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The Digital Traveler

by Sue Beal

Diane Marshall and John Hammerstrom prepared a thorough and eye-opening presentation for us, covering all aspects of one's digital life when traveling. Says Diane, "I highly recommend, before you take a trip, prepare a presentation of it. That will really get you ready!"



I felt guilty putting my name on the byline for this article. Diane did such an amazing job of compiling information, and she put almost everything she said into her slide show... which she gave me to pull from. For once I didn't have to frantically scribble pages and pages of notes, I could just enjoy the talk. And so, what you are reading here was mostly written by Di. I can only take credit for editing it a bit for space, and adding a few comments.

Diane organized the talk into 3 main topics, plus time for questions and audience participation at the end:

Before the Trip--tools to help plan, pack and prepare for your adventure;

On the Road--tools to ensure your trip is safe, comfortable, easy and what you expected; and

After the Trip--tools to keep those good memories when you return home.

Before the Trip... Travel Guides

Do your homework to learn about the places you plan to visit. Visitor bureaus and guidebooks are good places to start, and of course, there is more current information online, in digital travel guides.

For example, Overdrive.com lets you download travel guides (and other books) by borrowing them from your library. Our

local library subscribes to this service so you can get access through them. You can also download travel guides from the Monroe County Public Library.

Lonely Planet has digital guides, as do AAA, Insight and Berlitz eBooks. Cities and countries also have eGuides available. Check which devices they support.

Master the Language

There are apps and free downloads for all sorts of devices to help you learn the language or translate on the fly. Look to your local public library for help. The Rosetta Stone software is particularly good. Diane recommends the Duolingo free app, and she mentioned the "News in Slow French" app and podcasts.



Google Translate is a handy and popular app for translating text and websites. You can run it on a laptop, iPad or iPhone. Check the App Store and iTunes for others.

Currency Translation

An important part of your trip! Google Translate and Google Currency covers it, but Diane also likes AppBoxPro for currency, translation, and tipping.

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OUR NEXT MEETING:

**Thursday,
Nov. 13, 2014**

**7pm at Key Largo Library
Community Room
MM 101.4 Oceanside**

**The Latest and
Greatest from Apple**

-AND-

**The Pitfalls of
Bleeding Edge Technology**



**by All Keys ComputerGuys
Jack Buccellato and Chris Mueller**

Beginners: Come at 6:30 and bring your Mac and your questions. There will be some experienced users there to help for the half-hour before the formal presentation starts! Experienced users: please come and help!

About UKMUG

UKMUG meets at the Key Largo Library Community Room on the second Thursday of each month. Speakers begin at 7pm, and may go as late as 9pm.

Beginners can come at 6:30 with questions, and we encourage others to come and help.

Voluntary annual dues are collected in Jan-Feb-Mar: \$25.



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AppBoxPro has an easy-to-use interface that keeps you apprised of the value of foreign currencies, as well as a handy ballpark for reference.

Finding Accommodations

There are many websites to help. Airbnb.com, Homestay.com, and VRBO.com are sites that help you find interesting and unusual places to stay.

The following sites help with regular hotels: Booking.com, Hotels.com, Hotwire.com, Kayak.com, Bingtravel.com, Hipmunk.com, Yapta.com, Trivago.com, Tripadvisor.com, Jetsetter.com, Agoda.com, Priceline.com, etc.

Don't forget to check the reviews! Find reviews on Oyster.com (professional), TripAdvisor (public). You will find that people report on things the booking sites don't tell you!

There's an App for that! The iTunes store has free and inexpensive iPhone and iPad apps for individual hotel brands and accommodations search engines.

A Room is More than a Bed!

As a digital traveler, you need to check the Internet policy for wherever you plan to stay. Does the property have an Internet connection? Is there a charge? Is it WiFi or plug-in? Is it per day? Is it per device or for unlimited devices? Are there computers



We had a comfortable group of 21 people for the evening in October; old and a few new friends.

for public use? If so, what's the fee? What are the hours?

And... are there safes in the room to store valuables like laptops and mobile devices? (Do you really want to lug your electronics with you ALL the time?)

Booking Your Flights

Use a variety of sites to compare fares and options. One flight Diane compared: Orbitz: \$294 (all-nighter on return), \$352; Kayak: \$435; Adioso: \$356 (out of Fort Lauderdale); Priceline: \$434; SeatGuru (new feature): \$385; Hipmunk: \$301 (all-nighter on return), \$385. Wide range of choices!

Get the Right Seat

Before you press "Book," check out the airplane and its seats. Find out what kind of plane you'll be on, and how the seats are laid out. SeatGuru.com gives you general view of each type of airplane, so you can choose your airline based on its seats and amenities at each seat. (Can you plug in your electronics? Can you see the movie from that seat? Do you care?)

Bring an extension cord and dual jack, so if one of your seats' hookups isn't working you can share.

Staying Connected When you Arrive

There are many options these days to maximize connectivity and minimize price:

Get an International Data Plan

Check with your mobile device's service provider for plans. They're usually broken down into data, texting and voice.

Get a mobile WiFi Hotspot device.

This device works with the cellular providers in a given country and allows you to connect to the Internet via the cell connections. It emits a wireless signal that creates its own secure WiFi network, which you connect to with a name and password. Once connected you can have access to data. Multiple mobile devices -- iPhones,

TIP: Make sure you tell your carrier when the trip will end, and when the plan ends. This will help keep you from being overcharged.

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Cheryl Lamb demonstrates her Targus iPad case. It spins and configures every which way, and gives great protection, plus it has "magnetic off" when closed.



Kathy Miller and Diane Marshall put their heads together for a photo op. Kathy made an amazing cheesecake for us to enjoy.



Mary Anne Roper talks with Nancy and Randy Wall during Beginner's Circle. The Walls had just updated to iOS8, and Randy's iPad 2 was balking a bit at startup. And does anyone know how to get Street View on iOS8's Google Maps? We couldn't get it to work!

iPads, laptops, games -- can use it at the same time. Depending on the hotspot device, from 4 to 10 users. Great for a group!

This is usually much cheaper than your company's regular telephone data plan because you're using a local provider's network.

Mobile WiFi hotspot devices can be rented or purchased. If rented, the fee covers the cost to use the device, a data plan and customer service.

One rental provider is Telecom Square. You tell them where you are going. They set it up with the right cellular providers. They mail you the device. You use it on your trip, then return it, and the cost is as low as \$12.95 a day. Another provider is XGlobal.

If purchased, you have to buy a mobile hotspot device and a data plan.

Netgear makes the Mingle, which can be used on Virgin Mobile's Broadband2Go program (a partner with Sprint). The cost is \$80. Data plans start at \$5 a day for 250MB for casual users. If you need more bandwidth, you can pay more.

With a Karma device (\$150) you pay only for the data you use at a rate starting at \$14 up front for 1GB.

Buy a SIM card for an Unlocked Device

If you have an unlocked device or an extra or old device, you can purchase a SIM card in the country you are visiting to use in it.

Get a Skype Phone Number

This gives you your own number that anyone can call from their phone and you pick up on Skype wherever you are in the world. Cost is \$5-6 per month depending on the plan.

Select numbers from a variety of area codes in several countries/regions -- no more expensive international rates for your callers. Answer on Skype using your laptop, mobile or tablet via WiFi.

Skype WiFi for Internet Access

Get online at over 2 million WiFi hotspots worldwide and only pay for the minutes you use with Skype Credit, which streamlines paying when you're on the move.

Use it on your laptop, iPad or iPhone. Skype for Mac OS X comes with Skype WiFi. All you need to do is sign in normally

and make sure you have the latest version of Skype. Then, when you're traveling, launch Skype and connect to a hotspot. Skype WiFi will automatically notify you if the hotspot is supported.

When you see the notification, just click connect to get online. It will tell you the cost the WiFi provider charges per minute.

It's very similar on a hand-held device, just download the Skype WiFi App.

Other providers

Other companies, such as Boingo and T-Mobile, offer hotspot Wifi service on a monthly subscription, per day and per hour basis.

Connect via Mobile Chat Software

Use What's App, Viber, or Voxel apps with WiFi to connect via text, voice, photos and videos for free. Viber, like Skype, also lets you make voice phone calls to mobiles and landlines for a fee.

Deciding What to Take with You

Your laptop, iPhone, iPad and GPS all may be useful to you. And don't forget the accessories: chargers, cords, adaptors,


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Apple Time Capsule

submitted by Graham Thomas

Watch "Lost Steve Jobs mouse found after 30 years (video)" from CNET TV:

http://cnettv.cnet.com/lost-steve-jobs-mouse-found-after-30-years/9742-1_53-50161729.html 

Should you update to iOS8?


compiled by Sue Beal

Many of us automatically install the new OS as soon as it is released. But iOS8 is getting mixed reviews, and there might be reason to wait.

We have Jack and Chris coming in November to tell us all about about it, but in the meantime, here are some articles you might find useful:

Diane Marshall sent in this one: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-switch/wp/2014/09/24/warning-do-not-update-your-ios-8-software/?wpisrc=nl-most&wpm=1>

Here's another good one: <http://www.macworld.co.uk/news/iosapps/should-you-update-ipad-iphone-to-ios-8-ios-8-1-3495266/>

Upgrade to iOS 8? Beware bugs in the system...security flaws in iOS7 makes the older operating system risky. <http://arstechnica.com/security/2014/09/cant-upgrade-to-ios-8-beware-bugs-in-the-system/> 

Lights, Cameras, Action!



Calling all filmmakers (and wannabes)! The first UKMUG Film Festival wants your movies.

Preferred video/slideshow length is six minutes or less. All entries will be shown and judged at the UKMUG meeting on February 12th, 2015.

Let us discover, showcase and celebrate your creativity. Prizes will be awarded for entries in six categories.

Attend the November 13th, 2014, UKMUG meeting to learn how to enter.

See you at the movies! 

repair kit, tools, etc. Here's Diane's wisdom on making those choices:

LAPTOP - How much will you use it? If you won't be using it often, consider leaving it at home. A laptop on the road is subject to power surges, theft, heat and humidity, cold, and damage from carrying it around. "Did I say theft?" Instead, use your hotel's business center or an Internet café.

If you take it, make sure that you have the latest security updates installed as well as a firewall. Both will help to prevent unwanted intrusions from outside computers, including adware and spyware.

IPHONE & IPAD - Easier to carry, more versatile, but still, easily stolen if you don't keep your eyes on them.

Navigation with Apple Maps

Use Apple Maps on iPhone and iPad, with apps to find your location, use turn-by-turn navigation, and see real-time traffic. Cellular data charges might apply when you use certain Maps features.

To use turn-by-turn navigation, the start location must be your current location. Maps will provide spoken directions and updates and estimate your time to arrival. If spoken directions aren't available, Maps will track your location and provide on-screen directions. You can tap Overview in the top-right corner anytime to see your entire route.

Spoken directions are available in certain countries on iPhone 4s or later and iPad 2 or later with cellular data capability.

Google Maps

Some people strongly prefer Google Maps over Apple Maps, which will work on iPhones and iPads.

Google Maps gives you maps in 220 countries and territories. Transit directions and maps for over 15,000 cities and towns, as well as voice-guided GPS navigation for driving, biking, walking, etc.

You can also get live traffic conditions, incident reports, and automatic rerouting for the best route; detailed information on more than 100 million places; and Street View for images of restaurants, museums, etc. (* Some features not available in all countries.) Keep in mind that running GPS in the background decreases battery life.

Why Bring a standalone GPS?

If you have your iPhone and/or iPad, why would you bring a GPS? Here are a

few reasons:

Unless you rely on voice navigation, you must mount your phone at eye level in the car to see the map. When your phone is mounted to your dashboard, it's hard to use it as a phone.

GPS apps strain your smartphone's battery (make sure you have a car charger).

It's easier to get a satellite signal than a cell signal, especially in the wilderness.

If you travel overseas and don't want to use data, your GPS will still work. Your phone won't.

**Be sure to download any updates before you leave.*

About those Accessories

In your research before you go, find out about the power used in the country you're going to. IEC or the International Electrotechnical Commission has the info: iec.ch/worldplugs, complete with pictures.

Don't forget that Apple devices are dual voltage and dual frequency, so all you need is the right plug.

Charging

A dead device does you no good. Recently, you could not board some flights with your device if it did not actually power up, and you had to prove it when boarding.

So take a backup charger (which is a standalone battery pack from which you can recharge). Charge it and your mobile device whenever you have the opportunity. You never know when you're going to be without a power source. Airport charging stations may not exist or may be occupied.

Travel-size chargers range in size from 1,200mAh to 23,000mAh and in price from \$25 to \$100. They weigh as little as 4.6 ounces or as much as 20 ounces. They charge at rates of 1A to 3.5A. Some are dual voltage 110-240 V and have changeable voltage outputs to charge cameras, games, laptops, etc.

If you travel with more than one device or with someone else who has a device, look for one with multiple ports. Some even include a flashlight, SD card reader and WiFi Hotspot.

When choosing a charger, read the reviews and use the tech sites to learn more about it.

If you travel outdoors or away from civilization consider a charger that is solar-powered, hand cranked, or uses batteries.

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Free Battery Replacement for some iPhone 5s

submitted by Karen Beal

Apple has determined that a very small percentage of iPhone 5 devices may suddenly experience shorter battery life or need to be charged more frequently. The affected iPhone 5 devices were sold between September 2012 and January 2013 and fall within a limited serial number range.

If your iPhone 5 is experiencing these symptoms and meets the eligibility requirements, Apple will replace your iPhone 5 battery, free of charge.

Check here: <https://www.apple.com/support/iphone5-battery/MU>

A Follow-Up on Our Security Presentation



from Allan Miller

Allen wrote us in an email:

"I am sure you know that less than a week after my talk on iOS security, iCloud was hacked. It was the famous "celebrity nude photos" hack. But if you dig deeper into the story, you'll find that the hackers actually **did not hack the encryption**. They were able to **guess the password**.

"And you know now that new iOS 8 is claiming that Apple can not decrypt anymore, even for law enforcement.

"So, although my last talk was kinda "propeller head," I hope you are able to see the application of what I was talking about!"

I saw it, did you? Thanks, Allan! —Sue



More Accessories You Need

Monster's "Outlets to Go" power strip features 4 outlets. It's compact, and also gives you an extension cord. Use it on the plane and anywhere you need multiple outlets.



A dual jack adapter can be a lifesaver on an airplane when a seat jack doesn't work.

Repairs on the Road

Let's hope you don't need it, but the iFixit.com website and app help you to repair your electronic devices (and just about anything else). It's not for the faint of heart and may void your warranty, but if there's no Apple store or computer store around, it might help.

Before You Leave

Back up your laptop and mobile devices before you go. Bring a flash/external USB drive to save files, photos, etc. and/or sign up for a backup service, like iCloud or Dropbox.

Bring a backup CD of the operating system for your laptop, as well as backups of important software you need. And bring a repair CD from which you can start up your computer, in case you have hard disk problems.

You're On the Road!

Part II of the talk covered tools to ensure your trip is safe, comfortable, and easy.

Buy a SIM Card

When you get to your destination, seek out a local cellular provider and buy a pre-paid SIM card. Offers differ from country to country, so do a little research before you travel. And of course, your iPhone needs to have an unlocked SIM slot. Once you switch SIM cards, you won't be able to receive calls at your old phone number until you switch back: your phone will have a new, local phone number. (Internet-based stuff like iMessage and email will work as normal, just your phone number will have changed.) Compare packages and rates.

Security on the Road

The last thing you need when traveling is a security breach tangling up your credit cards and finances. Stay safe with a VPN,

and know when to use a cellular connection versus WiFi.

VPN: Virtual Private Network

VPNs are used for telecommuting in corporate networks, for secure collaboration and for private browsing on nonsecure networks such as at cafés, libraries, public buildings, etc.

There are scores of VPN apps. You can find reviews at Cnet.com and other websites. Two popular ones are Spotflux and Hotspot Shield.

Use Cellular for information-sensitive Internet usage, like banking. Turn WiFi off if you're going to need a secure line, so there's no chance of it connecting and undermining your security.

When you Check In to Your Hotel

Locate the your hotel's public computers, confirm the WiFi or internet connection policy, ask for WiFi login instructions.

You might want to locate Internet cafés in the area. To find them: Ask your hotel front desk or concierge; check your guidebook; Apps in the iTunes app store or the cybercafes.com/ database can help you, or go to world66.com/netcafeguide.

If you go to an Internet Cafe, remember that your data is not secure and your screen is visible. Use caution. Ask about their minimum and maximum usages, and find out if they might just cut you off when your time is up.

After the Trip

You held onto your receipts, right? Check credit and debit card receipts against your bills and bank statements for the next three months.

Check your phone bills, especially the data charges for the next two months.

You made notes about your hotels, restaurants and shops, right? Use your notes to write thoughtful reviews on the property's website (VRBO, Homeaway, etc.) as well as on travel sites such as TripAdvisor.com, Yelp.com and Virtualtourist.com.

Send emails or snail mail to the businesses to compliment an employee who was especially thoughtful or helpful. Compliments are just as important as complaints!

And what to do with all those photos? Organize and share with apps like iPhoto, Instagram, Picasa, Shutterfly, PicPack and other sites Make cool stuff with your photos--books, calendars, stockings, etc.

That wraps it up! *Di and John, thanks for a thoughtfully prepared and thorough presentation!* **MU**



Shellshock - Bash Vulnerability

Submitted by John Hammerstrom

There was a disclosure recently of a major bug in a common Unix tool set. Nearly every version of Unix is vulnerable, including Linux and OS X, which will affect web servers but, but here's what you need to know.

Shellshock affects Bash, one of the most fundamental tools available on Unix-based systems, (a version of which is at the heart of your Mac). If you launch Terminal, unless you are an advanced user who changed your default shell, Bash is the program you use for the command-line interface.

Why Most Macs are Safe

The default configurations of most Macs block the highest-risk methods of exploiting the bug. **Unless you set up your Mac as a web server, or enable some other remote software that could link to Bash, you are safe.** This isn't a problem for desktop and laptop users, but anyone running a Mac server should look further.

To be safe, turn on your firewall (System Preferences > Security & Privacy > Firewall > Turn On Firewall) and set it to block all incoming connections (System Preferences > Security & Privacy > Firewall > Firewall Options) if you aren't on your home network. That might be more than you need, but it probably won't affect anything negatively as you use your Mac.

More: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aKShnpOXqn0> **MU**

Christmas Shopping?

Tip from Karen Beal

If you are thinking about purchasing an iPad Air, check around for deals. Staples recently offered \$100 off on www.Bradsdeals.com - you can go there and search for iPad and see who is offering what. I especially like that it is a known store. Sometimes Target has a good deal AND includes a \$100 gift card - two gifts in one purchase. So look around and save some cash. **MU**



New iPhone 6 - What to Expect

From Funny Times, by Chris Hume

Apple has revealed some startling news about its new iPhone. After almost seven years of unchallenged popularity, the new model will do more than just provide countless apps and conveniences for its devoted fans. In exactly one week from today, the sleek, new iPhone 6 will impregnate all of its owners by laying eggs in their 'hosts,' setting the stage for world domination with swarms of robo-smartphone-alien-spi-der creatures.

"This is complete nonsense!" shouted Apple executive Thad Chocodile. "The iPhone 6 is a terrific product. We here at Apple have complete confidence that the iPhone 6 will not claw its way down your throat, secure itself inside your chest cavity, and use your body as an incubator for its young."


But many disagree. iPhones have already firmly attached themselves to the hands of nearly a quarter of the world's population. There is no way to pry them loose. They appeared suddenly in 2007 and multiplied with lightning speed. Now, throngs of humans stare glassy-eyed into the small rectangular devices, hypnotized by their throbbing, colorful glow. "Civilization is doomed," declared cyberologist Desmond Wik-kins. "I just never thought it would come in the form of an app." Wikkins is referring to a tiny, nondescript app that comes with the new iPhone. This is the app that will lead to the much dreaded

"App-ocalypse" one month from today. "Repent now," warns Wikkins, "or be impregnated by your smartphone and enslaved for eternity!"

Experts aren't exactly sure how the App-ocalypse will play out. But no one is doubting that it will be a "gruesome, horrific cataclysm on a global scale, leaving over a billion dead."

In spite of this dire warning, herds of humans are already lining up at Apple Stores worldwide, desperate to get their hands on the sleek new iPhone 6. "So what if it burrows down my throat, lays its eggs, explodes out of my ass and colonizes the Earth?" said iPhone lover Stephanie Higgs. "It's shiny and colorful, with lots of awesome apps. That's what matters."

And so, humans can enjoy one more week of free will. The iPhone has waited patiently for seven long years, growing faster and smarter than its human owners, anticipating the glorious day when its armies will burst forth from their warm, unwitting hosts, and conquer the planet. The App-ocalypse, or iMageddon as some are calling it, will be complete in a matter of weeks. Resistance is futile.


"We're really excited about our new iPhone product. It's smart, sexy, safe, and streamlined," said Mr. Chocodile of Apple. "The initial roll-out should go flawlessly. Rest assured, we've worked out all the bugs by now. Well, almost." 

Beyond the basics: advanced Mac keyboard tricks

submitted by Graham Thomas

If you're like most Mac users, you probably don't give your keyboard much thought: You press a key, it relays that key-press to your system, and that's all there is to it. But there can, in fact, be much more to it, if you take advantage of OS X's support for multiple keyboard layouts.

When you initially set up your Mac, the OS X Setup Assistant gives you the option of choosing a default keyboard layout. Many users never deviate from that initial choice. You can, however, choose a different keyboard layout any time you want.

Read all about it: <http://www.macworld.com/article/2460960/beyond-the-basics-advanced-mac-keyboard-tricks.html> 




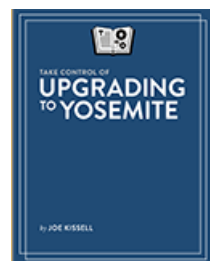
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Take Control of Upgrading to Yosemite

submitted by Karen Beal

Apple plans to release OS X 10.10 Yosemite "this fall" with continuity features that integrate Macs and iOS 8, a redesigned Spotlight search tool, iCloud Drive cloud storage, an expanded Notification Center, and improvements in Apple Mail, among much else. To smooth your transition to Yosemite, there is an early-bird version of Joe Kissell's "Take Control of Upgrading to Yosemite" for sale now, from the Take Control ebooks folks, \$15 online.

We'll have a free copy to raffle at our November meeting! <http://www.takecontrolbooks.com/yosemite-upgrading> 



Mission Control

submitted by Graham Thomas

iMac users tend to wax enthusiastic over the convenience features built into OS X Mavericks. The amazing convenience of Mission Control is often one of the features that many iMac users first show off to friends and family.

You can press the Command Key+Tab as a keyboard shortcut to switch between your open applications. If you've moved to the iMac from a PC running Windows, you might think this simple shortcut is all there is to it. Ah, dear reader, you're in Mavericks territory now!

Mission Control is a complex-sounding feature, but it's really all about convenience. If you typically run a large number of applications at the same time, Mission Control can be a real time saver, allowing you to quickly switch among a forest of different application windows (or display your Desktop instantly without those very same windows in the way). The feature works in three ways:

- Press F3 (or Control+ \uparrow , depending on your keyboard) to show all open windows using Mission Control, grouped by application; then click the one you want.



This screen illustrates the tiled All Window display on a iMac after F3 was pressed. Move the cursor on top of the window you want to activate (the window border turns blue when it's selected) and click once to switch to that window. You can specify which keys you want to use within the Mission Control pane in System Preferences.

- Press Control+F3 (or Control+ \uparrow , depending on your keyboard) to show all open windows from the application that you're currently using; then click the one that you want to activate.

This Mission Control function is great for choosing from all the images that you've opened in Adobe Photoshop or all the Safari web pages littering your Desktop!

- Press the Command key+F3, and all your open windows scurry to the side of the screen (much like a herd of zebras would if you dropped a lioness in the middle).

Now you can work with drives, files, and aliases on your Desktop — and when you're ready to confront those dozen application windows again, just press the keyboard shortcut a second time.

Although the Mission Control screen appears automatically when necessary, you can also launch it at any time from your iMac's Launchpad display, from the Mission Control icon in the Dock (which looks like a tiny Desktop with three windows), or by pressing the Mission Control/F3 key on your keyboard. From a Magic Trackpad, display the Mission Control screen by swiping up with three fingers. [\[M\]](#)

5 things you had no idea your iPad could do

from USA Today

No matter how long you've had your iPad, it probably has a few tricks to surprise you.

1. EASY GESTURE NAVIGATION

The iPad is all about touch, so it can seem a bit out of place to have to press the home button to navigate between apps or back out to the home screen. The iPad's gesture controls let you perform both of these tasks without ever touching that pesky home button.

Using four fingers at a time, you can swipe from left to right, or vice versa, to switch between active apps. You can write an email while surfing the web for info, or play a game while picking the best songs from your playlist, without backing out to the home screen. Of course, if you want to return to the home screen, you can do that by placing four fingers on the screen and pinching them together.

2. ENABLE PRIVATE BROWSING

Web browsing on the iPad is slick and quick, but did you know that you can also enable some of the same privacy and security features you enjoy on your desktop?

Head into the Settings menu and then the Safari tab, and enable the "Do Not Track" feature. This tweak will keep certain adver-

tisers from tracking your web habits for ad purposes. You can also click the page icon in the bottom while browsing and tap the "Private" button to keep your iPad from keeping a history of your browsing habits and form entries.

3. DEFINE WORDS

When you're stumped by something you read in an email or anywhere on the web, the iPad's built-in dictionary can help you figure it out. Tap on the unfamiliar word and hold your finger until the word is highlighted. Now, a small bar will pop up that will have two options on it: Copy and Define. Click Define and you'll get an up-to-date dictionary definition along with options to search for the word elsewhere.

4. GUIDED ACCESS

Guided Access is a tool for parents of young iPad users. First, activate the feature in the Settings menu under General and then Accessibility.

Now, whenever you're in an app, you can lock the iPad into that one specific program by triple-clicking the Home button. Once you've locked the tablet into that app, you have to put in a passcode to back out.

5. SPLIT KEYBOARD

The large default keyboard on the iPad isn't exactly the most comfortable to type on. Tapping and holding the keyboard icon in the bottom right corner of the screen brings up a menu that will let you split the keyboard in two, placing one half on either side of the screen.

And, there's even a secret trick built into this feature: There are secret, invisible keys in between the two keyboard halves, letting you press some of the keyboard's middle keys with either hand, based on your own personal preference.



Aw, man! You got an iPad?!



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