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## Welcome to the sixth iDevices (iPhone, iPod and iPad) SIG Meeting

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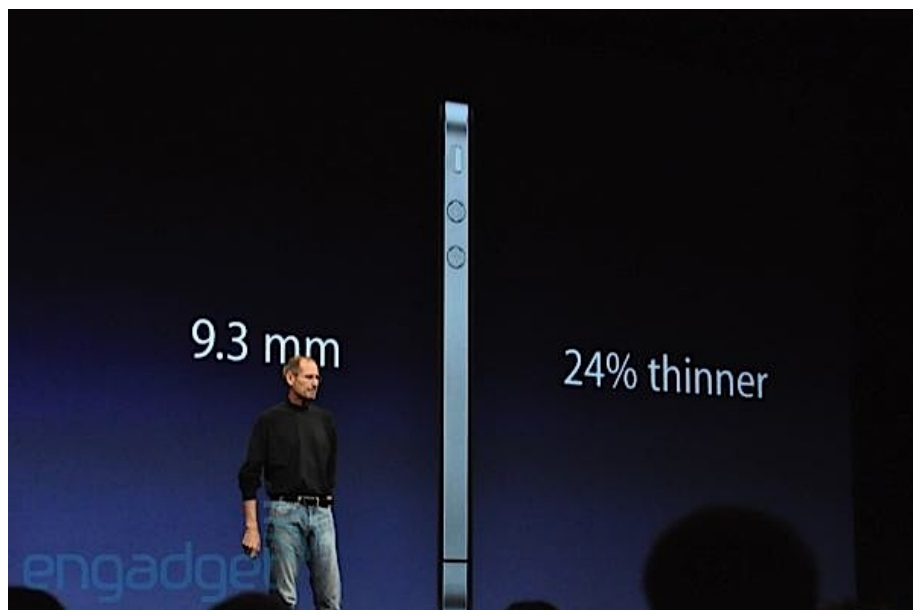


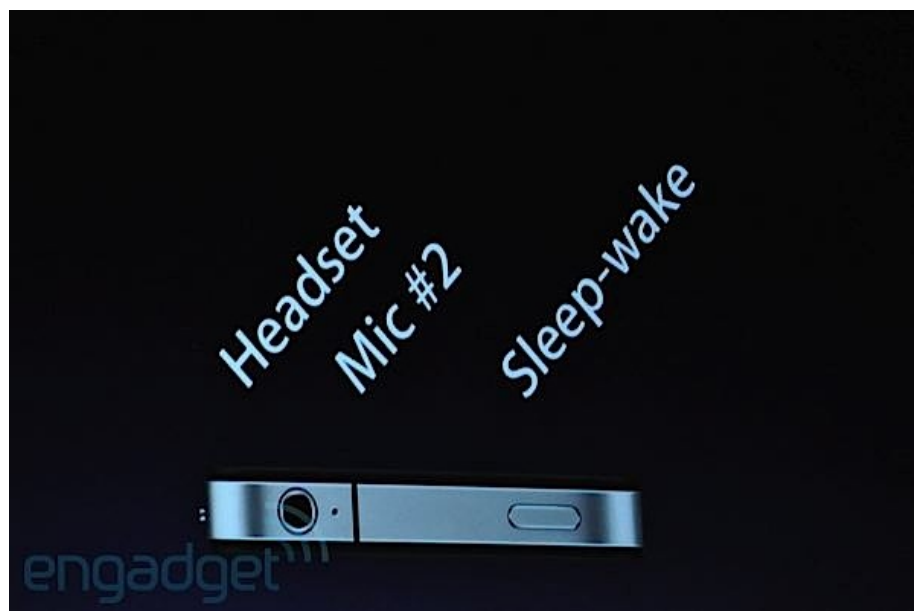
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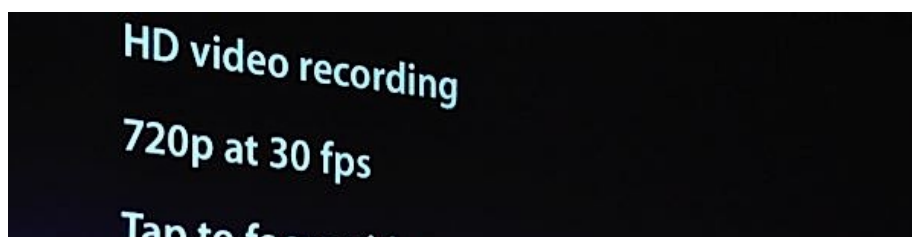
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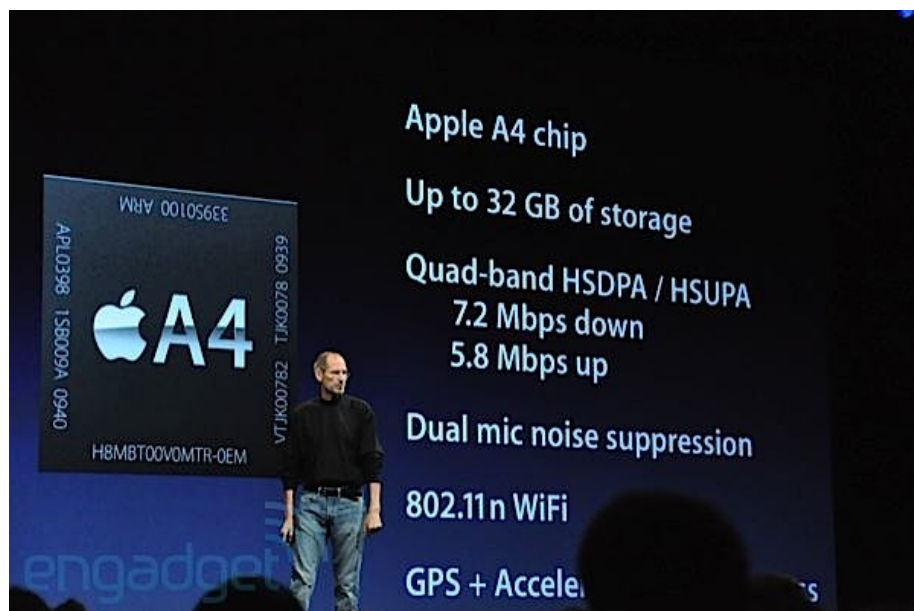
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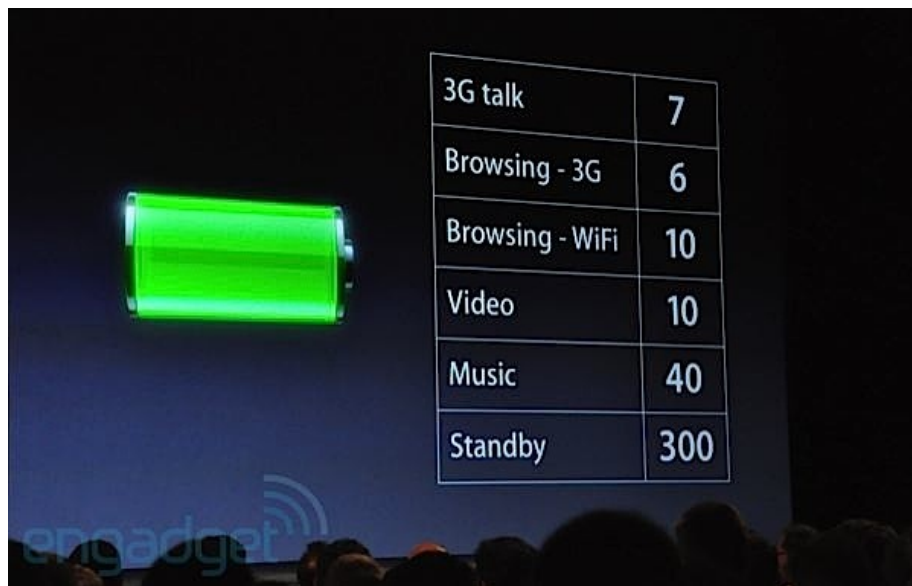
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**AT&T charges have changed for 3G data access (iPhone & iPad)**

If you have an iPhone then the \$30 a month charge for unlimited access remains in effect.

However, if you purchase a new model iPhone, you may no longer have the unlimited plan.

It will cost \$15 for 200MB of data or \$25 for 2GB (2000MB) of data per month.

**What if I go over 200 MB?** DataPlus 200MB for iPhone includes 200MB of data for use in the U.S. If 200MB is exceeded, an additional 200MB is automatically provided at a rate of \$15 for each additional 200MB. All data allowances, including overages, must be used in the billing period in which the allowance is provided. A similar method is provided if you go over the 2GB per month plan. All AT&T Wi-Fi hotspots are free.

**Data Plans Information :** <http://www.att.com/shop/wireless/plans/data-plans.jsp>

There is a calculator for figuring out which plan is good for you:

<http://www.att.com/standalone/data-calculator/index.html>.

**Any special iPhone APPS that anyone has found?**

## iPad Information

### 2 Million iPads Sold

April 3rd – 300,000 WiFi iPads sold on launch day  
April 8th – 450,000 iPads Sold total 5 days after launch, 3.5 Million iPad Apps and 600,000 iBooks downloaded  
April 10th – 500,000 iPad Units sold in its first week  
May 3rd – 1,000,000 iPad Users in 28 days since launch  
May 31st – 2,000,000 iPad Owners after its International Launch



Getting the best from your iPad - hints, tips and tricks

<http://www.knowipad.com/2010/04/getting-the-best-from-your-ipad-hints-tips-and-tricks.html>

<http://www.ipad.net/ipad-tips-and-tricks-10-more-essential-tips-and-tricks-for-your-ipad.html>

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## iPad Tips and Tricks: Some Tricks of the iPad

You have your iPad. Finally. You have read the manual to get the gist of the device. You are doing well in navigating all of the iPad's features because it is user-friendly. That does not mean that you don't have room for improvement when it comes to learning how to maximize the iPad experience. There are tons of tricks that you can learn that go beyond the basics. Not only will these tricks make you a bit more tech savvy, but they will also help you slowly become an iPad pro. With that said, let's begin looking at some iPad tips and tricks to make life on the iPad just a little bit easier.

### **Increase search efficiency by using Spotlight**

If you are like me and have a ton of [contacts](#) and even more music, you know that scrolling to find the person or song you need can be a real pain in the butt. To get around this and to find exactly what you are looking for, use Spotlight. Spotlight is a handy tool that you can use to search through your music or contacts, and it will also launch some apps for you. To access Spotlight, you can press the Home button, or you can also gesture to flick right on your Home screen, and the feature will be enabled.

### **Use AutoFill to do the legwork when it comes to filling out forms or website logins.**

AutoFill is a great feature that can save you time as well as keep your fingers from getting tired. If you sign up to many websites to become a member, make online purchases, or have a lot of usernames and passwords to remember, AutoFill will do it all for you once enabled. To enable it, go to Settings>Safari>AutoFill. You can then select either the Use [Contact](#) Info or the Names & Passwords option and the iPad will handle the rest from there on out.

### **Use the magnifying glass to your advantage when correcting typos**

Unless you are a master typist, you are going to have typos. They are a pain, but they are a part of life. If you have particularly large fingers, you might have some trouble in getting to the exact point of the error you want to fix. To [save](#) yourself from having to repeatedly tap the vicinity of your intended correction, you can use the magnifying glass feature to make things easier. Go to the vicinity of where you need to make a correction, and hold down your finger. You will see a magnifying glass appear, which will allow you a larger, less condensed area to correctly place the cursor.

### **Avoid squinting while surfing the web**

The zoom features of the iPad while web browsing are just one [more](#) of the device's positives. Zooming in on a section of a website makes it much easier to do things like click on a link, fill out forms, and more. You can zoom in on a part of a web page by flicking twice.

### **Keep your iPad covered**

The last thing you want on your iPad is an unsightly scratch. Just one little ding on your display could ruin the enjoyment you get from watching movies on it or performing other tasks. Luckily, the iPad is built well to withstand scratches, but that does not mean that they are out of the question. To protect your iPad's surface, you should get a good case to travel with, or a protective cover. Most of the cases made for the iPad have special interiors that are soft and will not cause scratching. Considering the significant investment you have made in just buying an iPad,

buying an extra cover or case is a good precaution to take.

### **Find added brightness controls in iBooks**

When you are reading a book, you want to have the right lighting in place to avoid eye strain. The same holds true for e-books. Obviously, the iPad has general settings that allow you to adjust its display's brightness. Lowering the brightness not only helps to spare some [battery life](#), but it also is easier on your eyes. If you want to lower the brightness even more than the lowest level offered by the general settings, you can do so within the iBooks app. The iBooks app has a brightness slider that is easy to use and will let you achieve that low brightness level needed when reading books on the iPad.

### **Go full-screen when watching your favorite videos on the web**

Nobody likes to squint when [watching videos](#). The iPad's screen is nice and big, so why not get the most out of it? If you want to watch web videos in full-screen mode, all you have to do is do a flick gesture twice. To exit out of full-screen mode, flick twice again.

### **Get the most out of your listening experience with headphones**

[Listening to music](#) is just one of the ways that the iPad can provide you with entertainment. You can listen to music without headphones, but do not expect any great sound from the iPad's integrated speaker system. If you really want to enjoy your music, get some good headphones or earbuds. Once you plug them in, you will realize just how good audio can sound on the iPad.

### **Maximize your iPad's battery**

If you tote your iPad around town a lot, or are a frequent traveler, [battery life](#) is of the utmost importance. One great feature of the iPad is that its battery can go strong for around ten hours, but you can maximize its life by performing a few simple steps. Of course, some of these will take away from the fun factor of the iPad, but you can do them while you are not actually using the device and they should help its battery life.

1. avoid playing games on the iPad
2. turn off any videos that are playing

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3. disable Wi-Fi
4. disable Bluetooth
5. lower the display's brightness as much as possible

### **Cram your music in iTunes**

Music nuts will want to store as many songs as they can on their iPad. While it should have plenty of music storage for most users, you never know how carried away some people can get when it comes to music. If you are one of these music fanatics, there is a way to compress your music files to get the most out of your storage. To compress your music files, go into iTunes. The iTunes summary will give you an option to convert all of your songs to the 128kbps format automatically. Once you enable this, your songs will become more "storage-friendly" and you will be able to store more music on the iPad.

### **Use USB wisely**

The iPad can be a bit picky when it comes to USB. Some USB docks will not work with the iPad. You could be sitting there all day with your iPad connected to a dock, and check it to find out that it has not charged at properly. Some USB ports on your computer may not work well in charging the iPad either. For this reason, when you connect your iPad to a computer to charge, make sure it does so properly. If it doesn't try a different USB port on the computer until you find the right solution.

### **Disable email alerts**

Are you a very popular person? Are you a member to a lot of websites and get tons of emails daily? If so, depending on your tolerance level for distractions, you may want to turn off the email alert chimes on your iPad. Sure, they are a great way to notify yourself of when a new email pops in, especially if you were waiting on one from a special someone, but they can get annoying. To disable the email chimes, go to Settings>General>Sounds. Once there, you can turn the chimes off. If they are not that distracting to you, but a little on the loud side, you can also adjust their volume by following the same steps.

### **Learn how to copy and paste paragraphs**

If you are doing a research paper, or want to email a blurb from a news article to a friend, you will likely have to copy and paste a paragraph. You don't want to do this the slow and manual way, and the iPad allows for a quicker solution. Find the paragraph you want and tap on it four times. You now have the entire paragraph ready to be sent.

### **Take advantage of the iPad's excellent keyboard**

If you have used touch-screen phones in the past, you know that they are sometimes not the most accurate when it comes to typing. Some may register your input slowly, and others have the keys spaced too closely to one another. The iPad, however, is much better than this. You can type in a speedy manner using the iPad's on-screen keyboard without having to worry about slow response time thanks to the iPad's Apple A4 processor. The iPad's large screen also allows for better keyboard real estate so your fingers won't feel cramped while typing.

### **Go wide with movies**

The iPad is a viable source for watching movies too. When you watch them, however, you want to make sure you get the most out of the viewing experience. Not all movies are the same, but some might look better in a widescreen format. You can enable this option by simply going to Settings>Video. From there select the Widescreen option, and you are good to go.

### **Jump to the top of websites in a flash**

If you are on a web page that is particularly long and you want to get back to the top, you want to do so in the quickest manner possible. To scroll all the way back to the top is not only tiring, but it is a waste of time too. On the iPad, you can get to the top of a website by just tapping the top of the title window twice. Doing this will shoot you right to the top, without any hassle.

### **Don't let a locked screen stop you from viewing photos**

Even if you have your iPad locked, you can still view your favorite photos on the device. If you do not have any photos currently on the iPad, you will obviously not see this option. Once you do have a photo, though, you can enable a slideshow on the iPad while it's locked. To achieve this, on the unlock screen select the option to start a slideshow, and you can now view your photos. If you want to customize the speed of the slides and how fast they change, you can do so by adjusting the slide timing under Settings.

### **Maximize your home screen usage**

The iPad offers you up to eleven different home screens that you can use. Customize them however you want by dragging icons of your favorite apps or programs to the right of the main home screen. Make a one home screen for entertainment. Make another for work-related functions. Make one for games. The possibilities are endless. and

Entertainment items easier for them related functions. Make one for games. The possibilities are endless, and grouping similar items together on one home screen enables you to access what you want in less [time](#).

### **Access your favorite websites in a dash**

If you have a website that you visit daily, you don't want to search around to get to it. You can add websites to your various home screens with ease for quicker access. To do this, locate the plus sign by the website's URL and tap it. From there, select Add to Home Screen, and you will now have that website's link on your home screen.

### **802.11a is the way to go**

If you hate lags in internet connectivity, you want [reliability](#) out of the connection that your iPad is using. With this in mind, you will want to use 802.11a Wi-Fi to get the most out of your iPad when performing certain tasks like streaming video. Why? The popular 802.11g Wi-Fi uses the same signal used by other devices that may be in your house, such as a microwave. Thus, you might experience more interference using 802.11g, and have more frustration with the iPad's internet browsing experience. Go with 802.11a and you will be happier.

### **Take control of your internet searches**

Although Safari comes with Google's [search engine](#), you do not have to use it if you are not familiar with it or simply do not like Google. If Yahoo is more your speed, you can switch. The switch only takes a second to complete, and is done by going to Settings>Safari>Search Engine. Select the Yahoo option, and your searches will now go via Yahoo's search engine.

### **Make your slideshows a bit more unexpected**

The iPad is great for viewing and managing [photos](#). When you are viewing a slideshow in the Photos app, don't you sometimes wish you could view the photos in a different, more random order? Well, you can. All you have to do is go to Settings>Picture Frame and select the Shuffle option. Now you can view your slides in a more unexpected fashion, rather in the same old order.

Welcome back to Part 2 of this iPad Tips and Trick series. We went over some nifty time-savers in part one, now let's continue with the same theme to help you get the most out of your new iPad. Now, enough with the small [talk](#), let's go!

### **Prevent your iPad notifications from interrupting you**

Nobody likes being interrupted by [popups](#). Even if they are useful, as many iPad notifications are, sometimes they come up at the most inopportune times. You can customize your notifications easily to prevent unwanted ones from getting in the way. To configure them, go to Settings>Notifications. From there, you can set up just how you want notifications to appear. You can even choose which sound effects will play when a certain notification pops up as well.

### **Read naturally in portrait mode**

The iPad's ability to be viewed in either portrait or landscape mode is great. With the iBooks app, you have the ability to read in landscape mode. This has a few benefits to it, such as the display of [more](#) features on the screen as well as a book spine that looks real. The only problem is, that spine, as natural as it looks, is a definite distraction. You might find your eyes cheating you and constantly straying towards the on-screen spine and away from the book itself. To avoid this distraction, you are better off reading the books in portrait mode on the iPad.

### **Quick and painless CAPS LOCK**

Are you one of those people that likes to yell on the internet while you post on forums or chat with others? You know, DO YOU CHAT LIKE THIS? If so, (and I am sure others just love you for it) you will want to use the CAPS LOCK trick. Normally, when you type with the iPad's onscreen keyboard you have to hit the shift key and then the letter to get a capital. You then have to do it again for each letter in the word. To bypass this, just tap twice on one of the shift keys, and you will now have CAPS LOCK for the whole word. This will save you a lot of [time](#) and frustration without having to hit the shift key repeatedly while typing.

### **Cleanliness is next to godliness**

Such is the saying, and it applies to your iPad too. Sure, the iPad's screen does come with a special coating to help prevent fingerprints and smudges, but they still appear. To prevent annoying smudges, make sure to keep a cloth handy to wipe your iPad periodically. Make sure it is nothing abrasive, and do not wipe violently, because the last thing you want to do is ruin your iPad's lovely screen.

### **Watch your favorite ABC shows in full-screen**

The ABC Player app is a great way for fans of the [network](#) to watch streaming content. By default, however, the app begins in portrait mode. If you want to watch it in full-screen mode, simply rotate the iPad on its side and you can now view the app's shows in full-screen for a better viewing experience.

**What other things can you do with the iPad?**

**Any special APPS found?**

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Out next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 14th at 3:00 pm

