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Welcome to the seventh **iDevices** (iPhone, iPod & iPad) SIG Meeting

Notice the new name? iDevices is much shorter.

To go to the iPhone, iPod & iPad **FORUM**, [click HERE](#)

To find Apps that cost money but are **FREE** today, [click HERE](#)

In order to make this a successful presentation, I am asking that you do not use your iPhone,

iPod or iPad to access the web during the meeting.

Since the new operating system has come out and the new iPhone4 is selling,
I wanted to give you some links that lead to information about them.

[iPhone 4 Specifications](#) [iPhone iOS4 operating system](#) [iPhone 4 User Guide](#) [iPod touch User Guide](#) [iPad User Guide](#)

Any iPhone APPS to share?

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What about the iPad?

[Backing up your iPad data on iTunes](#)

Special Hints for the iPad

Cut, Copy and Paste for Experts

Chris Anderson (writer)

For other persons of the same name, see Chris Anderson.

Chris Anderson (born 1961) is editor-in-chief of *Wired*, which has won a *National Magazine Award* under his tenure. He wrote an article in the magazine entitled *The Long Tail*, which he expanded upon in the book *The Long Tail: Why the Future of Business Is Selling Less of More* (2006). He currently lives in Berkeley, California, with his wife and five young children. He is the chairman of a new startup, BookTour.com



Biography

Before joining *Wired* in 2001, he worked at *The Economist*, where he launched their coverage of the Internet. He also has a degree in physics from George Washington University and did research at Los Alamos National Laboratory. He has also worked at the journals *Nature* and *The Scientist*.

Copying text is as easy as double tapping a word. But when you want to copy a whole paragraph, like for an address, you have to stretch those annoying little blue knobs...or do you?

Tap any editable text four times. You'll highlight the whole paragraph.

Import Your Own (Free) Books

A screenshot of a book import interface. The book title is "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll. The interface shows the book cover, the author's name, and the title. It also displays publication details: Published: Apr 03, 2010; Publisher: Project Gutenberg; Seller: Project Gutenberg. The category is "Fiction & Literature" and the language is "English". There are buttons for "FREE" and "GET SAMPLE". Links for "Author Page" and "Tell a Friend" are also visible. The word "Description" is partially visible at the bottom.

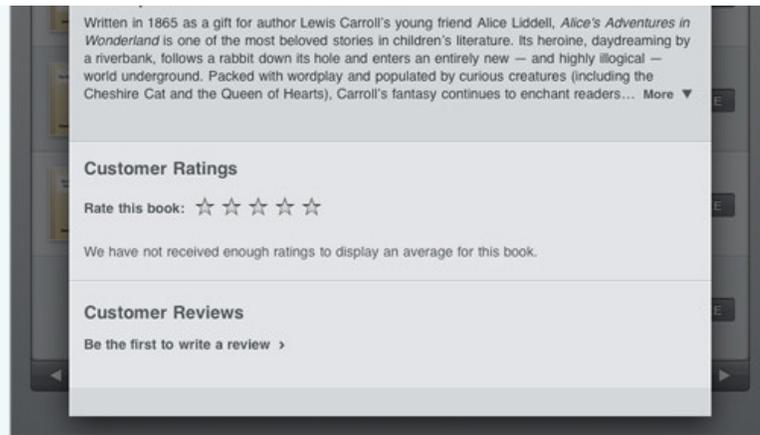
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Description



Apple's [iBooks app](#) is your portal to reading and buying eBooks on the iPad—and it includes a section with a few free books. But don't forget, just like iTunes and the iPod can import and play music downloaded elsewhere, the iTunes and the iPad can import and display books downloaded elsewhere. Formats [are limited](#), however. The iPad only supports ePub (with or without DRM).

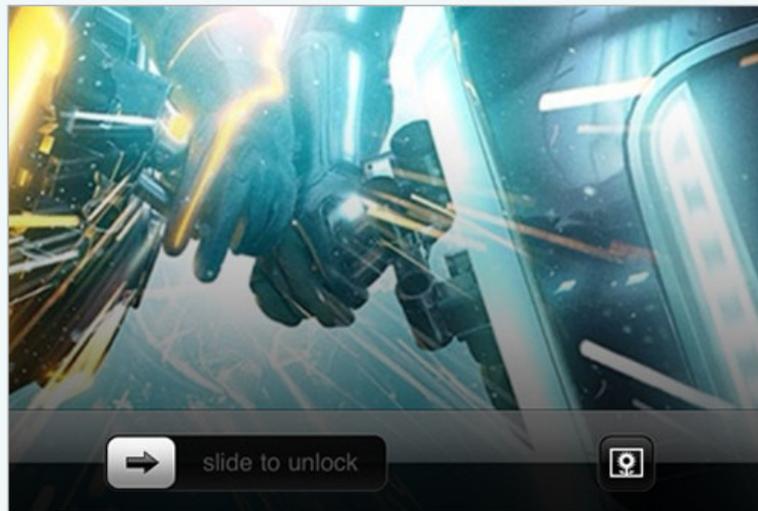
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Easy Mute

There you are, in the back row of a funeral just minding your own business when, oops, you forgot to mute those YouTube clips on your iPad! No worries. There's a quick way to cut the speaker.

Holding down the volume down button for about two seconds will mute your iPad.

Never Buy a Digital Photo Frame Again



You probably know by now that the iPad doubles as a digital picture frame. You can access this function a few ways, but the easiest way?

When you wake the iPad, look to the right of Slide to Unlock. You'll see a flower. Click it. The slideshow will begin after a moment. Toggle the speed in Settings—oh, and while you're at it, turn off "zoom in on faces"—it tends to just grain/muck up your photos.

Take Giant Screenshots

Another oldie but goody that many that many people don't realize you can do in the iPhone OS: screenshot anything you're looking at. And keep in mind, when this happens on the iPad, it's at 768x1024 resolution—making it potentially a lot more useful in the full-sized monitor realm than iPhone screenshots.

Push the top (power) and home buttons at once for half a second. The photo will be stored in your photo library.

Super Fast Webpage Scrolling

So you're all the way to the bottom of a blog when you realize that you want to read a story back at the top. Don't do the whole repeatedly drag your finger across the screen thing. That's a horrible method for covering a lot of real estate. Instead:

Tap the title bar once. *WOOOOSSHHH*. You're right back on top of the page. (Making "woosh" noises doesn't expedite the process, but it does wonders for general effect.)

Preview More Of Your Mail



Did you know that you can set your mail to preview more than two lines? The iPhone has this option, too, but its smaller screen means that it's not so practical. On the iPad, however, I find the feature is pretty handy for skimming several emails without opening them.

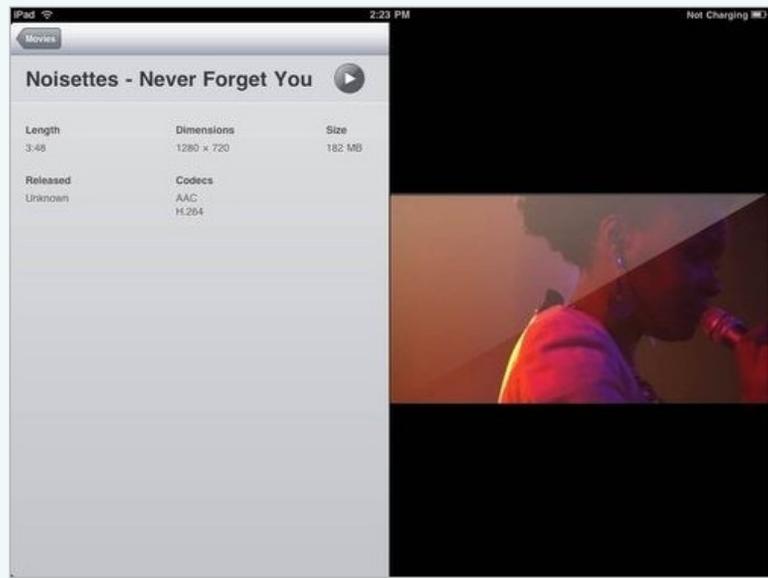
Go to Settings -> Mail, Contacts and Calendars and select "5 lines" under Preview. Also, while you're at it, you might want to update your Push email from "Manual" if you like to have your messages waiting when you open the Mail app. Of course, this will drain power a bit more quickly.

Bring Up the Virtual Keyboard With a Real Keyboard

When you have a Bluetooth keyboard connected to your iPad, the virtual keyboard will cease to appear. (This is a good thing.) However, what if, for some random reason, you needed that virtual keyboard? Don't unpair your Bluetooth. Just...

Hit the eject key on Apple's physical keyboard. It'll bring up the virtual one.

Downrez 1080P HD Videos...Or You Can't Watch Them!



You may have 1080P videos on your computer, but the iPad can't play them—in fact, iTunes won't even let you copy them to the iPad! The easiest solution? Downrez them to 720P using an app like Handbrake.

Put 6 Apps In the Bottom Tray





Just discovered at Gizmodo HQ—the iPhone and iPad default to hold 4 icons/apps in the bottom tray. But the iPad can store more!

By clicking and holding on any icon (just as you do to rearrange apps), you'll unlock each app's position. Then just drag any two additional apps into the bottom tray. Super handy.

Check your App updates



If you have an iPod touch or iPhone, check for app updates with iTunes. There's a good chance some of your apps are ready to be updated for the iPad.

Charge Away - No wait, Not With That!



The iPad charges with a different wattage (10W) than the iPhone. So your old iPhone wall charger won't work. Also, it takes approximately **twice as long to charge** the iPad with your computer. So use the iPad wall charge.

Lock 'er Down



The orientation lock button. You're gonna need it. The iPad's accelerometer is powerful sensitive. Find a happy spot and use the button.

Converting e-books to other book formats

Roll Your Own EPUBs

If you don't have any luck finding just the right EPUB documents to install on your iPad, why not make your own? Thankfully, there are at least a couple of tools available to convert standard PDF files into EPUB format -- and both of them are absolutely free.



The top dog in the "create your own" race has to be [Calibre](#), the multi-platform e-book management software that converts not only from PDF to EPUB, but a whole bunch of others as well (seriously, there's [a long list on their website](#)). The project is supported by donations and the downloadable application may not be for the faint of heart, but the site offers plenty of support if

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