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How To Use an Ipad



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Getting Started – How To Use an iPad

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What is an iPad?

An iPad is a type of tablet or hand-held computer produced by the computer company Apple. You can use it to send and receive emails, browse the internet, Skype, take photographs and lots more. This manual will look at the basic functions of the iPad.

The iPad was launched in 2010 and so far there have been five versions of it, iPad 1 to 4, and the newest iPad Air. There are also iPad minis available which are smaller versions of the iPad.

A word you will see a lot of:

App: It is short for the word **application**. It is a shortcut that allows you to go directly to the programme or website you wish to access. It is represented by a picture or a symbol. You will see lots of apps on your iPad.

1.1 Holding the iPad

While getting used to the iPad it is best to position it in a portrait orientation (i.e. like a book) with the “Home” button at the bottom. You might like to place it flat on the table or use a stand to prop it up, whatever is most comfortable. You will need to be able to access all of the buttons on the edges as well as to tap and swipe the screen.



Home button

1.2 Buttons on the iPad

There are very few buttons on the iPad but it is important to know what they do.

Sleep/Wake or On/Off: This button will turn the screen off and on. It will also turn the iPad off completely by pressing it for 5 seconds and sliding the image on the screen to the left; to turn it back on press and hold it for 5 seconds.

Earphones slot: you can insert earphones here.

Mute: switch this button to turn the sound on and off

Volume Control: press this button in either direction to turn the sound up or down.

Touch Screen: The iPad is a touch screen device. This means you do not need a mouse to use it. You just touch the screen with your fingers.



Charger slot: you insert the charger here to charge the iPad.

Home: Pressing this button at any time will exit whatever you are doing and return you to the home screen.

1.3 Using the touchscreen

- **Tap once:** To open up an app.
- **Tap twice or pinch:** to zoom the page.
- **Drag to scroll (also referred to as *swiping*):** When you press your finger to the screen and drag to the right, left, up, or down, you move around the screen
- **Flick:** To scroll more quickly on a page, quickly flick your finger on the screen in the direction you want to move.
- **Tap the Status bar:** To move quickly to the top of a list, Web page, or e-mail message, tap the status bar at the top of the iPad screen.
- **Press and hold:** If you're in any application where selecting text would be an option, such as Notes or Mail, or if you're on a Web page, pressing and holding near text will select a word and bring up editing

1.4 Using the keyboard

The keyboard is not visible on the screen until you tap where you would like to write and then it will appear. When it does appear it will be very similar to the one used for a PC or laptop. Tap lightly on the letter you need. Practice by tapping on the

Tip: When tapping on the screen make sure you use the pad or fingerprint part of you finger and not your fingernail.

notes app and selecting new on the top right-hand corner of the screen.



Tap where you want to type and the keyboard will appear.

Tap the letters icon to get the letters keyboard to appear and the numbers icon if the letters keyboard is the one on screen.

1.5 Connecting to Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi or wireless allows you to access the internet. If you already have broadband at home you can connect your iPad to your broadband.



To connect the iPad to the Wi-Fi: tap on **Settings**.

Under **Wireless and Networks** tap on Wi-Fi.



Check that the Wi-Fi option is turned on then select the Wi-Fi network and enter the password. If the word *connected* appears under the network name then you are connected to the Wi-Fi.

For some of the Wi-Fi networks you will need a **password**.

At home your **wireless network name (SSID)** is normally the name of your internet provider followed by some numbers for example: eircom409781. This will appear on the list of wireless networks once you tap on Wi-Fi. It will also be written underneath your modem (the internet box provided by your internet provider e.g. Eircom or UPC).

Once you click on the wireless network name you may be asked to enter a password. The password is written underneath your modem (the internet box) and is normally called: **WEP Key or Wireless Key**.

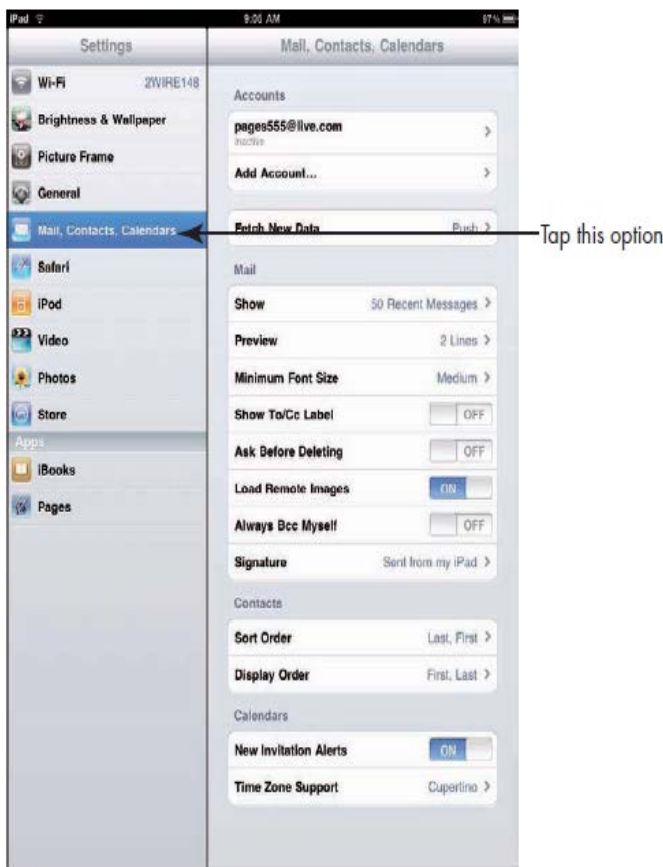


Enter the network password...

then tap Join

2.1 Setting up Email on your iPad

If you have an email account you can set it up to receive emails automatically to your iPad.



1. Firstly you need to know what type of email you use, e.g. Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo etc.

2. Tap Settings in the Home Screen

3. Tap Mail, Contacts, Calendars

4. Tap Add Account

5. Select the type of email you have e.g. Gmail

6. Fill in the details in the boxes; Your Name, Your Email Address, Your Password and Description (this is how you want

the email to be described on your iPad, e. g “My Mail” or “Gmail” or “Mary’s Gmail” etc.

7. Tap next and the email will be verified, in the next section click save.

8. You may be asked to fill in more information after step 7, depending on your email, if this is the case; please ask your tutor to help you, if not go to Step 9.

9. Your account will now be activated and you will receive emails under the “Mail” app

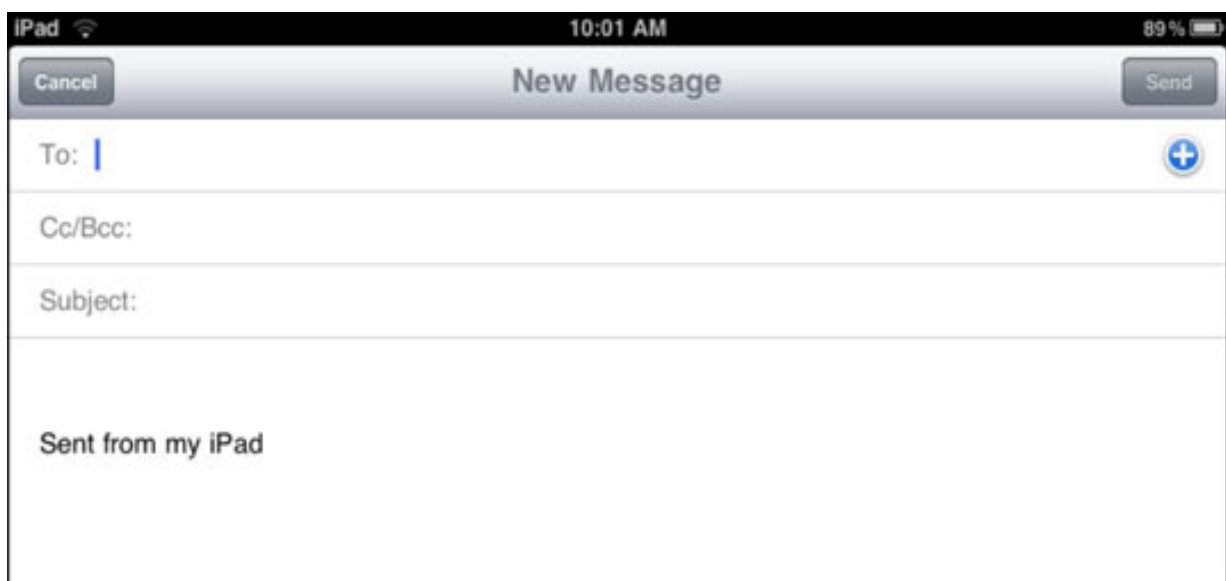


10. Lastly go to Settings > Mail, Contacts, Calendars > Select the account you just added e.g. Mary's Mail > Where it says "Archived Messages" > Turn this off by swiping the button. This will make a trash bin icon appear in your emails, allowing you to delete them more easily.

2.2 Create and send email

Follow these steps to create and send e-mail:

With Mail open, tap the **New Message** icon.



1. Enter a recipient's address in the **To:** field.
2. If you have saved addresses in Contacts, tap the plus (+) symbol in the address field to choose an address from the **Contacts list**.
3. Tap the subject line and enter a subject for the message in the **Subject** field. Tap in the message body and type your message. Last thing to do is tap send.

2.3 Reply to an email



1. Tap on the inbox and select the email you would like to reply to.
2. Tap the arrow on the right-hand side to reply as shown in the picture above.
3. When you tap Reply you will not have to retype the email address you will only need to do this when you are writing a new email so all you need to do is write your email and when you are ready tap send.

2.4 Delete an email



1. To delete emails in the iPad simply tap on the email you wish to delete.
2. As soon as you tap on the email look for a picture of a trash can, it is normally on the top right hand side of the screen.
3. Tap on this trash can picture to delete the email.

3. Apps

Apps (applications) are shortcuts that allow you to get straight into the website or programme you are looking for. Lots of different organisations and companies have their own apps.

3.1 Pre-Installed Apps

The iPad has many applications that are pre-installed on the operating system, so when you first turn on your iPad these apps will be waiting to greet you.



The calendar allows you to plan your daily routine.

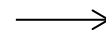
Reminders allow you to put reminders in for birthdays, appointments etc. If you have an iPhone you can sync reminders so that the reminders alarm will go off on both your iPhone and your iPad.



The App Store is where you purchase apps. In order to use it you need to set up an Apple ID

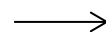


Settings changes how things work on the iPad. For example, you need to access settings to set up the Wi-Fi.



Safari allows you to browse the internet to search for information.

Mail: you can send and receive emails directly from your iPad.



The camera allows you to take pictures and videos with your iPad. There are two cameras on the iPad one facing

you and one on the back.

The photo booth allows you to take amusing pictures, which distort, colour and twist the images, give it a try.



Photo Booth

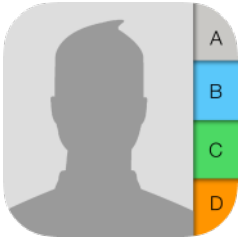


Photos: All saved photos and videos are stored in photos.



Contacts allow you to save email addresses and contact details of family and friends.

Notes allow you to make lists



and notes.

Maps allow you to search for places, and routes.



Facetime allows you to make video calls to other iPad and iPhone users.



iTunes: Allows you to purchase music, audiobooks and buy or rent films that you can store on the iPad for later and listen to or watch whenever you wish.

Music: Allows you to download songs, and store them on the iPad. You can purchase the songs on iTunes.



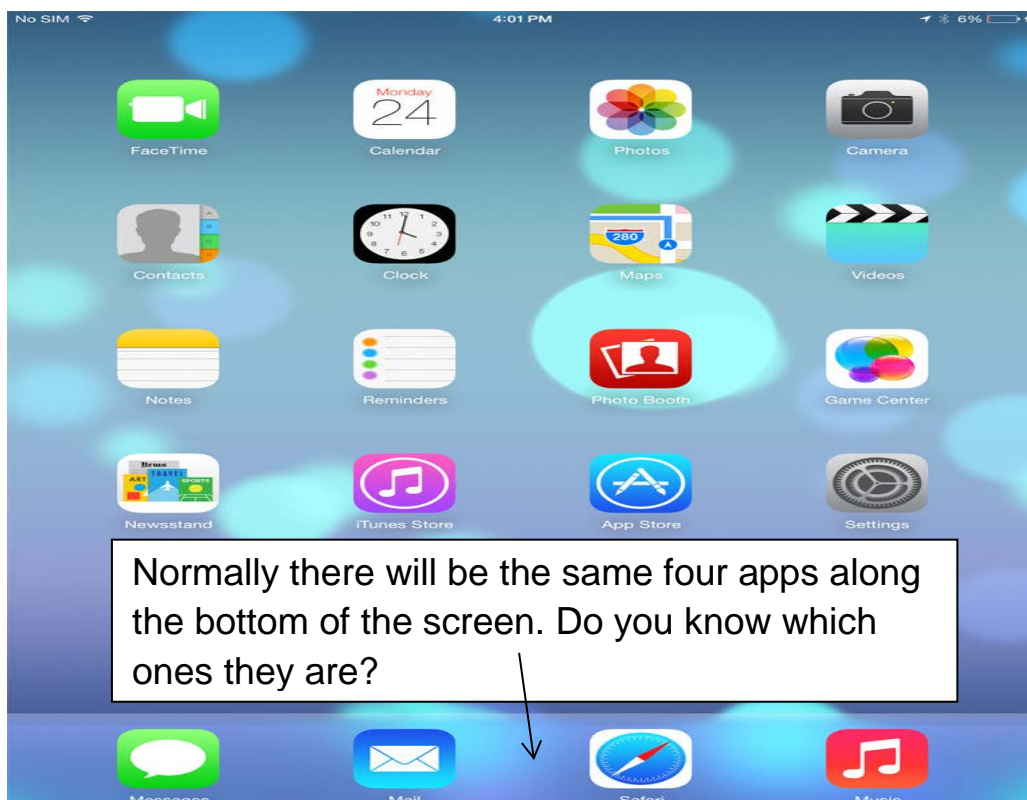
other



iBooks: You can download and read books on your iPad. Some books are free, others you will have to pay for.

iMessages: You can send text messages to iPhone and iPad users.

All of these apps will appear on the screen of the iPad, there may be too many to fit on just one screen so you will need to swipe the screen to the left or right with your finger to get to the next page.



3.2 Downloading Apps

While there are many apps that come pre-installed on the iPad there may be ones that you have heard of but that are not on your iPad, for example the RTE Player. You can download new apps through the App Store.



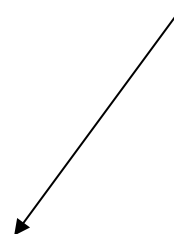
In order to download an App you need to search for it in the App Store. You need to log into the App Store with your Apple ID. If you do not have an Apple ID you need to create one.

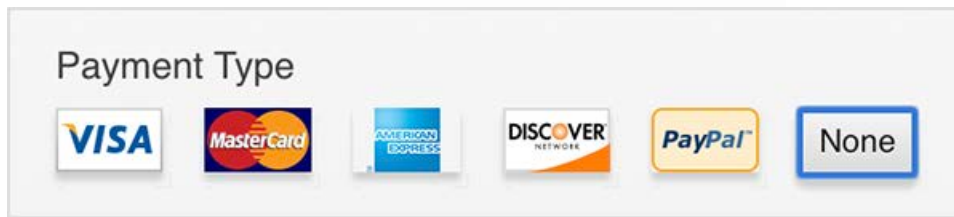
3.3 Setting up an Apple ID on your iPad

Your Apple ID is the email address and password you will use to access your Apple account. This account can be used to contact Apple if you have a problem, however mostly it is used to access apps run by Apple on your iPad such as iTunes and the App Store.

When you create an Apple ID it will ask you for your credit card details, this is so you can purchase products such as music, movies and some apps that aren't free. Alternatively you can set up your Apple ID without using a credit card and by buying a voucher in shops such as Tesco or HMV.

*On some iPads it may be possible for you to avoid registering your card details. Firstly set up your apple ID but skip the part where it asks you for a credit card. Tap back into the App Store into the search button and search for a free app, for example the RTE app. When you tap on free, then install, the option will appear for you to select **None** as your payment option.





Setting up your Apple ID with your credit card

Note: Your password must be 8 characters long, it must contain at least 1 capital letter and 1 number, otherwise, it will not be accepted. For example: Dublin2012 or 99Redballoons or 101Dalmatians

1. Go to Settings > Store
2. Tap “Sign In”
3. When asked select “Create new Apple ID”
4. Tap Store and then Select “Ireland” as your country, then tap “Done”
5. Tap “Agree”, to agree to the Terms & Conditions
6. Now you must fill in the information details such as name, email, password and select and answer some security questions. NB it is important that you write down all of the information you have filled in on this page so that you have it for future reference if you forget
7. In the next section you will have to fill in all the relevant details of your credit card, and then click next.
8. You will now be asked to “Verify your email address”, this means that Apple will send you an email and you must click the link in the email in order to confirm that it is your email.
9. Go to Mail and open the new email from Apple, click the link and verify your email, you will now be brought to a page and asked to fill in your email address and password and to tap “Verify Address”
10. You now have an Apple ID and you can view the details of it anytime by going to Settings > Store and selecting your Apple ID

Setting up your Apple ID with an iTunes Gift Card

Note: In theory this method works, however sometimes there can be problems in trying to set up your Apple ID without a credit card, if a

problem occurs ask a tutor for help. This method uses a gift card to set up the account. Gift cards can be bought in shops and music shops.

1. Buy your iTunes gift card in a shop
2. Scratch off the back to reveal a 16 digit code
3. In your iPad go into iTunes
4. Scroll to the bottom of the screen and select **Redeem**
5. Enter the code and click Redeem
6. Then you will be asked to register for an Apple ID
7. Follow steps as before filling in your relevant details like name, email and password.
8. Verify and create your ID.

3.4 Using the App Store



Tap on the App store icon.

1. Now that you have set up your Apple ID you can browse through thousands of apps. There are apps there for everything from games to sports, books etc.
2. Once you have tapped on the App Store icon, on the right-hand side you will see a magnifying glass; tap this to activate the keyboard.
3. Type in what you are looking for and tap go.
4. If you find something you like tap on the app to read more about it. If you like it and want it on your iPad tap where it says free and the last step you do is tap on install.
5. That's it you have now downloaded a new app on your iPad.



6. Anywhere you see this picture just tap on this it will take you directly to the app store.

3.5 Popular Apps

There are hundreds of different Apps, some you need to pay for, but the majority of the most popular ones are for free.

Here is a list of some apps that you might find useful



RTE Player: catch up on missed programmes

News

RTE News

Sky News

Irish Times

TheJournal.ie

Other Apps

- Google Search App – very useful for searching for information
- Met Eireann – check the weather everyday with this app
- YouTube – watch videos on your iPad
- SkyGo – if you have a Sky subscription you can watch Sky Programmes on your iPad
- Netflix – you can watch films for a monthly fee
- TuneIn Radio – radio from around the world
- Google Earth – check out detailed satellite maps of the world
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Journey Planner – look up bus timetables
- Skype - allows you to make free phone calls with video
- Epicurious – recipes
- Pinterest – art and design
- Solitaire and Bridge Apps
- eReader – allows you to read books on your iPad, some are available for free and some you can purchase through your Apple ID.
- AIB Mobile – AIB's online banking app

- BOI mobile banking – BOI's online banking app
- Microsoft Office Suite – you can download Word, Excel and PowerPoint for your iPad. You will have to pay for it.

3.6 Deleting Apps

- When you no longer need an app that you have installed, you can delete it. (You can't delete pre-installed apps that come automatically with the iPad.)
- Display the Home screen that contains the app you want to delete.
- Press and hold the app until all apps begin to jiggle.
- Tap the Delete button for the app you want to delete.
- Tap OK to proceed with the deletion.
- A dialog asking you to rate an app before deleting it appears after Step 4; you can tap the Rate button to rate it or No Thanks to opt out of the survey.



4. Skype and Facetime

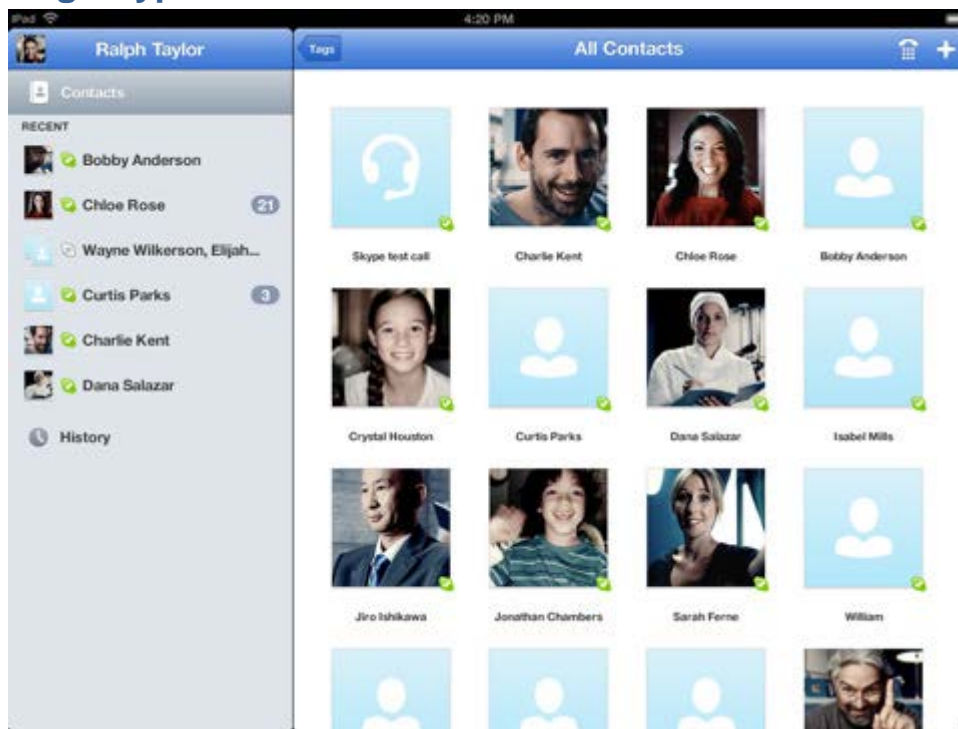
Skype is an app that you can download onto your iPad. Skype allows you to make free phone and video calls to other users of Skype. Additionally you can purchase Skype credit; this allows you to ring landlines and mobiles at a much cheaper rate.

1. Go to the App Store on your iPad



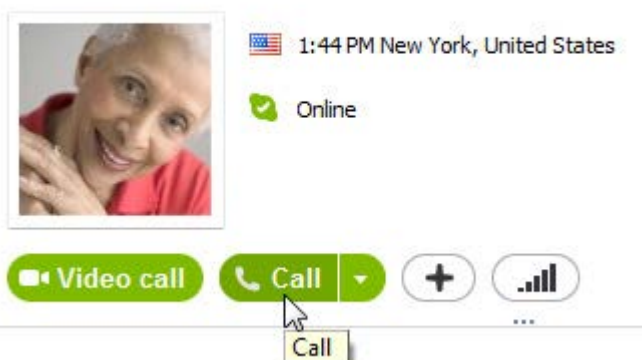
2. Search for the Skype App
3. Click to install it and enter your Apple ID password
4. Wait for it to install. It will now appear on your Home Screen
5. You can now open Skype and sign in with your username and password if you have one already.
6. However if you are new to Skype you now need to create a Skype account.
7. Go to www.skype.com
8. Click on the “Join Skype” button in the top right corner
9. You will be asked to fill in various details such as your email address, name, password and the Skype Name you would like to use
10. The Skype Name is like your own personal ID on Skype, like your mobile phone number, you can tell people it or they can search for your name and they can ring you
11. When you have filled in all the details and registered you now will have a Skype account
12. Now go back to the Skype app on your Home screen and sign in using your Skype Name and password
13. You can now use Skype as normal through this app

4.1 Using Skype



1. Once signed into Skype, there will be a screen similar to the one above. On the left-hand side, is where your contacts are stored.
2. To add contacts tap on contacts on the top left. You will see an option to search the Skype directory so tap this to find your contacts.
3. You can search for a person simply by typing in their email or full name. When you do you will see a whole list of names and if you look carefully you will see a location to the right-hand side of their name. As soon as you find the person you are looking for tap add contact. You can send a brief message to say hello.

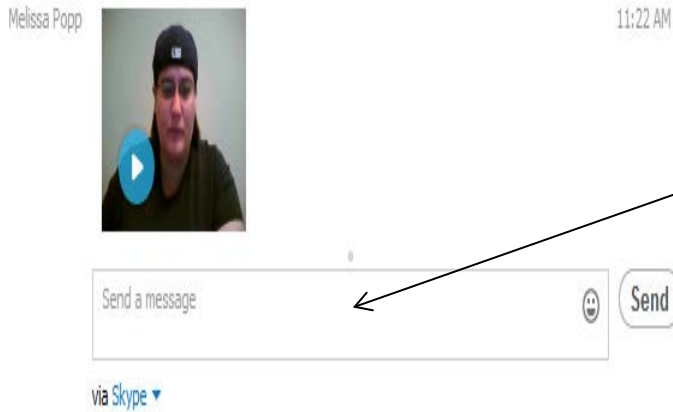
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4.2 Making a call on Skype

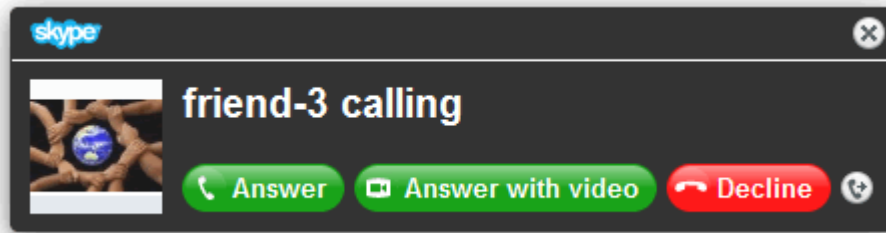
1. Tap on the contact you wish to call. Then tap on the

- call symbol. If you wish to make a video call, tap on Video call.
2. If there is no green tick next to your contact this means that your contact is not online. Your contacts have to be online in order for you to call them.



3. If you get no answer, you can send a message by clicking into the box at the bottom of the screen, typing your message and pressing send.

4.3 Answering a call on Skype



1. If a contact is calling you the above screen will flash up on your Skype. Tap Answer to answer the call, and Answer with Video to include video in your call.
2. Tap Decline if you do not want to answer the call.

4.4 Facetime



Another app which allows you to make video calls is Facetime. You can make Facetime calls with other people who have an iPad, iPhone, iPod or Mac computer. You can call one person, or several people in a group call. You will be able to see and talk to them all at the same time.

4.5 Using Facetime

In order to use FaceTime you have to activate it first and you do this with your AppleID. If you do not have an AppleID you can get one for free when you open *FaceTime*. Additionally, the person you are calling will have to have *Facetime* on their iPad, iPhone, or on their Mac computer for the video to work.



1. Tap on the *FaceTime* app.
2. In the FaceTime app just tap on a name in your list.
3. If you want to add a contact just tap the plus icon in FaceTime and then enter their name or email address – the most important part here is that you enter the email address they use with their own FaceTime account.

4.6 Problems with Facetime

There have been some issues with Facetime freezing. If it does this then you can simply restart your iPad by holding down the Home button and the on/off switch for about 15 seconds and it will restart. Here are a few other things you can check if your calls are not working:

Make sure that you and the other people have the correct email address that was used to set up *FaceTime*

Make sure you are connected via your Wi-Fi.

It may take quite a few rings to establish a connection so make sure you give it some time

If your video seems slow or jerky, make sure you are both in as close range as possible to the best Wi-Fi signal and if you are in a cafe with free Wi-Fi it could be that the connection is too busy.

If the image is grainy or blotchy then the iPad camera needs more light

5 Extra Tips for the iPad

5.1 Set Brightness

- If you use your iPad to read (eReader), you may find a little less bright screen reduces strain on your eyes. To begin, tap the Settings icon on the Home screen.
- In the Settings dialog shown, tap Brightness & Wallpaper. Press and hold on the white button on the Auto-Brightness and slide it up and down to adjust the brightness
- To control brightness manually, tap the Auto-Brightness On/Off button to turn it off.
- Tap and drag the Brightness slider to the right to make the screen brighter, or to the left to make it dimmer.
- Tap the Home button to close the Settings dialog.



5.2 Screen Rotation

The iPad is set by default to change the rotation of the screen when you change the position of the iPad. For example if you are holding

the iPad in portrait position the screen will stay in portrait. If you move the iPad to a landscape position the screen will move with it.



← Portrait Orientation



← Landscape Orientation

This can be changed by going into Settings > General > Use Side Switch To > Lock Rotation. This changes the function of the “Mute” button to the “Lock Rotation” button. Switching the side button will now lock and unlock the screen rotation according to your preference.

5.3 iCloud

The iCloud allows you to store all of the information on your iPad in cyberspace. You can download iCloud from the App Store. For example if you have taken photos with your iPad, you can upload these photos onto the iCloud. If anything was ever to happen to the iPad you would still be able to access your photographs by logging into iCloud.com from a different computer. You will need to set up an iCloud account for this to work. It is similar to setting up an email account with a username and password. When you download the iCloud app it will ask you to do this.

You can switch on a setting so that all of your photographs and music will automatically upload to the iCloud when the iPad is charging.

If you were ever to lose your iPad, you could log into the iCloud on a different computer and check the last known location of your iPad, as the iCloud can track it through GPS technology.

If you buy a new iPad or iPhone you can access all the material from your old iPad through the iCloud.

iCloud gives you a certain amount of storage space for free. This is 5 GB of data which is normally enough for the average iPad user. If you were to take thousands of photographs you might have to buy extra storage space to fit them on the iCloud. All of this is virtual not physical storage space.