

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.

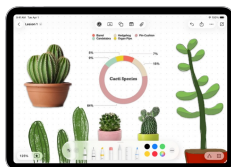
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Multitask with iPad

Learn how to work with multiple apps and windows.

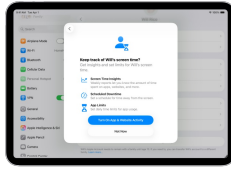
[Streamline your workflow on iPad](#)



Boost your creativity

Discover new ways to express yourself with Apple Pencil.

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Set up features for kids

When you decide your child is ready for their own iPad, you can create an Apple Account for them, add them to Family Sharing, guide their usage with parental controls, and set up other kid-friendly features.

[Customize iPad for your child](#)

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Introducing iPad

iPad models

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This guide helps you get started using iPad and discover all the amazing things it can do with iPadOS 26, which is compatible with the following models:



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iPad Air (5th generation)

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iPad Pro 12.9-inch (6th generation)

iPad Pro 13-inch (M4)

iPad YY



iPad mini (5th generation)

iPad (8th generation)

iPad (9th generation)

iPad Air (3rd generation)

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).



- ① Front camera
- ② Top button
- ③ Volume buttons
- ④ Home button/Touch ID



- ⑤ Rear camera
- ⑥ Headphone jack
- ⑦ Lightning connector
- ⑧ SIM tray (Wi-Fi + Cellular)

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iPad mini (6th generation)

Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad mini (6th generation).



- ① Volume buttons
- ② Front camera
- ③ Top button/Touch ID



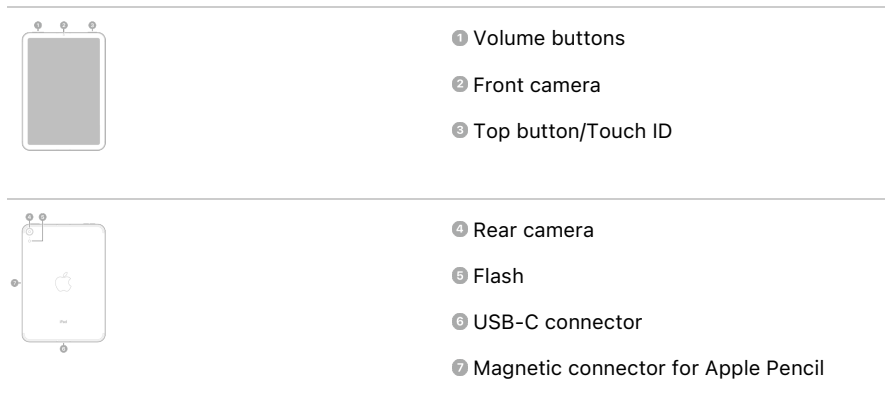
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iPad mini (A17 Pro)

Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad mini (A17 Pro).

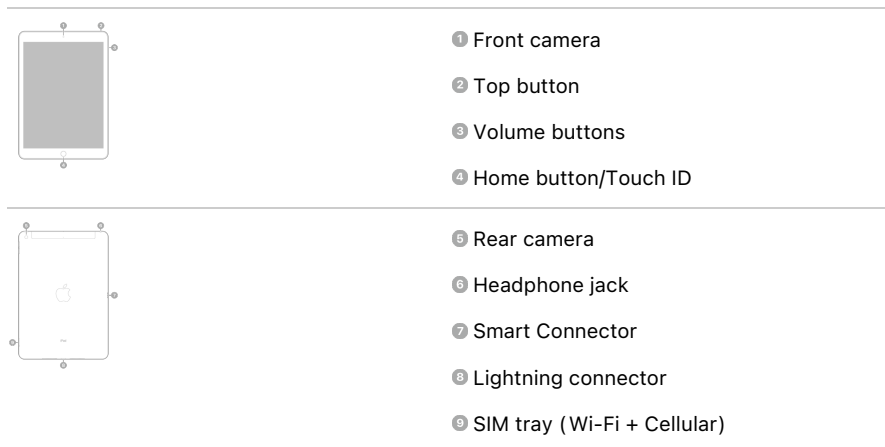


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iPad (8th generation)

Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad (8th generation).



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iPad (9th generation)

Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad (9th generation).



- ① Front camera
- ② Top button
- ③ Volume buttons
- ④ Home button/Touch ID



- ⑤ Rear camera
- ⑥ Headphone jack
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iPad (10th generation)

Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad (10th generation).



- ① Top button/Touch ID
- ② Volume buttons
- ③ Front camera
- ④ Microphone



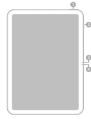
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iPad (A16)

Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad (A16).



- 1 Top button/Touch ID
- 2 Volume buttons
- 3 Front camera
- 4 Microphone



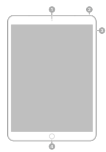
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iPad Air (3rd generation)

Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad Air (3rd generation).



- 1 Front camera
- 2 Top button
- 3 Volume buttons
- 4 Home button/Touch ID



- 5 Rear camera
- 6 Headphone jack
- 7 Smart Connector
- 8 Lightning connector
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iPad Air (4th generation)

Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad Air (4th generation).



- 1 Front camera
- 2 Top button/Touch ID
- 3 Volume buttons



- 4 Rear camera
- 5 Smart Connector
- 6 USB-C connector
- 7 SIM tray (Wi-Fi + Cellular)
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iPad Air (5th generation)

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



- 1 Front camera
- 2 Top button/Touch ID
- 3 Volume buttons



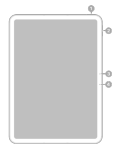
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iPad Air 11-inch (M2)

Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad Air 11-inch (M2).



- 1 Top button/Touch ID
- 2 Volume buttons
- 3 Front camera
- 4 Microphone



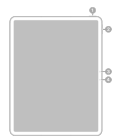
- 5 Rear camera
- 6 Rear microphone
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iPad Air 13-inch (M2)

Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad Air 13-inch (M2).



- 1 Top button/Touch ID
- 2 Volume buttons
- 3 Front camera
- 4 Microphone



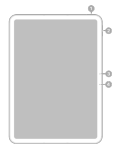
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iPad Air 11-inch (M3)

Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad Air 11-inch (M3).



- 1 Top button/Touch ID
- 2 Volume buttons
- 3 Front camera
- 4 Microphone



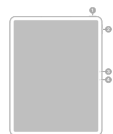
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iPad Air 13-inch (M3)

Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad Air 13-inch (M3).



- 1 Top button/Touch ID
- 2 Volume buttons
- 3 Front camera
- 4 Microphone



- 5 Rear camera
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iPad Pro 11-inch (1st generation)

Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad Pro 11-inch (1st generation).

	❶ Front camera
	❷ Top button
	❸ Volume buttons
	❹ Rear camera
	❺ Flash
	❻ Smart Connector
	❼ USB-C connector
	❽ SIM tray (Wi-Fi + Cellular)
	❾ Magnetic connector for Apple Pencil

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iPad Pro 11-inch (2nd generation)

Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad Pro 11-inch (2nd generation).

	❶ Front camera
	❷ Top button
	❸ Volume buttons
	❹ Rear cameras
	❺ Flash
	❻ LiDAR Scanner
	❼ Smart Connector
	❽ USB-C connector
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iPad Pro 11-inch (3rd generation)

Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad Pro 11-inch (3rd generation).



- 1 Front camera
- 2 Top button
- 3 Volume buttons



- 4 Rear cameras
- 5 Flash
- 6 LiDAR Scanner
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iPad Pro 11-inch (4th generation)

Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad Pro 11-inch (4th generation).



- 1 Front camera
- 2 Top button
- 3 Volume buttons



- 4 Rear cameras
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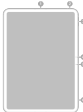
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iPad Pro 11-inch (M4)

Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad Pro 11-inch (M4).



- 1 Microphone
- 2 Top button
- 3 Volume buttons
- 4 Camera
- 5 Microphone
- 6 Microphone



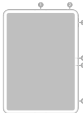
- 7 LiDAR Scanner
- 8 Rear camera
- 9 Rear ambient light sensor
- 10 Flash
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- 13 USB connector
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Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad XX.



- 1 Microphone
- 2 Top button
- 3 Volume buttons
- 4 Camera
- 5 Microphone
- 6 Microphone



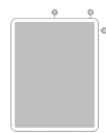
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iPad Pro 12.9-inch (3rd generation)

Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad Pro 12.9-inch (3rd generation).



- 1 Front camera
- 2 Top button
- 3 Volume buttons



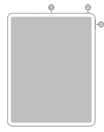
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iPad Pro 12.9-inch (4th generation)

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- ① Front camera
- ② Top button
- ③ Volume buttons



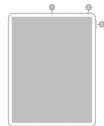
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iPad Pro 12.9-inch (5th generation)

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- ① Front camera
- ② Top button
- ③ Volume buttons



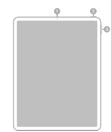
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iPad Pro 12.9-inch (6th generation)

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- 1 Front camera
- 2 Top button
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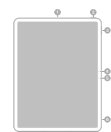
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iPad Pro 13-inch (M4)

Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad Pro 13-inch (M4).



- 1 Microphone
- 2 Top button
- 3 Volume buttons
- 4 Front camera
- 5 Microphone
- 6 Microphone



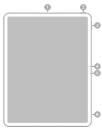
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Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad YY.



- 1 Microphone
- 2 Top button
- 3 Volume buttons
- 4 Front camera
- 5 Microphone
- 6 Microphone



- 7 LiDAR Scanner
- 8 Rear camera
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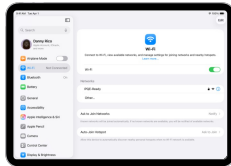
Setup basics

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

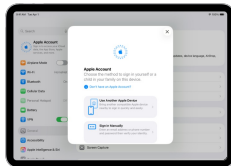
When you first turn on your iPad and begin the setup process, you can wirelessly transfer many of your apps, settings, and content from your previous iPad directly to your new iPad—just bring the two devices close together, then follow the onscreen instructions.



Connect to Wi-Fi and set up cellular service

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

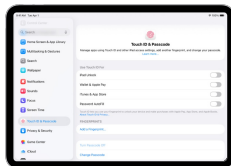
If you have a Wi-Fi + Cellular model, you can activate cellular service on your iPad using an eSIM (go to Settings , tap Cellular Data). Or on [supported iPad models](#), install a nano-SIM provided by your carrier.



Sign in to your Apple Account

You use your Apple Account to access 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 , tap 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 , tap your name; your Apple Account appears below your name.

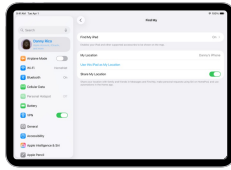


Set up Face ID or Touch ID

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

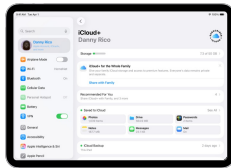


Turn on Find My iPad

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

Go to Settings , tap your name, tap 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 , tap your name, then tap iCloud.

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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.

Customize app icons on your Home Screen



You can change the look and feel of app icons on your Home Screen. Choose between light or dark, an all-new clear option, or tinted your favorite color.

Touch and hold the background on any Home Screen page until the apps jiggle. Tap Edit, tap Customize, then choose from the different appearance options. Tap  to make apps bigger or smaller.



Personalize your Lock Screen

Touch and hold the Lock Screen, then tap  at the bottom of the screen. Browse the gallery of wallpaper options, then tap one to customize its appearance. You'll see options where the time adapts to what's on your screen, and also spatial scenes with 3D effects ([on supported models](#)).



Set your favorite controls

Many iPad features—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.

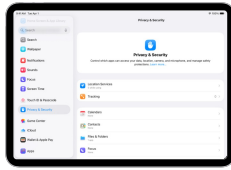
To add controls, open Control Center, then tap . Tap Add a Control, then swipe up to browse the controls gallery. When you see a control you want to add, tap it.



Use built-in accessibility features

iPad provides many accessibility features to support your vision, mobility, hearing, speech, and cognitive needs. Change text size, make it easier to use the touchscreen, control iPad with just your voice, and more.

To customize these settings, go to the Settings app , then tap 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 the Settings app, tap Privacy & Security, tap Tracking, then turn off Allow Apps to Request to Track.

Want to learn more?

- [Customize apps and widgets on the Home Screen](#)
- [Create a custom Lock Screen](#)
- [Use and customize Control Center](#)
- [Add, edit, and remove widgets](#)
- [Get started with accessibility features](#)
- [Control what you share](#)

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

Streamline your workflow

Streamline your workflow on iPad

Learn how to quickly switch between apps, resize and arrange multiple app windows on your screen, use the menu bar and more.



Switch between apps on iPad

To see all your open windows and apps, swipe up from the bottom of the screen, then pause in the middle. Tap a window to bring it to the front. Or, swipe up from the bottom of the screen, just far enough to reveal the Dock, then tap the app you want to use.

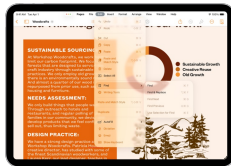
To quickly switch between open apps, swipe left or right along the bottom edge of the screen.



Use multiple apps at the same time

First, go to the Settings app, tap Multitasking & Gestures, then choose Windowed Apps.

To resize an app window, drag from either of the bottom corners. Or touch and hold , then select one of the window layouts. To open another app window, use the Dock. Or swipe up from the bottom of the screen to move your open windows to the side — so you can access the Home Screen.



Find commands in the menu bar

On iPad, apps have a menu bar you can use to quickly take action. To view the menu bar, tap a window from the open app, then swipe down from the top edge of the iPad screen.



Access your folders from the Dock

You can add folders you access frequently to the Dock to make them easy to find and open. In the Files app , touch and hold the folder you want to move. When a menu opens, choose Add To, then tap Dock.

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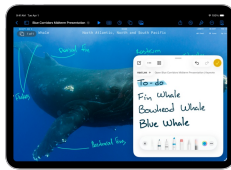
- [Open apps](#)
- [Work with multiple windows at once](#)
- [Arrange windows side by side](#)
- [Change the layout of open windows](#)
- [Organize windows](#)

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.



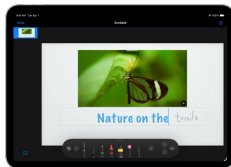
Write a quick note

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.



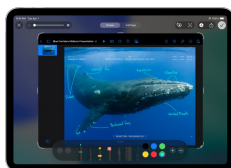
Gather ideas in Freeform

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 , tap 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, then use the drawing tools to add your thoughts. Tap  to share your feedback.

Want to learn more?

- [Create Quick Notes on iPad](#)
- [Get started with Freeform on iPad](#)
- [Enter text with Scribble](#)

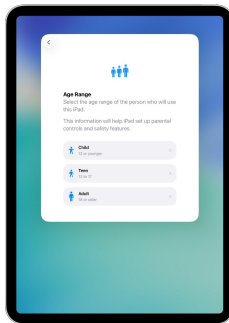
- [Take a screenshot on iPad](#)
- [Use Markup to add text, shapes, signatures, and more to documents](#)

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Customize iPad for your child

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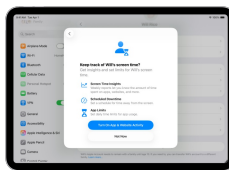
You can set up your child's iPad with parental controls and kid-friendly features. Set downtime and app limits, guard your child's vision health, protect them from explicit photos, review and approve purchases, and more. You can even keep your child focused on a single app with Guided Access.



Set up an iPad for your child

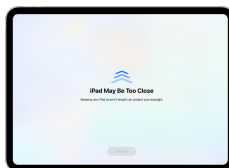
With Family Sharing, you can set up a new iPad for your child and customize parental controls and safety features appropriate for their age.

During setup, select the age range of the child who will be using the iPad, connect to your Family, then follow the onscreen instructions. If your child doesn't have their own Apple Account yet, you can create one.



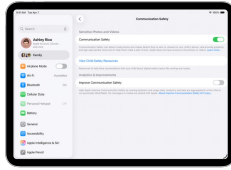
Set some boundaries with Screen Time

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



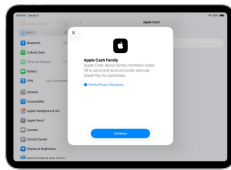
Help protect your child's vision health

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 , tap 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 , tap 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 , tap Family, tap your child's name, tap Apple Cash, then follow the onscreen instructions.

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](#)
- [Block apps, app downloads, websites, and purchases](#)
- [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 26

Windowing.

Open windows and then resize or arrange them just how you want. Use controls to close or minimize windows, take them full screen, or arrange them in easy-to-view layouts. Swipe up to see all your windows, then tap the one you want to move to the front. See [Work with multiple apps at once](#), [Change the layout of open windows](#), and [Open and view windows in an app](#).



Lock Screen.

The time dynamically adapts its position based on the Lock Screen photo or wallpaper and always keeps the subject in view. When you move your iPad, your Lock Screen photo comes to life with a new 3D effect. See [Create a custom Lock Screen](#).



Home Screen.

App icons on your Home Screen have a new look that you can tint with different colors or turn light, dark, or clear. See [Customize apps and widgets on the Home Screen](#).



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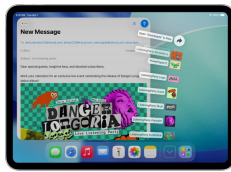
Create custom Genmoji using existing emoji, combinations of emoji, or descriptive text. Change the look and expressions of Genmoji and Image Playground creations that are based on people from your Photos library. Design custom backgrounds for your Messages conversations. Live Translation automatically translates texts in Messages, shows live translated captions in FaceTime calls, and provides spoken translations for Phone calls. See [Create original images with Image Playground](#), [Create your own emoji with Genmoji](#), [Create and edit original backgrounds with Image Playground](#), and [Translate messages and calls](#).

Phone.

The Phone app is now available on iPad. Remove unwanted distractions from unknown numbers with Call Screening, which gathers the necessary information before your phone rings, so you can make an informed decision on whether to pick up, decline, or ask for more information. Use Hold Assist to wait on hold for you and then send you a notification when it's time to return to the call. See [Make a call](#), [Screen and block calls](#), and [Receive a notification when you're no longer on hold](#).

Files.

In list view, see more of your files and their details with resizable columns and collapsible folders. Set custom icons and colors for your folders to make them easier to identify at a glance. Choose the app you want to use to open a file, and set the default app for specific files or file types. Access files and folders from anywhere when you add folders to the Dock. See [Modify files and folders](#) and [Find and view files and folders](#).



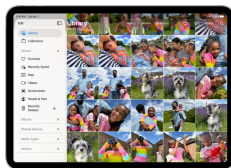
Preview.

The Preview app is now available on iPad so you can easily view, edit, and share PDF documents and images. Scan documents, use AutoFill to quickly fill out forms, and export PDFs or images as different file types or sizes. See [Get started with Preview](#).



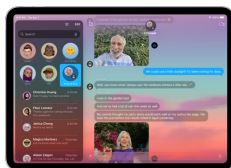
Photos.

An updated design makes it easier to switch between your Library and Collections. You can now customize how Collections appear—reorder them, choose which ones to pin, and select from three display sizes: larger tiles, a denser grid, or a layout that highlights the top row. See [Browse your photo library](#) and [Browse your photo collections](#).



Messages.

Messages from unknown numbers are filtered into a separate area of your conversation list for you to review and approve. Backgrounds let you personalize conversations for everyone to enjoy using dynamic backgrounds, your own photos, or backgrounds you create in Image Playground. In group conversations, you can create polls to help make decisions, send money using Apple Cash, and see typing indicators. See [Screen, filter, report, and block texts](#), [Add backgrounds](#) and [Poll people in a conversation](#).



Games.

A new app where you can keep track of all the games you're playing, discover new ones, receive tailored recommendations, and start challenges with friends. See [Get started with the Apple Games app](#).

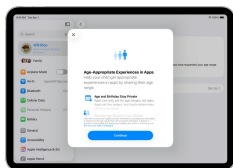
Accessibility.

Braille Access introduces an all-new experience designed for Braille users with a connected Braille display that enables note-taking, document-reading, access to Live Captions and more. Vehicle Motion Cues help reduce motion sickness for passengers in moving vehicles. You can also temporarily use your Accessibility settings on someone else's device. See [Use Braille Access with a braille display](#), [Use iPad more comfortably while riding in a vehicle](#), and [Share your Accessibility settings with another device](#).



Family.

During device set up, parents can specify if they are setting up a device for an older child, age 13–17, and age-appropriate protections are automatically enabled. See [Share a child's age range with apps](#).

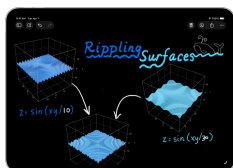


Journal.

The Journal app is now available on iPad. Write entries in your own handwriting using Apple Pencil, include drawings inline with text, and view the location of your journal entries on a map. See [Get started with Journal](#), [Add formatting, photos, and more](#), and [View and search journal entries](#).

Calculator.

Write an equation with three variables in Math Notes and create a graph in three dimensions. See [Work with graphs in Math Notes](#).

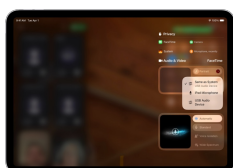


Music.

AutoMix seamlessly mixes one song to the next, just like a DJ. See [Adjust the sound quality](#).

Audio recording.

Capture high-quality audio and video during video conference calls. And a new input chooser makes it easy for creators to pick the right microphone for each app. See [Record audio and video](#).



Learn tricks for iPadOS 26.

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.

*Apple Intelligence is available in beta with support for the following languages: Chinese (Simplified), English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese (Brazil), and Spanish. Some features may not be available in all languages or regions. For more information on language and feature availability or system requirements, see the Apple Support article [How to get Apple Intelligence](#).

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:

- *Set up with another device:* If you have another iPhone or iPad with iOS 11, iPadOS 13, or later, you can use it 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.

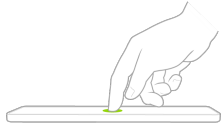
Wake iPad

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 the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Cellular Data, then 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.

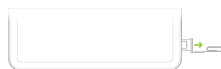
Alternatively, you can activate your cellular plan through your carrier's app (if supported). Go to the App Store, download your carrier's app, then use the app to purchase a cellular plan.

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

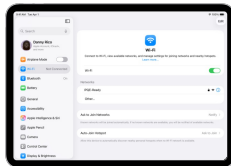
1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Cellular Data, then do any of the following:
 - *Restrict all data to Wi-Fi:* Turn off Cellular Data.
 - *Turn on or off 5G, LTE, or roaming:* Tap Cellular Data Options.
 - *Turn on Personal Hotspot:* Tap Set Up Personal Hotspot (available from certain 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 the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Wi-Fi, then turn on Wi-Fi.

iPad automatically joins known networks.

3. 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 the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Wi-Fi, then choose the name of the device sharing the Personal Hotspot.
3. 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 the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Wi-Fi, then 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 the Settings app  on your iPad.

3. Tap Cellular Data, then 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](#).

View or change cellular data settings on iPad (Wi-Fi + Cellular models)

You can turn on cellular data service, turn cellular service on or off, and set which apps and services use cellular data. With some carriers, you can also change your data plan.

For help with cellular network services and billing, contact your wireless service provider.

Note: Wi-Fi + Cellular models don't support cellular phone service—they support cellular data transmission only. To make phone calls on iPad, [use Wi-Fi Calling and an iPhone](#).

About cellular data transmission

If your iPad is connected to the internet using a cellular data network, an [icon identifying the cellular network](#) appears in the status bar.

[Supported models](#) can connect to 5G networks. See the Apple Support article [Use 5G with your iPad](#).

If Cellular Data is off, all data services—including email, web browsing, and push notifications—use Wi-Fi only. If Cellular Data is on, carrier charges may apply. For example, using certain features and services that transfer data, such as Messages, could result in charges to your data plan.

Add a cellular plan to your iPad

If you previously set up a cellular plan, go to Settings ⓘ > Cellular, tap Add a New Plan, then follow the onscreen instructions.

If you haven't set up a plan, see [Set up cellular service](#).

View or change your cellular data account

Go to Settings ⓘ > Cellular Data, then tap Manage [account name] or Carrier Services.

Choose cellular data options for data usage, performance, battery life, and more

To turn Cellular Data on or off, go to Settings  > Cellular.

To set options when Cellular Data is on, go to Settings > Cellular > Cellular Data Options, then do any of the following:

- *Reduce cellular usage:* Turn on Low Data Mode, or tap Data Mode, then choose Low Data Mode (depending on your iPad model). This mode pauses automatic updates and background tasks when iPad isn't connected to Wi-Fi.
- *Avoid roaming charges:* Turn off Data Roaming. When you're in a region not covered by your carrier's network, Data Roaming permits internet access over a cellular data network. When you're traveling, turn off Data Roaming to avoid roaming charges.

Depending on your iPad model, carrier, and region, the following option may be available:

- *Turn LTE on or off:* Turning on LTE loads data faster.

On [models that support 5G](#), you can do the following:

- *Enable Smart Data mode to optimize battery life:* Tap Voice & Data, then choose 5G Auto. In this mode, your iPad automatically switches to LTE when 5G speeds don't provide noticeably better performance.
- *Use higher-quality video and FaceTime HD on 5G networks:* Tap Data Mode, then choose Allow More Data on 5G.

Set up a Personal Hotspot to begin sharing the cellular internet connection from iPad

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Cellular, then turn on Cellular Data.
3. Tap Set up Personal Hotspot, then follow the instructions in [Share your internet connection with Personal Hotspot](#).

Set cellular data use for apps and services

Go to Settings  > Cellular Data, then turn Cellular Data on or off for any app (such as Maps) or service (such as Wi-Fi Assist) that can use cellular data.

If a setting is off, iPad uses only Wi-Fi for that service.

Note: Wi-Fi Assist is on by default. If Wi-Fi connectivity is poor, Wi-Fi Assist automatically switches to cellular data to boost the signal. Because you stay connected to the internet over cellular when you have a poor Wi-Fi connection, you might use more cellular data, which may incur additional charges depending on your data plan. See the Apple Support article [About Wi-Fi Assist](#).

Lock your SIM card

If your device uses a SIM card for cellular data, you can lock the card with a personal identification number (PIN) to prevent others from using the card. Then, every time you restart your device or remove the SIM card, your card locks automatically, and you're required to enter your PIN. See [Use a SIM PIN for your iPhone or iPad](#).

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](#).

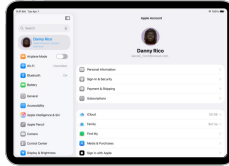
Sign in to your Apple Account

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

1. Go to Settings app  on your iPad.
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 the Settings app  on your iPad.

2. Tap your name, then do any of the following:

- *Update Personal Information:* Update your name, birthdate, and Memoji or photo associated with your Apple Account. You can also set up your preferences for communication from Apple, and see how your data is managed.
- *Change Sign-In & Security:* Change your Apple Account password, turn on two-factor authentication, add or remove phone numbers and emails you can use to sign in, and set up Account Recovery or Legacy Contact.
- *Manage Payment & Shipping:* Select your payment methods and shipping address for your Apple Account and purchases from the Apple Store.
- *View and manage your subscriptions:* View and manage your subscriptions from Apple and subscriptions that you purchased in apps from the App Store.
- Use [iCloud](#).
- [Manage Family Sharing](#).
- Use [Find My](#).
- *Manage Media & Purchases:* Manage the accounts linked to Apple Music, Apple Podcasts, Apple TV, and Apple Books and select purchasing settings.
- Use [Sign in with Apple](#).

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 the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap your name, then 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

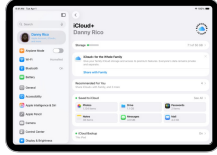
1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.

2. Tap your name.

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

3. 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 the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap your name, then tap iCloud.
3. Tap Storage, tap Change Storage Plan, 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](#).

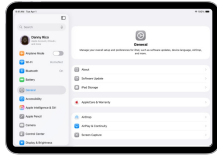
Find settings on iPad

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. 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 the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Apps, then tap Mail.
3. Tap Mail Accounts, then tap Add Account.
4. Enter your email address, tap Next, then enter your email account information.

You can also tap "choose from a list" under the email address field to select the email service you want to use—for example, iCloud, Microsoft Exchange, or Gmail (Google).

If your email service isn't listed, tap Add Other Account, tap Mail Account, then enter your email account information.

See [Add and remove email accounts](#).

Set up a contacts account

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Apps, then tap Contacts.
3. Tap Contact Accounts, then tap Add Account.
4. Do one of the following:
 - Tap a provider—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 the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Apps, then tap Calendar.
3. Tap Calendar Accounts, then Add Account.
4. Do one of the following:
 - *Choose a provider:* Tap a provider—for example, iCloud or Microsoft Exchange—then enter your account information.
 - *Add a CalDAV, CardDav, or LDAP account:* Tap Add Other Account, choose an option, 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 iPad status icons

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

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 ^u	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 ^w	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 .
GPRS	GPRS. iPad (Wi-Fi + Cellular models) is connected to the internet over a GPRS network. See View or change cellular data settings .

Status icon	What it means
	Personal Hotspot connection. iPad is connected to the internet through the Personal Hotspot of another device. See Join a Personal Hotspot .
	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 your iPad with other devices .
	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. When the icon is gray, charging is paused. 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



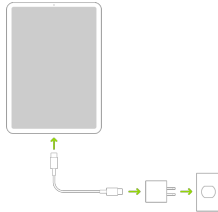
The battery icon in the top-right corner of the status bar shows the battery level or charging status. When you're syncing or using iPad, it may take longer to charge the battery.

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. See [Back up iPad](#).

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](#).

Improve charging speed

If your iPad is charging slowly, you'll see a Slow Charger message in Settings  > Battery. This message appears when your iPad supports fast charging but the connected charger isn't capable of delivering optimal power.

Charging might take longer than expected if you're using a wired charger that provides 7.5 watts or less.



Understand charging behavior

iPad manages how it charges to help preserve long-term battery health. Here's what happens when you charge:

- *Fast charging up to 80%:* iPad charges quickly until the battery reaches about 80%.
- *Trickle charging after 80%:* Charging slows to reduce battery stress and limit heat. This final stage helps maintain battery lifespan.

- *Temperature:* Charging may pause temporarily while in extreme temperature conditions, and will resume once the battery's temperature returns to its normal operating range.

These protections happen automatically and don't require any changes to your settings.

About charge cycles and battery lifespan

The capacity of any type of battery will diminish after a certain amount of recharging. With lithium-ion batteries, the capacity diminishes slightly with each complete charge cycle. Apple lithium-ion batteries work in charge cycles and retain about 80% of its original capacity for a high number of charge cycles, depending on the product.

A charge cycle happens when you use a total of 100% of your battery's capacity,* even if it's not all at once. For example, you might use 75% of your battery's capacity one day, then recharge it fully overnight. If you use 25% the next day, you will have discharged a total of 100%, and the two days will add up to one charge cycle.

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.

*A complete charge cycle is normalized between 80% and 100% of original capacity to account for expected diminishing battery capacity over time.

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

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Battery, then turn on Battery Percentage.

Add a Batteries widget to your Home Screen

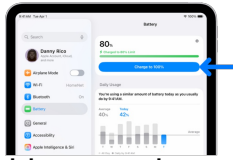
See [Add a widget to your Home Screen](#) and [Create a custom Lock Screen](#).

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

Set a charge limit on iPad

On [supported models](#), you can set a maximum battery level of 80% to help reduce battery wear, especially if you charge your iPad frequently or keep it connected for long periods.

When Charge Limit is on, iPad stops charging when it reaches 80%.



What to expect

- Your iPad will occasionally charge to 100%—even with the limit set to 80%—to keep the battery percentage display accurate. This may happen more often if your iPad isn't regularly able to complete a full charge.

Set a Charge Limit

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Battery, then tap Battery Health.
3. Turn on 80% Limit. You can remove the limit anytime.

Understand Thermally Limited Charging on iPad

Your iPad is designed to protect its battery by limiting charging in hot or cold conditions.

Charging your iPad in very hot or cold environments can temporarily affect performance. When your iPad becomes too warm or too cold, iOS may slow down or pause charging automatically. This helps preserve your battery's long-term health and ensures safe operation.

You might see a message on the Lock Screen, such as "Charging On Hold. Charging will resume when iPad returns to normal temperature."

What to expect

- If your iPad gets too warm, charging may slow or stop until the temperature lowers.
- In very cold environments, charging may be slower or temporarily disabled until your device warms up.
- Charging resumes automatically once the battery returns to a safe temperature range.

These protections apply whether you're using a cable, MagSafe, or other wireless chargers.

Tips to maintain charging performance in extreme temperatures

Keep these best practices in mind to help your iPad charge efficiently:

- Charge your iPad in environments between 32° and 95° F (0° and 35° C).
- Avoid placing your iPad in direct sunlight or leaving it in hot spaces (like a car on a sunny day).
- If you're in a cold climate, try charging indoors or warming your iPad gradually before plugging it in.
- Remove your case if your iPad tends to heat up while charging.

Note: These temperature-based protections work automatically and can't be turned off. They are available on iPad using iPadOS 18 or later.

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 the Settings app , tap Battery, then tap Low Power Mode.
- *In Control Center:* Add  to [Control Center](#), then tap .

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

Understand your iPad battery usage and health

iPad offers useful insights into your battery life to help you identify ways to improve your experience, as well as important information about your battery's overall health.

View daily usage information

The Daily Usage section summarizes your battery usage today compared to previous days. iPad displays the following battery usage information:

- *Similar or lower usage:* Shows when your battery use is about the same as usual or less than usual by this time of day (in blue). When usage is similar, iPad highlights the top three apps or system activities contributing to today's usage (in blue).
- *Higher usage:* Appears when you've used more battery than usual by this time of day (in orange). iPad highlights the top three apps or system activities that may explain the increase.



To view daily usage information:

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Battery.

View additional Battery Usage information

You can explore more information about your app and system activity usage for today and the previous week.

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Battery, tap View All Battery Usage, then tap a day.

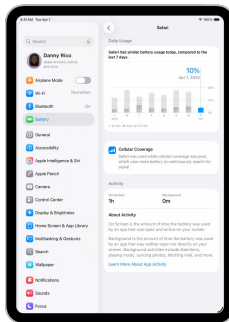


View App and System Activity information

The App and System Activity section helps you understand what's using your battery by listing the percentage of battery used by each app and system task.

You might see the following information under an app or system activity, or when you tap an app to view more details. Here's what they mean:

- **On screen:** The app or system activity was open and visible on your screen. A long duration of onscreen time can explain higher battery usage compared to previous days.
- **Background:** A long duration of background time can explain higher battery usage compared to previous days. Background activities include directions, playing music, syncing photos, fetching mail, and more.
- **Cellular coverage:** The app was used in a low signal environment, which used more battery.
- **Notifications:** The app or system activity woke your device and used battery to check for new information. You can manage an app's [notification settings](#) to reduce how often this happens.



To view app and system activity information:

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Do any of the following:
 - **View today:** Tap Battery, then scroll down.
 - **View the last eight days:** Tap Battery, tap View All Battery Usage, tap a day, then scroll down.
3. Tap an app to view more details, including its battery usage and activity for each day.

See when your iPad last charged

iPad shows when the battery was last fully charged and when it was disconnected from the charger.

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Battery.

Review your iPad battery health

On [supported models](#), iPad displays information about your battery's capacity, battery health, cycle count, manufacture date, and first use date.

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Battery, then tap Battery Health.

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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.

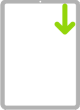
Symbol	Gesture
	Tap. Briefly touch an item on the screen with one finger. For example, to open an app, tap its icon on the Home Screen.
	Touch and hold. Press an item on the screen until something happens. For example, if you touch and hold the wallpaper of the Home Screen, the app icons begin to jiggle.
	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.

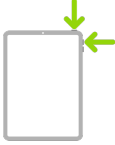
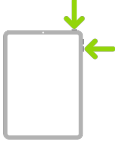
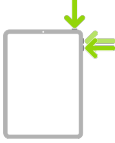
Symbol	Gesture
	Zoom. Place two fingers on the screen near each other. Spread them apart to zoom in, or move them toward each other to zoom out. You can also double-tap a photo or webpage to zoom in, and double-tap again to zoom out. In Maps, double-tap and hold, then drag up to zoom in or drag down 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 .
	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 .

Gesture	Description
	Use Siri. Just say “Siri” or “Hey Siri.” Or press and hold the top button while you ask a question or make a request. (On an iPad with a Home button, press and hold the Home button while you make a request.) See Learn how to 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) .
	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 .

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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.)

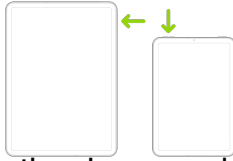
You can [use Control Center](#) to silence audio alerts and notifications.

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

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

Ask Siri something like, "Turn up the volume." [Learn how to use Siri.](#)

WARNING: For important information about avoiding hearing loss, see [Important safety information](#).



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 the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Sounds.
3. 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

You can limit the maximum volume of sound that plays through the built-in speaker of iPad.

1. Go to the Settings app  on your iPad.
2. Tap Sounds, then tap Volume Limit.
3. 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.

Silence iPad by turning 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.

[Ask Siri](#) something like, "Siri, turn on the flashlight." [Learn how to use Siri](#).

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.

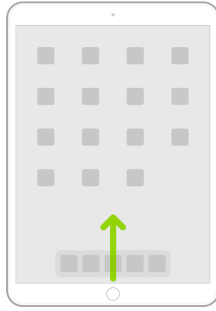
Use your apps

Open an app on iPad

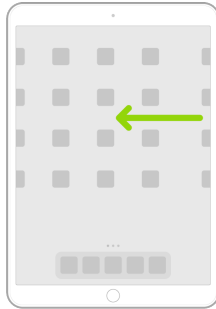
You can quickly open an app from the Dock, one of your Home Screen pages (like the one shown below), or [App Library](#) by tapping it.



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.

The app opens full screen.

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

Note: You can open multiple apps and work in more than one app at once. See [Work with multiple apps at once](#).

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.

1. [Go to the Home Screen](#), then touch and hold the Home Screen background 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 move each Home Screen page, touch and hold it, then drag it to a new position.
4. Tap Done.

Change where new apps get downloaded

When you download new apps from the App Store, you can add them to the Home Screen and App Library, or to App Library only.

1. Go to Settings  > Home Screen & App Library.
2. Choose Add to Home Screen or App Library only.

Note: To allow app notification badges to appear on apps in App Library, turn on Show in App Library.