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AT&T gives H2O, FreedomPop the gift of unlocked iPhones

By Kevin Fitchard



AT&T said on it will begin unlocking iPhones after customers contracts expire, which could potentially flood the market with millions of iPhones just begging for new carriers. There are two virtual operators in particular well positioned to take advantage of that deluge of unlocked Apple devices: H2O Wireless and FreedomPop.

Among the major U.S. operators, options will be a bit limited, since T-Mobile won't be able to supply any of those devices with 3G of HSPA+ data. The iPhone 4S sports both GSM and CDMA radios, but it's doubtful Sprint or Verizon will — or even can –activate it on their networks. However, there's a huge opportunity here for mobile virtual network operators (MVNOs) that resell the carriers voice minutes and megabytes. Most of the MVNOs partner up with CDMA operators like Sprint for their voice and data so unlocked AT&T iPhones will be of little use to them.

How to use fancy gestures on the iPad (and why you should)

By Kevin C. Tofel



At the beginning of last year, <u>Apple added iPad gesture controls in iOS 4.3 as a developer option</u>. And with the debut of <u>iOS 5 in October of last year</u>, Apple made these multi-finger gestures official. Since then, however, I really haven't seen the company promote this functionality the way it does for its laptop trackpads.

However, after two weeks with my new iPad, I'm suddenly taking advantage of these gesture functions like never before. In fact, I can think of only three instances that I even need to hit the home button anymore: Waking the device, grabbing a screen shot and

getting out of the mode that lets you delete or move apps around.

Gone is the hardware button double-tap to switch back and forth between apps. No more pressing the button to return to the home screen either. After rediscovering these gestures and then making them part of my navigation workflow, I'm getting around the iOS environment far faster on my iPad. Here's a summary of the multi-finger gestures currently available for iPad navigation; aside from the standard two-finger pinching and double-tap to zoom functions.

Five-finger pinch: Here you just "grab" the screen at any point to get back to the Home screen. It's quick, fast and simple.

Four-finger swipe up: Want to see the multitasking bar, showing you the most recently used apps? This gesture replaces the double-tap of the Home button. You can pick a different app here or simply swipe four fingers back down to hide the multitasking bar.

Four-finger swipe left / right: Thanks to this gesture, I actually don't use the multitasking bar much, if at all, anymore. By swiping four fingers left or right, the iPad quickly moves you through your running and most recently used apps. I strategically open my most used apps one after another, so I can quickly swipe between Mail, Safari, and the Kindle app for example.

A few extra hints and helpers

First, you have to make sure that gestures are turned on for your iPad. Look in Settings, General, Multitasking Gestures to set the slider to On if needed.

Second, you can actually remove an app from your multitasking bar with gestures, although you can't remove an app from the Home screens without the Home button. To do this, use the four-finger swipe up to show the currently running and recently used apps.



Then tap and hold on any of these apps to get into editing mode. Tap the upper left badge — the red minus sign — on any app or apps you want to remove. When done, simply do a four-finger swipe down to hide the multitasking bar and the selected apps are gone!

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iPad Basics: How To Get Back an App You Delete on the iPad

by Patrick Jordan on April 6, 2012 in iPad Tips & Tricks



Here's an iPad Basics sort of question that I've seen asked frequently on forums and when talking about the iPad with friends and acquaintances:

How do you get back an app that you've deleted from the iPad?

Happily, it's very easy to do. There are two ways to do this. First lets rundown the quickest and easiest way:

- Open the App Store app on your iPad.
- Tap on the Purchased icon in the bottom nav bar (the one that begins with Featured and ends with Updates)
- At the top of this screen you'll see that you can toggle the view between showing All purchased apps or 'Not on This iPad' – the latter generally being helpful for tracking down an app that's been uninstalled more quickly.





- Just below that on the left-hand side of the screen you've got a button to toggle between seeing iPad and iPhone apps in the results. It's useful to remember that's there if you've ever installed any iPhone apps – because they won't show up in the default view, which shows iPad apps only.
- At the top of this screen you'll see that you can toggle the view between showing All purchased apps or 'Not on This iPad' – the latter generally being helpful for tracking down an app that's been uninstalled more quickly.
- Near the top right of the page there's a Search bar generally you'll start seeing results even before you finish typing the full name of an app.

Once you find the app you want to reinstall via search or just browsing through, you'll see that there's cloud symbol with a downward arrow in the middle of it on the right just below the app's name. Just tap this to download and install the app again. You'll be asked to enter your App Store password.

If for some reason you don't like the easiest method, you can also reinstall deleted apps via a sync with your PC – since when you delete an app on the iPad itself does not delete it from iTunes on your PC.

So if you keep your iPad synced on a regular basis with a PC, you can always just sync the app back to the iPad. To do this you should:

- Go to iTunes on your PC, click on the iPad's name under the 'Devices' section in the left sidebar
- Then in the main window on the right-hand side, near the top, click on the 'Apps' button (the third one from the left in the sections listing)
- Make sure you've got the 'Sync Apps' checkbox selected, scroll through the listing of apps (you can use the drop-down to sort by name, kind, date, or size) and make sure you select the checkbox next to the name of the app you want to reinstall.
- Then do a connected or WiFi sync to your PC.

That's it. With either of these methods you can quickly get deleted apps reinstalled on your iPad.

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For those that owned an iPhone prior to purchasing the iPad, the first thing you will notice is that there are fewer apps installed on your iPad than on your iPhone when you start it up for the first time. Some of the missing apps are more obvious than others, like the Phone app. But others, like the Calculator app, are oddly omitted despite their utility on a tablet. Here is a list of suggested replacements from the App Store that will bring your iPad up to par with the functionality you have come to expect from your iPhone, right out of the box.



Calculator. It just seems funny to have one of the world's greatest computing platforms in your hands and not be able to check your sums. It does not have to be too terribly fancy. Just something to keep you honest when your basic math skills are called upon.

Calculator Pro (\$0.99, Universal) from Apalon has a similar look and feel to the calculator app that comes on the iPhone. You can also select from different themes if you want something other than the classic look.



Clock. Something else that computers do well is count time. Up, down, forward and backward. Beyond simply telling the time or setting an alarm, you may also want an app that has a good stop watch and countdown timer. Clock Pro HD (\$2.99, Universal) from the Alarm Clock Company has all of the features associated with the iPhone Clock like a world clock, stop watch, timer and alarm. You also get a chess clock and metronome.





Voice Memos. Some may think that with the new dictation feature of the iPad that voice memos are a thing of the past. But there are times when you are not connected to a network and you still want to capture that great idea — with or without the aid of speech to text. QuickVoice Recorder (Free, Universal) from nFinity is just a simple voice recorder that allows for quick and easy access to your recorded messages. It supports background recording and you can even e-mail your recorded messages or sync them to your Mac. The latest version will also record custom ringtones.



Compass. Knowing which way you are going is always a good thing. All versions of the iPad come equipped with a digital compass sensor on-board. Compass 54 Pro (\$0.99, Universal) from Alexander Galstyan is a very attractive implementation of a compass that adds a few more features not present in the iPhone stock version, such as altitude, course, speed and weather.



Weather. There are certainly plenty of competing weather apps out there. So many, in fact, that weather is one of the leading app purchases just behind games and hence has its own category. The Weather Channel (Free. iPad) is the standard. Supporting daily and hourly forecasts with map views of radar data and even video updates of your local weather conditions, it even supports push alerts for severe weather conditions.





Stocks. If you have a portfolio to manage, then you likely are using your broker's app rather than a generic stock app. But if you are just curious to see what is going on in the market place, MarketDash for iPad (Free, iPad) from Yahoo!has all of the functionality of the iPhone Stocks app, but takes full advantage of the larger iPad screen. You can even create a custom list of stocks to follow.



Phone. Yes, you can make phone calls to actual land lines directly from your iPad, and even use a Bluetooth headset while you are on the call. <u>Talkatone</u> (Free, Universal) from TalkMe.IM can actually place calls from your iPad using Google's free Voice service. You can receive calls, access voice mail and even send SMS text messages. It's like having a real phone on your iPad.

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To see more information on the New iPad (3rd generation) click on the link below:

iPhones, iPods & iPads Class

This class meets in the CC ANNEX instead of the Cybercenter Classroom. Please bring your iPhones with you to class.

Four, two-hour sessions

Fee: \$20.00

Description: The iPhone is the latest generation of 'smart' mobile phones operating as a small, hand-held and entirely portable computer. The iPhone comes with twenty standard 'apps', including e-mail, maps, internet, calendar, contacts and much more. This course will introduce you to the functions of these apps and basic operations, such as navigating the device, folders, cut and paste, bookmarks and camera functions.

The examples used in the class are based on the iPhone 4, but approximately 90% of the content is germane to the iPad and 80% to the iPad Touch. If you have an iPhone, iPad, or an iPod, you will learn a lot in this class.

Objectives & Course Summary: Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Use the standard components of the phone.
- Understand the basic operations of the phone: touch scrolling, call answer and call dialing/return, apps location and function.
- Understand how to customize your phone in the settings menu.
- Understand the necessary requirements for installing apps.

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Time for questions, observations and special apps from the audience

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