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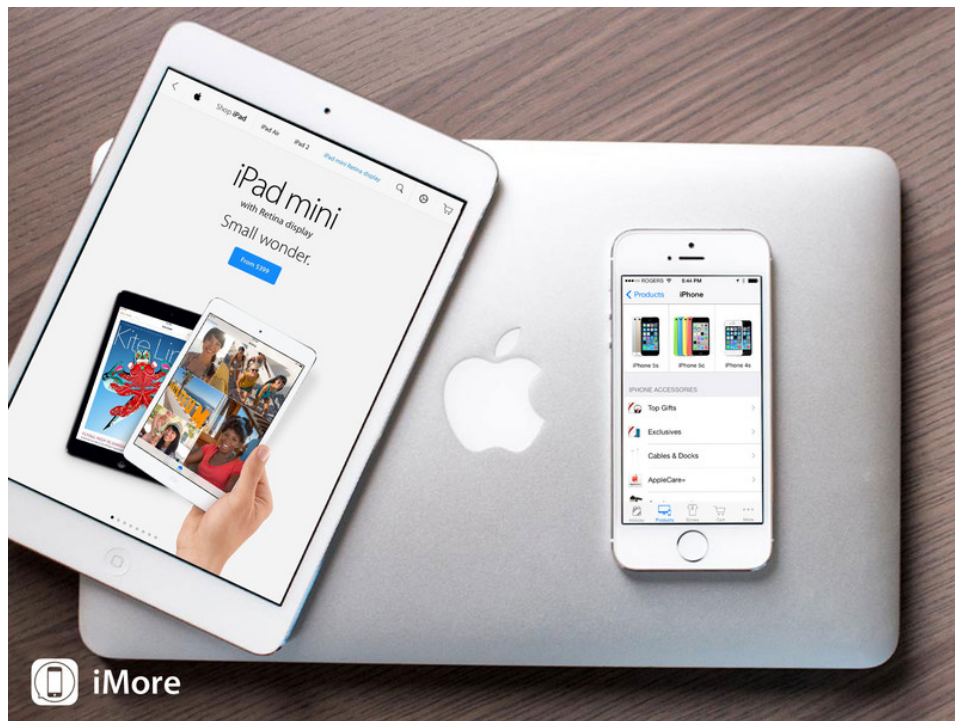
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Get a new iPhone, iPad, or iPod for Christmas?

Here's what you need to know!

If you - or your family or friends - have just unwrapped a brand new iPhone, iPod touch, iPad, or Mac for Christmas, especially if it's your first one, you're in for a treat. The sheer amount of technology, the sheer joy of the user experience, the sheer potential of what you can do with them - well, get ready to work some wonders! If you need some help getting started - or your family and friends do, and you'd rather get on with the holidays rather than with tech support - we're here to help!

- How to set up and start using your new iPhone
- Everything you need to know about the iPhone
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Turn Off the iPhone Flashlight with a Quick Camera Tap

Maybe I'm just a total boring square, but the newly **built-in iPhone flashlight** is probably my most used feature of iOS 7, and the Control Center in general is really my favorite feature of all the changes brought to the iPhone software. I use the flashlight setting just about every evening, whether just for unlocking the front door at night or serving as a basic flashlight on a nighttime walk (it seems to last about 1 minute per percentage point of battery life, for those who are wondering how long they can rely on the light). With something that gets so much use, it sure is nice to find a quicker way to use the feature, and here is a super simple trick to quickly switch the flashlight back off again:

- Use Control Center to turn the iPhone flashlight on as usual, exit out of Control Center or hit the power button to lock the screen

- Hit the Home button to show the lock screen, then **tap the Camera icon to turn off the flashlight instantly** (no need to slide on Camera to access it, just touch the icon)

With a simple tap, the Camera icon hops up slightly, which will indicate the camera has been turned off. So simple, and it really is faster even if by just a few seconds – but hey, it can add up over time right?

Presumably this works because the Camera app wants to gain access to the flashlight for use as the standard camera flash function, which is it's original intention anyway. Thus, by tapping on the Camera button, the flashlight turns off, without having to go back to Control Center and tapping the other button again.

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Comparison video shows speeds of five iPhones running iOS 7

iPhone 5s bests all previous iPhones in running iOS 7

A new comparison video that hit the Internet last week shows off the degree to which the iPhone 5s is faster than its predecessors. *TheUnlockr* took each of the iPhones that is capable of running iOS 7 and put them against each other in a speed test. Apple's newest smartphone, the most powerful to date with a 64-bit processor of course bested all of the previous models. The video, though, demonstrates the progress Apple has made with its handhelds, as the difference in speed between the older devices and the newer models is more than apparent.

The tests begin with a boot-up run, which the iPhone 5s wins handily, followed by the iPhone 5 and then its older siblings in descending order. As seen in the video, the iPhone 5s has been sitting on the lock screen for some time by the time the iPhone 4 - with just an 800MHz A4 processor and 500MB of RAM - catches up. The 5c regularly appears to be just slightly ahead of the iPhone 5, though this may be due to impreciseness in the timing of the tests.

Click here to see the video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=woO_JY8vpao

Throughout the rest of the tests - video gaming, web surfing, and so forth - the iPhone 5s outperforms the other iPhones. With its 64-bit A7 processor and a full gigabyte of RAM,

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Simple Fixes to Resolve iOS 7 Bluetooth Problems

A fair amount of users have been experiencing persistent Bluetooth connectivity problems since updating their iPhones, iPads, and iPod touches to iOS 7. Though some of the issues relate to hardware like an **external keyboard**, speakers, or a headset, many of the most frustrating problems pertain to Bluetooth connectivity with cars and iOS devices. This seems to happen regardless of the manufacturer, whether it's something like a custom Alpine or Pioneer deck or even the built-in Bluetooth receivers that many newer model cars come with, and it can impact both voice and call connectivity, as well as music playing and audio output, steering wheel controls, and turn-by-turn directions from the various mapping services. Troubleshooting every individual device is a huge feat, so instead we'll focus on some general tips that are likely to fix bluetooth connection problems with iOS 7 devices, whether that's a car stereo, headset, or speaker system.

Troubleshooting Bluetooth Problems with iOS 7

These should help for any device running iOS 7, be it an iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch:

WAIT: Check the Bluetooth Device Batteries and Power Source

Before going through the troubleshooting steps below, check the power source of the Bluetooth device, speakers, or stereo. Are the batteries charged? Is the item actually plugged in? This may sound silly, but it matters, particularly with battery operated wireless devices. The Bluetooth connection and signal strength will diminish greatly with a weak power source or low battery, and may result in erratic behavior with dropping or failed connectivity.

1: Toggle Bluetooth OFF and back ON

Swipe up to access Control Center and hit the Bluetooth icon, wait at least 30 seconds, then toggle it back on. This simple trick can often repair a device that is experiencing connection issues.

2: Update to the latest version of iOS

This is easy, go to Settings > General > Software Update and make sure you have installed any iOS updates waiting. These often include bug fixes, even for issues that are not listed in the brief release notes, and thus should always be installed.

3: Reset Network & Bluetooth Settings, Clear Device Pairing

Go to Settings > General > Reset > Reset Network Settings

This will clear out all Bluetooth pairing of all devices, including every setting and configuration that has been made on the iOS device. You will need to re-add and re-pair any bluetooth hardware to the iOS device after this has finished. If you do nothing else, do this and pair everything from scratch again, it fixed my Bluetooth issues completely.

Next to updating your iOS software, this can be the single most important tip to resolve Bluetooth problems. Note this will also trash any saved wi-fi passwords and custom networking configurations for the iOS device, so you will need to rejoin wi-fi routers again.

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 Special Siri Help Links:

How to change settings on your iPhone or iPad with Siri on iOS 7

How to check your iPhone call history using Siri on iOS 7

How to make a FaceTime call with Siri

How to check your iPhone voicemail using Siri on iOS 7
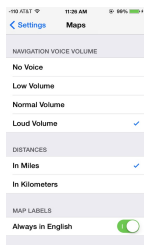
How to post a tweet using Siri in iOS 7

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Adjust Volume Level of Turn-By-Turn Directions in Maps for iPhone

Having voice turn-by-turn directions right in your pocket with an iPhone is easily one of the most helpful features of the Maps app for iOS. The navigational assistant will get you just about anywhere you need to go without ever having to look at the phone screen, all you need to do is listen to the directions. That's where this tip comes into play, because some users have trouble hearing the voice volume on the turn-by-turn mapping function, or they may find it too loud in some situations.

Not to worry, you can quickly **choose the default volume level for the turn-by-turn voice directions** by adjusting a Settings toggle, so you won't have to think about where the broader side-button volume controls are set to in order to hear directions. Set this once and forget about it:

- Open the Settings app on the iPhone and locate "Maps"
- Choose the desired volume level found under "Navigation Voice volume"
  - No Voice – completely mute, provides visual cues for directions only – not recommended for car use
  - Low Volume – quiet and can be difficult to hear, only recommended if you have someone sleeping in the car
  - Normal Volume – the default choice
  - Loud Volume – recommended for driving, particularly if you have trouble hearing the voice turns or if the car is not well insulated for road noise and sound

The "Loud Volume" setting is recommended because it's by far the easiest to hear, as it basically plays the voice volume at the maximum volume output of the iPhone. This is particularly helpful if you tend to keep the iPhone in a cars cup holder around the center console and want the voice to be easily audible. The volume controls do apply to **walking directions** too, though the louder settings will obviously be broadcasting the navigation to everyone around you.

Note that if you use a Bluetooth connection or AUX port to connect the iPhone to the car stereo, these volume voice controls are mostly irrelevant since the turn-by-turn voice will be played over the general car speakers. In that case, just turn the volume up to the appropriate level on the speakers and you should be good to go.

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 Want to trade in your old iDevice? Here's a link to compare prices

iPhones, iPods & iPads Class

This class meets in the CC ANNEX. Please bring your iDevice(s) 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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Free Reference Materials For your iDevices

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Apps that might be of interest:

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Time for questions, observations and special apps from the audience

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