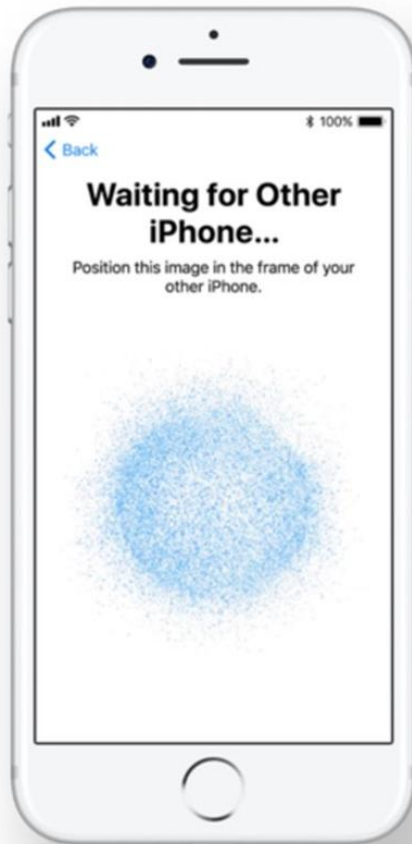# iOS 11.1 power user tips and tricks

Here's how to get the most from iOS 11.1 on your iPhone and iPad.
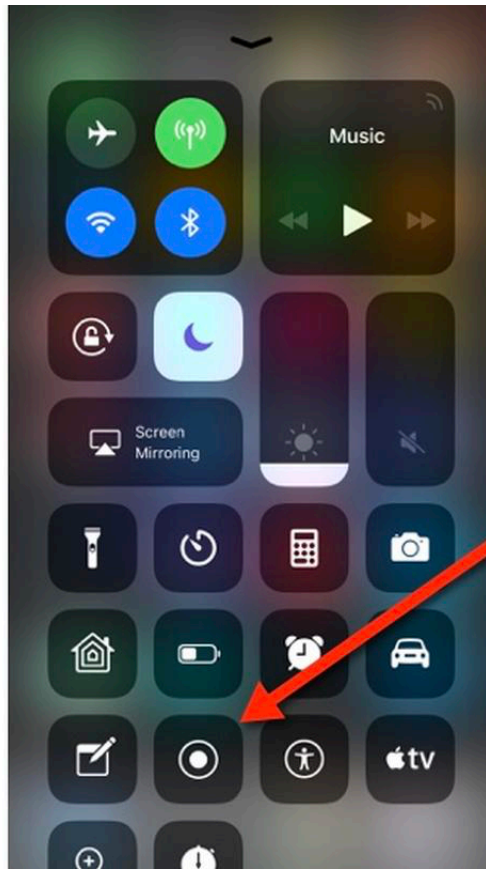Published: November 6, 2017 -- 14:36 GMT (06:36 PST)
Caption by: Adrian Kingsley-Hughes - ZDNet

Easy device setup

Just hold a new iPhone or iPad near another iOS device or Mac you already own, you'll transfer over your personalized settings as well as your iCloud Keychain passwords.

This really takes the stress out of setting up a new device.
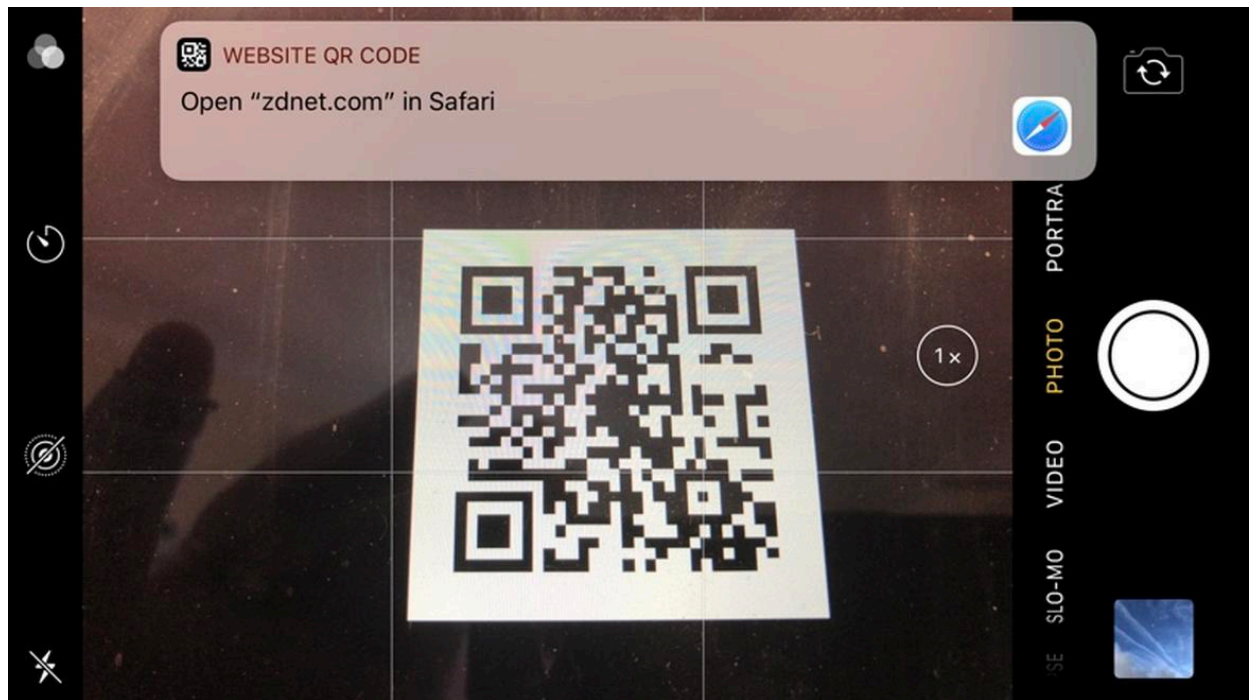
Screen recording
Open Control Center and hit this button to get a 3-second countdown before screen recording begins.
Really handy for some quick remote tech support.

Avoid auto-connecting to poor Wi-Fi

If you have saved Wi-Fi profiles for connections that you know aren't very good, you can prevent your device from automatically joining them. Just go **Settings** > **Wi-Fi** and click on the **i** button and then switch off **Auto-Join**.
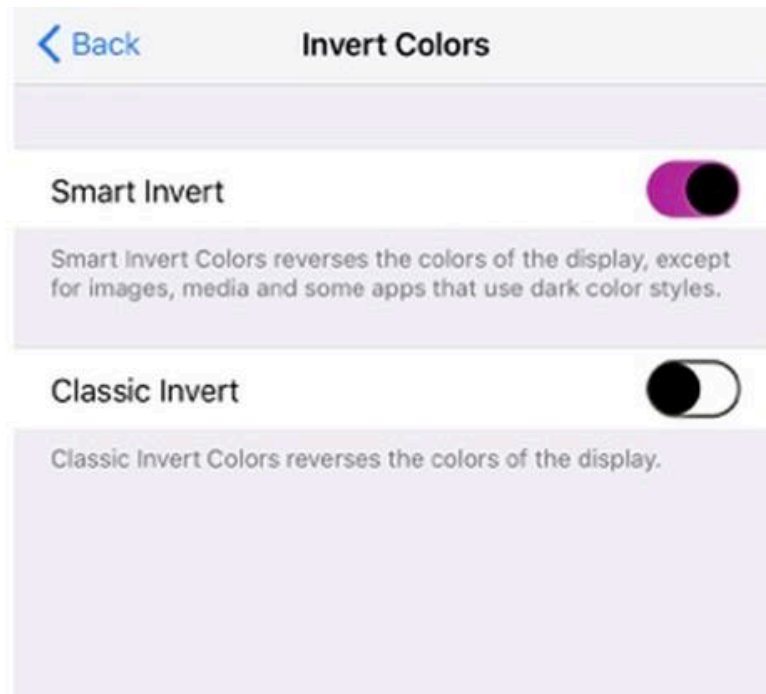
QR Code scanning

Did you know that you can scan QR Codes directly from the camera app? Just open up the Camera app and point it at the QR Code you want to scan.

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CAMERA CAPTURE

High Efficiency   ✓

Most Compatible

To reduce file size, capture photos and videos in the high efficiency HEIF/HEVC format. Most Compatible will always use JPEG/H.264, but 4K at 60 fps and 1080p at 240 fps require High Efficiency.

Save space on photos and videos

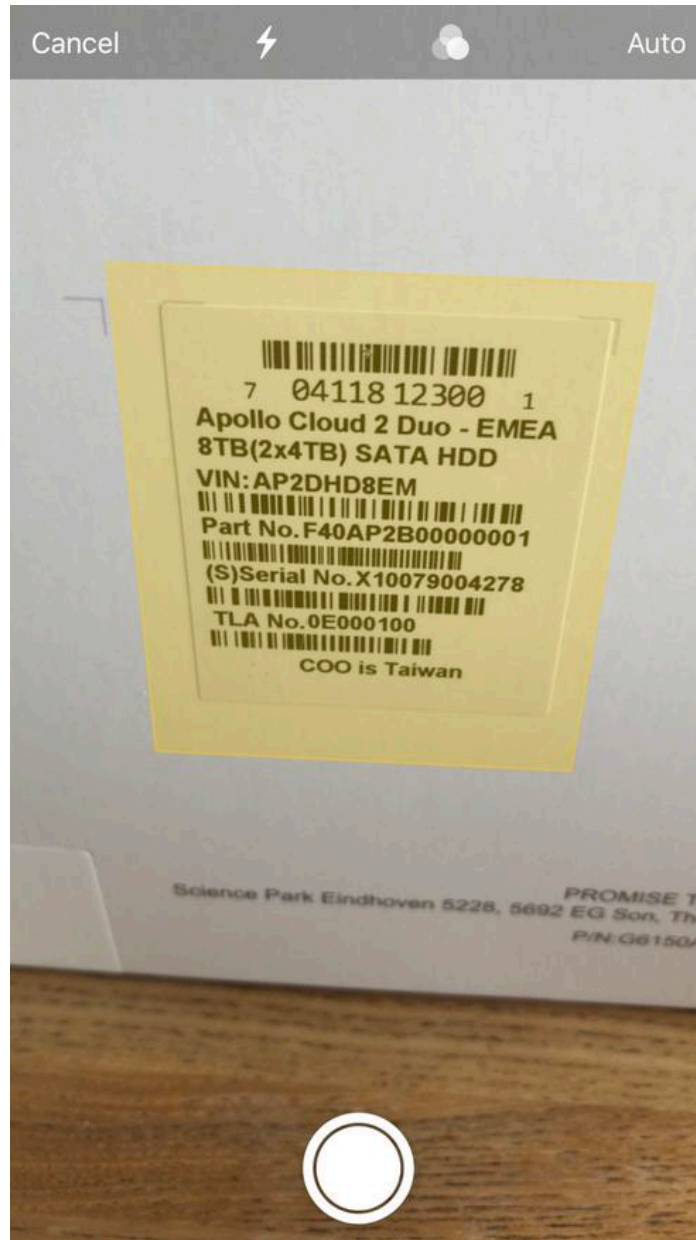iOS 11 can make use of HEIF for photos and HEVC for videos, and this can represent a significant space saving.

To switch to this format go to **Settings** > **Camera** > **Formats**. However, note that this format may not be supported on all devices.
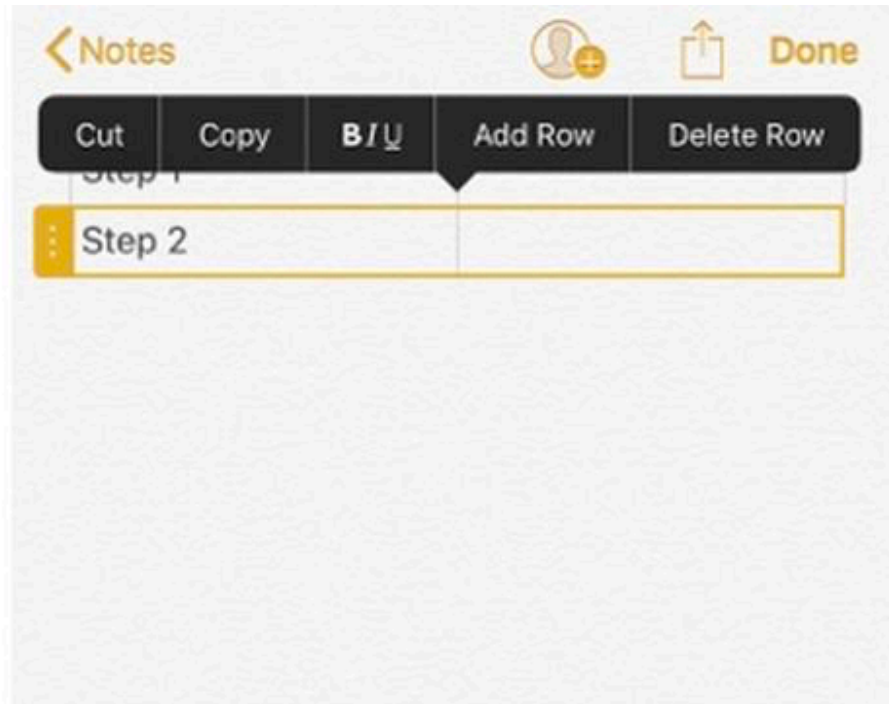
Night Mode comes to iOS 11

iOS 11 has a Night Mode feature -- although it's neither called that nor is it easy to find!

Navigate to **Settings** > **General** > **Accessibility** > **Display Accommodations** > **Invert Colors** and enable **Smart Invert**. Note that the screen capture here doesn't show the effect.

Scan documents into Notes

This one is a great feature! Just open up Notes and click the + at the bottom to the screen and then choose Scan Documents. The Camera app will fire up and you then just need to follow the prompts.
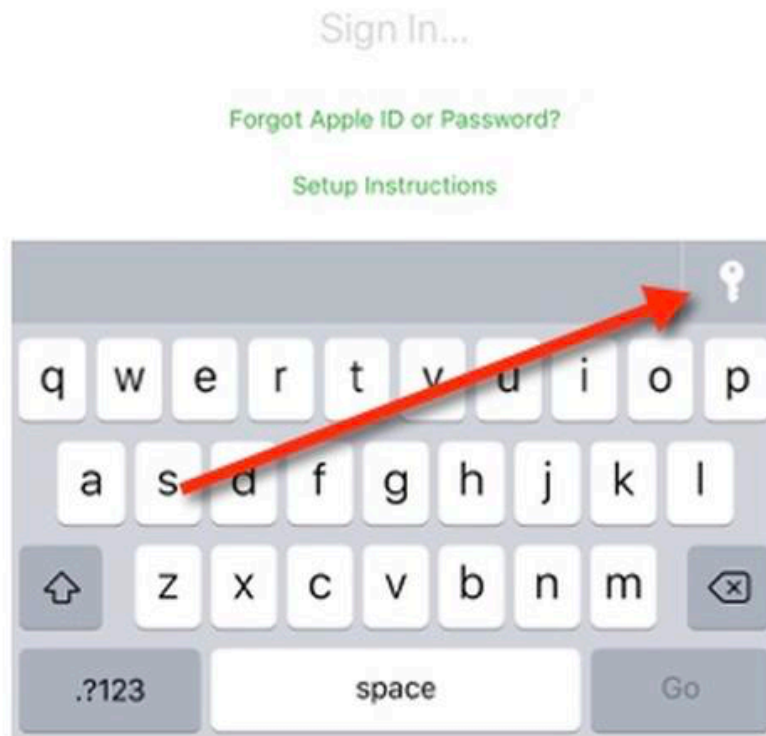
Add tables to Notes
You can now add tables to Notes. Just click on the button that looks like a table at the bottom of the display.
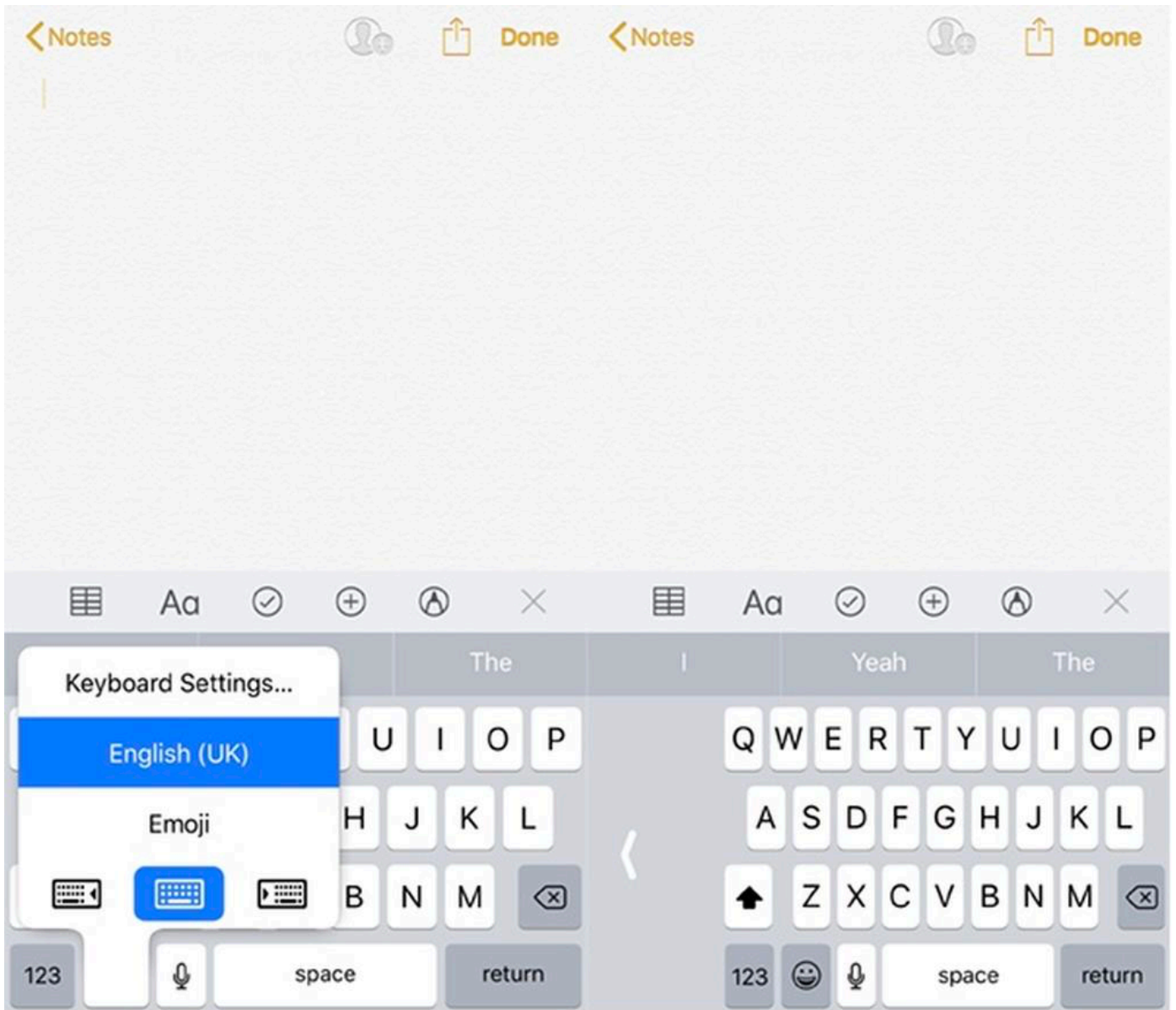
To add/delete rows or columns, press on the button that appears on the left-hand side of the last row.
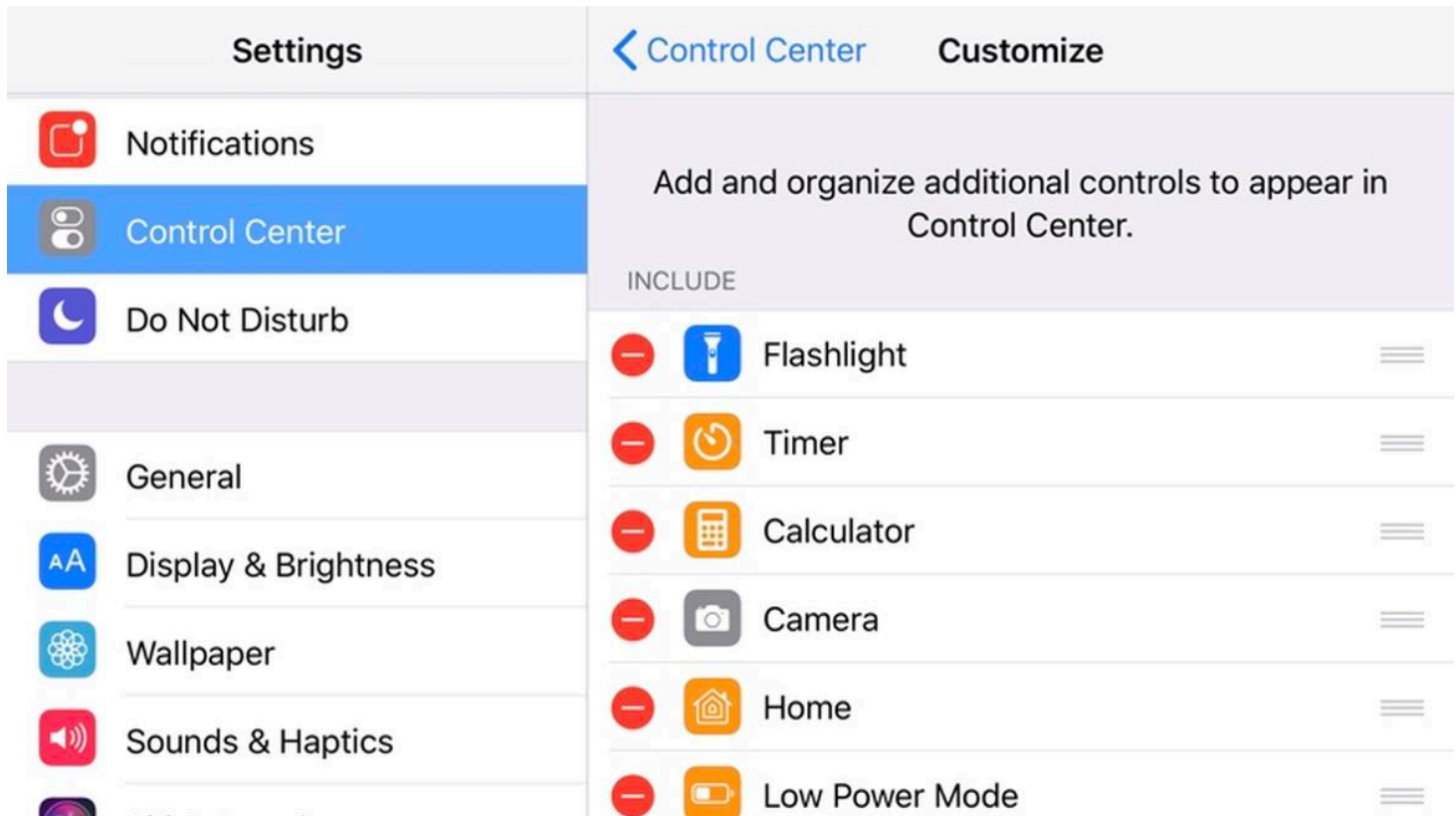
Auto-fill passwords

Finally, Apple has freed the iCloud Keychain from Safari and made it accessible to third-party apps, which means far less password stress.
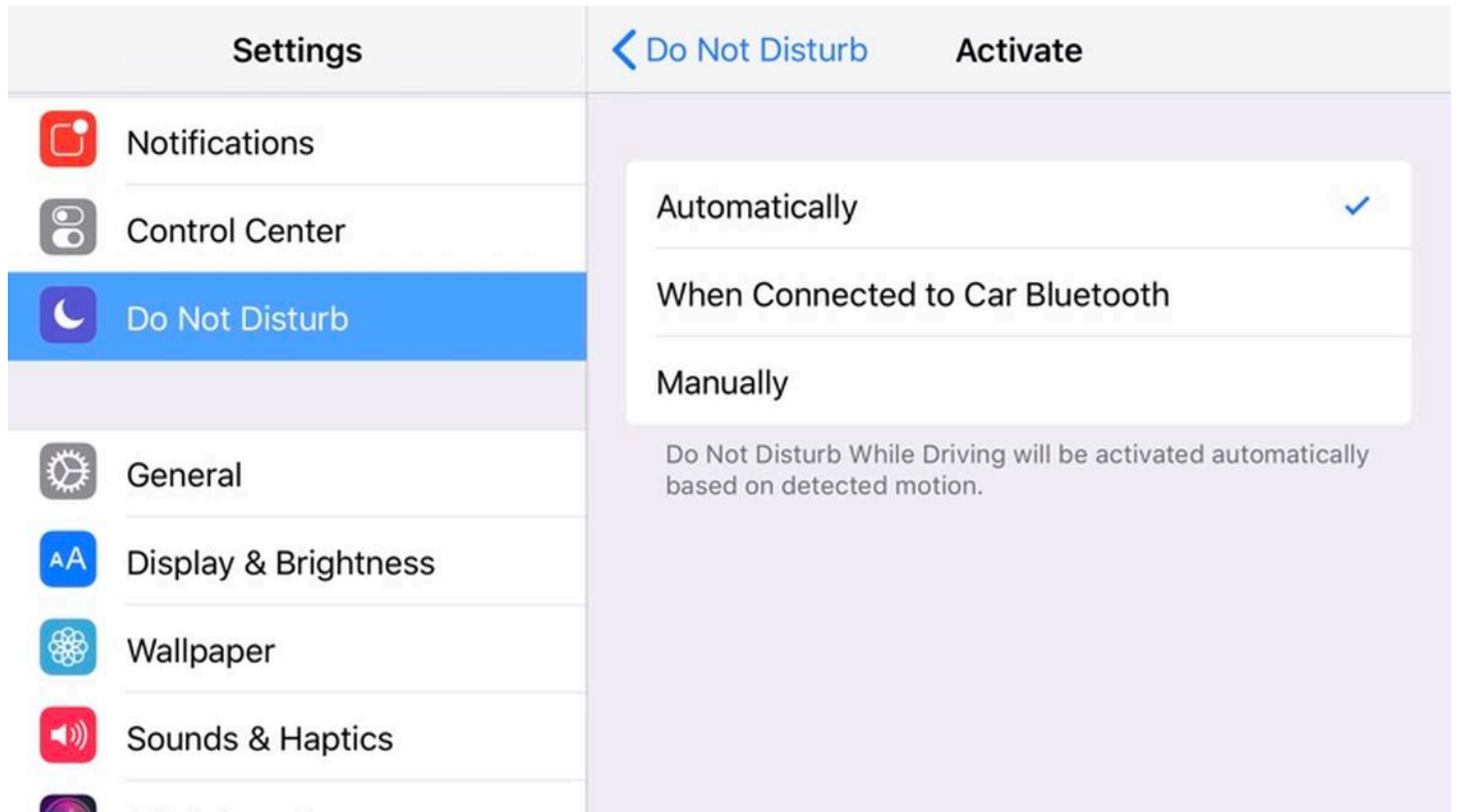
Single-handed keyboard

If you like to type with one hand, this new iOS 11 feature is for you. Press and hold on the Emoji button to bring up the options for a left or right-handed keyboard.

Settings	‹ Control Center Customize

Add and organize additional controls to appear in Control Center.

INCLUDE

Notifications
Control Center
Do Not Disturb

General
Display & Brightness
Wallpaper
Sounds & Haptics

Flashlight
Timer
Calculator
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Low Power Mode

Customize Control Center

The revamped Control Center is a great place to begin to tweak iOS 11 to make it your own. You can add and remove buttons and features to truly make it your own.

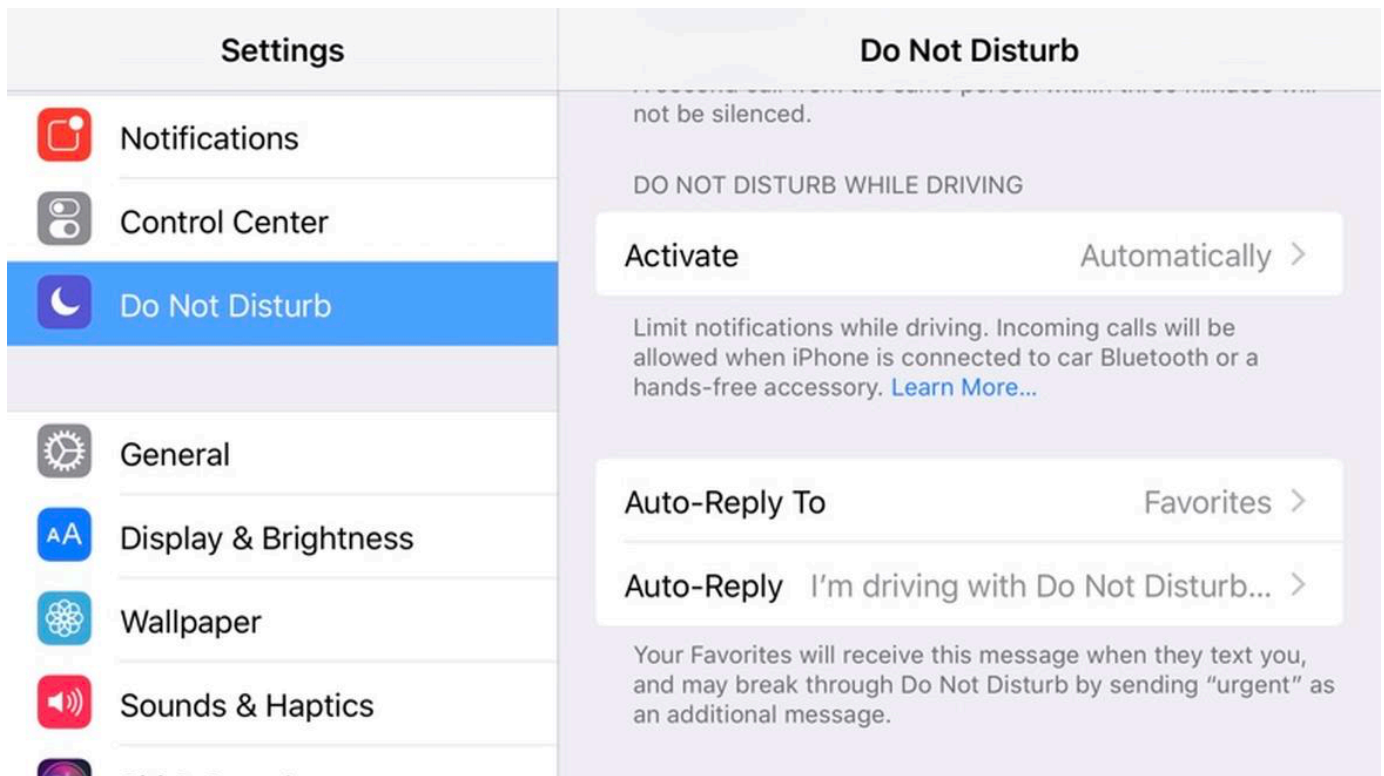**Settings > Control Center > Customize Controls**

Turn on Do Not Disturb While Driving
Not just a great feature, a potential lifesaving feature that basically turns off notifications while you are driving. Don't worry though, all your notifications will be waiting for you when you've stopped!

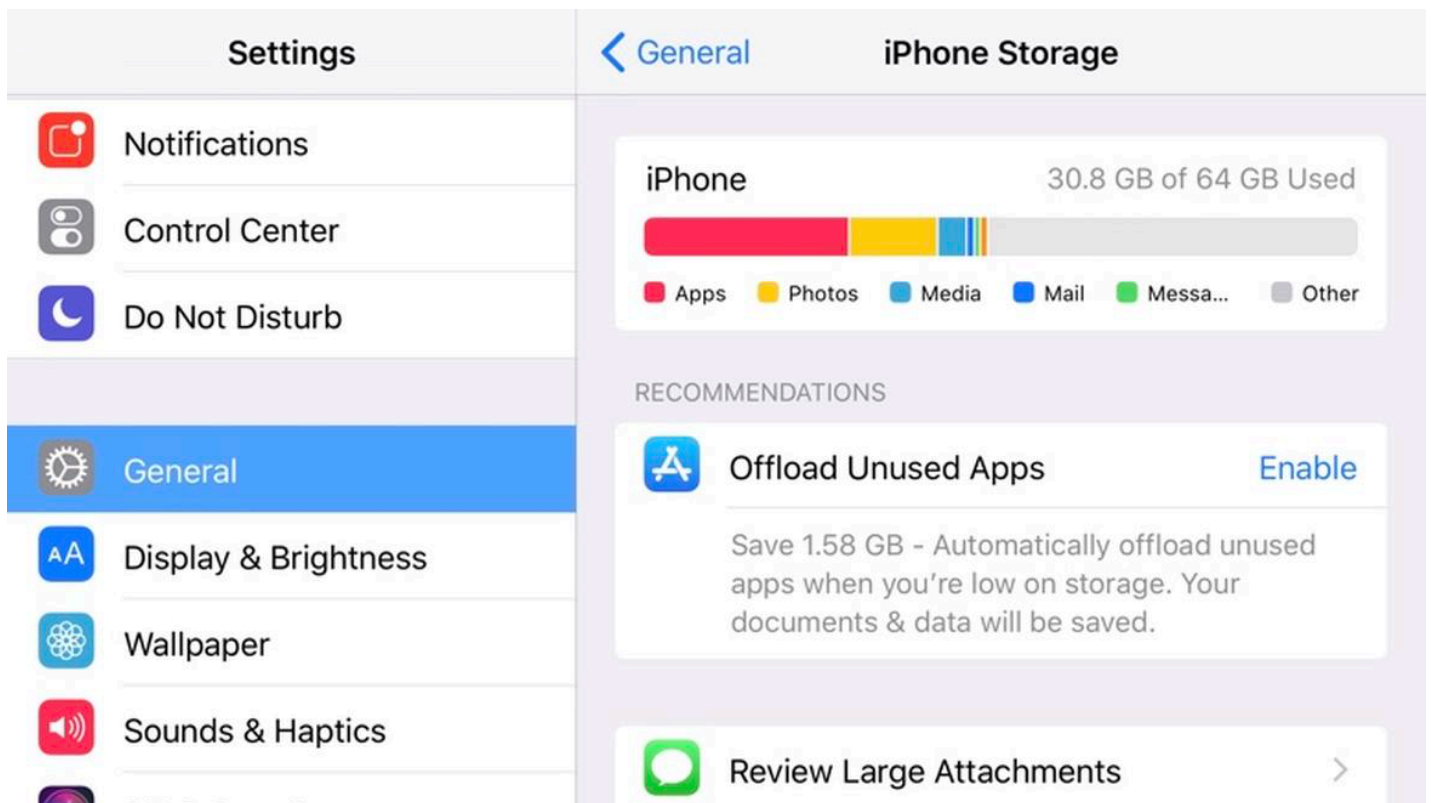**Settings > Do Not Disturb > Do Not Disturb While Driving**

You can choose between manually, or have iOS detect that you're driving automatically, or have it switch on this feature when it's connected to your car's Bluetooth system.

Settings	Do Not Disturb
Notifications	not be silenced.
Control Center	DO NOT DISTURB WHILE DRIVING
Do Not Disturb	Activate Automatically >
	Limit notifications while driving. Incoming calls will be allowed when iPhone is connected to car Bluetooth or a hands-free accessory. Learn More...
General	Auto-Reply To Favorites >
Display & Brightness	Auto-Reply I'm driving with Do Not Disturb... >
Wallpaper	Your Favorites will receive this message when they text you, and may break through Do Not Disturb by sending "urgent" as an additional message.
Sounds & Haptics	

Set up Driving Mode replies

This one goes hand-in-hand with Do Not Disturb While Driving and allows you to create auto-replies to certain contacts if they get in touch with you while you're driving.
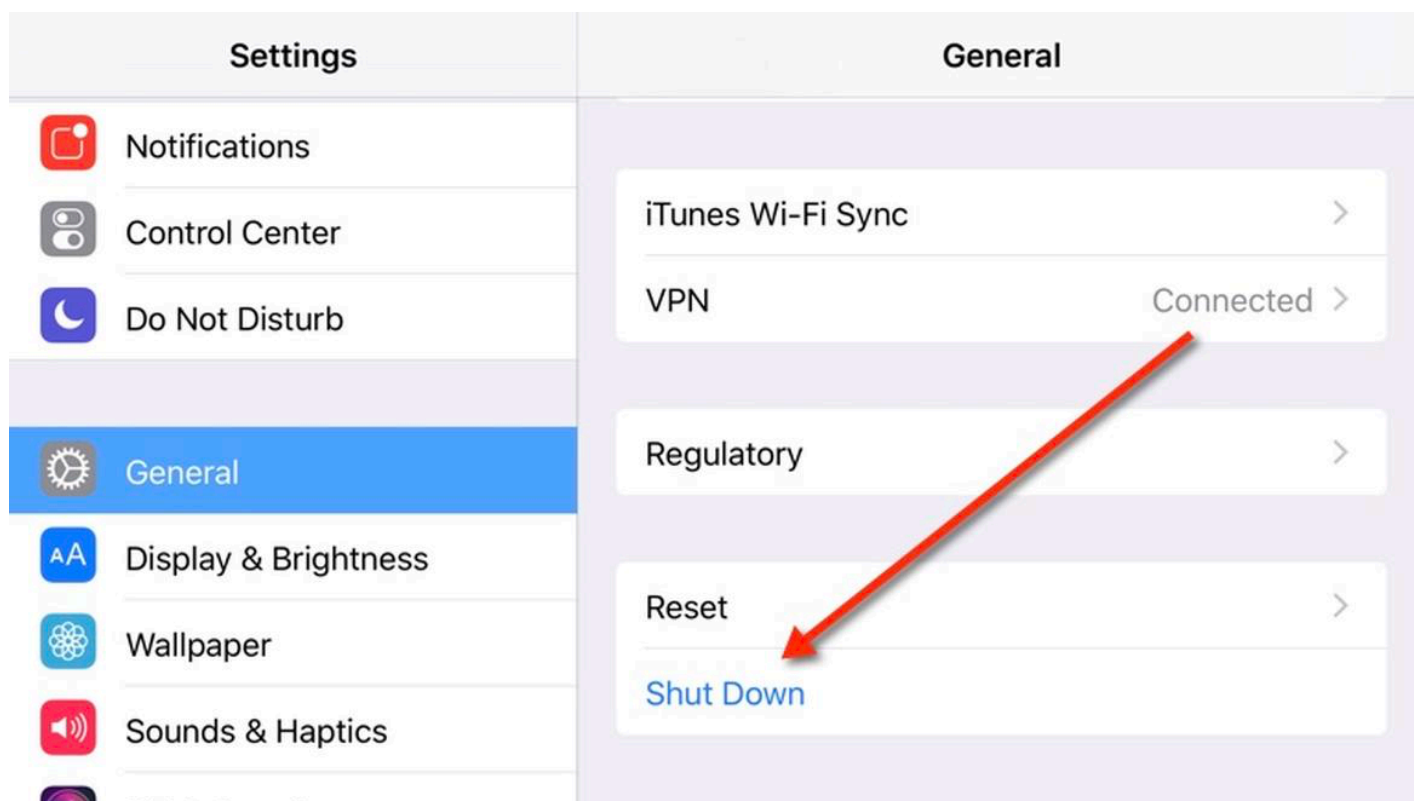
Settings > Do Not Disturb > Auto-Reply To

Free up storage space

iOS 11 has a number of storage-saving features, including the ability to delete unused apps if you are running low on space (yet keep all the data), to moving all your photos to iCloud. All this is available from:

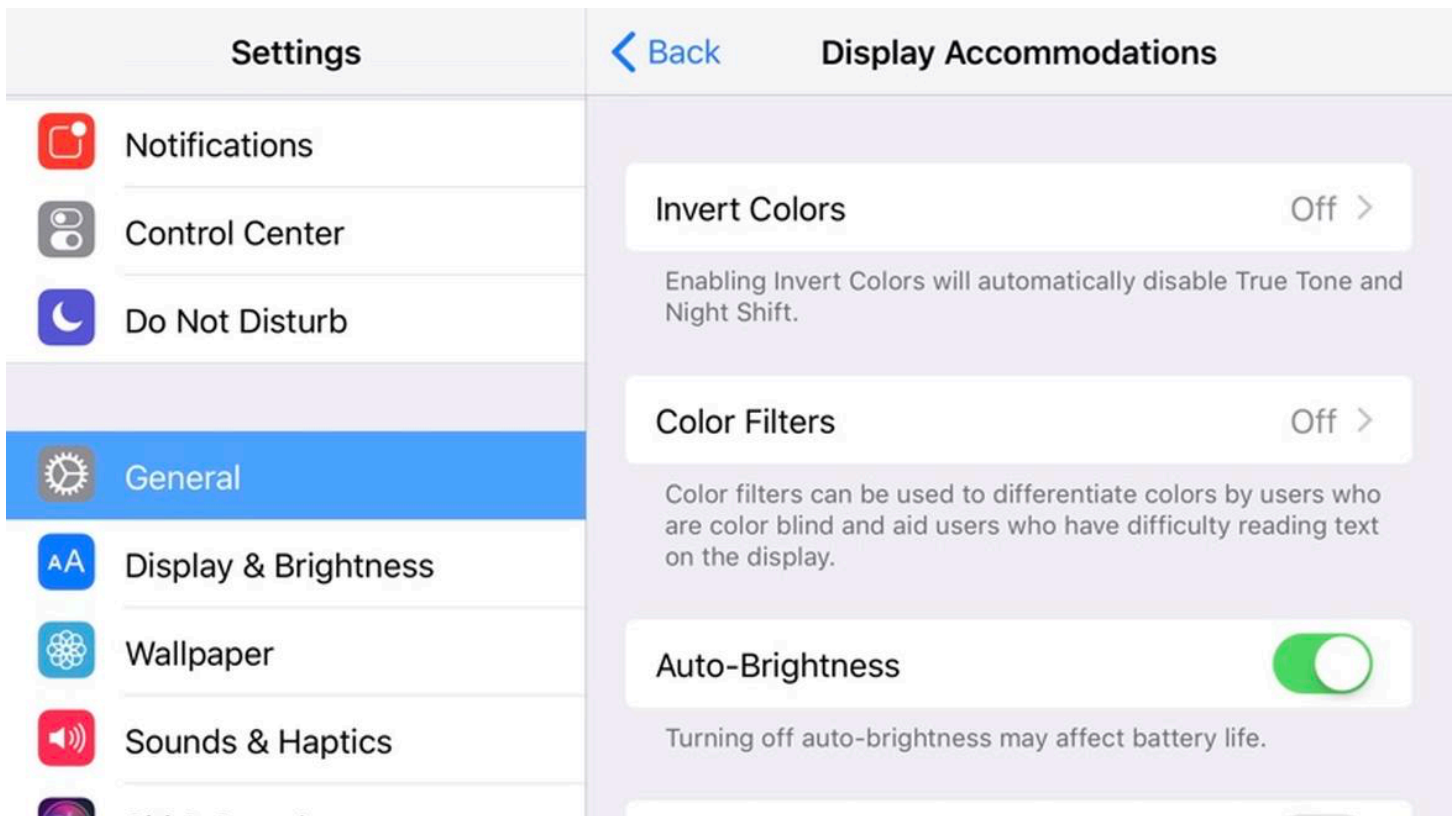**Settings > General > iPhone Storage**

Power button hidden in the Settings app

If your power button is feeling a little tired and in need of repair, Apple now has a software power off button that you can use instead. Hopefully your button works well enough to restart your iPhone!

You can find the software button at:
Settings > General and then scroll to the bottom of the page

Customize screen brightness

Apple has added a number of really cool screen brightness features in iOS 11. Unfortunately, it buried them deep in the Settings app!

Settings > General > Accessibility > Display Accommodations

iPad tip: Customize the dock

Since you can now have up to 15 icons in the dock on an iPad, it's a good idea to reorganize the apps that you need quick access to.

The dock now also has a space on the right to show recent apps. To enable this feature turn on **Recent Apps** in **Settings > General**.

iPad tip: Make use of multi-tasking, split-screen, and drag-and-drop gestures

iOS 11 features a number of new and updated gestures to help you make the most of the extra screen real-estate on the device. These gestures are simple, but they take some getting used to if you plan on integrating them into your workflow.

Apple has a [handy video](#) that shows some of these gestures in action.

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