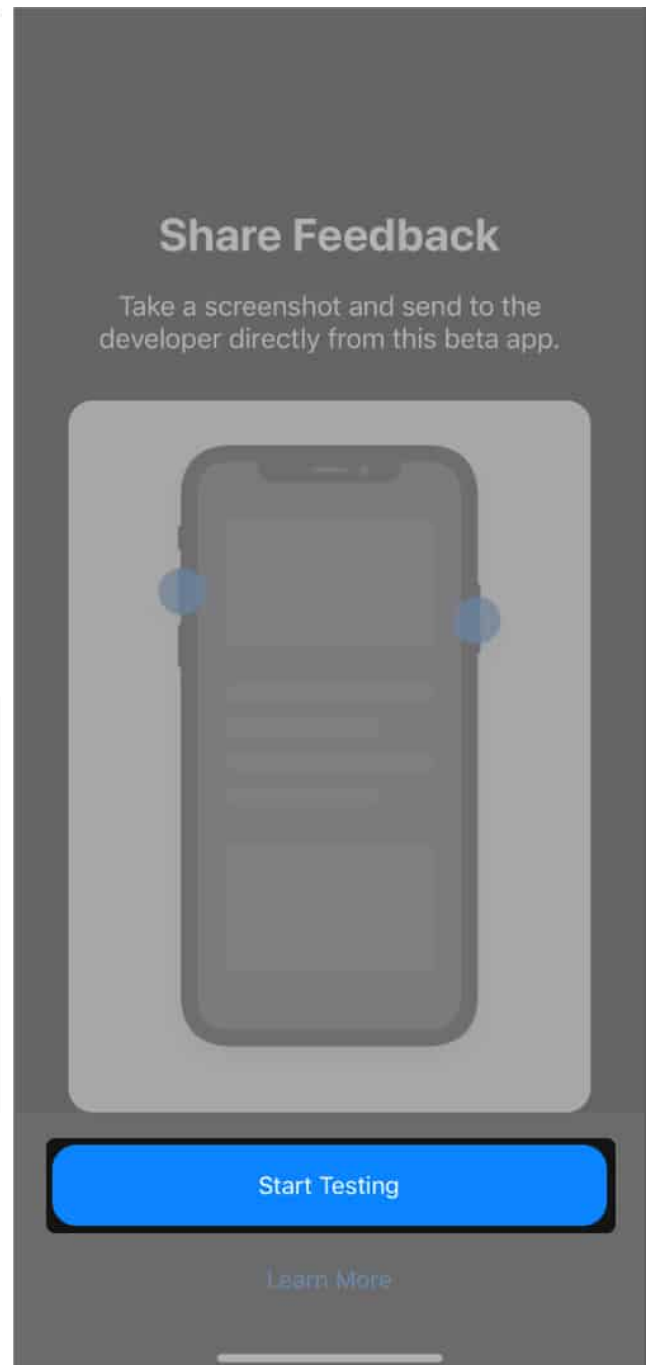
4. When the app's page opens in TestFlight, tap **Accept → Install**.
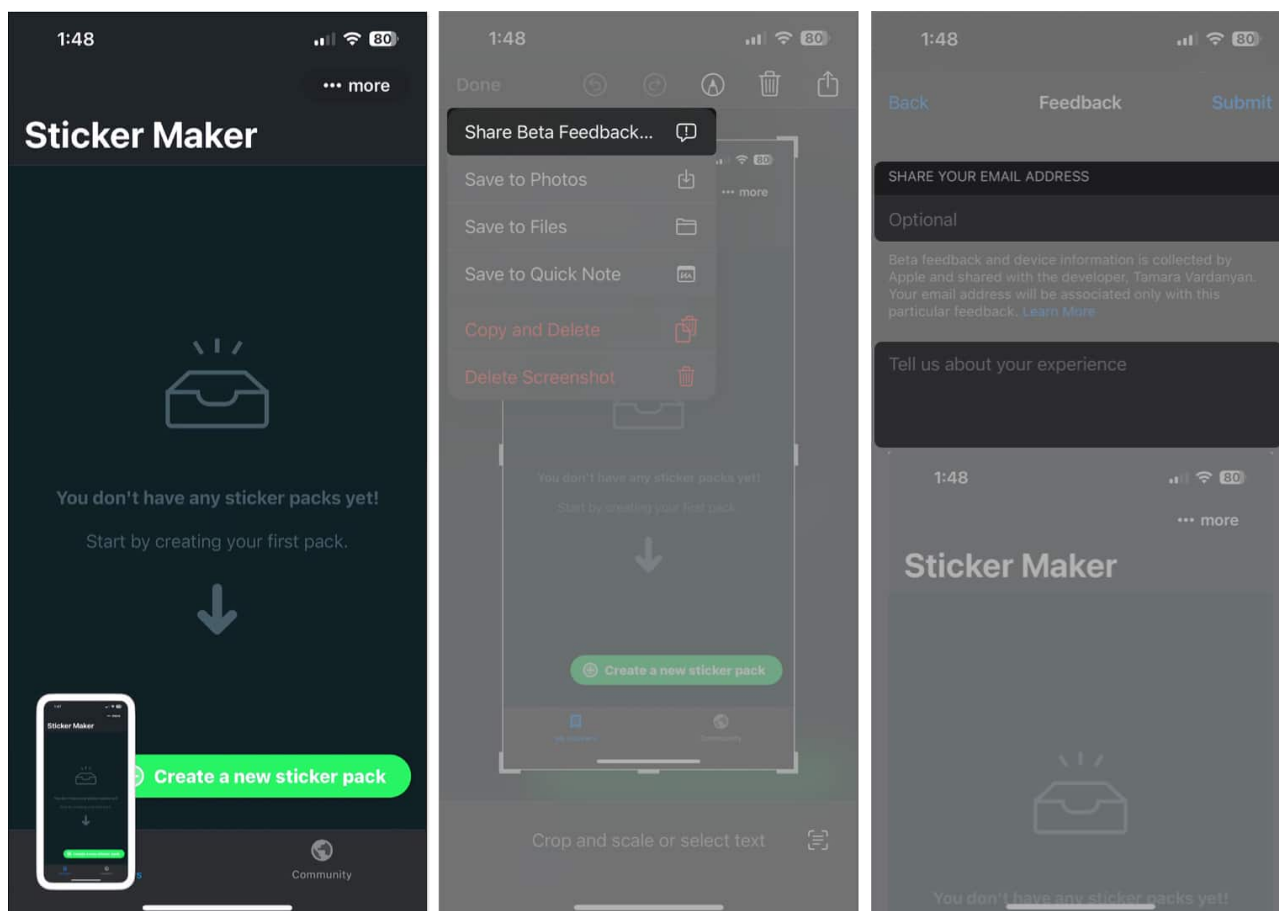5. Open the **beta app →** enter your **Apple ID and password →** Tap **OK**.

6. See what the developer wants you to test → Tap **Next** → **Start Testing**.

Share feedback for Beta apps on iPhone

1. If you need to report a bug while testing the app, **take a screenshot.**
2. Tap the **screenshot's preview → Done → Share Beta Feedback**.
3. Enter your **email** address → **describe** the issue → Tap **Submit**.

How to find TestFlight invitation codes or links

App developers typically send TestFlight invitation codes or links to select internal and external beta testers via email. However, there are multiple other sources from where you can access TestFlight invitation codes and links even If you didn't officially receive such an email, as you'll see below.

- **Reach out to app developers directly:** If you're interested in testing a specific app, you can reach out to the app developer directly on social media platforms and ask if they have any TestFlight slots available.
- **Sign up for beta testing websites:** If you want to test a variety of apps, you can sign up for beta testing websites like test.io, which lets you test a variety of iOS, iPadOS, and macOS apps and get compensated for it.
- **GitHub:** There are many GitHub repositories like awesome-testflight-link by Pluwen that offers TestFlight public links and invitation codes.
- **Reddit and Twitter:** There are multiple subreddits like r/betatests and Twitter pages

like [@TestFlightX](#), where beta testers and independent developers share TestFlight public links for many apps and games.

Wrapping up…

Beta testing is a crucial step in app development which helps developers gather feedback and identify potential issues before publishing their apps. TestFlight simplifies this process by allowing developers to quickly distribute beta versions of their apps to testers. Thanks to this guide, you can also use TestFlight to beta test apps and help developers create great experiences.

FAQs

What iOS version is required for TestFlight?

TestFlight is available on iOS 13 and later versions. If your device runs on iOS 13 or later, you can install and use TestFlight to beta test a variety of apps.

Is iOS TestFlight free?

TestFlight is a free beta testing tool designed by Apple. It works with iOS, as well as iPadOS, macOS, tvOS, watchOS, and iMessage apps. Developers can use TestFlight to freely distribute beta versions of apps to testers, and testers can participate in beta testing without paying any fees.

Can developers access my personal data using TestFlight?

TestFlight only allows the developers to view anonymous crash logs and aggregate data about app usage. However, it's important to ensure that you do not share personal data in your feedback.

Is TestFlight safe?

TestFlight is a secure platform provided by Apple. However, it's essential to avoid clicking on TestFlight invitation links from unverified sources to fend off potential risks like malware or phishing attacks.

Who can participate in TestFlight beta testing?

App developers must enroll in the Apple Developer Program to upload their apps on TestFlight. Meanwhile, anyone with an Apple device and Apple ID can participate as a tester via invitation codes or public links.

Explore more:

- [How to request a refund for your Apple Developer Program fees](#)