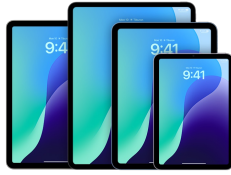# Welcome

iPad User Guide

Everything you need to know about iPad

Get started

Set up a few basic features before you start using your new iPad.

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Add a personal touch

Your iPad can reflect your style, interests, and display preferences. Customize the Lock Screen, add widgets to the Home Screen, adjust text size, and more.

[Make your iPad your own](#)

Stay connected

iPad makes it easy to reach the people important to you. Start conversations in Messages, make FaceTime calls—even watch movies and listen to music together.
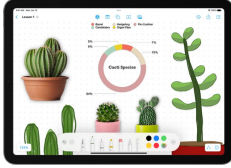
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Multitask with iPad

Learn how to work with multiple apps at the same time and switch between the apps you use the most.

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Boost your creativity

Discover new ways to express yourself with Apple Pencil.

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iPad models compatible with iPadOS 18

This guide helps you get started using iPad and discover all the amazing things it can do with iPadOS 18.3, which is compatible with the following models:

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[iPad mini (A17 Pro)](#)   [iPad (7th generation)](#)

[iPad (10th generation)](#)   [iPad (8th generation)](#)

[iPad XXX](#)   [iPad (9th generation)](#)

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[iPad Pro 11-inch (M4)](#)

[iPad Pro 12.9-inch (3rd generation)](#)

[iPad Pro 12.9-inch (4th generation)](#)

[iPad Pro 12.9-inch (5th generation)](#)

[iPad Pro 12.9-inch (6th generation)](#)

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Your features and apps may vary depending on your iPad model, region, language, and carrier. To find out which features are supported in your region, see the [iOS and iPadOS Feature Availability website](#).

Note: Apps and services that send or receive data over a cellular network, or that answer incoming calls, may incur additional fees. Contact your carrier for information about your service plan and fees.

Identify your iPad model and iPadOS version

Go to Settings ⚙ > General > About. See [Get information about your iPad](#).

To determine your iPad model from the physical details, see the Apple Support article [Identify your iPad model](#).

Get iPadOS updates

To update your iPad to the latest iPadOS software compatible with your model, go to Settings ⚙ > General > Software Update. See [Update iPadOS](#).

iPad mini (5th generation)

Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad mini (5th generation).

❶ Front camera

❷ Top button

❸ Volume buttons

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❺ Rear camera

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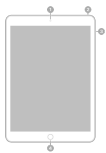
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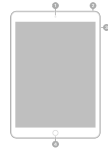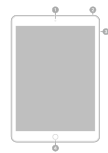
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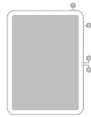
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	❶ Top button/Touch ID
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	❸ Front camera
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	❺ Rear camera
	❻ Microphone
	❼ Smart Connector
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	❸ Front camera
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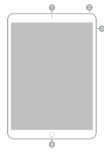
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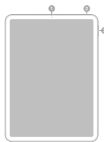
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iPad Air (4th generation)

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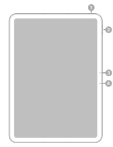
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	❷ Volume buttons
	❸ Front camera
	❹ Microphone

	❺ Rear camera
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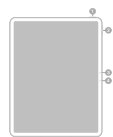
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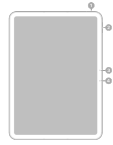
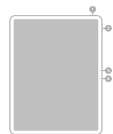❶ Top button/Touch ID

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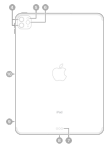- Turn on and set up iPad
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❶ Front camera

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❸ Volume buttons

❹ Rear camera

❺ Flash

❻ Smart Connector

❼ USB-C connector

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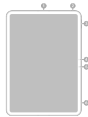
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iPad Pro 11-inch (3rd generation)

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1 Front camera

2 Top button

3 Volume buttons

4 Rear cameras

5 Flash

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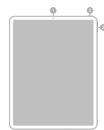
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❷ Top button	
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❹ Camera	
❺ Microphone	
❻ Microphone	

❼ LiDAR Scanner	
❽ Rear camera	
❾ Rear ambient light sensor	
❿ Flash	
⓫ Microphone	
⓬ Smart connector	
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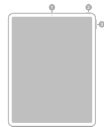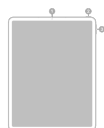
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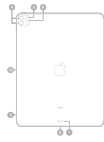
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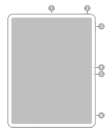
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Setup basics

Setup basics

iPad has an easy setup process to help you get going when you first turn on your device. Whether you're just getting started or want to make sure you have the basics set up, you're in the right place.
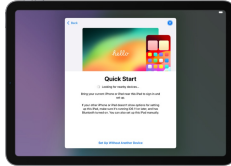
### Transfer your apps and info onto your new iPad

When you first turn on your iPad and begin the setup process, you can wirelessly transfer many of your apps, settings, and content from your previous iPad directly to your new iPad—just bring the two devices close together, then follow the onscreen instructions.
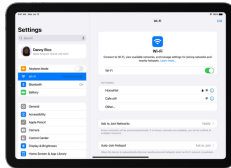
Connect to Wi-Fi and set up cellular service

To connect your iPad to your home Wi-Fi network, go to Settings ⚙ > Wi-Fi, turn on Wi-Fi, then choose your network. iPad automatically connects to your Wi-Fi network whenever you're home.

If you have a Wi-Fi + Cellular model, you can activate cellular service on your iPad using an eSIM (go to Settings ⚙ > Cellular Data). Or on supported iPad models, install a nano-SIM provided by your carrier.
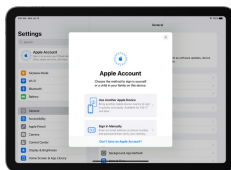
Sign in to your Apple Account

You use your Apple Account to access to Apple services such as the App Store, the iTunes Store, Apple Books, Apple Music, FaceTime, iCloud, iMessage, and more.

To sign in to your Apple Account, go to Settings ⚙ > Apple Account. If you have an iPhone (with iOS 17 or later) or another iPad (with iPadOS 17 or later), you can simply bring your iPad near your other device. Otherwise, you can manually sign in. To verify that you're signed in, go to Settings ⚙ > [*your name*]; your Apple Account appears below your name.
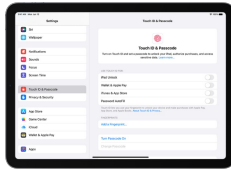
Set up Face ID or Touch ID

You can use Face ID (face recognition) or Touch ID (your fingerprint), to securely unlock your iPad, sign in to many apps, and make purchases. For your security, Face ID and Touch ID data doesn't leave your device and isn't saved anywhere else.

Depending on your iPad model, do one of the following:

- *Set up Face ID:* Go to Settings ⚙ > Face ID & Passcode, tap Set up Face ID, then follow the onscreen instructions.

- *Set up Touch ID:* Go to Settings ⚙ > Touch ID & Passcode, tap Add a Fingerprint, then follow the onscreen instructions.
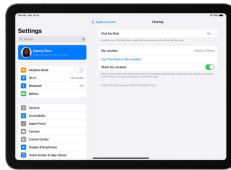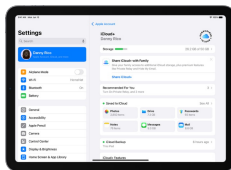

Turn on Find My iPad

You can locate your iPad if it's ever lost or stolen.

Go to Settings ⚙ > [*your name*] > Find My, tap Find My iPad, then turn on Find My iPad.

You can see the location of your devices in the Find My app ⊙. If you lose your iPad and don't have access to the Find My app, you can locate your device using Find Devices on iCloud.com.

Store your data in iCloud

iCloud helps you keep your important info safe and in sync across your devices. If you replace or lose your iPad, or it's damaged or stolen, your photos, videos, backups, and more remain secure in iCloud.

To turn on or change the features you want to use with iCloud, go to Settings ⚙ > [*your name*] > iCloud.

Want to learn more?

- [Turn on and set up](#)

- [Set up cellular service (Wi-Fi + Cellular models)](#)

- [Connect to the internet](#)

- [Set up Face ID](#)

- [Set up Touch ID](#)

- [Locate a device in Find My](#)

- [Use iCloud](#)

The availability of features may vary depending on your iPad model and country or region.

Make your iPad your own

Make your iPad your own

You can tailor your iPad to your own interests and preferences. Personalize your Lock Screen and Home Screen, keep certain features like brightness or text size handy, turn on accessibility features, adjust your privacy settings, and more.

Personalize your Lock Screen

You can showcase a favorite photo, add filters, and widgets, and even change the font of the date and time.

To get started, touch and hold the Lock Screen, then tap ⊕ at the bottom of the screen. Browse the gallery of options, then tap one to customize its appearance. When you've created a Lock Screen that you like, tap Add, then tap Set as Wallpaper Pair.

Add widgets to your Home Screen

Widgets help you easily see the information that's most important to you, like the current weather and upcoming calendar events.

To add a widget, touch and hold the wallpaper on any Home Screen page until the apps jiggle, then tap ⊕. Tap a widget, swipe right or left to view the different sizes, then tap Add Widget.

Set your favorite controls

Some iPad controls—like Silent mode and timer—are just a swipe away in Control Center. To quickly open Control Center, swipe down from the top-right corner.

To customize the controls, tap + at the top left of Control Center. You can add, resize, rearrange, and remove controls.
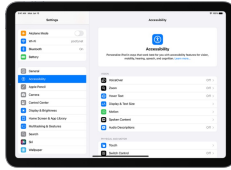
Use built-in accessibility features

iPad provides many accessibility features to support your vision, physical and motor, hearing, and learning needs. Change text appearance, make it easier to use the touchscreen, turn on subtitles and captioning, and more.

To customize these settings, go to Settings ⚙ > Accessibility.
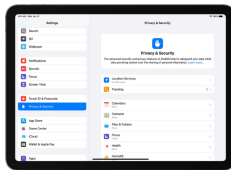
Check your privacy settings

iPad is designed to protect your data and your privacy. You can grant or deny apps permission to track your activity across other companies' apps and websites.

To deny requests from apps to track your activity, go to Settings ⚙ > Privacy & Security, tap Tracking, then turn off Allow Apps to Request to Track (green is on).

Want to learn more?

- Create a custom Lock Screen
- Add, edit, and remove widgets
- Use and customize Control Center
- Get started with accessibility features
- Control what you share

The availability of features may vary depending on your country or region.

Keep in touch with friends and family

Keep in touch with friends and family

iPad makes it easy to reach the people important to you—you can catch up with text messages or video calls, start a shared photo library, and even watch movies or listen to music together.
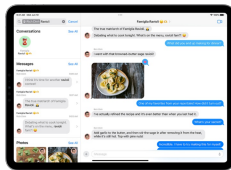
Start a group conversation

You can send messages to a group of people you want to talk to at the same time, like members of your family.

In the Messages app 🟢, tap ✐, type the names of the people you want to send a message to, then send the first message.

Participants in a group conversation can also collaborate on documents, share photos and videos, and even watch a movie or listen to music together.
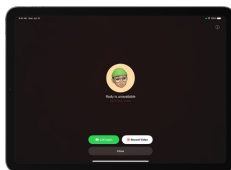

Make a video call

Use FaceTime to make video calls with your friends and family.

In the FaceTime app 🟢, tap New FaceTime near the top of the screen, type the name of the person you want to call, then tap ▢⬦.

You can add more people to a FaceTime call—friends and family can join in at any time. Tap the screen to show the controls, tap ⓘ at the top of the controls, then tap Add People.
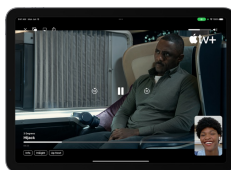

Leave a video message

When you can't reach someone in the FaceTime 🟢 app, you can record a video message to capture exactly what you want to say.

Tap Record Video, wait for the countdown (from 5 to 1), record your message, then tap ⬆ to send it.

When you receive a recorded message, tap Video to play the message.

Watch, play, and work together

With SharePlay in the FaceTime app ▣, you can watch videos, play games, and use apps during FaceTime calls.

To start SharePlay, open a supported app while on a FaceTime call, then tap Play to share with everyone.
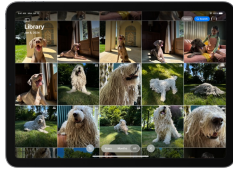
Start a shared photo library

You can use iCloud Shared Photo Library in the Photos app ❁ to share photos and videos with up to five other friends or family members. Everyone can add, edit, and caption photos and enjoy the shared photos in their memories, featured photos, and Photos widget.

To use iCloud Shared Photo Library, all members need to have iCloud Photos turned on; go to Settings ⚙ > [*your name*] > iCloud > Photos, then turn on Sync this iPad. Then tap Shared Library to get started.

Want to learn more?

- [Have a group conversation in Messages](#)

- [Make a Group FaceTime call](#)

- [Record a video message](#)

- [Share your screen in a FaceTime call](#)

- [Set up or join an iCloud Shared Photo Library in Photos](#)

The availability of features may vary depending on your iPad model, language, and country or region.

Customize your workspace

Customize your workspace

You can use iPad multitasking features to work with multiple apps at the same time, and quickly switch between them. On supported iPad models, you can also use Stage Manager to resize, overlap, and group the app windows on your screen.

Switch between apps on iPad

When you're working in one app, you can open another app without going back to the Home Screen by using the Dock. From your current app, swipe up from the bottom edge of the screen just far enough to reveal the Dock at the bottom of the screen, then tap the app you want to use.

To quickly switch between the apps you have open, swipe left or right along the bottom edge of the screen.

View two apps side-by-side

When you're working in one app, you can open a second app next to it on the screen. Tap ··· at the top of the screen, tap Split View, then when the Home Screen appears, tap the second app you want to open. The second app appears side-by-side with the first app.

To adjust the size of the two apps on the screen, touch and hold the app divider, then move it left or right.
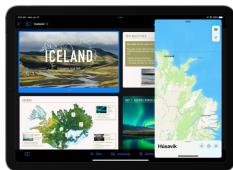
View one app over another app

When you're working in one app and want to open a second app, you can reduce the size of the first app window so that it floats over the second app. Tap ··· at the top of the screen, tap Slide Over, then when the Home Screen appears, tap a second app to open it. The second app appears in full screen and the first app floats on top of it.

To move the Slide Over window to the other side of the screen, drag ··· at the top of the window left or right.

See more with Stage Manager

On supported iPad models, you can use Stage Manager to view your open apps on the screen all at the same time and easily navigate between them.

To turn on Stage Manager, swipe down from the top-right corner to open Control Center, then tap ▯▢.

Want to learn more?

- Open apps

- Open two apps in Split View

- Switch an app window to a Slide Over window

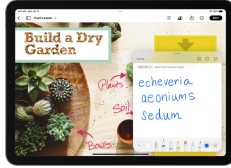- Move, resize, and organize windows with Stage Manager

Not all features are available for all iPad models.

Do more with Apple Pencil

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Apple Pencil unlocks a whole new iPad experience, letting you annotate, draw, mark up, and edit in the apps you use every day.


Write a quick note

With Quick Note, you can jot down ideas and add links, no matter what you're doing on your iPad. Swipe Apple Pencil from the bottom-right corner of iPad, tap the note, then start writing.

Gather ideas in Freeform

The Freeform app 🎨 provides a flexible canvas where you can see and share your ideas all in one place. You can diagram new projects, brainstorm your next big idea, or draw together with a friend over FaceTime. To create a board, tap 📝, then start drawing with Apple Pencil. Use tools like the watercolor brush, calligraphy pen, and highlighter to express your ideas on a board—the only limit is your imagination.
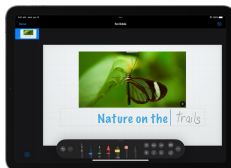
Turn handwriting into typed text

You can write with Apple Pencil in any text area, and your words automatically transform to typed text. Your handwriting is converted to text directly on your iPad, so your writing stays private. Go to Settings ⚙️ > Apple Pencil, then turn on Scribble.

Mark up a screenshot

Quickly take and mark up a screenshot so you can give clear feedback on a team project. To take a screenshot, swipe Apple Pencil from the bottom-left corner of iPad. Tap the thumbnail that momentarily appears in the corner of the screen, then use the drawing tools to add your thoughts. Tap ⬆ to share your feedback.

Want to learn more?

- Create Quick Notes

- Get started with Freeform

- Enter text with Scribble

- Take a screenshot

- Use Markup to add text, shapes, signatures, and more to documents

The availability of features may vary depending on your language and country or region.

Customize iPad for your child

Customize iPad for your child

You can set up your child's iPad with parental controls and kid-friendly features. Set downtime and app limits, guard your child's vision health, protect them from explicit photos, review and approve purchases, and more. You can even keep your child focused on a single app with Guided Access.
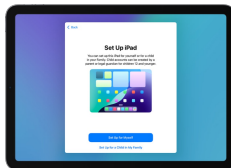
Set up an iPad for your child

With Family Sharing, you can set up a new iPad for your child and customize the parental controls. Just tap Set Up for a Child in My Family. If your child doesn't have their own Apple Account yet, you can create one.
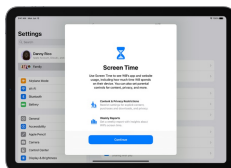
Set some boundaries with Screen Time

With Screen Time, you can set downtime and app limits on your child's iPad. Go to Settings ◉ > Family, tap your child's name, then tap Screen Time.

Help protect your child's vision health

To help reduce eye strain and the risk of myopia, Screen Distance reminds your child when iPad is held too close for an extended period of time (available on iPad Pro models with Face ID). Go to Settings ⊚ > Family, tap your child's name, tap Screen Time, then tap Screen Distance.
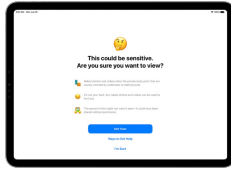
Protect your child from explicit photos and videos

iPad can detect nudity in photos and videos before they're sent or viewed in Messages ⊡, AirDrop, and other apps. Your child can get guidance and age-appropriate resources to help them make a safe choice. Go to Settings ⊚ > Family, tap your child's name, tap Screen Time, then tap Communication Safety.
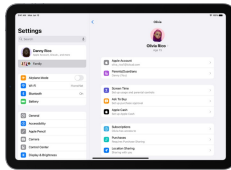
Set up Apple Cash (U.S. only)

You can set up Apple Cash for the kids in your Family Sharing group, so they can make purchases and send and receive money in Messages ⊡. You can even limit who your child can send money to, get notified when they make transactions, or lock their account. Go to Settings ⊚ > Family, tap your child's name, tap Apple Cash, then follow the onscreen instructions.
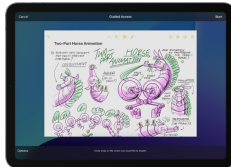
Keep your child focused

You can help your child avoid distractions and stay on task with Guided Access, which limits them to a single app—like Books or Notes. Go to Settings ⊚ > Accessibility, then scroll down and tap Guided Access to get set up.

Want to learn more?

- Set up a child's device
- Set up Screen Time for a family member
- Protect your vision health with Screen Distance
- Set communication limits and block apps and content
- Set up Apple Cash Family and Apple Card Family
- Lock iPad to one app

The availability of features may vary depending on your iPad model, language, and country or region.

What's new

What's new in iPadOS 18

Apple Intelligence.

(iPadOS 18.1) Apple Intelligence combines the power of generative models with an understanding of your personal context to deliver intelligence that's useful and relevant. Apple Intelligence can prioritize and summarize notifications, mail, and messages, let you interact with Siri in new and more natural ways, search your photo library when you describe what you want to find, draw from information on your iPad to simplify everyday tasks, and more. (iPadOS 18.2) Use Image Playground to create entirely new images based on original descriptions, suggested concepts, or even a person from your photo library. Make Genmoji using your iPad keyboard to enhance a conversation or match a friend in your photo library. In Notes, use the Image Wand to turn words or a rough sketches into illustrations. To get started, see Get started with Apple Intelligence.

Personalize your Home Screen.

Arrange apps and widgets on your Home Screen and change their size. Tint apps your favorite color, or have iPadOS suggest a color that complements your wallpaper. See Customize apps and widgets on the Home Screen.

Lock and hide apps.

Protect sensitive apps and the information inside them by locking or hiding them. When you lock an app on your Home Screen, you need to use Face ID, Touch ID, or your passcode to open it. Hide an app from your Home Screen in a hidden apps folder that's locked. Information stored in locked or hidden apps won't appear in other places on your iPad, such as notifications and search. See Lock or hide an app.


Control Center.

The redesigned Control Center features new groups of controls so you can quickly take actions on more features. The controls gallery displays all your options in one place, including controls from your favorite apps. You can also customize how controls are laid out, resize them, or build your own groups of controls. See Use and customize Control Center.


Notes.

Smart Script refines your natural handwriting as you write to make it straighter, smoother, and more legible; it also corrects your spelling and grammar inline as you write and can convert typed text into your handwriting. You can record live audio in a note and have the speech transcribed to text. Make text stand out with color, use collapsible headers in text-heavy sections, and solve mathematical equations instantly with Math Notes. See Work with handwritten text, Record and transcribe audio, Create and format notes, and Enter formulas and equations.
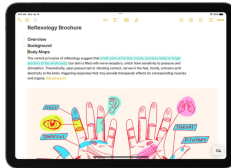

Calculator.

The new iPad Calculator app has basic and scientific calculators and introduces new tools like history and unit conversions. Type or write out math with Apple Pencil to evaluate expressions, assign variables, plot graphs, and more. See Use the basic calculator, Solve math with Math Notes, See previous calculations, and Convert units or currency.
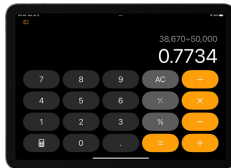
Photos.

The redesigned Photos app puts your photo library at your fingertips, so you spend less time searching and more time enjoying your memories. Your photos are organized by topics such as Recent Days, Trips, People & Pets, and more. Use Pinned Collections to quickly access the collections or albums most important to you. And you can customize the app to make Photos even more personal and useful. See Get started with Photos.
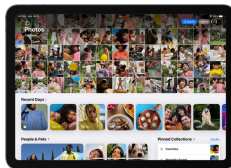
Messages.

Add text effects such as bold, italics, underline, and strikethrough to emphasize your messages, or apply animated effects to any letter, word, phrase, or emoji—many of which are automatically suggested as you type. React to messages in new ways by using any emoji or sticker as a Tapback reaction and schedule a message to send at a specified time. See Style and animate messages, React with Tapbacks, and Schedule a message to send later.
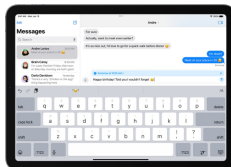
Safari.

Safari automatically detects relevant information on a page and highlights it as you browse. Highlights display helpful information like maps, translations, and links to learn more about what you're viewing. A redesigned reader view includes a table of contents and high-level summary to get the gist of an article before reading on. See See highlights and Hide distractions when reading.

Passwords.

A new app that safely stores all of your passwords, account credentials, and verification codes in one place. If you use AutoFill, the passwords you generate are automatically added to the Passwords app. See Find your password for a website or app and View your passwords and related information.
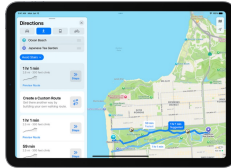

Maps.

View topographic maps with detailed trail networks and hikes, including all 63 U.S. national parks. Save hiking maps to your iPad to access them offline with turn-by-turn voice guidance. You can create custom walking and hiking routes with different route options, such as one way, out and back, or loop. See Get walking directions and Save walks or hikes.

FaceTime.

Help friends and family with their devices by tapping and drawing on your screen to point out what they should do on theirs. Or ask for permission to control their device remotely. See Share your screen in a FaceTime call and Request or give remote control in a FaceTime call.

Apple TV.

Use InSight to learn more about the actors and music as a show or movie is playing and Enhance Dialogue to help hear what's being said onscreen. See Get information about shows, characters, actors, and music and Change audio options during playback.

Home.

Give guests scheduled access to specific controls in your home such as garage openers, alarm systems, and door locks. See Invite guests to control accessories.

Privacy and Security.

Redesigned Privacy and Security settings help you manage how much information you share with apps, and you can decide specific contacts you want to share with an app instead of your entire contact list. See Control access to information in apps and Control access to contacts.
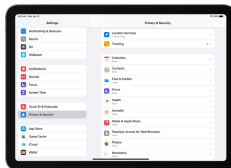
Accessibility.

Eye Tracking makes it possible for people to control iPad with just their eyes. Vocal Shortcuts helps people with severe atypical speech record sounds that trigger specific actions on iPad. See Control iPad with the movement of your eyes and Use Vocal Shortcuts.

Calendar.

A redesigned Month view makes it easier to get an overview of your month ahead. And you can create, view, edit, and complete reminders from the Reminders app right in Calendar. See Change how you view events and Use reminders in Calendar.

Freeform.

Scenes let you organize and present your board section by section. Send a copy of your board to anyone with just a link. An improved diagramming mode makes it easier to form connections on your canvas. See Navigate and present scenes, Send a copy or PDF, and Add diagrams.

Learn tricks for iPadOS 18.

The Tips app adds new suggestions regularly, so you can get the most from your iPad. See Tips.

Note: New features and apps may vary depending on your iPad model, region, language, and carrier.

Set up and get started

Turn on and set up iPad

You can turn on and set up your new iPad with an internet connection. You can also set up iPad by connecting it to your computer. If you have another iPhone, an iPad, or an Android device, you can transfer your data to your new iPad.

Note: If your iPad is deployed or managed by a company, school, or other organization, see an administrator or teacher for setup instructions. For general information, see the Apple at Work website or Education website.

Prepare for setup

To make setup as smooth as possible, have the following items available:

- An internet connection through a Wi-Fi network (you may need the name and password of the network) or cellular data service through a carrier (Wi-Fi + Cellular models)

- Your Apple Account and password; if you don't have an Apple Account, you can create one during setup

- Your credit or debit card account information, if you want to add a card to Apple Pay during setup

- Your previous iPad or a backup of your device, if you're transferring your data to your new device

  Tip: If you don't have sufficient storage space to back up your device, iCloud will provide enough storage to complete a temporary backup, free of charge, for up to three weeks from the purchase of your iPad. On your previous device, go to Settings > General > Transfer or Reset [*device*]. Tap Get Started, then follow the onscreen instructions.

- Your Android device, if you're transferring your Android content

Turn on and set up your iPad

1. Press and hold the top button until the Apple logo appears.

    If iPad doesn't turn on, you might need to charge the battery. For more help, see the Apple Support article If your iPad won't turn on or is frozen.

    Tip: If you're blind or have low vision, you can triple-click the Home button (on an iPad with a Home button) or triple-click the top button (on other iPad models) to turn on VoiceOver, the screen reader. You can also double-tap the screen with three fingers to turn on Zoom. See Get started with accessibility features.

2. Do one of the following:

    ○ *Use Quick Start:* If you have another iPhone or iPad with iOS 11, iPadOS 13, or later, you can use Quick Start to automatically set up your new device. Bring the two devices close together, then follow the onscreen instructions to securely copy many of your settings, preferences, and iCloud Keychain. You can then restore the rest of your data and content to your new device from your iCloud backup.

    Or, if both devices have iOS 12.4, iPadOS 13, or later, you can transfer all your data wirelessly from your previous device to your new one. Keep your devices near each other and plugged into power until the migration process is complete.

    ○ *Set Up Manually:* If you don't have another device, tap Set Up Without Another Device, then follow the onscreen setup instructions.

Move from an Android device to iPad

If you have an Android device, you can transfer your data with the Move to iOS app when you first set up your new iPad.

Note: If you already completed setup and want to use Move to iOS, you must erase your iPad and start over, or move your data manually. See the Apple Support article Move content manually from your Android device to your iPhone or iPad.

1. On your device with Android version 4.0 or later, see the Apple Support article Move from Android to iPhone or iPad and download the Move to iOS app.

2. On your iPad, do the following:

    ○ Follow the setup assistant.

    ○ On the Transfer Your Apps & Data screen, tap From Android.

3. On the Android device, do the following:

    ○ Turn on Wi-Fi.

    ○ Go to the Move to iOS app.

    ○ Follow the onscreen instructions.

WARNING: To avoid injury, read Important safety information before using iPad.

Wake, unlock, and lock iPad

iPad turns off the display to save power, locks for security, and goes to sleep when you're not using it. You can quickly wake and unlock iPad when you want to use it again.
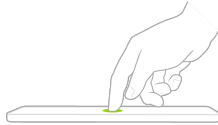
Wake iPad

To wake iPad, do one of the following:

- Press the top button.

- Tap the screen (supported models).

Unlock iPad with Face ID

If you have an iPad with Face ID, but you didn't turn on Face ID during setup, see Set up Face ID. Then follow these steps:

1. Tap the screen, then glance at your iPad.

   The lock icon animates from closed to open to indicate that iPad is unlocked.

2. Swipe up from the bottom of the screen.

To lock iPad again, press the top button. iPad locks automatically if you don't touch the screen for a minute or so. However, if Attention Aware Features is turned on in Settings ⚙ > Face ID & Passcode, iPad won't dim or lock as long as it detects attention.

Unlock iPad with Touch ID

If you have an iPad with Touch ID, but you didn't turn on Touch ID during setup, see Set up Touch ID. Then do one of the following:

- *On an iPad with a Home button:* Press the Home button using the finger you registered with Touch ID.

- *On iPad (10th generation and later), iPad mini (6th generation), iPad mini (A17 Pro), and iPad Air (4th generation and later):* Rest your finger on the top button (Touch ID) using the finger you registered with Touch ID.

To lock iPad again, press the top button. iPad locks automatically if you don't touch the screen for a minute or so.

Unlock iPad with a passcode

If you didn't create a passcode when you set up iPad, see Set a passcode. Then follow these steps:

1. Press the Home button (on an iPad with a Home button) or swipe up from the bottom of the Lock Screen (on other iPad models).

2. Enter your passcode.

Lock iPad

You can lock iPad and turn off the screen using the following methods:

- *Manually:* Press the top button.

- *Automatically:* iPad locks on its own if you don't interact with it for a certain amount of time. See Change when iPad automatically locks.

Set up cellular service on iPad (Wi-Fi + Cellular models)

If you have a Wi-Fi + Cellular model, you can sign up for a cellular data plan. This helps you stay connected to the internet when you're away from a Wi-Fi network.

The cellular connection requires a SIM and a wireless data plan from a carrier. iPad supports the following types of SIM:

- eSIM (on supported models; not available from all carriers or in all countries and regions)

- Physical SIM (on supported models; not available from all carriers or in all countries and regions)

Certain iPad models can connect to 5G networks. See the Apple Support article Use 5G with your iPad.

For information about managing cellular service using an Apple SIM, see the Apple Support article Set up cellular data service on your Wi-Fi + Cellular model iPad.

Set up eSIM

On models that support eSIM, you can activate the cellular service from your iPad. You may also be able to travel abroad with iPad and sign up for cellular service with a local carrier in the country or region you're visiting.

Note: eSIM isn't available in all countries and regions, and not all carriers are supported.

1. Go to Settings ◉ > Cellular Data.

2. Do one of the following:

   - *Set up the first cellular plan on your iPad:* Select a carrier, then follow the onscreen instructions.

   - *Add another cellular plan:* Tap Add a New Plan.

   - *Scan a QR code provided by a carrier:* Tap Other, then position iPad so that the QR code provided by your carrier appears in the frame, or enter the details manually. You may be asked to enter a confirmation code provided by your carrier.

3. To change or check the status of your plan, go to Settings > Cellular Data.

Alternatively, you can activate your cellular plan through your carrier's app (if supported). Go to the App Store, download your carrier's app, then use the app to purchase a cellular plan.

You can store more than one eSIM on your iPad, but you can use only one eSIM at a time. To switch to another eSIM, go to Settings > Cellular Data, then tap the plan you want to use (below SIMs).

Install a physical SIM

On models that support physical SIM, you can get a nano-SIM card from a carrier.

1. Insert a paper clip or SIM eject tool (not included) into the small hole of the SIM tray, then push in toward iPad to eject the tray.

   Note: The shape and orientation of the SIM tray depend on the iPad model and your country or region.

2. Remove the tray from iPad.

3. Place the SIM in the tray. The angled corner determines the correct orientation.

4. Insert the tray back into iPad.

5. If you previously set up a PIN on the SIM, carefully enter the PIN when prompted.

   WARNING: Never try to guess a SIM PIN. An incorrect guess can permanently lock your SIM, and you won't be able to use cellular data through your carrier until you get a new SIM. See the Apple Support article Use a SIM PIN for your iPhone or iPad.

Manage your cellular data service

1. Go to Settings ◉ > Cellular Data.

2. Do any of the following:

   - *Restrict all data to Wi-Fi:* Turn off Cellular Data.

   - *Turn on or off 5G, LTE, or roaming:* Tap Cellular Data Options.

   - *Turn on Personal Hotspot:* Tap Set Up Personal Hotspot (available from certain carriers), then follow the onscreen instructions.

   - *Manage your cellular account:* Tap Manage [*account name*] or Carrier Services.

For information about managing your cellular data usage, see View or change cellular data settings.

Important: When using cellular services through GSM networks, you need an eSIM or third-party SIM. When using cellular services through CDMA networks, you need a third-party SIM. Your iPad is subject to your wireless service provider's policies, which may include restrictions on switching service providers and roaming, even after the conclusion of any required minimum service contract. Contact your wireless service provider for more details. The availability of cellular capabilities depends on the wireless network, your iPad model, and your location.

Connect iPad to the internet

Connect your iPad to the internet by using an available Wi-Fi network. Wi-Fi + Cellular models can also connect to the internet by using a cellular network.
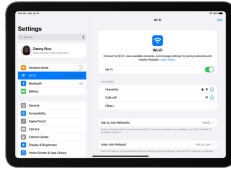
View available networks and connect to Wi-Fi

1. Go to Settings ◉ > Wi-Fi, then turn on Wi-Fi.

   iPad automatically joins known networks.

2. To join a new network, do one of the following:

   - *Join an available network:* Tap the name of the network. If asked, enter the password.

   - *Join a hidden network:* Tap Other, then enter the name of the network, security type, and password.

When iPad is connected to Wi-Fi, a blue checkmark appears next to the network name, and 🛜 appears at the top of the screen.

Share a Wi-Fi password

If your iPad is connected to a Wi-Fi network, you can share the Wi-Fi password with another nearby iPhone, iPad, or Mac.

1. Make sure your iPad is unlocked, connected to the Wi-Fi network, and signed in to your Apple Account.

2. Make sure of the following:

   - The person you're sharing the password with is signed in to their Apple Account on their device.

   - The person is in your contacts list in the Contacts app 🟤.

   - The other device is close to your iPad.

3. On the other device, choose the Wi-Fi network.

4. On your iPad, wait a few moments for the Wi-Fi Password notification to appear, then tap Share Password.

Join a Personal Hotspot

If an iPhone or iPad with cellular service is sharing a Personal Hotspot, you can use its cellular connection.

1. Go to Settings ◉ > Wi-Fi, then choose the name of the device sharing the Personal Hotspot.

2. If asked, enter the password. (On the device sharing the Personal Hotspot, the password is shown in Settings > Cellular > Personal Hotspot.)

Manage settings for Wi-Fi and hotspots

1. Go to Settings ◉ > Wi-Fi.

2. Do any of the following:

- *Change the settings for a Wi-Fi network:* Tap ⓘ.

- *Join a new Wi-Fi network:* Tap Ask to Join Networks, then choose Off, Notify, or Ask.

- *Join a personal hotspot when Wi-Fi isn't available:* Tap Auto-Join Hotspot, then choose Never, Ask to Join, or Automatic.

Connect to a cellular network if Wi-Fi isn't available (on iPad models with Cellular)

Your iPad automatically connects to your carrier's cellular data network if a Wi-Fi network isn't available. If iPad doesn't connect, check the following:

1. Verify that your SIM is activated and unlocked. See Set up cellular service.

2. Go to Settings ◉ > Cellular Data.

3. Verify that Cellular Data is turned on.

How iPad connects to the internet

iPad does the following, in order, until a connection is made:

- Tries to connect to the most recently used available Wi-Fi network

- Shows a list of Wi-Fi networks in range and connects to the one you choose

- Connects to your carrier's cellular data network (Wi-Fi + Cellular models)

  On an iPad that supports 5G, iPad may use your 5G cellular data instead of Wi-Fi. If so, you see Using 5G Cellular For Internet below the Wi-Fi network's name. To switch back to Wi-Fi, tap ⓘ next to the network name, then tap Use Wi-Fi for Internet. See the Apple Support article Use 5G with your iPad.

Note: If a Wi-Fi connection to the internet isn't available, apps and services may transfer data over your carrier's cellular network, which may result in additional fees. Contact your carrier for information about your cellular data plan rates. To manage cellular data usage, see View or change cellular data settings.

Apple Account and iCloud

Sign in and manage your Apple Account on iPad

Your Apple Account gives you access to Apple services such as the App Store, the iTunes Store, Apple Books, Apple Music, FaceTime, iCloud, iMessage, and more.

When you create a new Apple Account in China mainland or India, you can use your mobile phone number as your Apple Account user name. See the Apple Support article Create and manage an Apple Account using a phone number instead of an email address.

Sign in to your Apple Account

If you didn't sign in during setup, do the following:

1. Go to Settings ◉.

2. Tap Apple Account.

3. Tap one of the following:

- *Use Another Apple Device:* Bring your other iPhone or iPad (with iOS 17, iPadOS 17, or later) nearby, then follow the onscreen instructions.

- *Sign in Manually:* Enter your email address or phone number, then enter your password. If you don't have an Apple Account, you can create one.

4. If you protect your account with two-factor authentication, enter the six-digit verification code.

If you forgot your Apple Account password, see the Reset your password website.

Change your Apple Account settings

1. Go to Settings ◉ > [*your name*].

2. Do any of the following:

- Update your contact information.

- Change your password.

- Add or remove Account Recovery Contacts.

- Use iCloud.

- View and manage your subscriptions.

- Update your payment methods or billing address.

- Manage Family Sharing.

Add or update the payment method associated with your Apple Account

The payment information associated with your Apple Account is used for Apple media purchases and services.

1. Go to Settings ◉ > [*your name*].

2. Tap Payment & Shipping. You may need to authenticate with Face ID or Touch ID.

3. Tap Add Payment Method or tap an existing payment method.

See the Apple Support article If you need to change or update your Apple Account payment method.

Use iCloud on iPad

iCloud securely stores your photos, videos, documents, backups, and more—and keeps them updated across all your devices—automatically. With iCloud, you can also share photos, calendars, notes, folders, and files with friends and family. iCloud provides you with an email account and 5 GB of free storage for your data. For more storage and additional features, you can subscribe to iCloud+.

Note: Some iCloud features have minimum system requirements. The availability of iCloud and its features varies by country or region.

Set up iCloud

1. Go to Settings ⚙ > [*your name*].

   If you don't see your name, tap Apple Account, then sign in to your Apple Account.

2. Tap iCloud, tap See All, then turn on the apps and features you want to sync with iCloud.

   For example, turn on iCloud Drive to make your files in iCloud Drive available to your other devices.
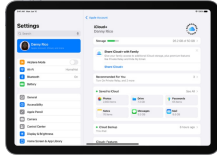
For information on how to customize iCloud features on your other devices, see Set up iCloud and change settings on all your devices in the iCloud User Guide.

Ways to use iCloud on iPad

iCloud can keep your iPad backed up automatically. See Back up iPad.

You can also keep the following information stored in iCloud and kept up to date across your iPad and other Apple devices:

- Photos and videos; see Use iCloud Photos

- Files and documents; see Set up iCloud Drive

- iCloud Mail

- Contacts, Calendars, Notes, and Reminders

- Data from compatible third-party apps and games

- Messages; see Set up Messages

- Passwords; see Use passwords

- Safari bookmarks and open tabs; see Bookmark a website and Open and close tabs

- News, Stocks, and Weather settings

- Home and Health data

- Voice memos

- Map favorites

You can also do the following:

- Share your photos and videos. See Create shared albums and Set up or join an iCloud Shared Photo Library.

- Use iCloud Drive to share folders and documents.

- Use Find My to locate a missing device and share locations with friends and family.

For additional storage and access to iCloud Private Relay, Hide My Email, and HomeKit Secure Video support, you can subscribe to iCloud+.

You can also access your iCloud data on iPad, Apple Watch, Mac, Apple Vision Pro, Apple TV, Windows devices, and iCloud.com. To learn more about the available features and how they work across all your devices, see the iCloud User Guide.

Subscribe to iCloud+ on iPad

iCloud+ gives you everything iCloud offers plus premium features including iCloud Private Relay, Hide My Email, HomeKit Secure Video support, and all the storage you need for your photos, files, and more.

You can subscribe to iCloud+ or to Apple One, which includes iCloud+ and other Apple services. See the Apple Support article Bundle Apple subscriptions with Apple One.

Note: Some iCloud+ features have minimum system requirements. The availability of iCloud+ and its features varies by country or region.

What's included with iCloud+

When you subscribe to iCloud+, you can do the following on iPad:

- Get 50 GB, 200 GB, 2 TB, 6 TB, or 12 TB (depending on your plan) of storage for photos, files, backups, and more.

- Create unique, random email addresses that forward to your personal inbox with Hide My Email. See Use Hide My Email in Safari and Use Hide My Email in Mail.

- Browse the web in an even more secure and private way with iCloud Private Relay. See Protect your web browsing.

- Set up home security cameras with HomeKit Secure Video so you can view your footage from anywhere while keeping it private and secure. See Set up security cameras.

- Use a custom email domain to personalize iCloud Mail. See Set up a custom email domain.

To learn more about iCloud+ features and how they work across all your devices, see the iCloud User Guide.

Upgrade, change, or cancel your iCloud+ subscription

1. Go to Settings ◎ > [*your name*] > iCloud.

2. Tap Manage Account Storage, tap Change Storage Plan, select an option, then follow the onscreen instructions.

Note: If you cancel your iCloud+ subscription, you lose access to the additional iCloud storage and iCloud+ features.

Share iCloud+

You can use Family Sharing to share iCloud+ with up to five other family members. When your family members accept your invitation to share iCloud+, they have instant access to the additional storage and features.

Note: To stop sharing iCloud+ with a family group, you can cancel the subscription, leave the family group, or leave or turn off Family Sharing. See Add a member to a Family Sharing group.

For information about combining your Apple subscriptions, see the Apple Support article Bundle Apple subscriptions with Apple One.

Find settings on iPad

In the Settings app 🔘, you can search for iPad settings you want to change, such as your passcode, notification sounds, and more.

1. Tap Settings on the Home Screen (or in App Library).

2. Swipe down on the sidebar to reveal the search field, tap the search field (at the top left), enter a term—"volume," for example—then tap a setting on the left side of the screen.

Tip: You can also search for settings from the Home Screen or Lock Screen.

Set up mail, contacts, and calendar accounts on iPad

In addition to the apps that come with iPad and that you use with iCloud, iPad works with Microsoft Exchange and many of the most popular internet-based mail, contacts, and calendar services. You can set up accounts for these services.

Set up a mail account

1. Go to Settings 🔘 > Apps > Mail.

2. Tap Accounts > Add Account.

3. Do one of the following:

   - Tap a service—for example, iCloud or Microsoft Exchange—then enter your account information.

   - Tap Other, tap Add Mail Account, then enter your account information.

See Add and remove email accounts.

Set up a contacts account

1. Go to Settings 🔘 > Apps > Contacts.

2. Tap Accounts > Add Account.

3. Do one of the following:

   - Tap a service—for example, iCloud or Microsoft Exchange—then enter your account information.

   - Tap Other, tap Add LDAP Account or Add CardDAV Account (if your organization supports it), then enter the server and account information.

See Add or remove accounts in Contacts.

Set up a calendar account

1. Go to Settings ◉ > Apps > Calendar.

2. Tap Accounts > Add Account.

3. Do one of the following:

   - *Choose a service:* Tap a service—for example, iCloud or Microsoft Exchange—then enter your account information.

   - *Add a calendar account:* Tap Other, tap Add CalDAV Account, then enter your server and account information.

   - *Subscribe to iCal (.ics) calendars:* Tap Other, tap Add Subscribed Calendar, then enter the URL of the .ics file to subscribe to; or import an .ics file from Mail.

See Set up multiple calendars.

For information about setting up a Microsoft Exchange account in a corporate environment, see the Apple Support article Set up Exchange ActiveSync on your iPhone or iPad.

If you turn on iCloud Keychain on your iPad, your accounts stay up to date on all your devices that have iCloud Keychain turned on. See Use to iCloud Keychain to keep passwords, accounts, and more up to date with iCloud in the iCloud User Guide.

Learn the meaning of the iPad status icons

The icons in the status bar at the top of the screen provide information aboutiPad.

Note: If you turn on a Focus, its icon appears in the status bar.

Status icon	What it means
📶	**Wi-Fi.** iPad has a Wi-Fi internet connection. The more bars, the stronger the connection. See View available networks and connect to Wi-Fi.
📶	**Cell signal.** iPad (Wi-Fi + Cellular models) is in range of the cellular network. If there's no signal, "No service" appears.
✈	**Airplane Mode.** Airplane Mode is on. Nonwireless features are available, but wireless functions may be disabled. See Choose settings for travel.
5G	**5G.** Your carrier's 5G network is available, and supported models can connect to the internet over that network (not available in all countries or regions). See the Apple Support article Use 5G with your iPad.

Status icon	What it means
5G$_{\text{UC}}$	**5G UC.** Your carrier's 5G UC network is available, which can include your carrier's higher frequency version of 5G. Supported models can connect to the internet over that network (not available in all countries or regions). See the Apple Support article Use 5G with your iPad.
5G+	**5G+.** Your carrier's 5G+ network is available, which can include your carrier's higher frequency version of 5G. Supported models can connect to the internet over that network (not available in all countries or regions). See the Apple Support article Use 5G with your iPad.
5G$_{\text{UW}}$	**5G UW.** Your carrier's 5G UW network is available, which can include your carrier's higher frequency version of 5G. Supported models can connect to the internet over that network (not available in all countries or regions). See the Apple Support article Use 5G with your iPad.
5G E	**5G E.** Your carrier's 5G E network is available, and supported models can connect to the internet over that network (not available in all countries or regions). See View or change cellular data settings.
LTE	**LTE.** iPad (Wi-Fi + Cellular models) is connected to the internet over a 4G LTE network (not available in all countries or regions). See View or change cellular data settings.
4G	**4G.** iPad (Wi-Fi + Cellular models) is connected to the internet over a 4G network (not available in all countries or regions). See View or change cellular data settings.
3G	**3G.** iPad (Wi-Fi + Cellular models) is connected to the internet over a 3G network. See View or change cellular data settings.
EDGE	**EDGE.** iPad (Wi-Fi + Cellular models) is connected to the internet over an EDGE network. See View or change cellular data settings.

Status icon	What it means
GPRS	**GPRS.** iPad (Wi-Fi + Cellular models) is connected to the internet over a GPRS network. See View or change cellular data settings.
🔗	**Personal Hotspot connection.** iPad is connected to the internet through the Personal Hotspot of another device. See Join a Personal Hotspot.
VPN	**VPN.** iPad is connected to a network using VPN.
🧭	**Navigation.** iPad is providing turn-by-turn directions. See Get driving directions.
🔗	**Personal Hotspot.** iPad is providing a Personal Hotspot. See Share your internet connection with Personal Hotspot.
📞	**Phone call.** iPad is on a phone call. See Allow phone calls and text messages on your iPad.
📹	**FaceTime.** iPad is on a FaceTime call. See Make FaceTime calls.
⏺	**Screen recording.** iPad is recording your screen. See Take a screen recording.
🟢	**Camera in use.** An app is using your camera. See Control which apps have access to the camera and microphone on your iPad.
🟠	**Microphone in use.** An app is using your microphone. See Control which apps have access to the camera and microphone on your iPad.
🔄	**Syncing.** iPad is syncing with your computer. See Sync supported content.
🌟	**Network activity.** There is network or other activity. Some third-party apps use this icon to show app activity. See Connect to the internet
🔒	**Lock.** iPad is locked. See Wake, unlock, and lock.
🌙	**Do Not Disturb.** Do Not Disturb is turned on. See Turn on or schedule a Focus.
🔄	**Orientation lock.** Screen orientation is locked. See Change or lock the screen orientation.

Status icon	What it means
➤	**Location services.** An app is using Location Services. See Control which apps can use the location of your iPad.
⏰	**Alarm.** An alarm is set. See Set an alarm.
🎧	**Headphones connected.** iPad is paired with Bluetooth® headphones that are turned on and within Bluetooth range. See Set up and listen to Bluetooth headphones.
🔋	**Battery.** Shows the iPad battery level. When the icon is yellow, Low Power Mode is on. See Show the battery percentage.
🔋	**Battery charging.** The iPad battery is charging. See Charge the battery.
🔋	**Bluetooth battery.** Shows the battery level of a supported paired Bluetooth device. See Connect to Bluetooth accessories.
📺	**AirPlay.** AirPlay is on. See Stream videos and photos.
🔵	**Voice Control.** Voice Control is turned on in Settings > Accessibility, and you can use your voice to interact with iPad.
☎	**RTT.** RTT is turned on. See Set up and use RTT.

Charge and monitor the battery

Charge the iPad battery

iPad has an internal, lithium-ion rechargeable battery. Lithium-ion technology currently provides the best performance for your device. Compared with traditional battery technology, lithium-ion batteries are lighter, charge faster, last longer, and have a higher power density for more battery life.

To understand how your battery works so you can get the most out of it, see the Apple Lithium-ion Batteries website.
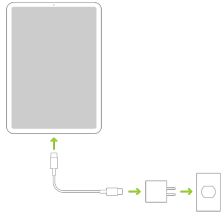
About charging the battery

The battery icon in the top-right corner of the status bar shows the battery level or charging status. When you're syncing or using iPad, it may take longer to charge the battery.

If iPad is very low on power, it may display an image of a nearly depleted battery, indicating that it needs to charge for up to 10 minutes before you can use it. If iPad is extremely low on power when you begin to charge it, the display may be blank for up to 2 minutes before the low-battery image appears. See the Apple Support article If your iPad won't charge.

## Charge the battery

To charge your iPad battery, do one of the following:

- Connect iPad to a power outlet using the included cable and power adapter. See Power adapter and charge cable.

- Connect iPad and your computer with a cable.

  Make sure your computer is turned on—if iPad is connected to a computer that's turned off, the battery may drain instead of charge. Look for ⚡ on the battery icon to make sure iPad is charging.

  If your Mac or Windows device doesn't provide enough power to charge iPad, a Not Charging message appears in the status bar.

  Note: Don't try to charge your iPad by connecting it to your keyboard, unless your keyboard has a high-power USB port.

Connecting iPad to a power outlet can start an iCloud backup or wireless computer syncing. See Back up iPad and Sync supported content.

WARNING: If you suspect there may be liquid in the charging port of iPad, don't plug the charging cable into it. For information about exposure to liquid, and other important safety information about the battery and charging iPad, see Important safety information.

Battery life and charge cycles vary with use and settings. The iPad battery should be serviced or recycled by Apple or an Apple Authorized Service Provider. See the Battery Service and Recycling website.

To understand how your battery works so you can get the most out of it, see the Apple Lithium-ion Batteries website.

Show the iPad battery percentage

You can view how much charge remains in your iPad battery in the status bar. You can also add a widget to the Home Screen to monitor the battery levels of your iPad and connected accessories (including AirPods, Apple Pencil, and more).

See the iPad battery percentage in the status bar

Go to Settings ⚙ > Battery, then turn on Battery Percentage.

Add a Batteries widget to your Home Screen

See Add a widget to your Home Screen and Create a custom Lock Screen.

To understand how your battery works so you can get the most out of it, see the Apple Lithium-ion Batteries website.

Check iPad battery usage

To learn how your iPad usage affects the battery level, go to Settings ⚙ > Battery.

Information about your battery usage and activity appears for the last 24 hours and up to the last 10 days.

- *Insights and suggestions:* You might see insights about conditions or usage patterns that cause iPad to consume energy. You might also see suggestions for lowering energy consumption. If a suggestion appears, you can tap it to go to the corresponding setting.

- *Last Charged:* Indicates how fully the battery was last charged and the time it was disconnected.

- *Battery Level graph (in Last 24 Hours):* Shows the battery level, charging intervals, and periods when iPad was in Low Power Mode or the battery was critically low.

- *Battery Usage graph (in Last 10 Days):* Shows the percentage of battery used each day.

- *Activity graph:* Shows activity over time, split by whether the screen was on or off.

- *Screen On and Screen Off:* Shows total activity for the selected time interval, for when the screen was on and when it was off. The Last 10 Days view shows the average per day.

- *Battery Usage by App:* Shows the proportion of the battery used by each app in the selected time interval.

- *Activity by App:* Shows the amount of time each app was used in the selected time interval.

Note: To see battery information for a specific hour or day, tap that time interval in the graph. To deselect it, tap outside the graph.

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To understand how your battery works so you can get the most out of it, see the Apple Lithium-ion Batteries website.

Use Low Power Mode to save battery life on iPad

Low Power Mode reduces the amount of power that your iPad uses when the battery gets low. It optimizes performance for essential tasks like making and receiving calls, sending and receiving email and messages, accessing the internet, and more. On iPad models with ProMotion display technology, Low Power Mode limits the display refresh rate to 60 frames per second.

Note: iPad might perform some tasks more slowly when in Low Power Mode.

Turn Low Power Mode on or off

Do any of the following:

- *In Settings:* Go to Settings ⚙ > Battery.

- *In Control Center:* Open Control Center, then tap ▭.

   (If you don't see ▭, add it to Control Center.)

Low Power Mode automatically turns off when iPad charges to 80 percent or higher.

Read and bookmark the iPad User Guide

When you view the iPad User Guide in the Safari app, you can change the language and country or region, add a bookmark, or save it as a shortcut on the Home Screen. You can also view the guide in the Tips app.

View and bookmark the iPad User Guide in Safari

1. Go to the Safari app ⬤ on your iPad.

2. Go to https://support.apple.com/guide/ipad.

3. To view the user guide in a different language, scroll down to the bottom of the page, tap the country or region link (United States, for example), then choose a country or region.

4. For quick access, tap ⬆, then choose any of the following:

   - *Add to Home Screen:* The shortcut appears as a new icon on the Home Screen.

   - *Add Bookmark:* The bookmark appears when you tap ▭, then tap Bookmarks in Safari.

View the iPad User Guide in Tips

1. Go to the Tips app ⬤ on your iPad.

2. Tap ▭ or ‹ until you see the Tips collections, then tap iPad (below User Guides).

Basics

Learn gestures for iPad

Learn basic gestures to interact with iPad

Control iPad and its apps using a few simple gestures—tap, touch and hold, swipe, scroll, and zoom.

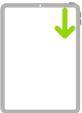| Symbol	Gesture
⬤	**Tap.** Briefly touch an item on the screen with one finger. For example, to open an app, tap its icon on the Home Screen.

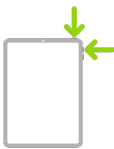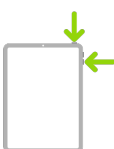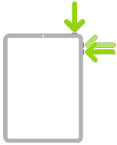| Symbol	Gesture
	Touch and hold. Press an item on the screen until something happens. For example, if you touch and hold the wallpaper of the Home Screen, the app icons begin to jiggle.
	Swipe. Move one finger across the screen quickly. For example, swipe left on the Home Screen to see more apps.
	Scroll. Move one finger across the screen without lifting. For example, in Photos, you can drag a list up or down to see more. Swipe to scroll quickly; touch the screen to stop scrolling.
	Zoom. Place two fingers on the screen near each other. Spread them apart to zoom in, or move them toward each other to zoom out. You can also double-tap a photo or webpage to zoom in, and double-tap again to zoom out. In Maps, double-tap and hold, then drag up to zoom in or drag down to zoom out.

If you're using Magic Trackpad or Magic Mouse, see Trackpad gestures or Mouse actions and gestures for gestures that work on your trackpad or mouse.

Learn advanced gestures to interact with iPad

Here's a handy reference to the gestures you use on all iPad models to go to the Home Screen, switch between recent apps, access controls, and more. A few gestures are done differently on an iPad with a Home button, as described in the table below.

Gesture	Description
	Go Home. Swipe up from the bottom edge of the screen to return to the Home Screen at any time. See Open apps.
	Quickly access controls. Swipe down from the top-right corner to open Control Center; touch and hold a control to reveal more options. To add or remove controls, go to Settings ⚙ > Control Center. See Use and customize Control Center.

Gesture	Description
	Open the App Switcher. Swipe up from the bottom edge, pause in the center of the screen, then lift your finger. To browse the open apps, swipe right, then tap the app you want to use. See Switch between apps.
	Switch between open apps. Swipe left or right along the bottom edge of the screen to quickly switch between open apps. (On an iPad with a Home button, swipe with a slight arc.) See Switch between apps.
	Open the Dock within an app. Swipe up from the bottom edge of the screen and pause to reveal the Dock. To quickly open another app, tap it in the Dock. See Open an app from the Dock.
	Use Siri. Just say "Siri" or "Hey Siri." Or press and hold the top button while you make your request. (On an iPad with a Home button, press and hold the Home button while you make a request.) Then release the button. See Use Siri.
	Use Accessibility Shortcut. Triple-click the top button. (On an iPad with a Home button, triple-click the Home button.) See Quickly turn accessibility features on or off.
	Take a screenshot. Simultaneously press and quickly release the top button and either volume button. (On an iPad with a Home button, simultaneously press and quickly release the top button and the Home button.) See Take a screenshot.
	Turn off. Simultaneously press and hold the top button and either volume button until the sliders appear, then drag the top slider to power off. (On an iPad with a Home button, press and hold the top button until the sliders appear.) Or go to Settings ⚙ > General > Shut Down. See Turn iPad on or off (models with the Home button).

Gesture	Description
	Force restart. Press and quickly release the volume button nearest the top button, press and quickly release the other volume button, then press and hold the top button until the Apple logo appears. On iPad mini (6th generation) and iPad mini (A17 Pro), the volume buttons are at the top left. See Force restart iPad.

If you're using Magic Trackpad or Magic Mouse, see use trackpad gestures for iPad or Mouse actions and gestures for gestures that work on your trackpad or mouse.

Adjust the volume on iPad

Adjust the volume of media, alerts, and sound effects using the volume buttons, Siri, or Control Center.

Use the volume buttons or Siri to adjust the volume

Use the volume buttons on iPad to adjust the volume of alerts, sound effects. songs and other media. (The volume buttons are either on the side or the top of your device, depending on your model.)

You can also use Siri to turn the volume up or down.

Say something like: "Turn up the volume" or "Turn down the volume." Learn how to use Siri.

You can use Control Center to silence audio alerts and notifications.

WARNING: For important information about avoiding hearing loss, see Important safety information.

Note: Do Not Disturb doesn't mute the audio from music, podcasts, movies, and TV shows.

Lock the ringer and alert volumes

Go to Settings ◉ > Sounds, then turn off Change with Buttons.

Adjust the volume in Control Center

When iPad is locked or when you're using an app, you can adjust the volume in Control Center.

Open Control Center, then drag 🔊.

Reduce loud headphone sounds

1. Go to Settings ◉ > Sounds > Headphone Safety.

2. Turn on Reduce Loud Audio.

Note: If you set up Screen Time for a family member, you can prevent them from changing the Reduce Loud Audio level. Go to Settings > Screen Time > Content & Privacy Restrictions, turn on Content & Privacy Restrictions, tap Reduce Loud Audio, then select Don't Allow.

Limit the speaker volume

With iPadOS 18.2 or later, you can limit the maximum volume of sound that plays through your iPad's built-in speaker (or later).

1. Go to Settings ⚙ > Sounds > Volume Limit.

2. Turn on Limit Maximum Volume, then drag the slider to specify the maximum volume.

Note: If you set up Screen Time for a family member, you can prevent them from changing the Speaker Volume Limit level. Go to Settings > Screen Time > Content & Privacy Restrictions, turn on Content & Privacy Restrictions, tap Speaker Volume Limit, then select Don't Allow.

Mute the sound

Do one of the following:

- Press and hold the Volume Down button.

- Open Control Center, then tap 🔔 to turn on Silent mode. Tap it again to turn it off.

Turn on Do Not Disturb

You can temporarily silence calls, alerts, and notifications by turning on Do Not Disturb.

1. Open Control Center.

2. Tap Focus, then tap Do Not Disturb.

   When Do Not Disturb is turned on, you won't hear ringtones or text tones for incoming calls, texts, or notifications. Also 🌙 appears in the status bar at the top of the screen.

See Turn on or schedule a Focus.

On iPad, there are several ways to protect your hearing from loud volume while listening to headphone audio. See Use headphone audio-level features.

Turn the iPad flashlight on or off

On supported models, you can use the built-in flashlight to light your way or get a better view of something.

Use Siri to turn the flashlight on or off

You can use Siri to turn the flashlight on or off.

For example, say something like "Siri, turn on the flashlight" or "Siri, turn off the flashlight."

Use Control Center to turn the flashlight on or off

1. Open Control Center.

2. Tap ⚲ to turn the flashlight on; tap it again to turn it off.

   Note: If you don't see ⚲ in Control Center (on a supported model), you can add it. See Customize controls.

Change the brightness of the flashlight

1. Open Control Center.

2. Touch and hold ⚲ in Control Center, then slide your finger up or down on the control to adjust the brightness.
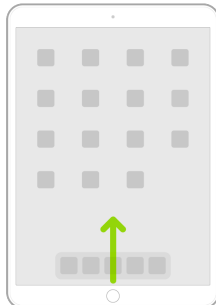
Use your apps

Open apps on iPad

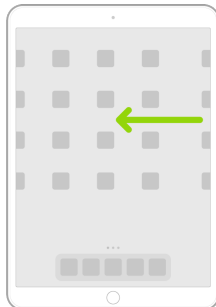You can quickly open apps from one of your Home Screen pages (like the one shown below).

1. To go to the Home Screen, swipe up from the bottom edge of the screen.

2. Swipe left or right to browse apps on other Home Screen pages.

3. To open an app, tap it.

4. To return to the first Home Screen page, swipe up from the bottom edge of the screen.

Find and use your apps in App Library on iPad

App Library shows your apps organized into categories, such as Productivity & Finance, Creativity, and Information & Reading. The apps you use most are near the top of the screen and at the top level of their categories, so you can easily locate and open them.

Note: The apps in App Library are organized in categories intelligently, based on how you use your apps. You can add apps in App Library to the Home Screen, but you can't move them to another category in App Library.

Find and open an app in App Library

1. Go to the Home Screen, then swipe left past all your Home Screen pages to get to App Library.

   You can also open App Library quickly by tapping ⬛, the rightmost button in the Dock at the bottom of the screen.

2. Tap the search field at the top of the screen, then enter the name of the app you're looking for.

   Or scroll to browse the alphabetical list.

3. To open an app, tap it.

If a category in App Library has a few small app icons, you can tap them to expand the category and see all the apps in it.

Hide and show Home Screen pages

Because you can find all of your apps in App Library, you might not need as many Home Screen pages for apps. You can hide some Home Screen pages, which brings App Library closer to your first Home Screen page. (When you want to see the hidden pages again, you can show them.)

1. Go to the Home Screen, then touch and hold the Home Screen wallpaper until the app icons begin to jiggle.

2. Tap the dots at the bottom of the screen.

   Thumbnail images of your Home Screen pages appear with checkmarks below them.

3. To hide pages, tap to remove the checkmarks.

   To show hidden pages, tap to add the checkmarks.

4. Tap Done.

With the extra Home Screen pages hidden, you can go from the first page of the Home Screen to App Library (and back) with only one or two swipes.

Note: When Home Screen pages are hidden, new apps you download from the App Store may be added to App Library instead of the Home Screen.

Reorder Home Screen pages

If you have multiple Home Screen pages, you can change their order. For example, you can gather together your favorite apps on one Home Screen page, and then make that your first Home Screen page.