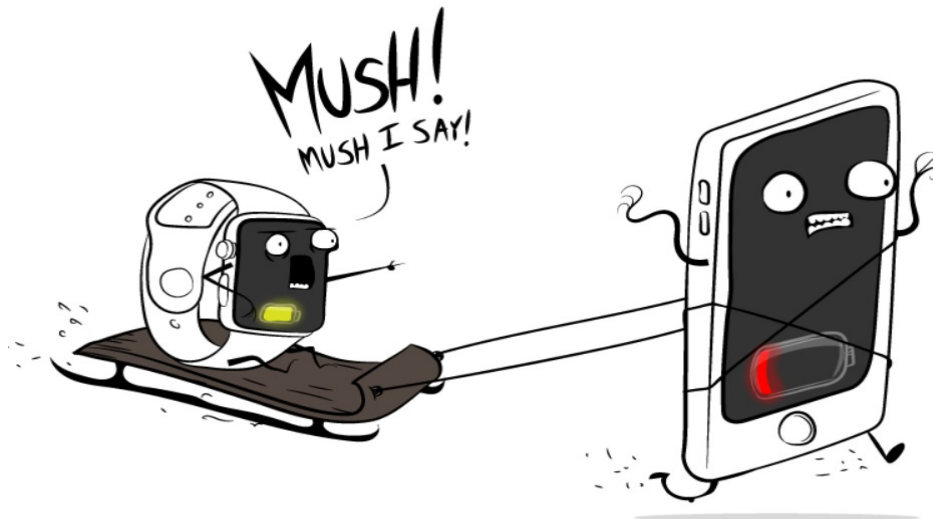## May 2016

Welcome to the iDevices (iPhone, iPad, Apple Watch & iPod) SIG Meeting.

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Today's best Tech and Apple deals of the day (They change every day)

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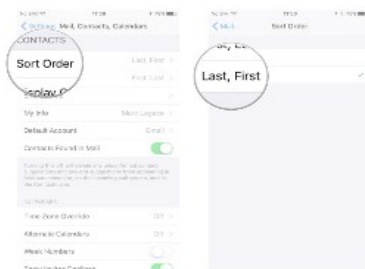
Personalizing your contacts

How to sort Contacts by first or last name on iPhone and iPad

Some people like their contacts listed by first name, others by last. Display your contacts list the way you want by changing the Sort Order.

1. Tap on **Settings** on the Home screen.

2. Tap on **Mail, Contacts and Calendars**

3. Tap on **Sort Order** (you may have to scroll down to find it)

4. Tap on **First, Last** or **Last, First** depending on the way you want contacts sorted in your Contacts list.
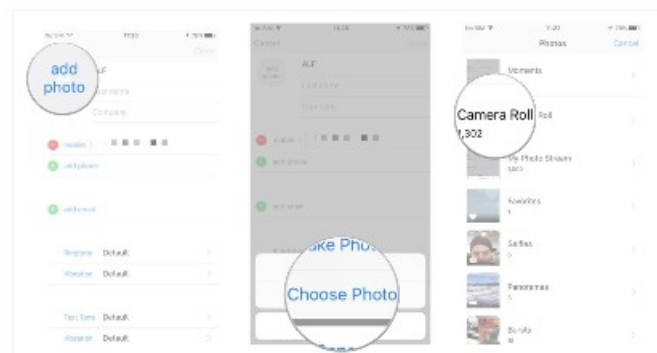

Sort order is different than display order. Sort order will organize your list of contacts according to your first/last name preferences. Display order will affect whether your contact's first name or last name is displayed first. To change Display order, you can follow the same steps as above, but in step 3 tap on Display Order instead of sort.

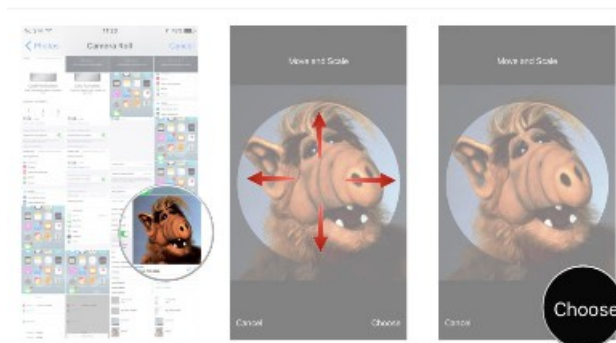# How to add a photo to a contact on iPhone and iPad

1. Tap on **Contacts** from your Home screen.
1. Tap on a **contact** you would like to add a photo to.
2. Tap on **Edit** in the top right corner.

3. Tap on **add photo** in the top left corner.

4. Tap on **Choose Photo** to select from the existing images on your phone. **Note:** If you choose Take Photo, your iPhone's camera will launch and you can snap and use a photo which can be added to the contact.

5. Tap on a **folder** containing the photo you want to use.

6. Tap on the **photo** you would like to display with your contact.

7. Tap on the **photo** you would like to display with your contact.

8. A circular frame will be displayed on the photo showing you which area of the image will be used as your contact's photo. **Drag** the image around until the photo is centered to your liking.

9. Tap on **choose**.

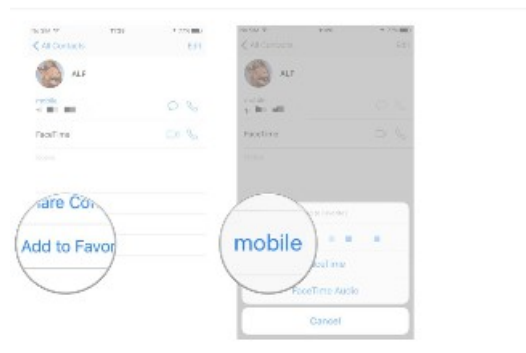10. Tap on **done** in the top right corner to save your changes.

Now when you receive a call or message from that contact, the image you select will be displayed, making it easier to recognize and find messages from a specific contact.

How to add someone as a favorite contact on iPhone and iPad

1. Tap on **contacts**. From your Home screen
2. Tap on a **contact** you would like to favorite.
3. Tap on **Add to Favorites**

4. Tap on any and all **apps** you would like to add this contact as a favorite.

Now when you launch the Phone or Facetime app, you can quickly find these contacts by tapping the Favorites button in the bottom left corner to quickly find your favorite contacts.
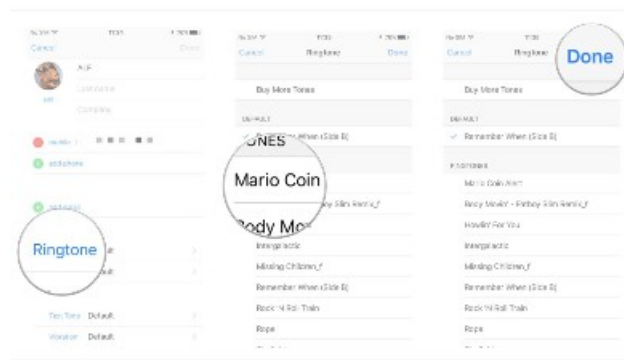
How to set a custom contact notification on iPhone and iPad

If you assign a custom sound or vibration to a specific person, so you'll always know if you've got a message from them even without checking your phone.

1. Tap on **Contacts** from your Home screen.
2. Tap on a **contact** you would like to set custom sound or vibration for.
3. Tap on **edit** in the top right corner.

4. Tap on **ringtone** to change the sound you receive when this person cals.

5. Tap on a **ringtone** from your list of options.
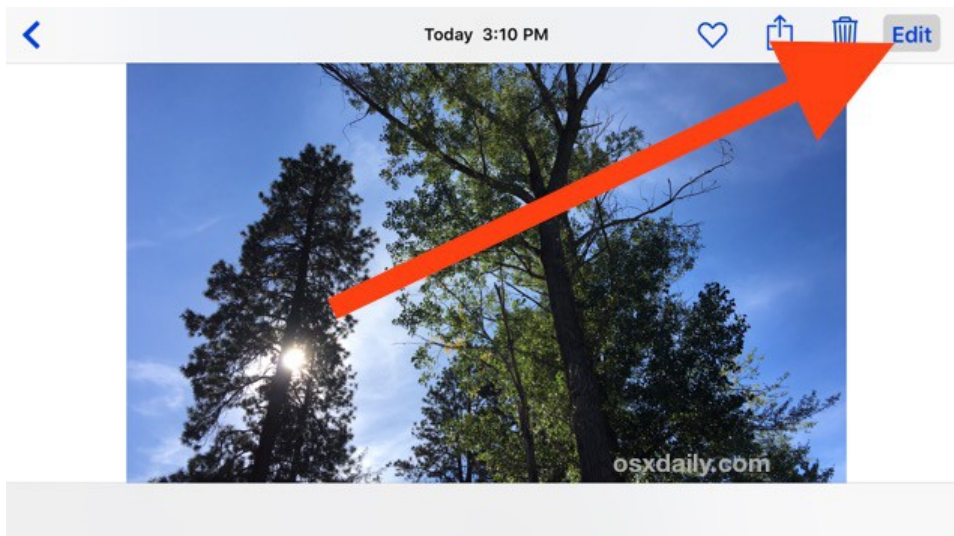6. Tap on **done** in the top right corner to save.

Follow these same basic steps to customize vibration patterns for phone calls as well as audio notifications and vibrations for text messages as well.

The longer you have your phone, the more contacts you seem to acquire. By customizing your contacts with images and special notifications, it can make it easier to find the people you talk with most often.

How to Convert a Live Photo to Still Photo on iPhone

This obviously requires an iPhone camera capable of shooting Live Photos (6s or better), otherwise you won't have the live photos option in general and wouldn't need to turn it off or convert a picture:

1. Open the Photos app on the iPhone and tap to select the Live Photo you wish to convert to a still photo
2. Tap the Edit button in the corner of the picture

3. Now tap the little concentric circles icon button in the opposite corner, this is the same as the Live Photos button in the Camera app, except that tapping it here turns the Live Photo feature off for an already taken image

4. Tap on "Done" to convert the live photo to a still photo

It takes a moment to turn the live animated image to a still.

You'll see a brief "Saving Photo" message and the pictures will be transformed into a still photo. Selecting the image again will display it as a normal photo, and 3D touch will no longer animate the image.

The example image below started off as a Live Photo of wind blowing through trees captured on an iPhone 6s Plus, whereas it's now a still photo.

You can actually change it back again and convert the still photo back into a Live Photo by performing the same action but tapping to enable the live photos in the photos editor again, but that's only possible for pictures that were once taken with Live Photos, you can't turn a normal still photo into a live photo otherwise.

This is helpful if you want to share a picture with someone but don't want to share the live photo version of it, or if you've had the Live Photos feature on and just don't use it, you can convert the

picture(s) to stills and then when you [copy the images to a computer from the iPhone](), the Live Photo versions won't come over with the associated movie files, only still JPEG files will arrive in the transfer.

One final thing to keep in mind is that if you save and modify a converted Live Photo to a regular still photo, it can't be converted back again.

How to View Unread Email Only in Mail on iPhone & iPad

Apr 11, 2016 - [11 Comments]()

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It's easy to fall behind on email and let unread messages build up over time, but the iOS Mail app offers an excellent solution to this problem by allowing users to enable a hidden optional "Unread" only email message inbox on their device.
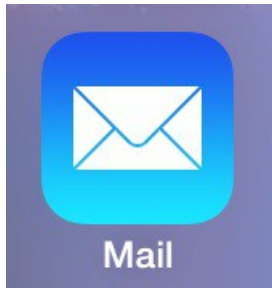
Just as it sounds, **the Unread message mailbox will display only the unread email messages** that are within the Mail app of an iPhone or iPad, letting users greatly improve their email workflow and

productivity. This can be in invaluable solution for those of us who are routinely overburdened with tons of emails, as it puts the requiring action unread message right in front of you, ready to be marked as read, responded to, forwarded, trashed, or triaged in another manner.
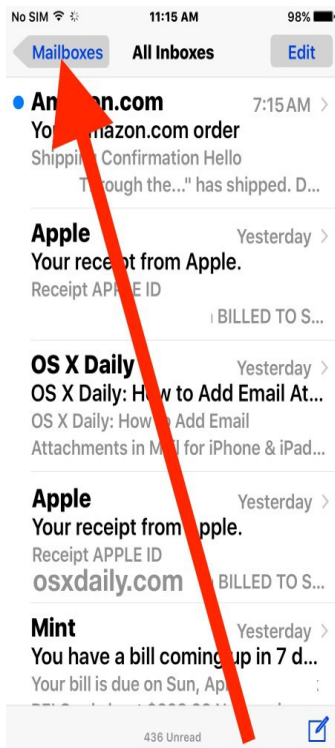
This tutorial will walk through enabling this incredibly useful mailbox option in the Mail app on any iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch.

Enable an "Unread" Email Message Inbox in Mail for iOS
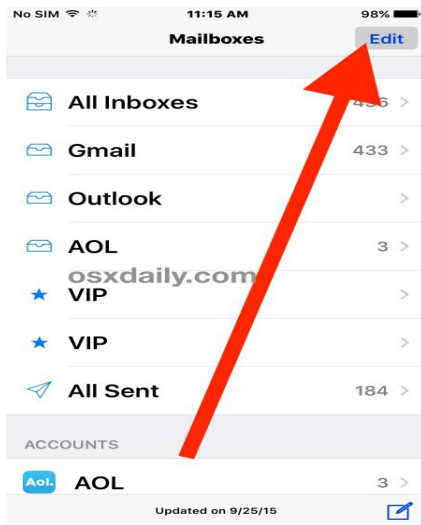
1. Open the Mail app in iOS if you haven't done so already and go to the primary mailbox screen
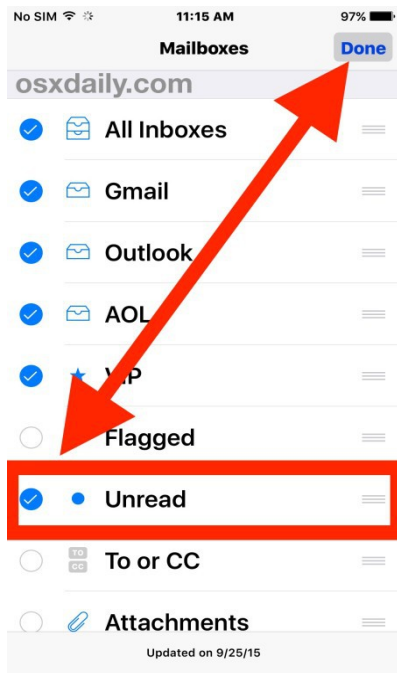

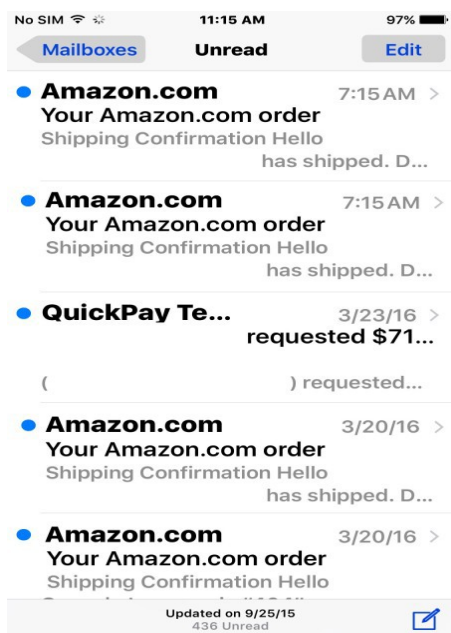2. Tap on the "Mailboxes" button in the upper left corner

3. At the mailboxes screen, tap on "Edit" in the upper right corner

4. Locate the "Unread" mailbox and tap on it so that the blue checkbox alongside is checked, then tap on "Done"

5. Still in the Mailboxes screen, now tap on "Unread" to open the Unread email only inbox view
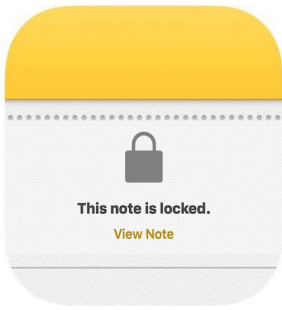
This will open a special email inbox that *only shows the unread messages in Mail app on the iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch*, making it a very efficient way to manage an unruly inbox and triage unread messages faster.

Mail users can return to their normal "everything" inbox by returning back to the "Mailboxes" view and choosing "All Inboxes" again, or selecting an individual email account, or another mailbox, as desired.

The Mail app in iOS has several other hidden mailbox options, with this Unread inbox and the email attachments inbox being perhaps the two most useful for those aiming to improve their email productivity.

For those users who have a Gmail account, you can use a special inbox sorting trick to show unread message in Gmail in the web client as well, which is equally as useful if you juggle between the iOS Mail app and Gmail.com in a web browser on another machine.

How to Password Lock Notes on iPhone & iPad

The latest versions of the Notes app for iOS allow users to password protect particular notes within the app, making it an excellent place to store personal information and private snippets that you'd like to keep away from prying eyes. In addition to password protection, Notes in iOS also allows users to lock and unlock notes with Touch ID as well, so if the iPhone or iPad supports that feature you'll be able to use a quick unlock access method too.

We'll run through how to lock notes in iOS, as well as how to unlock and access the note(s) after they have been locked. Notes app supports locking with any version of iOS after 9.0, earlier releases do not have this feature. By no means is this a substitution for using a passcode to lock the iOS device, instead it should be looked at as an additional layer of security to protect extra sensitive data contained on an iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch.
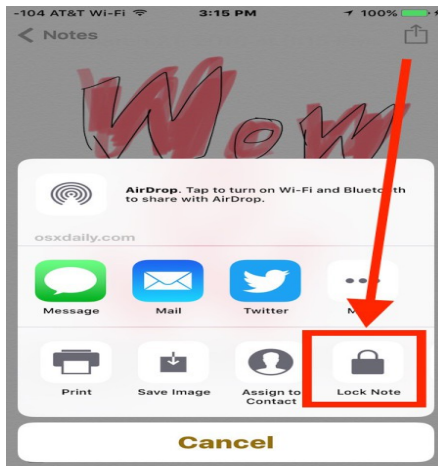
How to Lock Notes with Password Protection in iOS

This demonstrates how to apply password lock protection on any note within the Notes app on iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch:
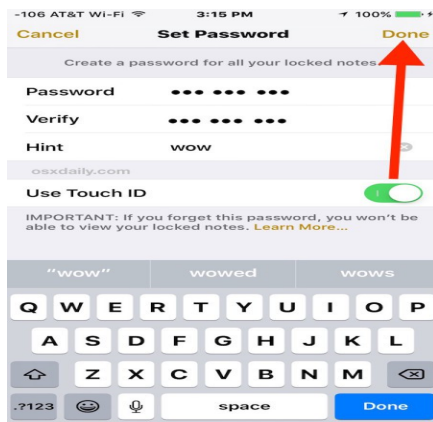
1. Open the Notes app in iOS if you haven't done so already
2. Tap on the sharing icon in the upper right corner of the note, it looks like a little box with an arrow flying out of it
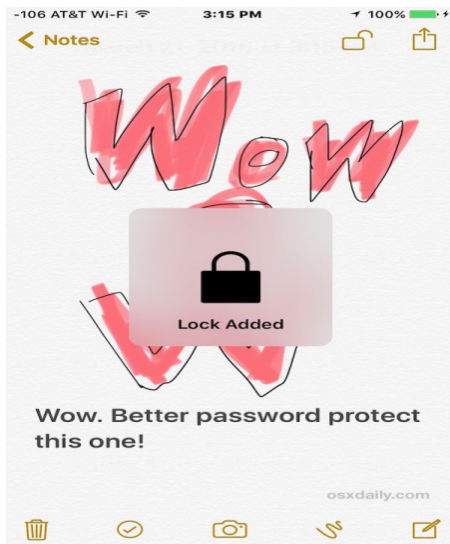
3. In the action menu, find and tap on "Lock Note"

4. Fill out the password and hint that you want to use as the note lock, and optionally but recommended keep "Use Touch ID" enabled" and then tap 'Done' *

5. The note will verify that it has been locked with a "Lock Added" message, you can now lock the note by tapping on the lock icon at the top of the note, or by locking the screen of the device as you would normally

Once the Notes app has been closed, the device screen has been locked, or the notes have been deliberately locked, any locked notes will remain locked until the proper password has been entered or Touch ID has been used to unlock the protected note(s). And yes, this works to lock any notes at all, whether they're a standard text note, a drawing or sketch made in Notes app, a checklist, a collection of pictures contained in a note, or whatever else you have kept in the note(s) you want to lock down.
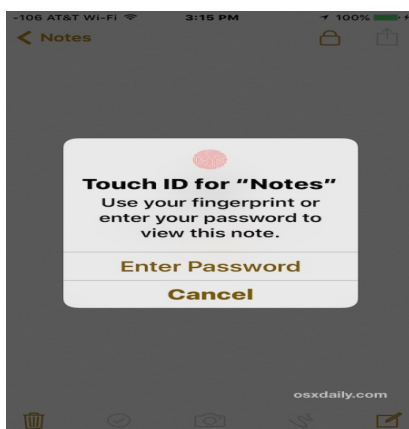
* Be aware that the set password will lock and unlock any of the notes locked within Notes app, each note does not have a separate password. This applies to Touch ID as well.
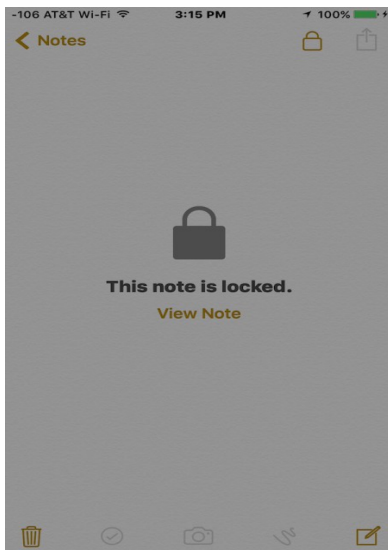
Unlocking Password Protected Notes in iOS

Want to access and view the contents of a locked note in iOS? Here's what you'll want to do:

1. Open the Notes app and tap on the note that is locked
2. At the "This note is locked" screen, choose "View Note"

   Enter the password for the note to view the contents, or use Touch ID (if applicable)

Once you're finished viewing or editing the note, you can lock it again as usual. You can also remove a lock permanently from a note by returning to the Sharing section, and tapping on "Remove Lock"

Finally, it's worth pointing out that for iPhone and iPad users that have a Mac as well, as long as the computer is updated to the latest version of OS X and using the same Apple ID, then the locked iCloud notes will be accessible from both devices.

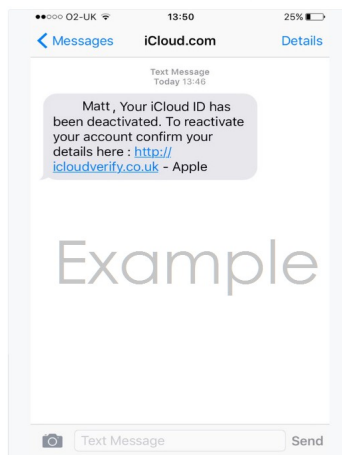## With a Simple Warrant, You can be forced to unlock your iPhone with your Fingerprint

The U.S. Supreme Court has held that police can search phones with a valid warrant and compel a person in custody to provide physical evidence such as fingerprints without a judge's permission. In a recent case reported by the L.A. Times, authorities obtained a search warrant compelling the girlfriend of an alleged Armenian gang member to press her finger against an iPhone that had been seized. The phone contained Apple's Touch ID for unlocking the phone within a limited time frame without a passcode.

Susan Brenner, a law professor at the University of Dayton said the act of compelling a person in custody to press her finger against a phone breached the 5th Amendment's protection against self-incrimination. On the flip-side, Albert Gidari, the director of privacy at Stanford Law School's Center for Internet and Society says that "Unlike disclosing passcodes, you are not compelled to speak or say what's 'in your mind' to law enforcement." Authorities simply saying "'Put your finger here' is not testimonial or self-incriminating."

With Apple not willing to work with the FBI any longer on unlocking older iPhones and with encryption being at a higher level since the iPhone 6, law enforcement will likely to be trained to quickly find a suspect's smartphone, and should it be an iPhone, get the suspects fingerprint on the iPhone's Home Button ASAP so as to obtain possible evidence that could be used in their case.

Apple Warns of new UK Phishing Scam

A new phishing scam is being reported on in the UK today. The scam aims to take advantage of unaware iPhone users as scammers attempt to send them requests for personal information. Victims of the scam have reported receiving texts from a number claiming to be an official Apple account called "iSupport".
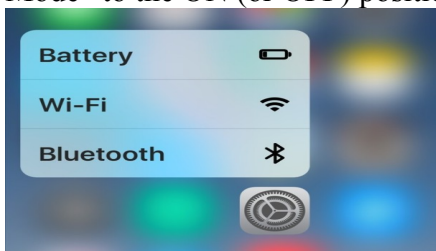

[Peterborough Today](#) reports that "The scam warns iPhone owners that their iCloud account has been deactivated and asks them to head to an external website and re-enter their personal details. The message then prompts for personal details, writing: "To reactivate your account, confirm your details here." The text message links to a fake Apple login page, which will ask victims of the scam for an Apple ID and password.

Apple said: "The iTunes Store will never ask you to provide personal information or sensitive account information (such as passwords or credit card numbers) via email.

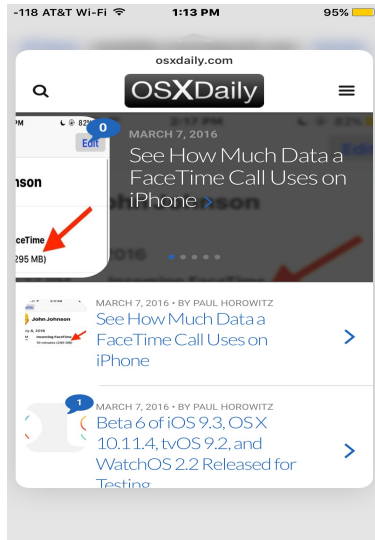# 8 iPhone 3D Touch Tricks That Are Actually Useful

Quickly Adjust Battery Settings

Since prolonging battery life remains of primary importance to many iPhone users, the ability to quickly [turn on and off Low Power Mode](#) is essential. From the unlocked iPhone screen, 3D Touch press on the "Settings" icon and select "Battery", from here users can flip the switch for "Low Power Mode" to the ON (or OFF) position as usual, or access other battery settings and details.
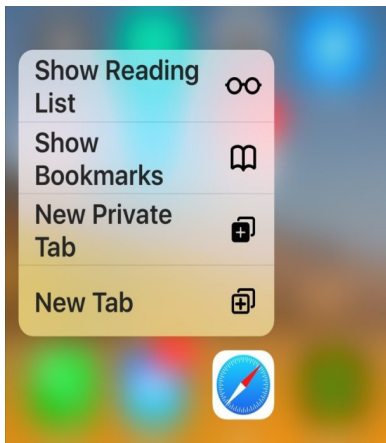
Get an Instant Link Preview, Nearly Anywhere

You can 3D touch any link on iOS to get a preview pane of the URL in question, without having to load the entire thing. This is particularly useful for scanning blankly referenced links that are sent to you in messages or emails to see if they're worth visiting or not, but the feature works nearly anywhere that links are visible and clickable.
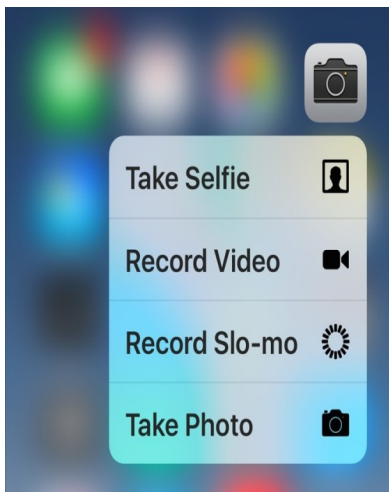
Jump to New Private Window in Safari

[Private browsing mode in Safari for iOS](#) is a great feature, but rather than open the app and then toggle into the privacy mode, you can use 3D Touch for quicker access. All you need to do is 3D Touch on the Safari icon and choose "New Private Tab", and away you go.

No cookies, history, caches, or other data is stored on the device when in privacy mode – perfect for when you're shopping for someone, reading spoilers to Game of Thrones, or just reading embarrassing content that you'd rather not someone else discover.
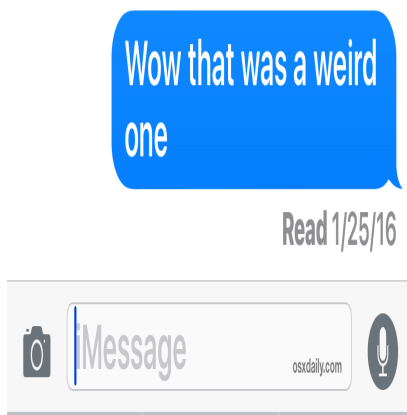
Quick Access to Selfies, Video Capture, and Slo-Mo

Most iPhone users have their Camera app open directly to the default photo camera, and though the app remembers the last camera option you used, it's pretty nice to be able to jump to the feature you want to access with 3D Touch. Just 3D Touch on the Camera icon and select what you want to do; take a selfie, record a regular video, [capture slow motion video](#), or, just take a picture as usual.
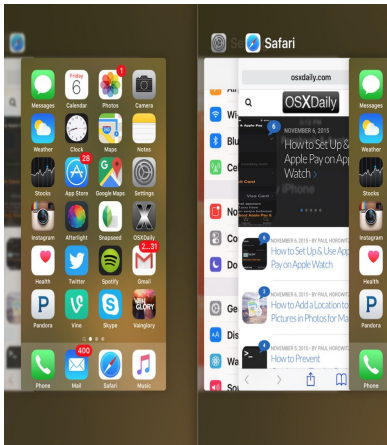
Scan a Message Without Sending a Read Receipt

Since iOS Messages app has yet to provide us with contact specific Read Receipts, one option to scan a message without sending one is to 3d touch the message to preview it, which will not send a "Read" indicator to the sender. This is really useful if you use the Read Receipts feature but don't necessarily want to engage in a conversation with someone.

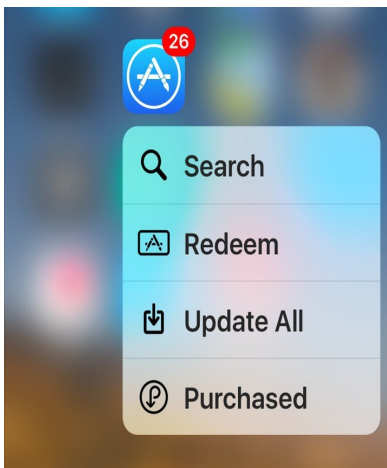## Access iOS Multitasking

Using a sort-of-challenging-to-master 3D Touch press on the far left side of iPhone display will gain quick 3D touch access to the multitasking app switcher in iOS. Whether this is faster than simply double-tapping the Home button is a matter of how well you can access this feature, but it is handy and feels reasonably intuitive once you get the hang of it.

Update All Apps, Redeem Gift Cards

Using 3D Touch on the App Store icon allows you quick access to the "Redeem" feature, where users can quickly scan a gift card to add it to their iTunes account. This is particularly great because accessing Redeem otherwise requires a bit of digging around in the App Store app. Another great 3D Touch trick on the App Store icon? The ability to quickly update all apps in iOS that have changes available.

Use the iPhone Screen as a Scale

Thanks to a simple web app, you can turn the iPhone into a scale that is able to weigh things in grams. Seriously! This isn't particularly useful for most people, unless you spend a lot of time in the kitchen or uh, elsewhere, but it's a neat demonstration of what the 3D Touch display can do, and how sensitive the display truly is.

Know of any other particularly handy uses of 3D Touch for iPhone? Share them with us, or just let us know your thoughts on the matter in the comments below.

Other information to look at:

[5 iPhone lens kits for under $100](#)

[How to use Maps for iPhone and iPad](#)

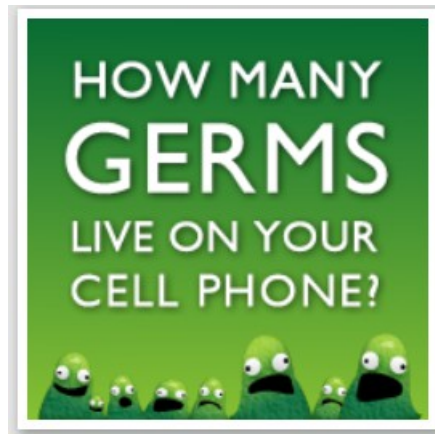[Apple Patent for invisible connector port](#)

[Fingerprint sensor button could be a thing of the past](#)

[How to disable LTE on your iPhone and why do it](#)

[How to enable Wi-Fi calling on the iPhone](#)

[iPhone or iPad won't turn on? Here's how to fix it. *CAUTION: only do this if you are experienced with the procedures.*](#)

[How to limit ad tracking on the iPhone and iPad](#)

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