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The iPhone can do anything?

## iPhone 6 event rumored for September 9

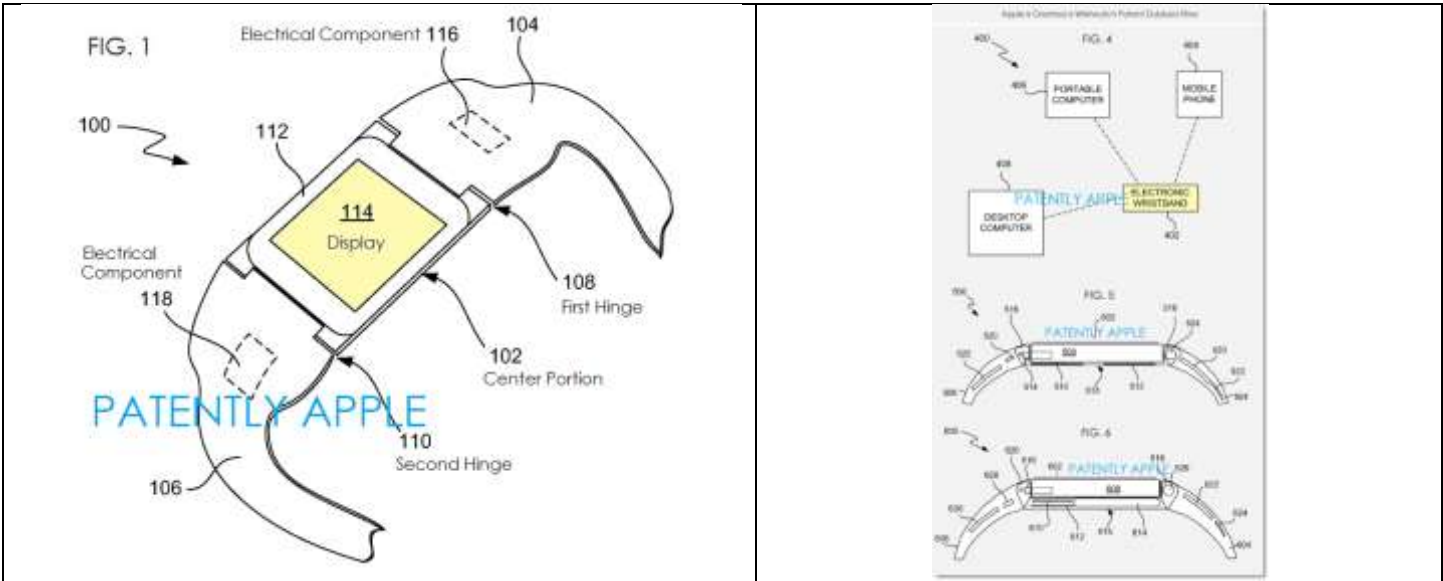
By [Joseph Keller](#), Tuesday, Aug 5, 2014 a 1:33 pm EDT



Apple is reportedly planning a September 9 unveiling for the [iPhone 6](#). As we [said back in January](#), this date holds with a pattern that Apple has established over the last couple of years, ever since the September 2012 reveal of the [iPhone 5](#). From [Re/code](#):

A few weeks from now we'll get our first look at what he was talking about. Apple has scheduled a big media event for Tuesday, Sept. 9 — a date to which Apple numerologists will strain to attribute significance. As with September events past, the focal point of this one is to be Apple's next-generation iPhones, which are expected to feature larger displays of 4.7 and 5.5 inches and run speedy new A8 processors. Apple declined comment.

Apple Wins a Patent for a Wristwatch Branded iTime



Now you've got twice as long to decide if you want AppleCare for your iPhone

by [Kif Leswing](#) JUL. 1, 2014 - 12:32 PM PDT

Apple has simplified its AppleCare options for the iPhone. Now, your only choice is AppleCare+, which covers accidental damage and costs \$99 for two years of coverage.

Apple is making some simplifications to its [AppleCare program for iOS](#). Starting on Tuesday, when you purchase a new iPhone or iPad, you have 60 days — up from 30 — to decide whether you want Apple's extended warranty.

When you purchase an iPhone or an iPad, you get free 90-day coverage that includes tech support and a one-year warranty against manufacturing defects. If you want a two-year warranty, there were previously two available option: The \$69 AppleCare plan, and the \$99 AppleCare+, which was first introduced with the iPhone 4S in 2012. The salient difference between the two plans is that AppleCare+ covers accidental damage up to two times, with a \$69 replacement fee for an iPhone or a \$49 replacement fee for an iPad.

Now the lower-cost option is going away, leaving AppleCare+ as the only extended warranty Apple offers on its devices. This change makes it a lot simpler to explain and sell AppleCare to a prospective iPhone customer: you’ve got one option for extra coverage, it covers dropped phones, and it costs \$99.



**Mobile Passport – Officially authorized by the U.S. Customs & Border Protection**

By **Airside Mobile LLC**

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**Free**  
Category: Travel  
Released: Aug 11, 2014  
Version: 1.0  
Size: 8.5 MB  
Language: English  
Seller: Airside Mobile LLC  
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[Rated 4+](#)

**Compatibility:** Requires iOS 7.0 or later. Compatible with iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch. This app is optimized for iPhone 5.

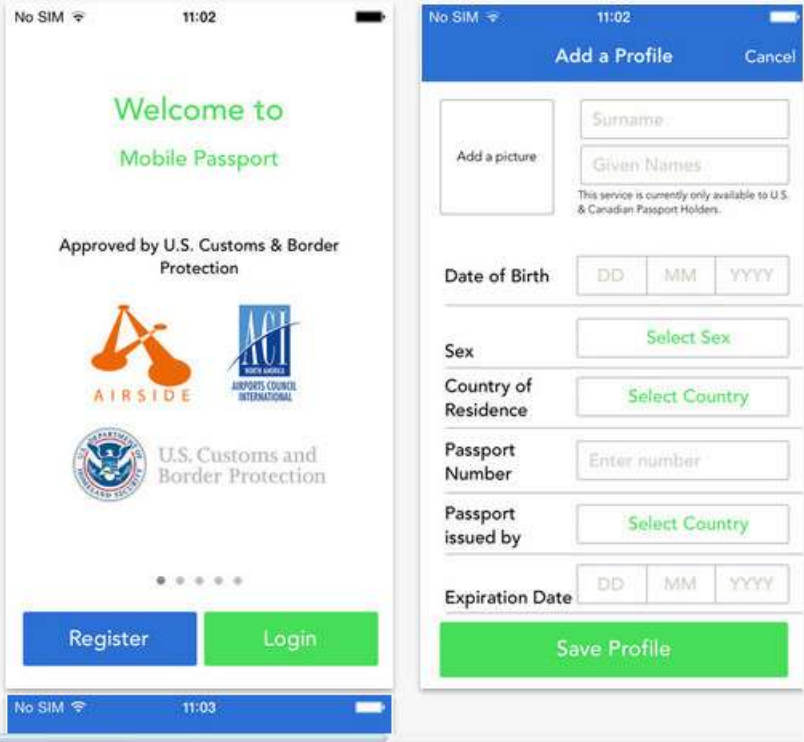
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**Description**

Skip the line at the airport when entering the USA with MOBILE PASSPORT! Officially authorized by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, MOBILE PASSPORT allows travelers to submit their passport control and customs declaration information via their iPhone or iPad and bypass the regular line to enter the United States.

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**iPhone Screenshot**



# How to get directions back home with Siri and Maps

1. Press and hold the **Home button** to launch Siri.
2. Say something like "Take me home." or "How do I get home from here?"
3. Siri will pull information from your own contact card and give you directions home from wherever you are.
4. When the Maps app launches, tap **Start** in the upper right hand corner to begin voice navigation.
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Remember that in order for this to work, you'll need to have your **home address** saved in the Contacts app under your contact card. If you don't already, simply create a contact card for yourself and add your home address. Then go to Settings > General > Siri > My Info and navigate to the card you created.

Having a contact card for yourself is not only convenient when using Siri, but when you need to share your information with someone. No need to type out emails and phone numbers, just send them your contact card instead! You can also program work and other addresses you'd like as well, which Siri will be able to use.

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## Getting connection errors in Mail for iPhone or iPad? Here's how to fix them!

By [Allyson Kazmucha](#), Friday, Jul 4, 2014 a 3:57 pm EDT



The iPhone and iPad's built-in Mail app is a great way to get all your email for all your accounts in one place. But just like any other app, it isn't completely error proof either. One of the most common errors that you may is the dreaded "Connection to the server failed" message. Other common error messages include server not responding messages and password errors. If you're receiving any of these messages, here are some steps that can help you troubleshoot and resolve the problem in no time!

### 1. Be sure you have an active internet connection

This may sound obvious but sometimes you may think you have cellular service but data actually isn't working or is incredibly slow. If you can, try checking your mail over a wifi network and make sure data isn't the issue.

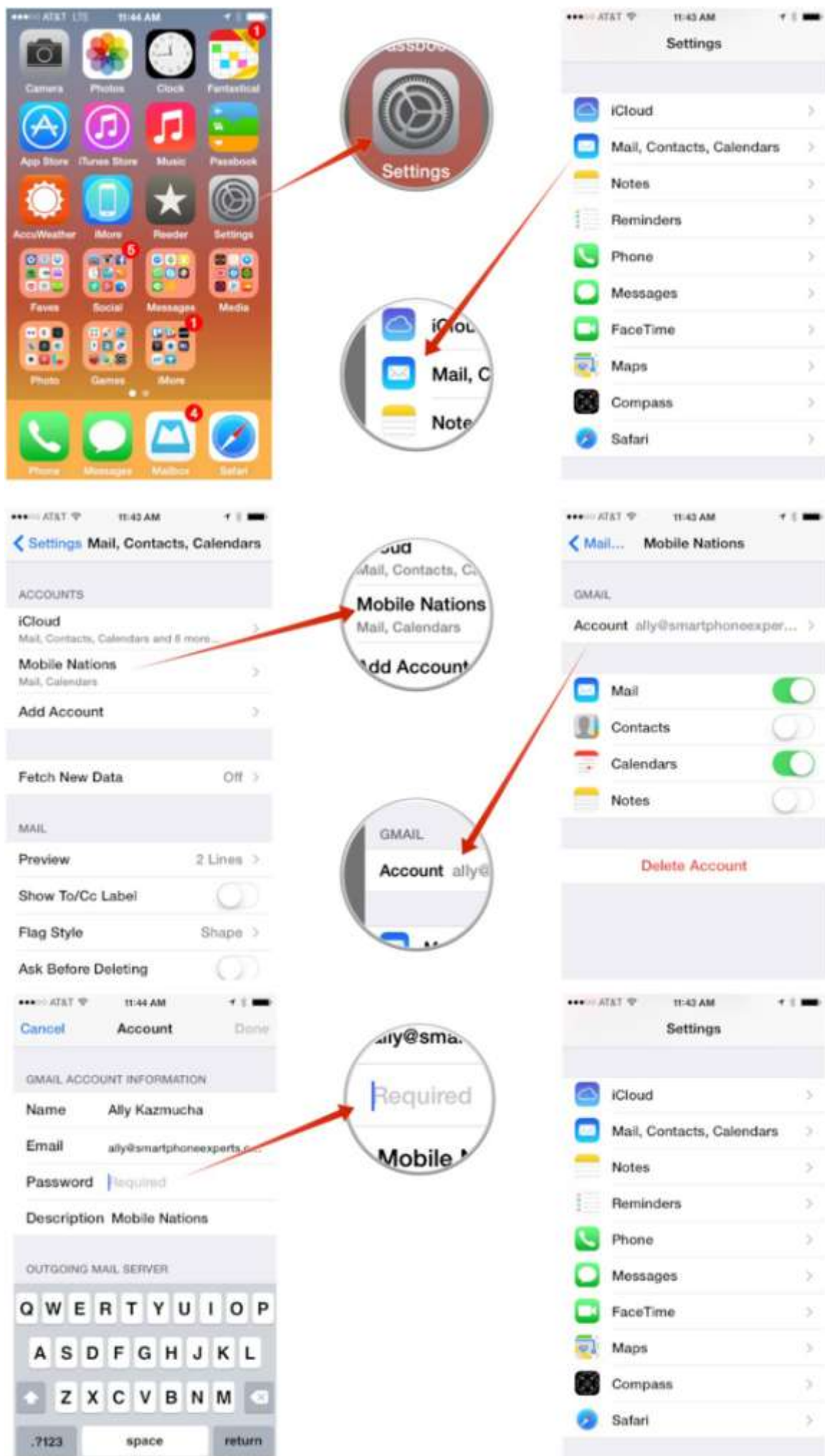


In some cases, an extremely slow data connection can cause a mail server to time out, resulting in error messages all over the place.



## 2. Check your mail settings for missing fields

After an [iCloud](#) restore, your mail accounts are restored except for the passwords. You'll need to hop into settings and re-enter them. I've also seen this happen randomly and without explanation a few times. So before anything else, hop into your Mail settings and make sure no password fields are blank. If they are, update your account with your passwords. You'll also need to do this anytime you change a password.



### 3. Delete and re-add the problem account

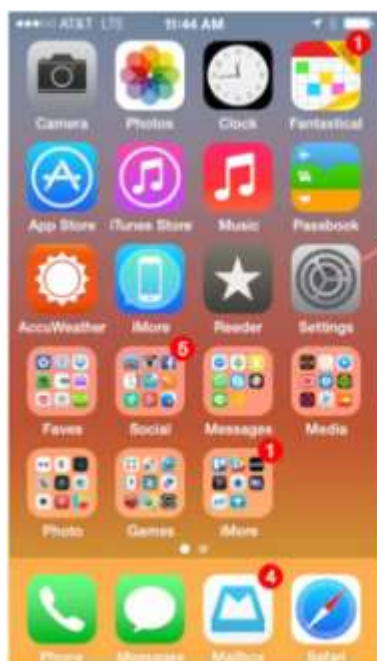
One of the easiest and sure fire ways to fix mail problems is to completely delete the account and re-add it. For most people, this fixes any server errors or issues that could arise, especially with accounts that automatically configure themselves. Perhaps a port changed on the server or something else was updated that just isn't reflected for your account. Adding it fresh should update things and bring them current.



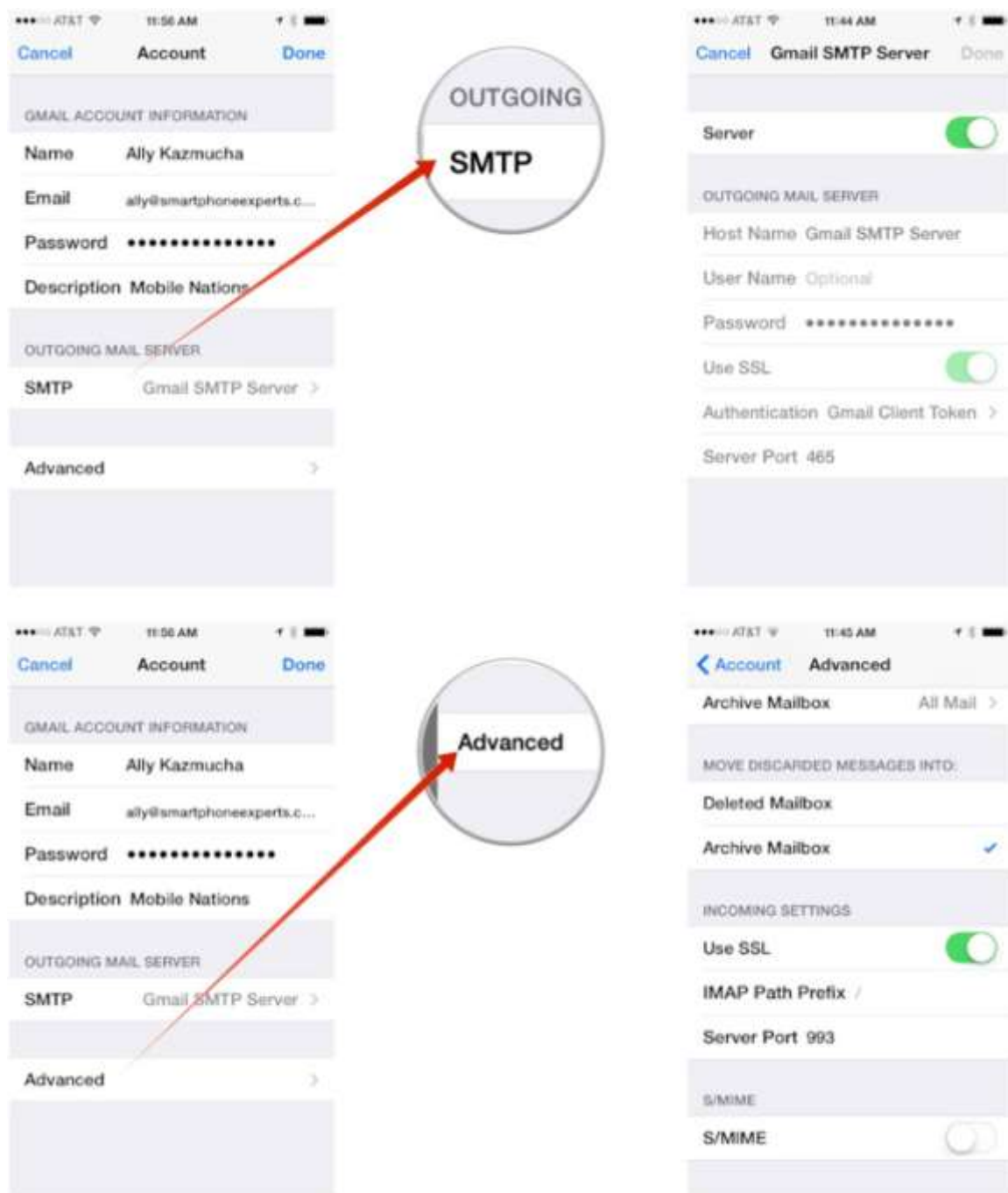
## 4. Manually configure your account

Sometimes certain types of accounts, particularly custom domains, may need to be added manually. This is common if you can receive mail but can't send any outgoing messages. Depending on who your email provider is, you'll need to check their website and FAQ for information on configuring POP and IMAP accounts on your iPhone or iPad manually. Here are some helpful links to some of the most common third party mail providers though:

- [How to set up Google Sync on iPhone and iPad via Exchange](#)
- [Outlook and Hotmail setup and support](#)
- [GoDaddy hosted email on iPhone and iPad](#)
- [Setting up Rackspace email on iPhone and iPad](#)







For the most part, you can typically perform a Google search containing your email provider's name and then the words *mail setup iPhone iPad* in order to get the results you need.

## 5. Contact your email provider

If you still can't seem to get your email working properly on your iPhone and iPad, it may be time to contact your email provider or system administrator. If the account you're using is provided by a hosting company, contact them directly. If you have an account that was given to you for work, you most likely have a system administrator or IT help desk you can reach out to. This is the time to contact them directly.

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## Turn the iPhone Camera Into a Macro Lens for Free Using a Water Drop

Want a free instant macro [lens](#) for your [iPhone](#) camera? Carefully apply a tiny drop of water to the lens, flip the iPhone over, and voila, you can suddenly take extreme close ups of just about anything. I know that sounds a little weird, but it works, and the results are fairly impressive.

The drop of water has to be tiny and fit pretty much perfectly on the [camera](#) lens, aim for a droplet between 1/4 and 1/2 a centimeter wide, just enough to fit on the lens but not go over its border. You'll want the droplet to be as circular as possible too, otherwise you'll end up with strange edge effects. I managed with a finger tip but it's generally easiest to use the end of a pen or pencil to apply such a tiny water drop.

Here are a few [sample images](#) of extreme closeups of a \$10 bill and another iPhone screen, taken with a good [old iPhone](#) 4 and a water droplet on the lens:



As you can see in the dollar bill images, the quality is good enough to see fibers in the paper and detailed ink lines.



You can also make out places where ink bled, something that would otherwise be invisible to the naked eye.




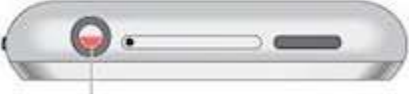


Using the water droplet macro lens to take a picture of another iPhones screen was equally impressive, clearly showing [pixel](#) level details.



I got the idea from [Scientific American](#), who calls it a "microscope", which may be a bit of a stretch, though they did take some pretty interesting pictures of a few bugs and plants.

Give it a try yourself, just be very careful with water on the iPhone, you don't want to accidentally trigger the **water sensors** or damage the phone.

Product	Liquid Contact Indicator location
iPhone 5	
iPhone 4 / iPhone 4S	
iPhone 3G / iPhone 3GS	
iPhone	

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# How to Start & Use a Timer with Siri on iPhone & iPad for Easy Countdowns

Aug 12, 2014 - [Leave a Comment](#)



Whether you’re waiting for your favorite show to come on TV, some wet paint to dry, or that chicken parmesan to finish cooking in the oven, we all need to use a countdown for helping us wait for something throughout regular life. Fortunately, the iPhone and iPad has such a feature built right in, and thanks to our favorite digital assistant, Siri makes setting a timer in iOS about as simple as it can possibly be.

Like [many other Siri commands](#), the secret to using a timer with Siri is to use natural language commands and instructions. For manipulating the countdown and timer, this is just a matter of summoning Siri as usual, and then saying one of the following type of commands to start, stop, or cancel a countdown on your iPhone or iPad – and yes, the timer is complete with a visual indicator counting down the time set if you want to actually see the countdown as well.

The Siri Timer commands are as follows, hold down the Home button on the iOS device to bring Siri about and then say one of these:

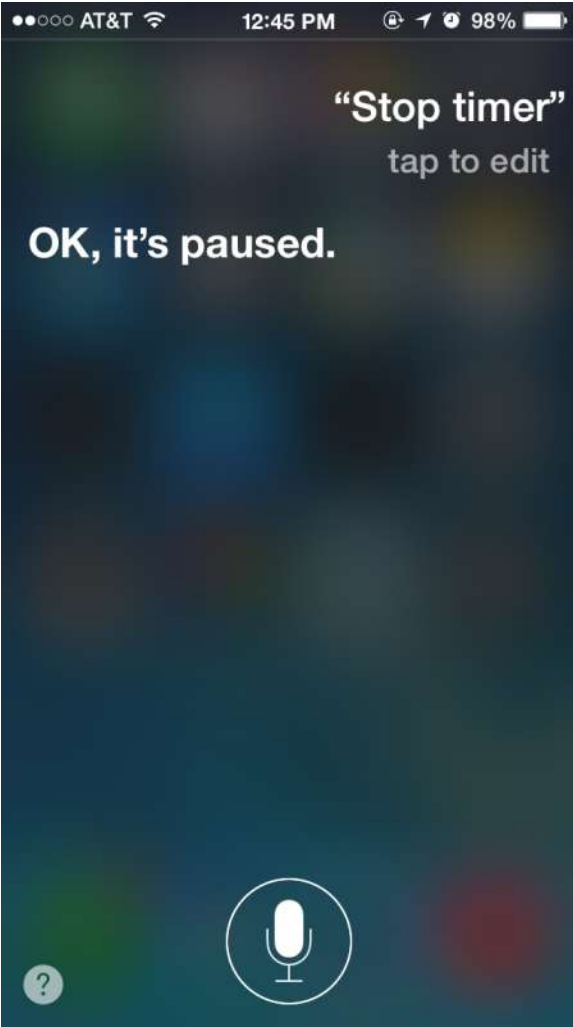
**“Set a timer for (time)”**

This starts the timer for the specified time. For example, “Set a timer for 15 minutes”.



**“Stop timer”**

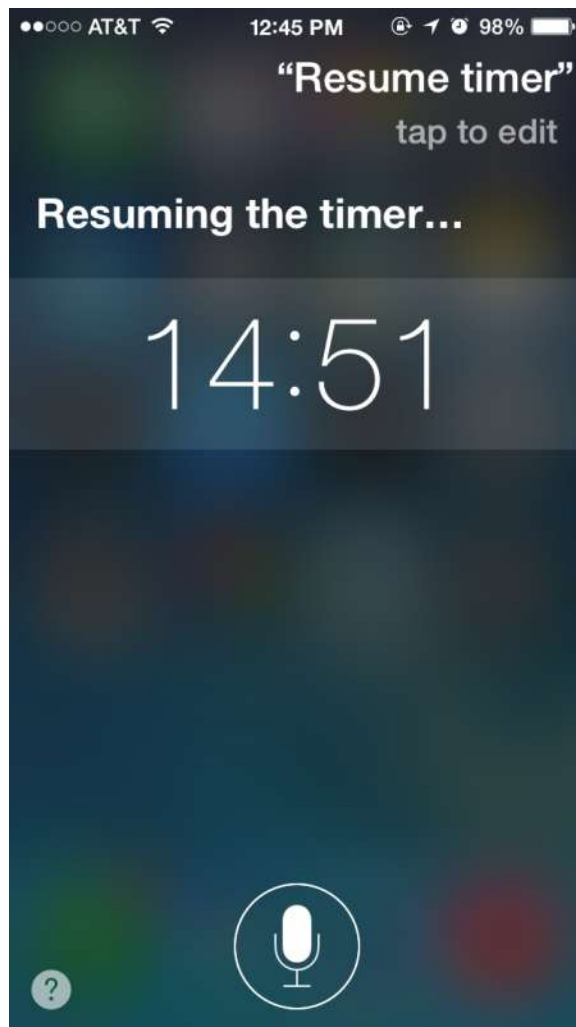
This stops / pauses the active timer.



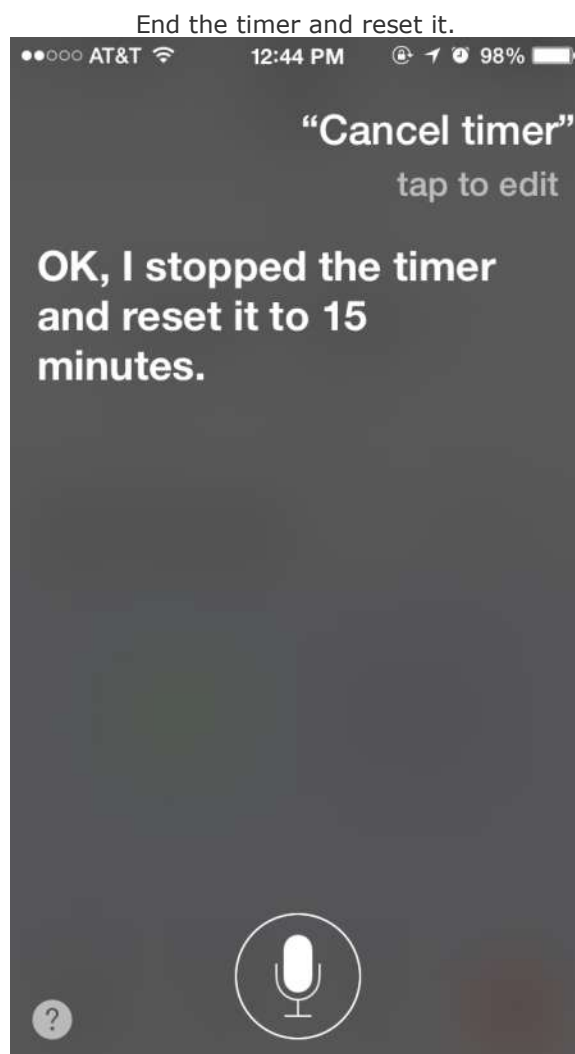
**“Resume timer”**

Start the previously paused timer, where it left off.





### **“Cancel timer”**



### **“Delete all timers”**

Remove all timers from the Clock app (works with other Clock commands [too](#)).

When the timer runs out, an alarm will sound notifying you that the timer is up and that you should check on whatever you were waiting for. Or don't, but nobody wants burnt cookies, right?

For those that didn't know, these tricks work because Siri is serving as an interface to the Clock app that comes with iOS. You can find all of the timers and the countdown live in the “Timer” tab of the Clock app if you want to see them

or manipulate them manually, but with the aforementioned Siri voice commands that’s not necessary on an iPhone or iPad.

Relying on Siri for setting a timer is extraordinarily useful for cooking in particular, especially if you have hands covered in cooking ingredients but you need to set a timer for your masterpiece. A great trick for the kitchen is to stick your iPhone or iPad [into a zip locked plastic bag to protect from spills and ingredients](#), then you can smudge your cookie dough covered fingers all over the bag and not worry about damaging the iOS device. And yes, Siri can hear commands through the ziplock bag just fine.

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## Renaming Photo Albums on iPhone & iPod touch

- Open Photos and stay in the primary screen with all photo albums listed, then tap “Edit” in the upper right corner
- Tap directly on the name of the album you want to rename to summon the keyboard
- Enter the new album name then tap “Done” to complete the change

Before tapping on Done, selecting other albums will let you change their names as well.



Changing an album name on the iPhone and iPod touch both look identical, and while doing this on the iPad is basically the same process, it looks pretty different because the albums are displayed in [thumbnail views](#) rather than lists.

## Rename a Photo Album on iPad

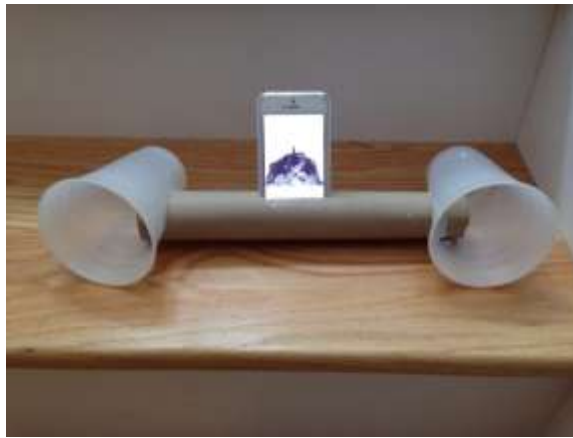
- Open Photos and tap on “Edit”
- With the (x) now visible on the albums corner, tap directly on the album name to change it
- Tap “Done” to finish renaming the album, or tap another albums name to rename another one



You can rename any album with the exception of [Camera](#) Roll, which holds all photos on the device. There are some cases where you won’t want to change the given names though, because some [iOS image editing apps like Snapseed](#) will create their own albums for photos altered or modified with those apps. As you may have guessed, if you change the name of those albums made by apps and then use the app again, that [app](#) will end up generating a new album with the apps name again anyway.

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# Make Your Own iPhone Speakers with a Paper Towel Roll & Two Keg Cups



Don't have any [iPhone](#) or iPod speakers handy, but really want to boost the volume of the music or audio coming from your [iOS](#) device? If you have a paper towel roll and two plastic cups, you're good to go with this goofy and sort of effective DIY [iPhone speaker](#) solution.

Precision crafted by [Twitter](#) user [@nnnnnnnnn](#), he posted the above image saying he "can't believe this actually works". Being the curious type, I naturally wanted to try this out myself. Into the kitchen I ventured, grabbing a paper towel roll and... well I didn't have any plastic beer cups laying around, so a paper towel roll had to be enough for my own DIY speaker attempt. Here's what my very own homemade Beats Audio competitor looks like, by appearances alone it's clearly screaming quality .



Guess what? It works, at least to amplify the sound. Does it sound any better? Well, no, not really, but it definitely sounds *louder*, and if louder is your intention then cutting a little hole into a paper towel roll and jamming your iPhone into it while blasting some music or a podcast will serve the purpose to amplify the audio with very little effort. Maybe adjusting some settings and [the music EQ would make it sound better](#), but really if you want some decent iPhone speakers, just [buy some](#) or use an AUX cable to [connect](#) them to an existing setup.

For some comparison with other Do-It-Yourself iPhone speakers and amplifiers, I think the sound quality of sticking an iPhone into an empty glass or large bowl is a bit better, but that's not exactly a scientific conclusion. Of course the other perk with stuffing your iPhone into an empty cup is the claim of boosting cellular reception too, but [we tested that](#) and it didn't work too well either.

But, if you're in a pinch and need to amplify your iPhone or iPod music ([iPad](#) too if you can use a wrapping paper roll I suppose), grab whatever is handy, whether it's a roll or a bowl, and have a go at it. Good times.

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## California passes mandatory 'kill switch' legislation for smartphones

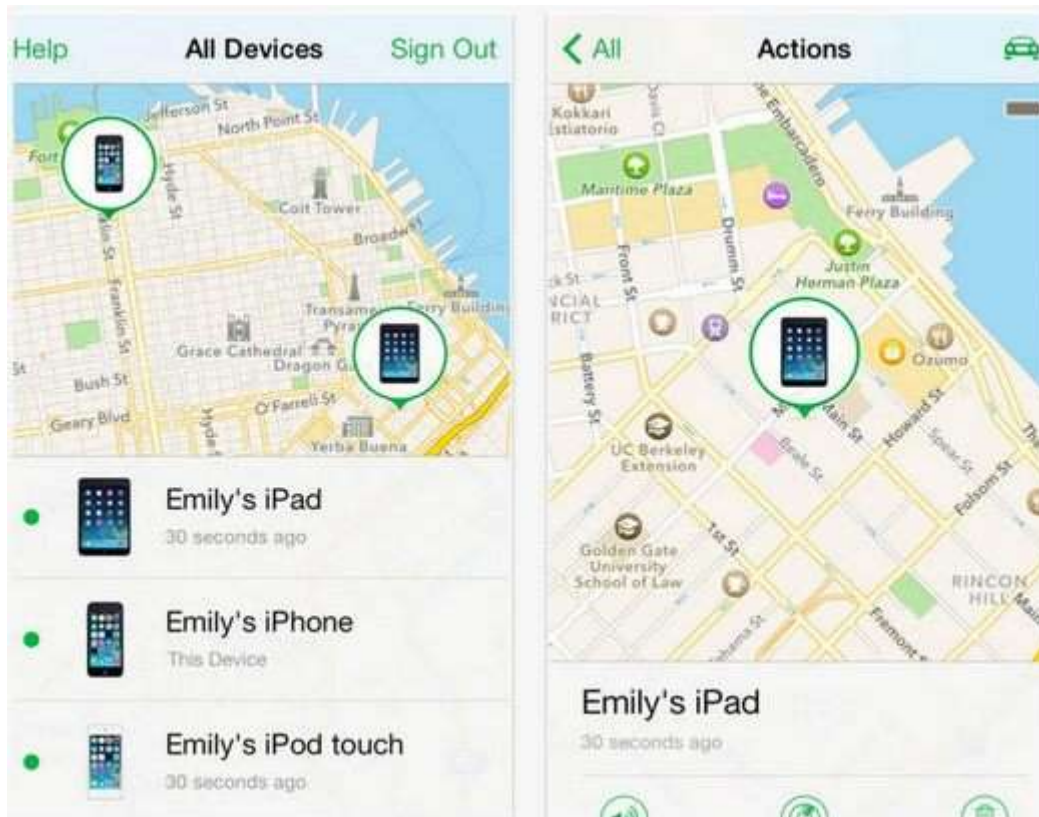
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updated 01:57 am EDT, Tue August 12, 2014

### Brown likely to sign into law; iOS devices are already compliant

The California state Senate has [passed a bill](#) requiring cellphone manufacturers to implement, and providers to activate, a "kill switch" that can be triggered remotely in the case of theft that renders the phone inoperable and unable to be reactivated. Owners of the iPhone are long familiar with these abilities, as Apple has offered them as opt-in features for some time, but the requirement that it be activated when users [sign up for](#) service will be new to many.

The intent of the bill, which California Governor Jerry Brown is likely to sign, is to make smartphones less valuable to thieves and make recovery easier. A [similar bill](#) has been introduced in the US Congress. Apple's implementation in iOS, known as [Find My iPhone](#) (though it applies equally to iPads, the [iPod touch](#), and Macs), ties into the iCloud service to locate missing or stolen devices (provided they are on and using cellular or [Wi-Fi](#) data).



Users who sign in to iCloud and use the Find My [iPhone service](#) can put the missing device into "Lost Mode" (which disables functionality and flashes a message), or even erase the device remotely. In iOS 7, Apple added [Activation Lock](#) -- a feature that could go beyond just erasing the device to protect personal data, and render the iOS device useless for re-activation until the original owner's Apple ID password (or Touch ID) is utilized.

Most major cellphone manufacturers, as well as the top five major US cellular providers, had previously signed on to an industry group lobbying for such measures, though the [CTIA proposal](#) was originally opt-in only. State Senator Mark Leno (D-San Francisco) introduced a bill to make the activation of the "kill switch" [technology](#) mandatory. Other states, particularly New York, are expected to pass similar measures.

Read more: <http://www.electronista.com/articles/14/08/12/brown.likely.to.sign.into.law.ios.devices.are.already.compliant/#ixzz3AGrdlyOq>

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## New Omotesando, Tokyo Apple Retail Store



## How to do things with your iDevices

Click on these links below to view the information.

[Getting connection errors in Mail for iPhone or iPad- Here's how to fix them!](#)

[If your iPhone 5 randomly shuts off, here's how you can fix it!](#)

[How to use speak auto-text for visual accessibility on iPhone and iPad](#)

[How to better protect your iPhone and iPad against 'backdoors' and other security and privacy risks](#)



[Having charging issues with your iPad- Here's how to fix them!](#)

[How to Bulk Remove Many Photos on iPhone Quickly with a Date Trick](#)

[3 Tips to Prevent iPhone Overheating & Temperature Warnings](#)

[How to keep in touch on long trips with your iPhone](#)

[How to make sure you capture unexpected photos of your grandkids with your iPhone](#)

[How to use zoom for visual accessibility on your iPhone or iPad](#)












Non Apple Things That Might Be Of Interest

[Amazing hail storm on a beach looks like the beginning of the Apocalypse](#)

[Watch the Sunken Costa Concordia Ship Being Refloated](#)

[Moore's Law and The Secret World Of Ones And Zeroes](#)

Free Reference Materials For your iDevices

			
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[Want to trade in your old iDevice? Click on this link to compare prices](#)

# Apps That Might Be of Interest



Twister - Your iPhone rotates automatically when you put it on a flat surface to take a 360 degree photo.



Reverser - Backward video maker with reverse slow-motion.



Parking Meter Pro - Fast 1 click easy to use countdown timer.



ValslistRadio - Streaming music adults will love by categories.



Instaplace - Location based photo app to let everyone know exactly where and when you took that photo.



LaserLevel - Check to see if walls, pictures, etc. are level.

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**The next meeting will be on  
Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.**

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