

Downloading and Managing Applications on an iPad

Introduction

Applications play a key role on a tablet. This document will help you understand what they are and what they do.

What is an application?



An application (or “app”) is software that can easily be downloaded and installed on your device. Tablets and smartphones offer a wide range of applications for accomplishing various tasks. There are apps that help you manage email, watch videos, chat with friends, play games and follow a personal training program—just to name a few examples.

What is a native application?



A native application is software developed for a specific operating system.

Android and iOS devices therefore have different app catalogues. The most popular native apps generally offer both iOS and Android versions.

Native applications need to be installed on your tablet.



Operating System Definition



An operating system (OS) is a set of programs that make it possible to use a computer. This software handles requests to use a machine’s resources, to store information on the hard drive, or to communicate using sound or video via a peripheral device.

The most common computer operating systems are Microsoft Windows (for PCs), Apple MacOS (for Macintosh computers), Linux (for PCs and servers) and Unix (for servers). Smartphone operating systems include Google Android, Apple iOS, Symbian and Microsoft Windows Phone.

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The App Store: A Marketplace for Applications

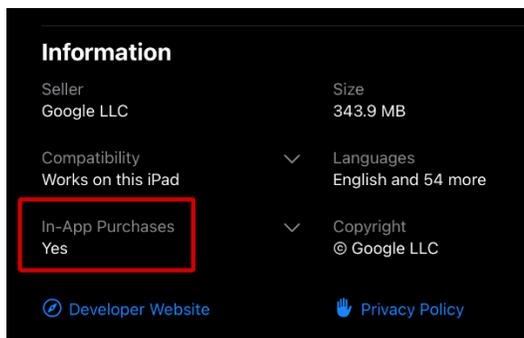


The iPad is an Apple product, and Apple operates a software distribution platform called the **App Store**. It's a virtual marketplace for applications that run on iOS devices (iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch). The **App Store** provides access to both free and paid applications!



You can search for applications the same way as you search the web. When you open the **App Store**, look for the **Search** area in the bottom right corner of the screen.

Free Applications and In-App Purchases



An impressive number of free applications are available.

However, many of them let you pay to access additional features or content from inside the app. Of course, you don't have to make these so-called in-app purchases!



For example, **YouTube** is a free entertainment app for accessing audio-visual content. But **YouTube** also lets you access paid content like movies, television shows and music.

Look at the **Information** section of an app's overview page to see if it offers in-app purchases like these.

Paid Applications

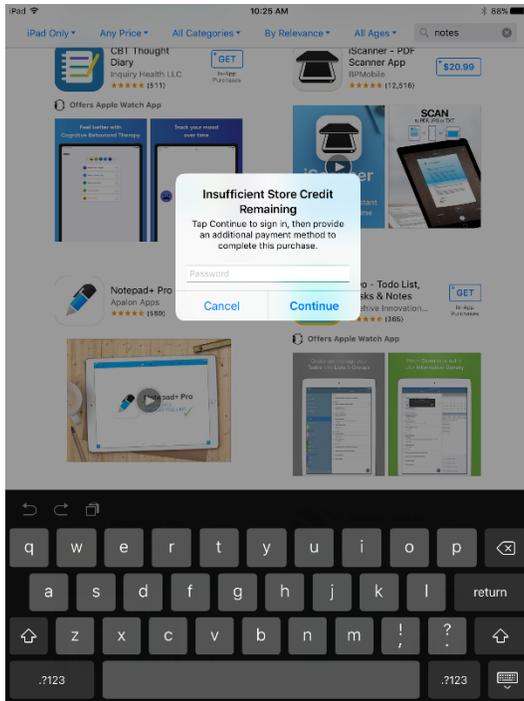
As for paid applications, they require you to pay up front, before downloading the app.



For instance, **Procreate** is a professional application for creating drawings, paintings, illustrations and animations! If you look at the **Information** section of the app's overview page, you'll see that even paid applications sometimes offer in-app purchases.

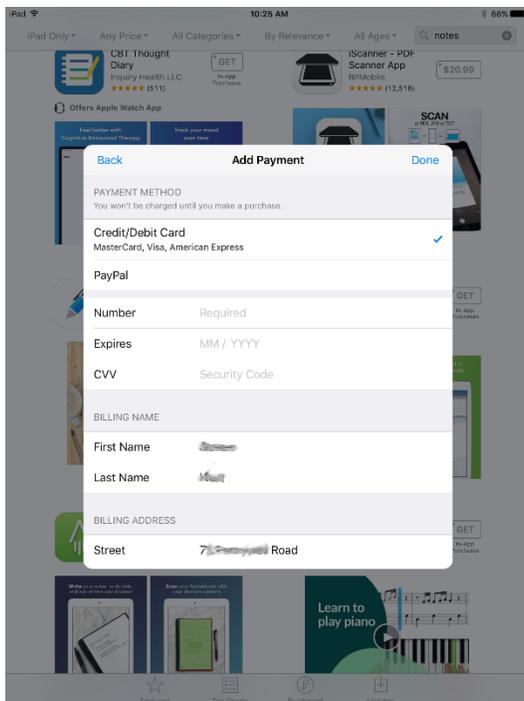
Payment Information

You don't have to enter any payment information if you know you're never going to purchase an app from the **App Store**. But if you want to buy an application, there are multiple ways of entering your credit card number.



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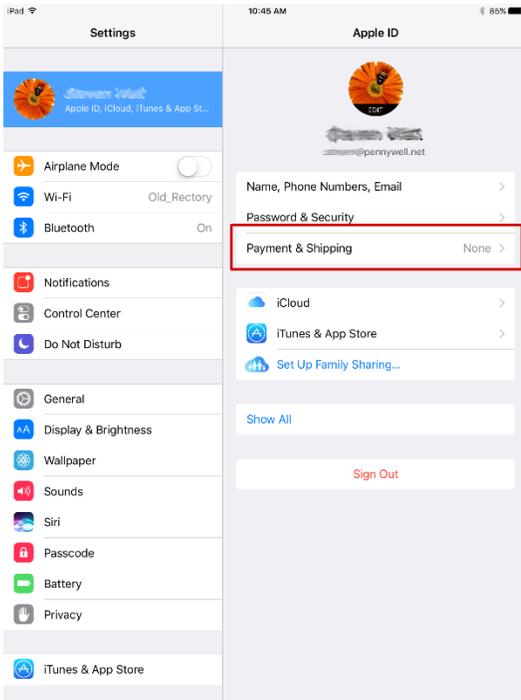
- After opening the **App Store**, select the paid application you want to download (just as you would with a free app).
- Before starting the download, the **App Store** will ask you to enter your billing information.



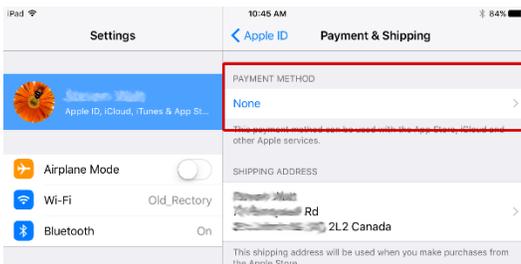
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- You can also enter your banking information before browsing the **App Store**. You can do this directly in **Settings**.

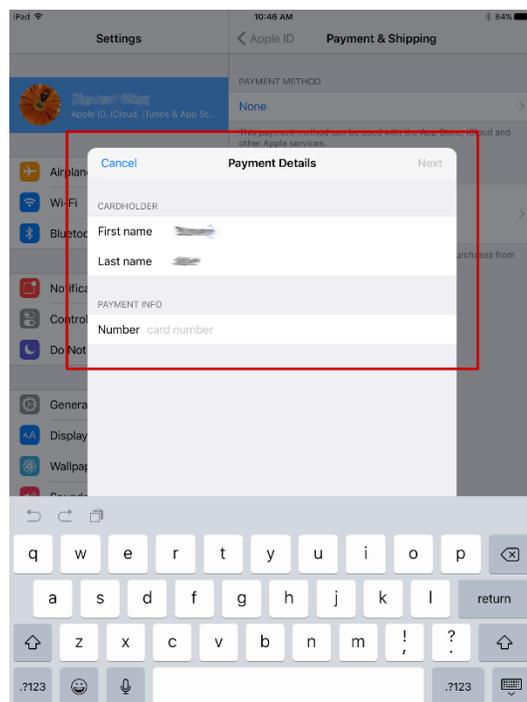
Select **Payment & Shipping** in the right-hand column.



Tap to add a new payment method.

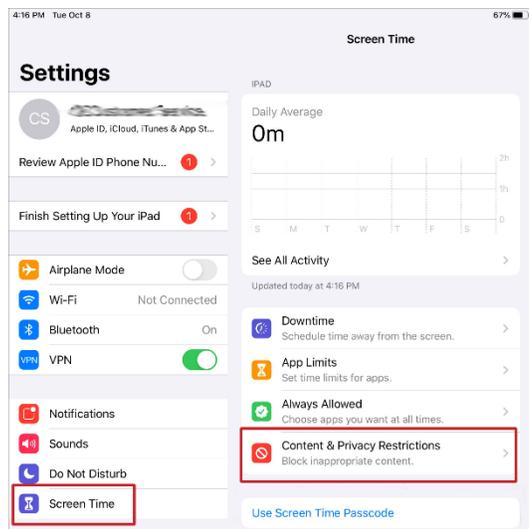


Enter your credit card or PayPal details.



Changing Your Download Security Settings

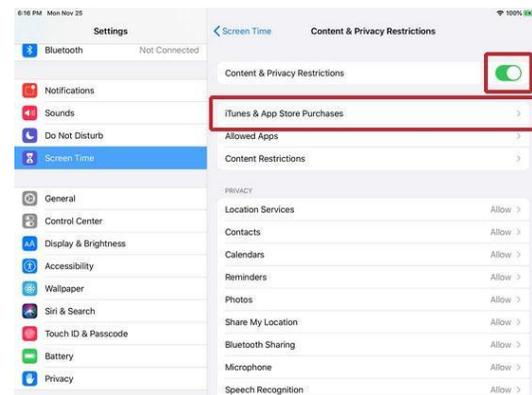
Follow these steps if you want the **App Store** to ask for your password every time you download and application.



Go to **Settings**.

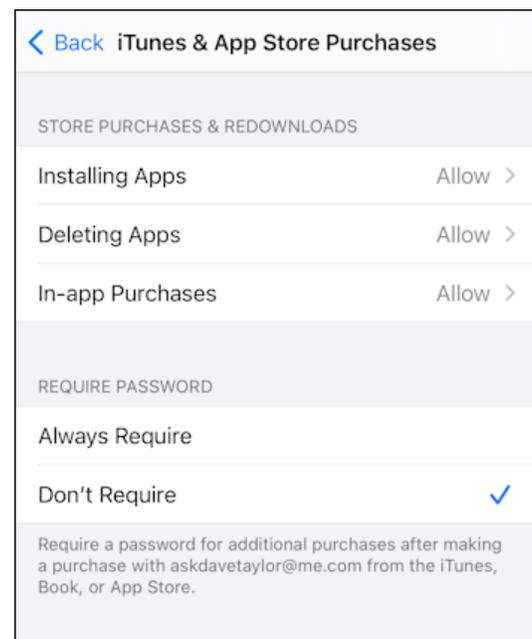
in the menu on the left, select **Screen Time**.

Then, in the submenu on the right, select **Content & Privacy**.



Finally, select **iTunes and App Store Purchases**.

Now choose the option that suits you best! And don't forget to check the **Content & Privacy** box. Otherwise, you won't be able to change those settings!



Why do applications ask for permissions?



To work properly, some mobile apps need access to other features or information on your device.

For example, **Maps** can only provide GPS navigation if it has access to your location. And a chat or discussion app like **WhatsApp** can only access your **Contacts** with permission.

You can configure access rights—another way of saying “permissions”—for each application on your device.



Don't forget that some applications require certain access permissions to work properly!

How to Enable or Disable Permissions

Here's how to enable or disable access for a specific app.

- Start by going to **Settings**.
- Then, scroll through the left menu, where you'll see a list of all the apps installed on your tablet. Look for the name of the application whose permissions you want to change.

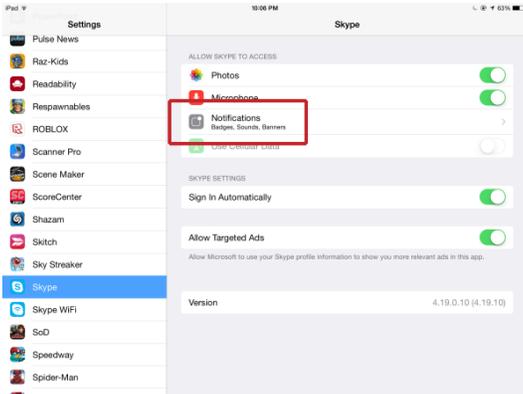
For example, if you select **Facebook**, the right-hand menu will let you configure access permissions for your location, photos and videos.

What is a notification?



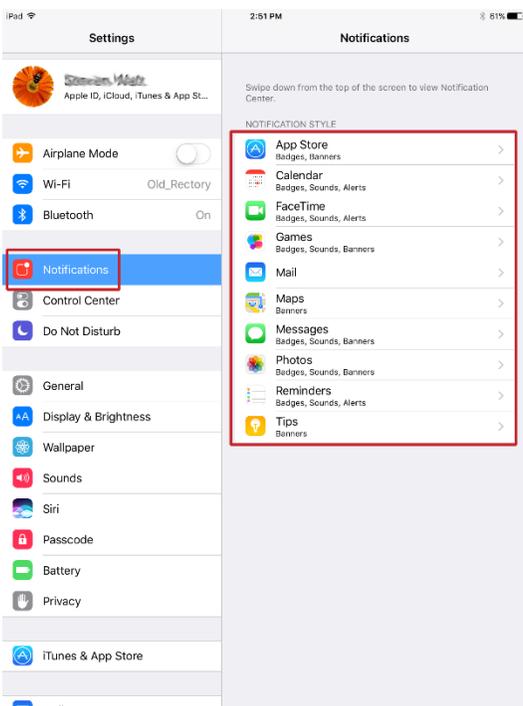
A notification is a message sent to you from an application. Normally, you don't interact with an application unless you decide to open it. However, if you enable notifications, an app can alert you whenever something interesting happens.

How to Enable or Disable Notifications



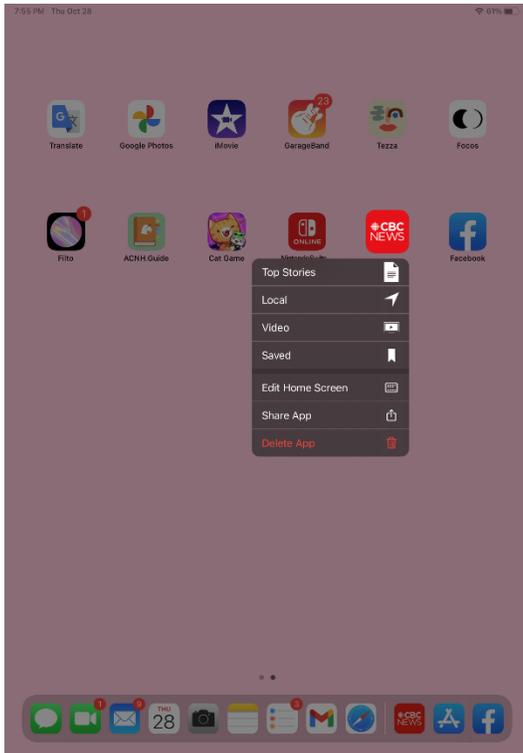
The same menu that lets you configure **Permissions** also lets you enable or disable an application's **Notifications**.

Simply tap **Notifications** with your fingertip.



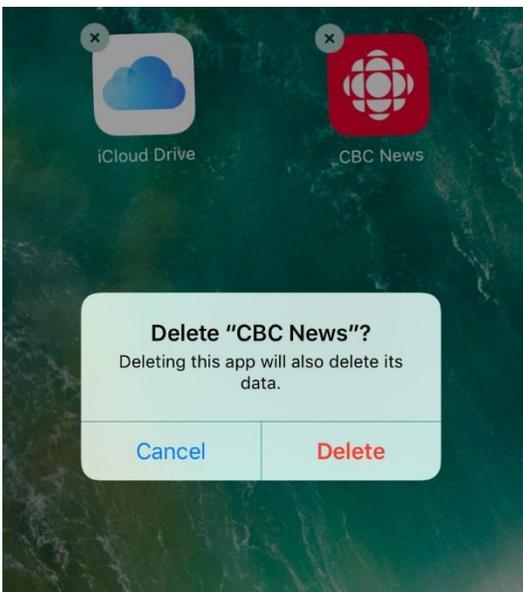
You can also get there by selecting **Notifications** from the left drop-down menu in **Settings**.

How to Delete an Application



On your iPad's home screen, long press the icon of the application you want to delete or uninstall.

When a menu appears, choose the **Delete App** option.

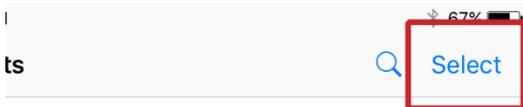


A new window will appear. You'll be asked to confirm the deletion. Just in case you made a mistake! Once you confirm, the application will disappear from your home screen.

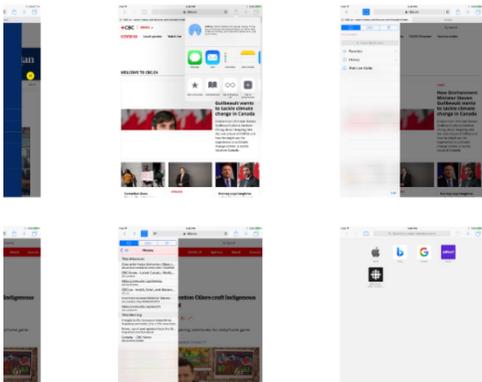
How do I delete a photo or video?

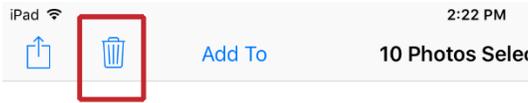


Look for the **Photo** application on your iPad's home screen. Open it.



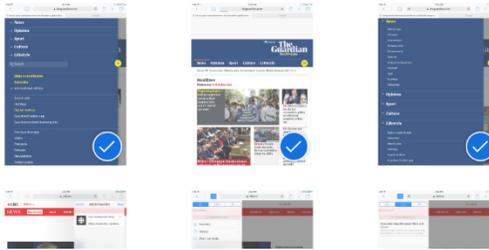
Next, locate the items you want to delete. Tap **Select** in the top right-hand corner of the screen.



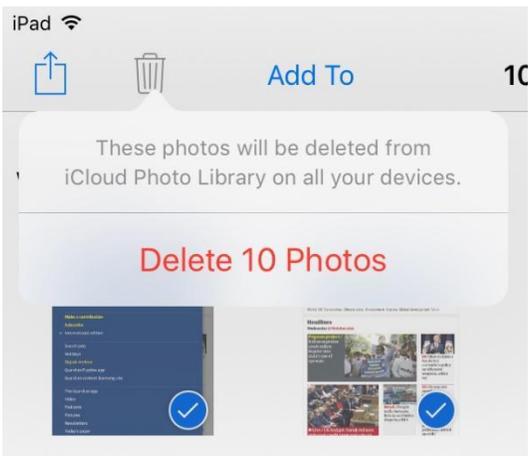


Select the items you want to delete and then tap the **Trash**.

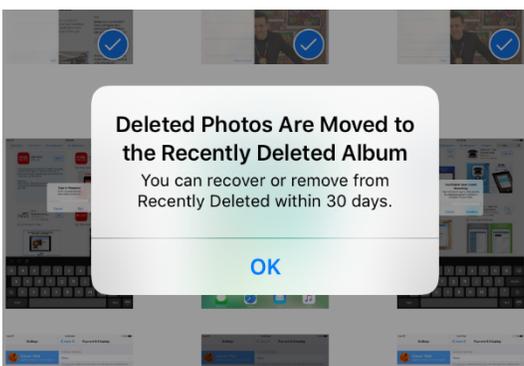
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- You'll see this symbol  at the bottom right when an item is selected!



After tapping the **Trash** icon, a small window will open. Tap **Delete ... Photos** to confirm that you want to delete the selected items.



A final window will appear, informing you that the items have been moved to the **Recently Deleted** album.



After deleting an item, you'll have 30 days to recover it from the **Recently Deleted** album.

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