1. From an app, click the Share button or right-click an item that you want to share.
2. Select AirDrop from the menu of sharing options that appears.
3. Select the recipient in the Share sheet that appears.
4. Click Send.

Don't see who you're looking for?

When you select AirDrop, OS X looks for other Mac computers and devices that are nearby that also use AirDrop. If you don't see someone in the AirDrop window, here are some things to check.

Preventing senders

You can prevent people you don't know from sending you files, or you can allow everyone. If you don't see a recipient in the AirDrop window, they might only accept files from people who in their Contacts list. Ask them to add you in their Contacts app, or have them select the option "Allow me to be discovered by: Everyone" in the AirDrop window.

Sending files to and from an older Mac

If a Mac you're using with AirDrop was manufactured before 2012, you can send and receive files with other Mac computers.

1. On the sending Mac, click "Don't see who you're looking for" in the AirDrop window.
2. Select the option to "Search for an Older Mac."
3. On the receiving Mac, open a new Finder window and click AirDrop in the sidebar.

Tips for sending files

- Make sure Wi-Fi and Bluetooth are enabled on your Mac and your iOS device. Although you don't have to connect to a specific network, Wi-Fi needs to be on to send and receive files using AirDrop.
- Move your devices closer together. AirDrop is designed to work within a range of approximately 30 feet (9 meters). If you need to send a file to someone farther away, consider using File Sharing, iCloud, or email instead.
- If you're using a firewall on your Mac, you won't be able to receive AirDrop files if you have enabled "Block all incoming connections" in the Security & Privacy pane of System Preferences.
- Make sure your devices meet system requirements for AirDrop.

System Requirements

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To see if your Mac works with AirDrop, make sure you're in the Finder by clicking the desktop (the background area of your screen), or by clicking the Finder icon in the Dock. Then, check to see if AirDrop is listed as an option in the Go menu. If you don't see AirDrop listed, your Mac doesn't support this feature.

In order to transfer files between a Mac and and an iPhone, iPad or iPod touch, your iOS device needs iOS 7 or later installed and your Mac needs to be a 2012 or later model. To transfer files between two Mac computers, you need one of the Mac models listed below and OS X Lion or later.

- MacBook Pro (Late 2008 or newer)*
- MacBook Air (Late 2010 or newer)
- MacBook (Late 2008 or newer)*
- iMac (Early 2009 or newer)
- Mac Mini (Mid 2010 or newer)
- Mac Pro (Early 2009 with AirPort Extreme card, or Mid 2010)

*The MacBook Pro (17-Inch Late 2008) and the white MacBook (Late 2008) do not support AirDrop.

For help identifying your Apple product, choose About This Mac from the Apple menu, or refer to the Apple Support website.

Learn More

For more information about AirDrop, search for "AirDrop" from the Help menu on your Mac. You can also find more information from these articles:

- iOS: Use AirDrop to wirelessly share content

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Capable of great things. And all the little everyday things, too.

iOS 7 introduces great new features like Control Center, AirDrop for iOS, and smarter multitasking. It also makes the things you do every day even easier, faster, and more enjoyable. And while many of the apps look different, the way you do things feels perfectly familiar. So from day one, you know how to use the world's most advanced mobile OS. In its most advanced form.

Watch the iOS 7 video

Learn more about the all-new design

Control Center | Notification Center | Multitasking | Camera | Photos | AirDrop | Safari | iTunes Radio | Siri

Control Center. Some things should be only a swipe away. And now they are.

Control Center gives you quick access to the controls and apps you always seem to need right this

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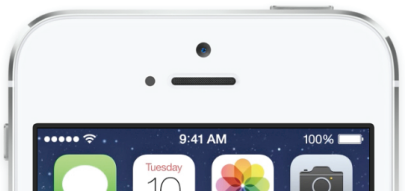
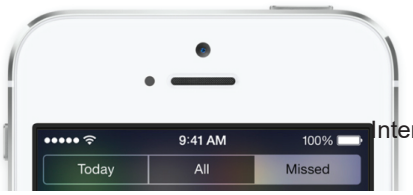
second. Just swipe up from any screen — including the Lock screen — to do things like switch to Airplane mode, turn Wi-Fi on or off, or adjust the brightness of your display. You can even shine a light on things with a new flashlight. Never has one swipe given you so much control.

Do what you need to do. Quick.
Turn on or off Airplane mode, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, and Do Not Disturb. Lock your screen's orientation or adjust its brightness. Play, pause, or skip a song. Connect to AirPlay-enabled devices. And quickly access your flashlight, timer, calculator, and camera.

Notification Center.
Today is all about you.

Notification Center lets you know about new mail, missed calls, to-dos that need doing, and more. And a new feature called Today gives you a convenient summary of, well, today. One glance at your iPhone and you'll know if it's a certain someone's birthday, if you'll need an umbrella, or if traffic will slow down your commute.[1] You'll even get a heads-up on tomorrow. You can access Notification Center from any screen, including the Lock screen. Just swipe down. And get up to speed.





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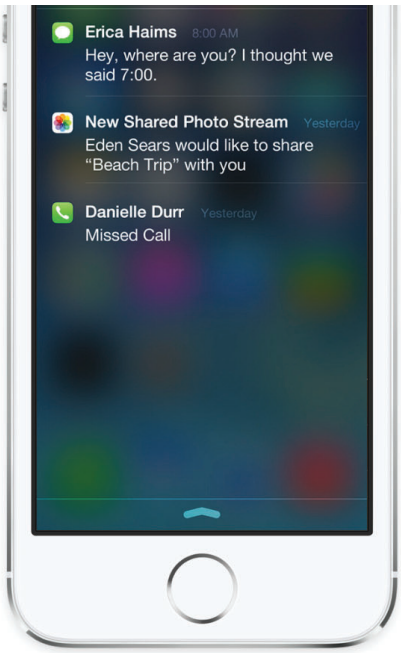
What's your day like?

Today view gives you a summary of what you need to know about for the day. And a peek at tomorrow.



See what you missed.

The new All and Missed views let you see all your alerts or just those you haven't addressed in the last 24 hours.

Multitasking.

While you multitask, it does, too.

Multitasking has always been a smart way to switch between apps. Now it's even smarter. Because iOS 7 learns when you like to use your apps and can update your content before you launch them. So if you tend to check your favorite social app at 9:00 a.m. every day, your feed will be ready and waiting for you. That's multitasking in iOS 7. It knows what you want to do before you do.

A smarter way to multitask.

Press the Home button twice to see preview screens of the apps you have open. To quit an app, just swipe it up and out of preview.

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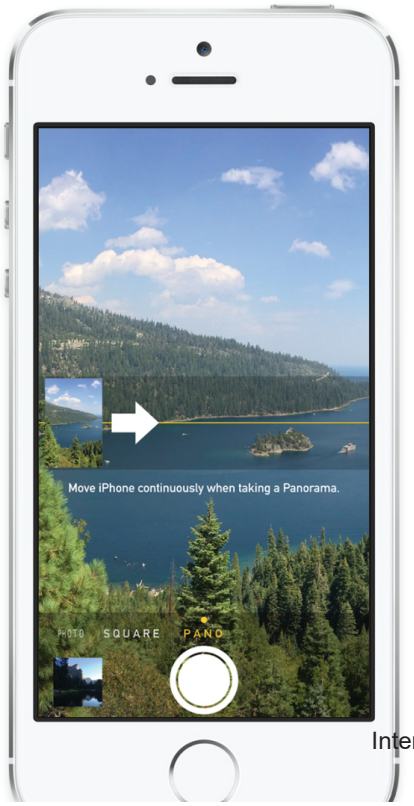
app, just swipe it up and out of preview.

Intelligently scheduled updates.
iOS schedules updates during power-efficient times. Like when your device is on and connected to Wi-Fi. So your battery isn't drained unnecessarily.

Camera. All the right formats. Right at your fingertips.

Camera in iOS 7 puts all your shooting formats — still, video, panorama, and now square — front and center. With a swipe, you can capture what you want the way you want.[2] Fast. And new filters let you do even more with each image. Give it a retro feel. Dial up the contrast. Or go black and white. Artistic license is all yours.



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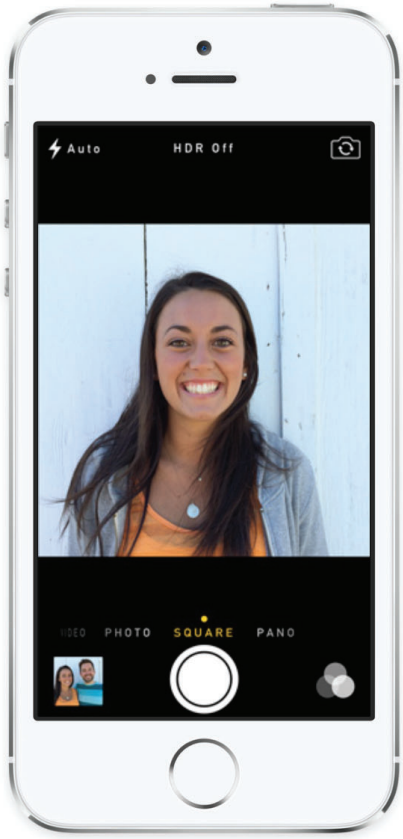
Video

Panorama

Still



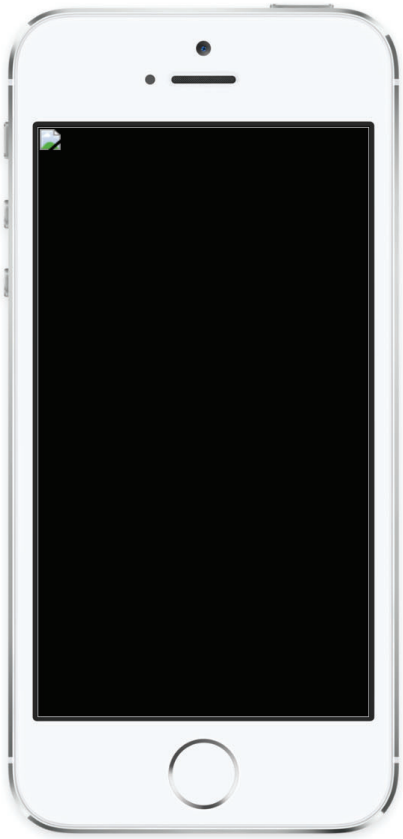
Square

Filters.

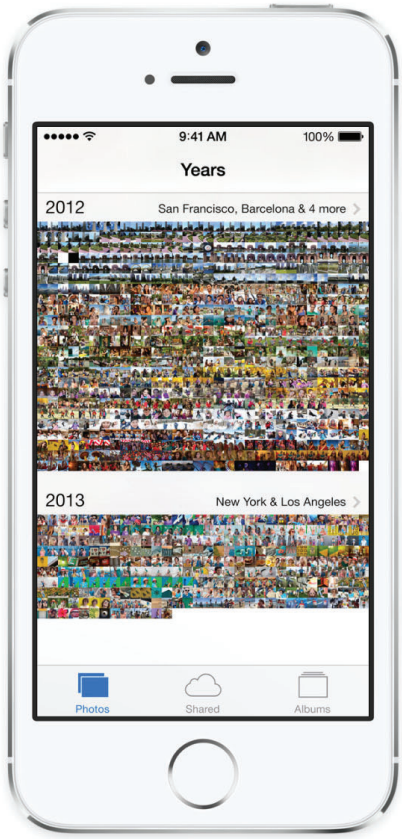
You can apply filters to still and square photos. Pick a filter and see the effect before you take the picture. Or just take the shot and apply it later. If you ever change your mind and decide no filter is the best filter, you can simply remove it.[3]

Photos. Life is full of special moments. So is your photo library.

Now there are faster, easier, and more delightful ways to scroll down memory lane. Introducing Years, Collections, and Moments — smart groupings of your photos and videos based on time and place. Tap Years and all your shots fill the screen. Each year holds Collections, like your trip to San Francisco. And in that Collection are distinct Moments — photos from Union Square, videos from AT&T; Park. So you can find a shot from whenever, wherever, in no time.



Inside a Collection.
Tap a Collection, like "Hawaii," and see photos from your trip organized into Moments according to date and location.



A year — or years — in review.
Tap the Year view and prepare to be amazed. Every photo and video you've ever taken appears onscreen, almost like artwork.

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iCloud Photo Sharing.

With iCloud, you can share your favorite moments with your favorite people by creating a shared stream. They can post photos, videos, and comments to your stream, and it all appears on everyone's iOS devices — automatically.[4] The new Activity view lets you see the latest updates from all your shared streams in one place.

AirDrop. Drop everything.

Sending a photo or a document to someone via text or email is fine. But if that someone is right next to you, a text or an email suddenly feels like too many steps. Enter AirDrop for iOS. It lets you quickly and easily share photos, videos, contacts — and anything else from any app with a Share button. Just tap Share, then select the person you want to share with. AirDrop does the rest using Wi-Fi and Bluetooth. No setup required. And transfers are encrypted, so what you share is highly secure.[5]

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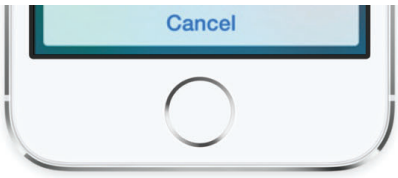
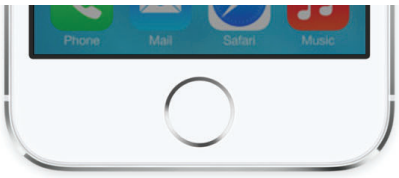
Share one to one. Or one to many.
With AirDrop, you can share, say, a photo or a video with a specific person or multiple people. Just tap the Share icon, select who you want to share with, and let AirDrop do its thing.



Make yourself available. Or not.
You're automatically visible in AirDrop to your contacts running iOS 7. But you can also make yourself visible to anyone nearby using iOS 7 or to no one at all. One tap in Control Center is all it takes.



File received.
Recipients can choose to save whatever you send. When they do, the content is saved right where it should be — a photo in Photos, a pass in Passbook, a contact in Contacts, and so on.

Safari. With things out of the way, there's way more web.

Browsing is bigger, better, and more beautiful with Safari in iOS 7. Buttons and bars — like the unified smart search field — stay hidden until you scroll to reveal them.[6] So you see more content than ever on your screen. And with a swipe, you can go back or forward a page. It's all designed so nothing gets in your way or slows you down.

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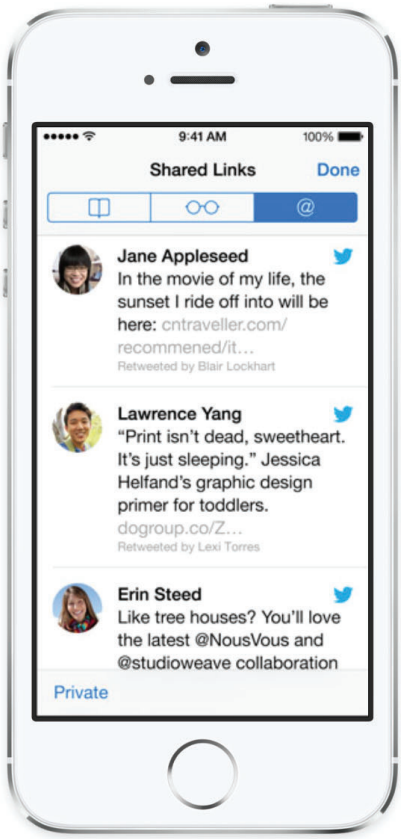
Unified smart search field.
Type a URL or search term in the unified smart search field, and Safari automatically suggests the closest match to what you're looking for. So you find the right web page fast.

New tab view.
See your open web pages in a consolidated view that lets you scroll effortlessly from tab to tab. To close a page, just swipe it offscreen.[6]



Shared Links.
See all the URLs in your Twitter timeline, who posted them, and what they had to say about them.

Reading List.
Reading through the articles in your Reading List is quick and easy. Simply scroll seamlessly from one to the next.

iCloud Keychain. Coming soon

Lots of things you do on the web require passwords. Now iCloud can remember your account names, passwords, and credit card numbers for you. And Safari will enter them automatically whenever you need to sign in to a site or shop online. It works on all your approved iOS 7 devices and Mac computers running OS X Mavericks. And with 256-bit AES encryption, it's highly secure.

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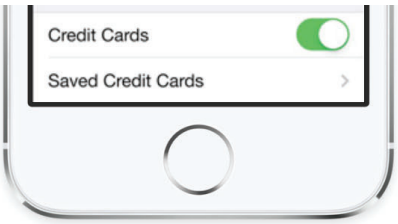

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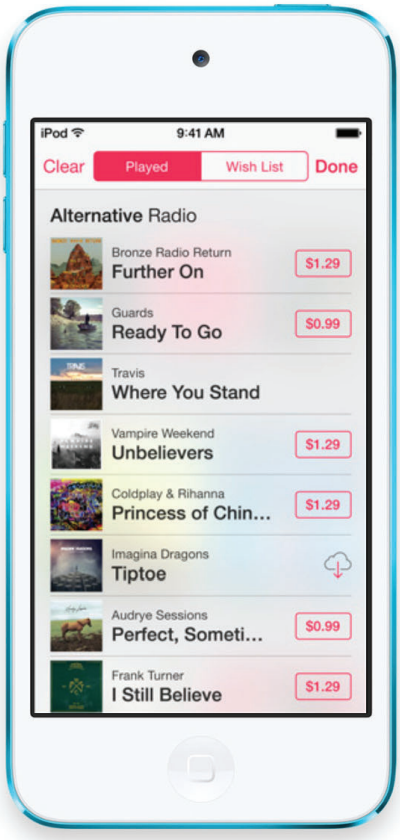
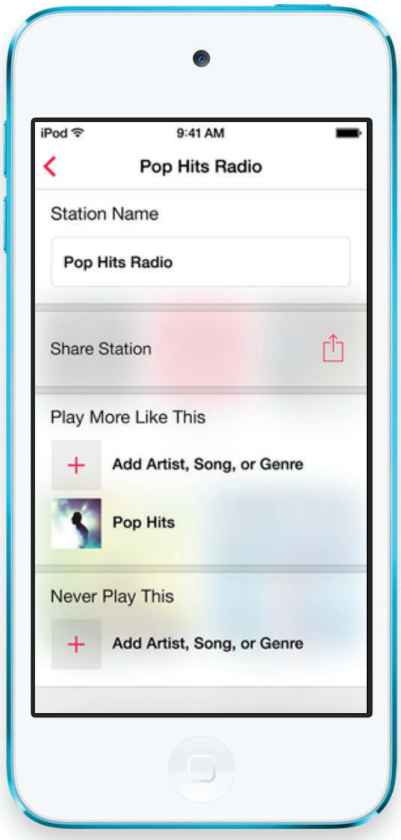


See what you've heard.

Check your History to view everything you've heard or added to your Wish



Edit on the fly.

Build new stations while you listen, and fine-tune the mix by adding artists

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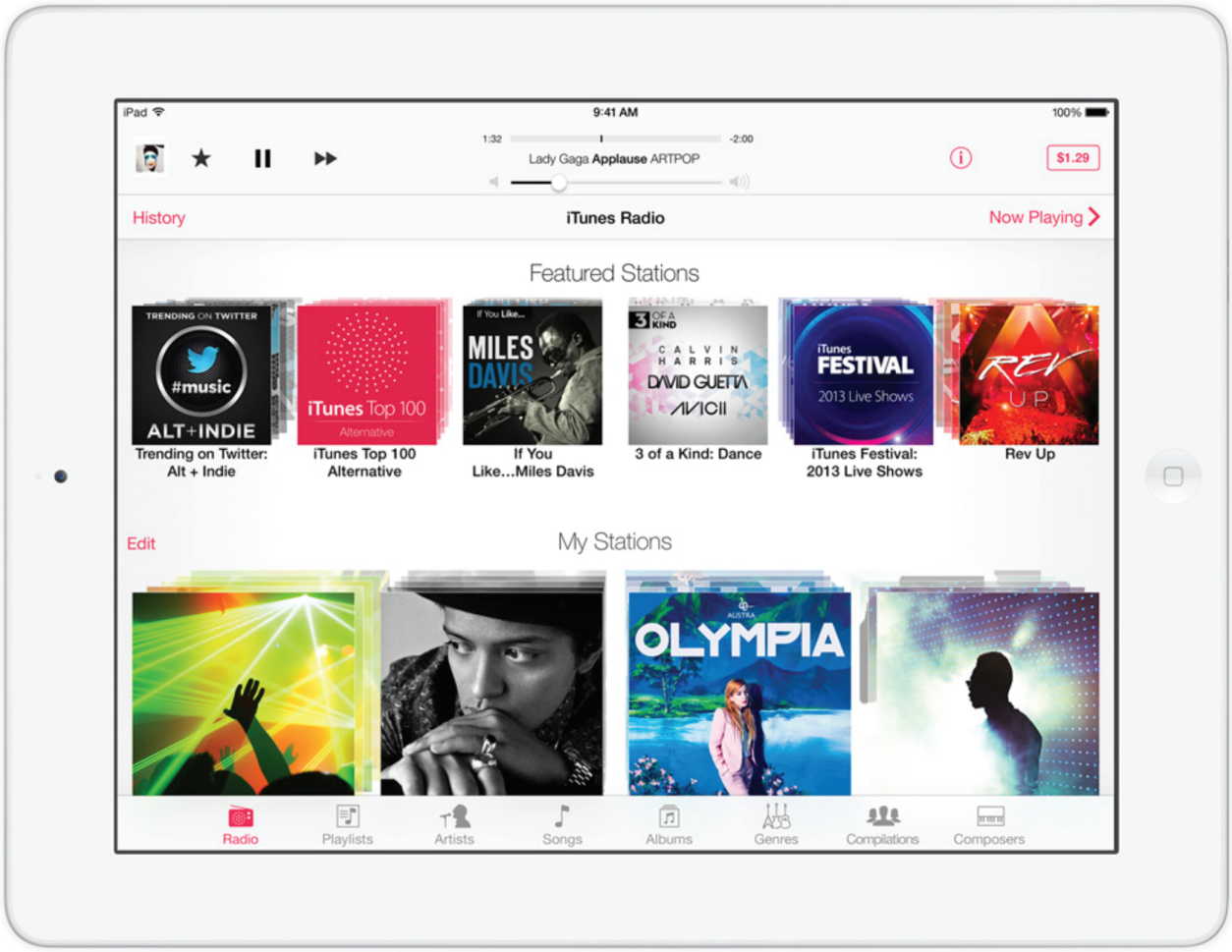
List. Then tap to download the songs you want from iTunes.

and songs or skipping music you don't like.



Go from your music to more music.

You instantly build a new station by choosing an artist or song. Or choose from more than 300 DJ-curated and genre-focused stations.

iTunes Radio is available only in the U.S.

Siri. You're going to like what you hear. And see.

Siri in iOS 7 gets a new look, a new sound, and new capabilities. It features a redesigned interface that fades into view — on top of whatever's on your screen. A clearer, more natural-sounding female or male voice makes Siri even easier to understand. It's faster at answering questions and it checks more sources, such as Bing, Wikipedia, and Twitter. And Siri takes on extra tasks, like

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