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AT&T is launching a new shared data plan in August

AT&T has officially announced they are releasing a new shared data plan in August. It will include a base price plus an additional cost per iPhone and iPad added to the plan. The pricing for the added data plan is on a tiered system, the price will go up as the amount of data goes up. It will cost \$10 for each tablet added to the plan.

David Christopher, chief marketing officer, AT&T Mobility said in a statement included in the announcement:

Today we think of people's smartphones and tablets sharing a bucket of data. But in the future we'll see health care monitors, connected cars, security systems and other devices in the home all connected to the mobile Internet. Our Mobile Share plans are simple, easy and a great value for individuals or families with multiple mobile Internet devices."

Data Amount	VERIZON			AT&T		
	monthly price	price per phone	price per tablet	monthly price	price per phone	price per tablet
1GB	\$50	\$40	\$10	\$40	\$45	\$10
2GB	\$60	\$40	\$10	-	-	-
4GB	\$70	\$40	\$10	\$70	\$40	\$10
6GB	\$80	\$40	\$10	\$90	\$35	\$10
8GB	\$90	\$40	\$10	-	-	-
10GB	\$100	\$40	\$10	\$120	\$30	\$10
15GB	-	-	-	\$160	\$30	\$10
20GB	-	-	-	\$200	\$30	\$10

Click here to see more: <http://www.att.com/shop/wireless/data-plans.html#fbid=2mrGzatZc71?tab2source=EC0000PP100000JD>

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Stolen iPhone Adventures: Thief Uploads Cruise Pictures to Photo Stream

By Marshall Walker - Published May 23rd 2012

According to the interwebs (via [Cult of Mac](#)), a woman has been tracking her stolen iPhone via pictures that the thief has been taking with her phone.

Katy McCaffrey's iPhone was stolen on board the Disney Wonder cruise line back in April. When the alleged thief named "Nelson" started using the phone to take pictures, they were uploaded to McCaffrey's Photo Stream. McCaffrey then started a public Facebook page entitled [Stolen iPhone Adventures](#) to keep track of Nelson's personal exploits.

Based on the photos, McCaffrey now knows that Nelson's wife/girlfriend is pregnant, and that they both work on the cruise line.

"I have alerted the officials of the Disney Cruiseline and forwarded them the photos," McCaffrey said. "Hopefully I'll get my phone back and maybe some free passes to Disneyland."

Photo Stream is an iCloud service that automatically uploads photos taken with your iPhone to all your other devices. I doubt it was ever intended to be used this way, but it's pretty funny.

Even though this story is hilarious, I really hope Katy McCaffrey gets her iPhone back!

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iOS 6 Will Not Require Credit Card for Free Apps

By Frank Macey - Published July 23rd 2012 - Ever wonder why Apple requires an Apple ID linked to a credit card to download free apps on the App Store? Obviously it makes sense when you're purchasing something, but there are so many free apps that many iPhone owners never buy anything.

[iDownloadBlog](#) now says the latest beta of iOS 6 has dropped the requirement to sign in for free apps, meaning if you aren't interested in linking a credit card to your App Store downloads, you won't have to. This is a welcome change for many iPhone users watching their wallet, and their security.

Apple already dropped the requirement to enter an Apple ID password every time you re-download an app in the first beta version of iOS 6. The newest firmware is expected to launch alongside the next generation iPhone in [September](#) or October this year. The iOS 6 upgrade will include a [slew of new features](#) including Passbook, a new Maps application, and much more.

App Store users can look forward to added convenience when downloading free apps, without having to worry if they're logged in to their Apple ID or re-typing a password over and over again.

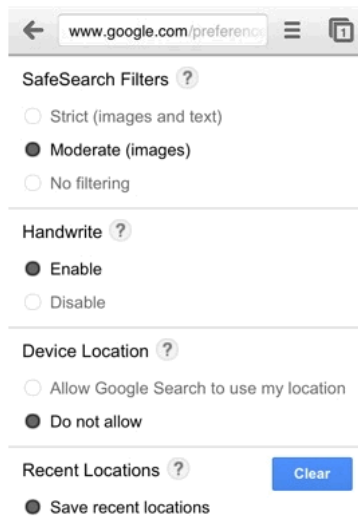
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Google Adds Handwriting Recognition to Mobile Search Engine

By Marshall Walker - Published July 27th 2012 - Google has been adding some interesting new mobile features today. First there was the [Google Earth 3D update](#), and now [9to5Mac](#) has discovered a new handwriting feature for Google Search. The handwriting recognition option allows you use your finger to write what you're searching for. This eliminates fat finger typos when using the iPhone's smaller screen.



To activate the new feature go to [google.com/preferences](#) on your iPhone or iPad, and enable the "Handwrite" feature. Then tap the 'g' icon while on google.com to start writing. The feature will automatically convert your handwriting into text inside of the search box.



This is a great feature for older iPhone models that do not have the voice recognition search option. iPhone 4S users can use the voice search by tapping the microphone icon near the space bar. This option is much easier to use than writing out or typing your searches while on the go.

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eBay iPhone Trade-Ins on the Rise as People Prepare for the iPhone 5


By Marshall Walker - Published August 3rd 2012 - Recent rumors about a [September iPhone 5](#) release have caused a 70 percent increase to eBay's smartphone trade-in program. eBay said (via [CNET](#)) the number of trade-ins started to increase around the same time several well known sources purportedly confirmed Apple will hold a special event to announce the new iPhone on September 12. The company said "nearly" 100,000 smartphones were traded-in during a three day period following the announcements.

The 16GB model of the iPhone 4S topped the trade-ins, followed by the 8GB iPhone 4 and 32GB iPhone 4S. Last year eBay received 375,000 trade-in offers for smartphones when the iPhone 4S was officially announced. 89 percent of those smartphones were iPhones.

People are getting an early jump on trading-in their smartphones because older iPhones are known to decrease in value when a newer model is announced. However, I'm still kind of shocked people didn't learn their lesson from last year's iPhone 5 rumors. Remember, many tech blogs promised us a "tear-shaped" iPhone 5 that never materialized in 2011. Dumping your current iPhone based on internet rumors doesn't seem like a great idea if you ask me.

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FTC Says Google Must Pay \$22.5 Million in Safari Privacy Scandal

 By Juli | August 1, 2012 Google is going to have to fork over a huge sum of cash as punishment. Back in February, it was revealed that Google had been [monitoring Mobile Safari user's browsing habits](#) without their permission after bypassing privacy settings

As a result, the Federal Trade Commission began an investigation, which ended with a settlement. U.S. regulators have decided that Google will pay a civil penalty of \$22.5 million in order to settle the investigation without admitting liability.

Though Google was using cookies to monitor Safari users, it claims that the tracking was done inadvertently, and that it had not collected any personal information.

At this time, Google is being investigated by the European Union to determine if it complies with Europe's strict privacy laws, and it is also the subject of a wide-ranging antitrust investigation being undertaken by both the FTC and European regulators.

Both the FTC and Google declined to comment on the settlement, but did make this statement, after saying that the investigation was based on a 2009 help center web page that predated a change in Apple's policies: "We have now changed that page and taken steps to remove the ad cookies, which collected no personal information, from Apple's browsers."

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Android Makes Little Progress in Taking Market Share from iPad

By [Juli](#) | August 1, 2012



Ever since the iPad was released in 2010, it has absolutely dominated the tablet market. No other tablet has ever been able to come close to matching its sales, though we are seeing some potential competition with the release of Google's Nexus 7 tablet.

Pingdom recently took an in-depth look at tablet market share values, to give an accurate assessment of the current standings in the ongoing "tablet war." The result? Apple is still the tablet king.

Pingdom's data was taken from StatCounter, and was based on web usage (visitor stats from more than three million websites), so it is representative of tablets being used to surf the web.

Worldwide, Apple is still responsible for 87.5 percent of web traffic, with Android making up most of the remaining 13 percent. Other tablets clocked in with hardly any share at all.

The numbers are similar in the United States, with the iPad taking an 87.5 percent share while Android has a mere 10.5 percent share. Android had the greatest web presence in South America, with a 21.4 percent share compared to Apple's 77.4 percent.

Compared to similar results from a survey done in November of 2011, Android has managed to gain a bit of a foothold. Apple's worldwide web browsing share was 87.9

percent in November, down to 85.7 percent this month. It's an increase for Android, but a small one.

Since the Nexus 7 hasn't quite been around long enough to impact this survey, it'll be interesting to see Pingdom's follow up.

Will the robust tablet finally be able to steal away a significant amount of tablet market share from Apple? There are a lot of iPads out there, so Google will need to sell quite a few Nexus 7 tablets. Will it happen? What's your prediction?

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The iPhone 5 unveiling event September 12, and being released on September 21

- Posted by [iPhone and iPad News and Reviews](#)
- Jul 30, 2012



Apple is planning to hold an event to officially unveil the new [iPhone 5](#) and the iPad mini on Wednesday September 12. iPhone 5 and iPad mini sales will begin 9 days later on Friday September 21.

Last year the iPhone 4S was announced on Tuesday October 4 and then released 10 days later on October 14. This year the new iPad was announced on Wednesday March 7 and then released for sale 9 days later on March 16.

Also being released on that day will be [iOS 6](#), which was announced at WWDC 2012 back on June 11 and will include Google Free maps app and Passbook.

The new hardware of the new iPhone 5 will include a 4 inch 16:9 screen, a smaller charging port, a smaller nano-sim, in-cell display, LTE radio and a bigger battery to boot.

Hopefully if this all pans out, In just 6 weeks we will FINALLY find out what the new iPhone 5 and iPad mini will look like.

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iPhone 5 Displays Shipping This Month

By Marshall Walker - Published August 2nd 2012 - Sharp's president Takashi Okuda has reaffirmed a fall iPhone 5 release by telling [Reuters](#) his company plans to start shipping next generation iPhone displays in August. Previous reports have suggested Apple will

next generation iPhone displays in August. Previous reports have suggested Apple [will announce the new iPhone](#) on September 12, and release the device nine days later on Friday, September 21.

The next generation iPhone is expected to feature a larger screen to compete with larger Android devices like Samsung's latest Galaxy smartphone. Sources have told *Reuters* the new displays will be "4 inches corner to corner." Apple is also expected to reduce the size of the iPhone's dock connector from 30-pins to 16.

Sharp is one of three companies manufacturing displays for the new iPhone. LG Display Co Ltd and Japan Display Inc. are also manufacturing displays for the next generation iPhone.

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Upcoming iOS 6 is scalable to taller, 640 x 1136 iPhone display, shows possible next-generation device user-interface

[Mark Gurman](#) August 7, 2012



Mockup of rumored next-generation iPhone design

With the next-generation iPhone's announcement and release [approaching for next month](#), one of the most present rumors is a larger, nearly-four inch display. A larger iPhone display has always been at the top of many iPhone user wish-lists, and it appears that the next iPhone will fulfill that.

Back in mid-May, we [reported that the next-generation iPhone would feature a taller display that comes in at 3.999 inches with a diagonal resolution of 640 x 1136](#). At this resolution, Apple would be keeping the horizontal length of the iPhone display, and only increasing the height.

This taller display information was soon affirmed when we [posted the first photos of purported next-generation iPhone parts](#). These parts demonstrated this taller screen with the same horizontal length. We soon heard from sources that a few of the next-

generation iPhones in testing within Apple feature a display that matches the parts.

These next-generation iPhones with taller displays feature a home screen that scales to five rows of icons, according to sources. The current 3.5-inch iPhone displays feature four rows of icons. The user-interfaces of Apple's included applications were also said to be tweaked to take advantage of the taller screen area.

Today, we have found more proof that Apple is at least testing next-generation iPhone displays that are taller. In fact, iOS 6 is completely scalable to a taller display. [Read on](#)

displays that are taller in fact, iOS 6 is completely scalable to a taller display. Read on for all of the details and screenshots:

Thanks to some tweaks to the iOS Simulator application that is included in the iOS development tools, we were able to run the simulator at the rumored next-generation iPhone display resolution of 640 x 1136. We did this running both the current public release of iOS 5.1 and the upcoming iOS 6.0. The iOS 5.1 simulator displayed the home screen with a stretched set of four rows of icons. On the other hand, iOS 6 displayed five complete rows – as our sources said Apple was testing for taller iPhone displays.



Comparison of iOS 6.0 and iOS 5.1 running at 640 x 1136. Click for larger.

This proves that the upcoming release of iOS 6, which will obviously come pre-loaded on the new iPhone, is well-aware of taller iPhone displays. It scales perfectly to the taller resolution.

Perhaps even more interesting is that the simulator will *not* correctly display five rows of icons at resolutions other than 640 x 1136. At other resolutions, the icons will scale to an iPad-like home screen layout, not at the proportions and spacing of the current iPhone and iPod touch display. This may just add another layer of proof that the next-gen iPhone display will come in at a resolution of 640 x 1136.

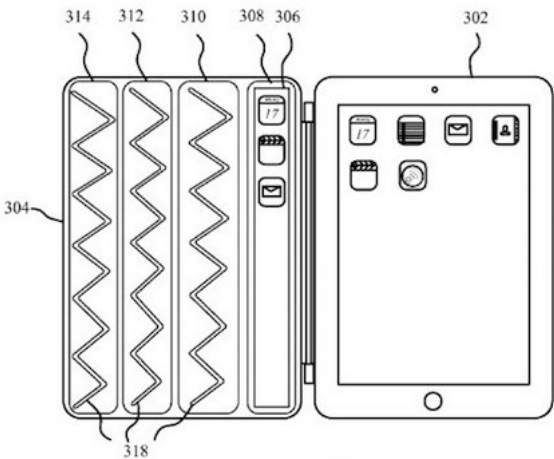
While the simulator running on Apple's next-generation iPhone operating system is aware of taller displays, and scales perfectly only to 640 x 1136, this is not exactly definitive proof that Apple will go with this resolution and screen size. Apple prototypes multiple next-generation devices, components, and software, so until Apple unveils the new iPhone next month, nothing is confirmed. However, we think that we have proof that the next iPhone's operating system is definitely aware and supportive of the rumored, taller screen.

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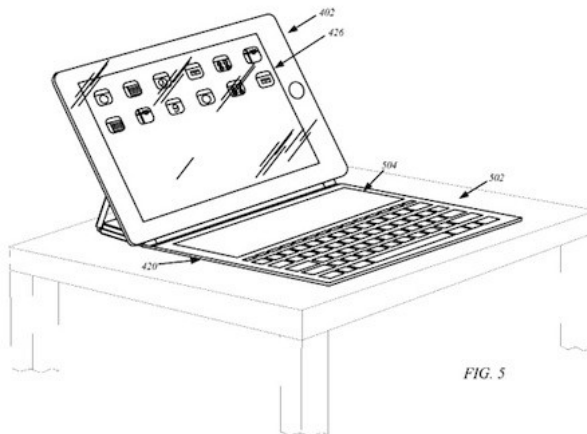
iPad "Smarter Cover" patent application would add display, controls to cover



Like your iPad Smart Cover? You can look forward to a possible future "Smarter Cover" from Apple if the company follows up on a [patent application filed about a year ago for a Smart Cover-like tablet cover](#) with a flexible secondary display.

As shown in the lovely, high-resolution color images filed with the patent application (one seen above), Apple's idea would take power from a connector on the side of the iPad to drive a flexible display in one of the cover segments for adding extra icons, controlling media playback, or displaying notifications.

One drawing, seen below, shows the entire "[Surface](#)" of the cover (pun intended) being used as a keyboard, while another turns it into a drawing digitizer.



Of course, just because the company has applied for a patent doesn't mean that they'll get the patent or ever add the concept to a future product if they do.

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Rumor of the Day: Alleged iPad Mini to Launch September 21

By [Lory](#) | July 30, 2012 |



Today is the first day of the influx of event rumors that is sure to take over the tech-reporting world for the next two months.

Apple blog [iMore](#) is claiming to have information from "sources who have proven

accurate in the past,” that Apple will hold a product event on September 12 where the next generation and iPod nano, as well as the rumored iPad mini will be announced.

The new gadgets will then release nine days later, on September 21.

Last year, Apple held the “Lets Talk iPhone” product announcement on October 4, in which the world was introduced to Siri and the iPhone 4S. The device hit store shelves seven days later on October 14. Three days later, Apple broke records by selling four million units in its first weekend’s release.

In June, Apple gave the world [a demonstration](#) of the upcoming version its mobile operating system. The iOS 6.0 will include Siri for older generations of iPhone and iPads, and the iPod touch, Facebook integration, various new apps, photo streaming capabilities, a new map service and more.

If the rumor is true, iMore is reporting that Apple will announce iOS 6.0 with a release date of September 19. While this is the first rumor we are hearing that includes a specific announcement and release date, a September release of the next generation iPhone and iPad mini has been [widely speculated](#) since the beginning of this year, [earlier in some instances](#).

Hopefully, iMore has legitimate information and we will get a first glimpse at Apple’s new products, whatever they may be, in less than two month’s time.

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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, three-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 iPod 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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[3 Seconds Photo Editor](#)

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Time for questions, observations and special apps from the audience

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The next meeting is on Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Now!

