

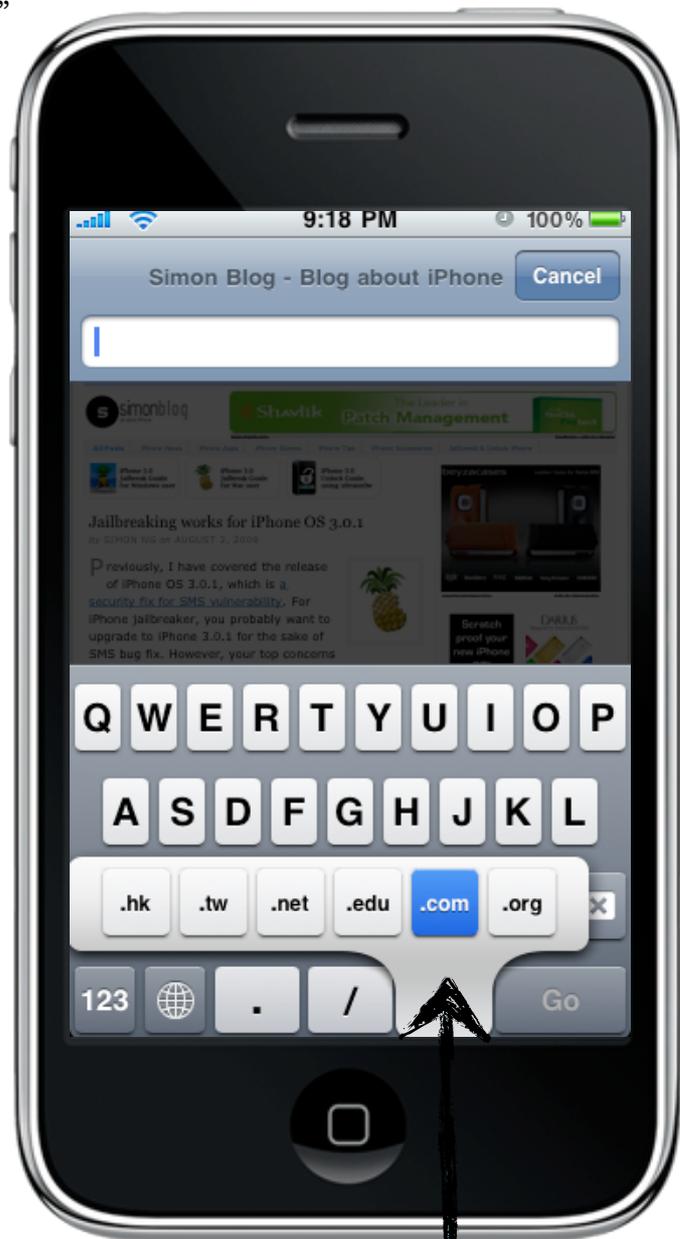
Tip

Type Faster with Domain Keyboard

Though iPhone does not come with a physical keyboard, Apple's engineers have built some shortcuts in the soft keyboard that speeds up your typing. One of them is the domain keyboard shortcut. When you are using Safari and typing a URL, the virtual keyboard already comes with a ".com" key to speed up the typing. But what if you are accessing ".org" or ".edu" website? Here is the trick.

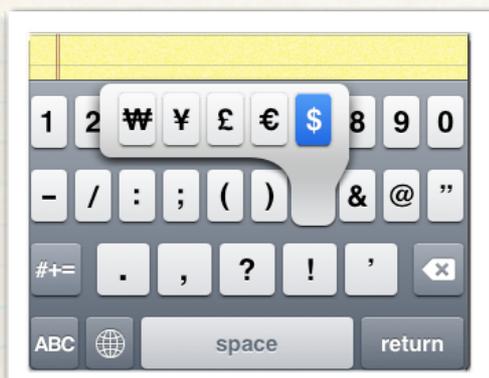
Simply hold the ".com" button for a second and iPhone will pop-up a selection of ".org", ".net", ".edu" and country level domain (e.g. ".hk") for you to choose.

The same also works for Mail application. Tap the period (i.e. ".") and hold it. You'll see the same domain selections.



DO YOU KNOW HOW TO TYPE CURRENCY SIGN?

I guess not everyone of you know about the trick. But that is easy. Simply hold the "\$" key for a second and iPhone shows you a selection of currency signs including Euro, Japanese Yen, British Pound and Korean Won.



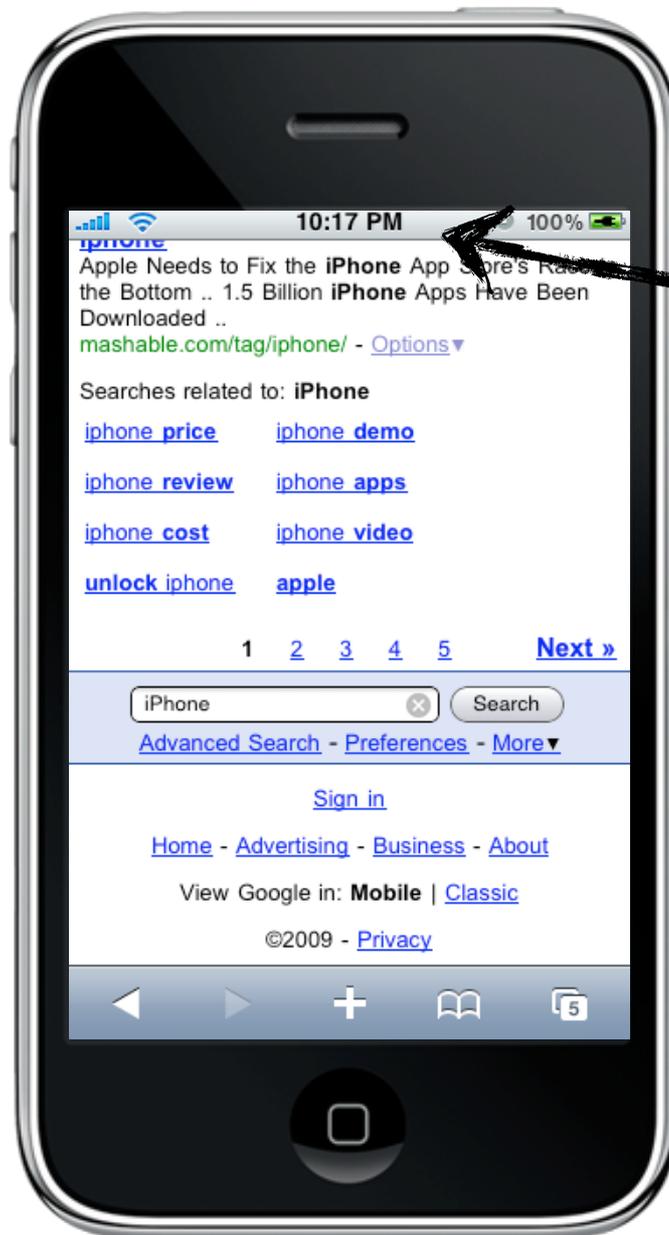
Hold the .com button for a second to pop-up the domain

Tip

Navigate Faster with Status Bar

The status bar at the top of iPhone screen is not just designed for showing you all kinds of status icons such as network signal strength, time or battery life. In Safari, when browsing some lengthy webpage, you may want to find a quicker way to scroll back to the top. Instead of flick through the web page from bottom to the top, simply tap on the status bar and iPhone will bring you back to the very top of the web page.

Since iPhone firmware 2.0, this feature also applies to all other applications such as email, Notes and Contact.



Tap the status bar to scroll back to the top

ANY SHORTCUT TO SCROLL DOWN TO THE END?

As of now, there is no shortcut for that. You have to flick through the screen to scroll down.

Tip

Double Tap to Insert Period and Space

When you type message in SMS, Email or Note, you usually ends a sentence with a full-stop (i.e period). Normally, you type the period by tapping *123* key and followed by “.” key. The iPhone offers a shortcut to simplify this frequently-used keystroke. Simply double tap SPACE button and iPhone will automatically fill a period followed by a space for you. This definitely speeds up your typing.



Double tap to insert a period followed by a space

WHY IT DOESN'T WORK?

If it doesn't work, you may need to enable “.” Shortcut in keyboard setting. Go to “Settings” -> “General” -> “Keyboard” and enable “.” Shortcut

Tip

Capture Screenshot and Share it with

From firmware 2.0 and onwards, iPhone comes with a built-in screen capture shortcut. Taking screenshot on iPhone has never been so easy. Simply hold the Home button and press Power/Sleep button.

You will then notice a momentarily flash and the screenshot will go into the camera roll of Photos.

WANNA SHARE THE SCREENSHOT WITH YOUR FRIENDS?

To share the screenshot with your friends, go to Photos and then tap "Camera Roll". Scroll to the bottom and you'll find the screenshot just captured. Tap on it, followed by pressing the lower-left button and you can share the screenshot by using email or MMS (for iPhone OS 3.0 or up).



Press Home button and Power/Sleep button at the same time

Tip

View URL and Open it as New Page in

On desktop, to reveal the URL of hyperlink in browser, you probably move the cursor and place it over the hyperlink. Then the whole URL is shown in the status bar. So, can we do this on iPhone? Absolutely. In Safari, simply press and hold on a hyperlink, and Safari will show you the URL.

With the release of iPhone OS 3.0, you can even select option to open the URL as a new page. Or you can use the “Copy” option to copy the URL and paste it elsewhere (e.g. in your email).

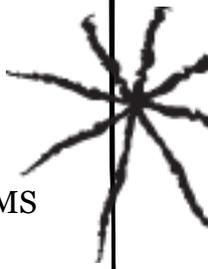


Tap on any hyperlink and hold for a second

DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S NEW IN IPHONE 3.0?

As you read along with these iPhone tips, you may aware that some of the options are only available on iPhone 3.0. iPhone 3.0 is the latest version of iPhone OS that comes with lots of features (e.g. Copy & Paste). You can check out the full feature list [here](#).

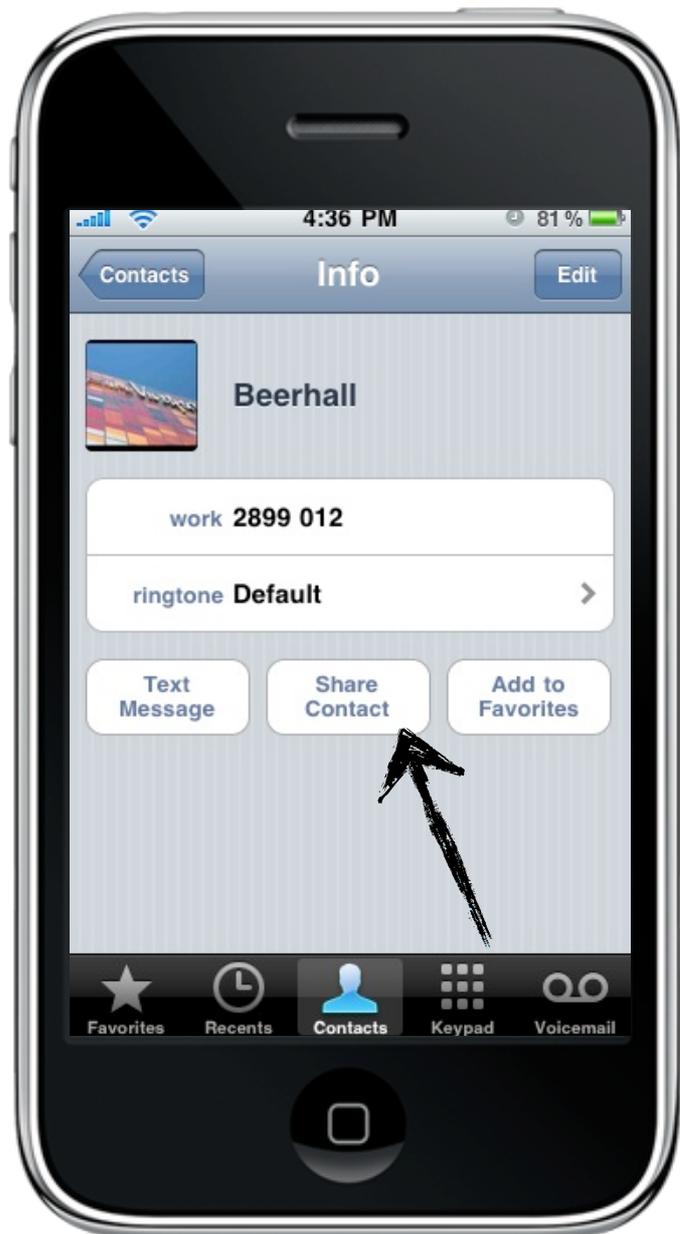
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With the release of iPhone 3.0, Apple finally lets you to share contacts with others via MMS (not available for all carriers) or email natively.

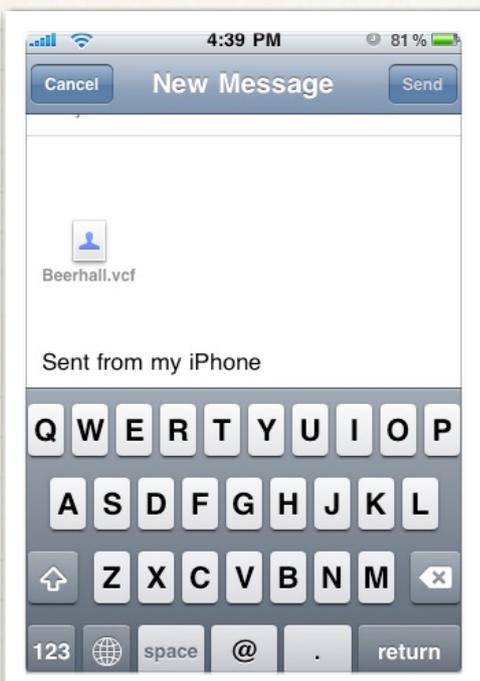
To share a contact, simply view any of your contact. You'll see a button named "Share contact". Tap on it and select MMS/Email to send out the contact. (For those without MMS enabled, you'll not be prompted with the option and your contact will be sent out via email).

The contact is delivered in a standard vCard format. When you or your friend receives an email with vCard attached, simply tap on the attachment and you can add the contact.



WHAT'S VCARD?

vCard is a common file format for electronic business card. You can attach vCard as attachment in email or MMS and send it to your recipient. Mobile phones that support vCard format can easily read it and save the information as a contact.



Tip

Shake your iPhone and Undo Typing

Again, this is a feature for iPhone 3.0 only. It's a very simple feature but take the advantage of the built-in accelerometer. Say, you just type a sentence in Notes. You think it's not good enough and want to start over again. In the past, you may use the backspace button to erase the sentence. Now, you can simply shake the iPhone and undo the typing.

The Shake and Undo features work with any iPhone applications, such as Mail, Calendar, Notes, Safari, etc.



Just shake it!

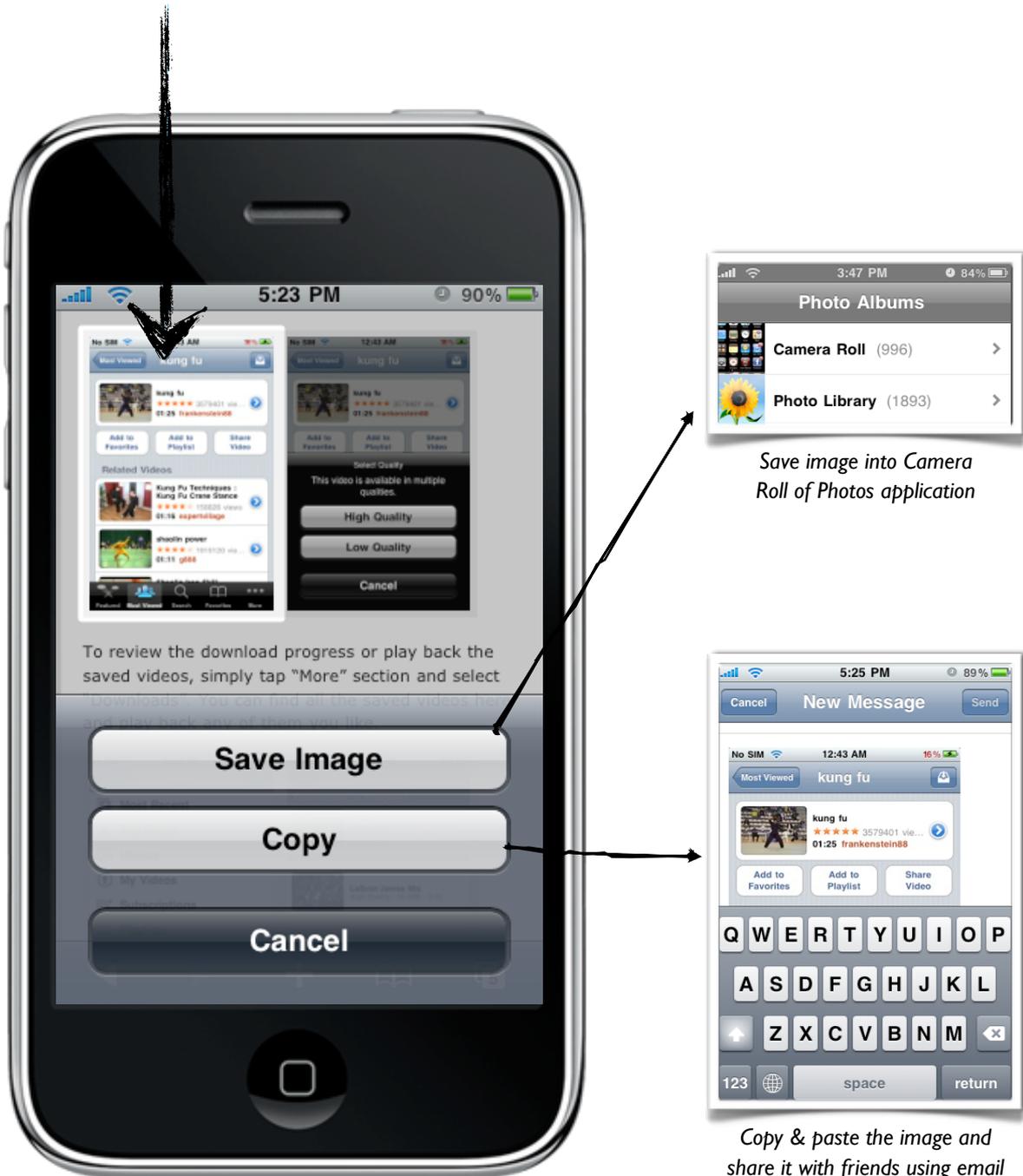
OH! YOU WANT TO THE SENTENCE BACK?

That's easy. Simply shake your iPhone again and it will let you to redo the typing. Cool, right?

Tip How to Save Image in Safari

When browsing the web, sometimes you may want to save an image from web page. You can simply tap on the image and hold for a couple of seconds. You will see a menu pop-up. Then you can tap "Save" to save the image to camera roll. With the release of iPhone 3.0, you can even use the "Copy" option to copy the image to clipboard and paste it in other applications (e.g. Mail).

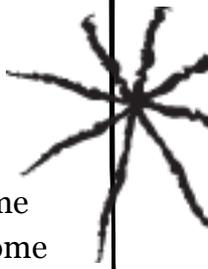
Tap on any hyperlink and hold for around 2 seconds



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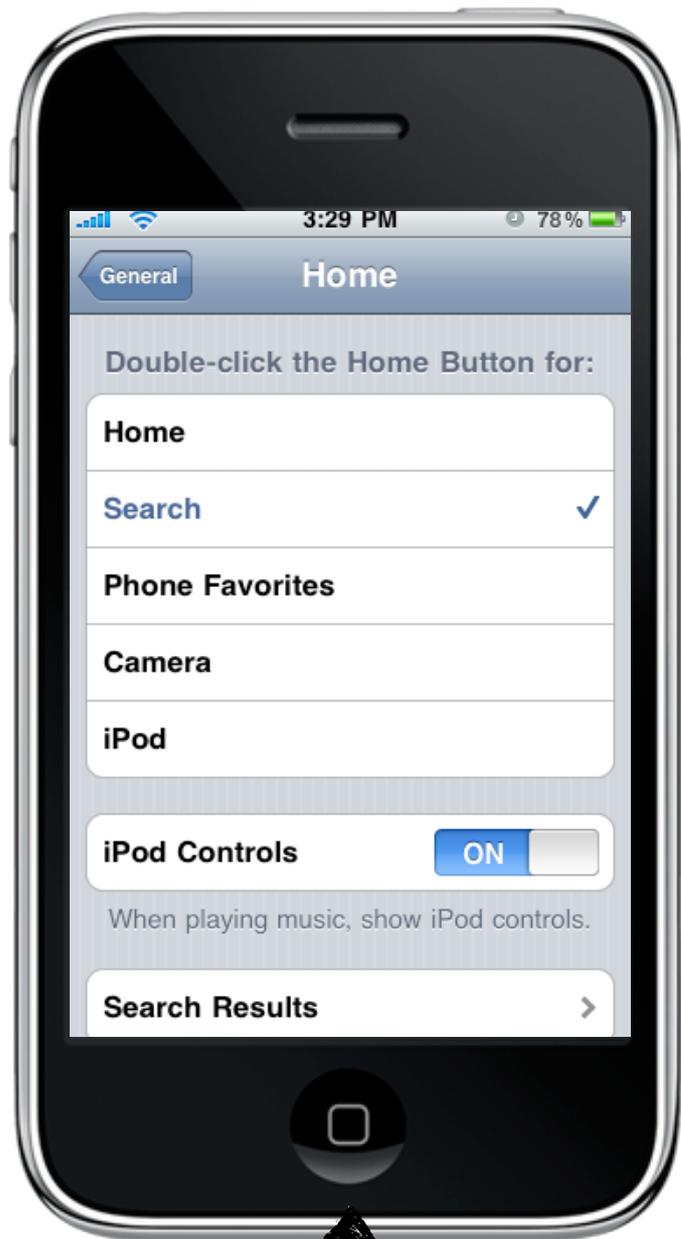
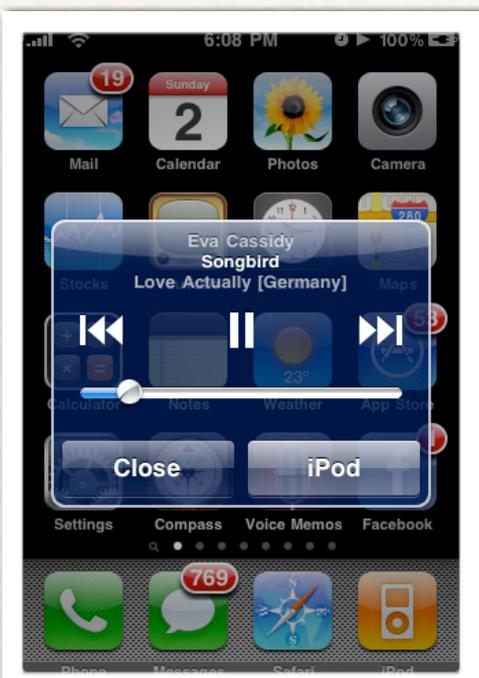
Use Home button to Access Favorite

The single button design of iPhone does not limit its functionality and usability. The Home button can do much more than you know. Other than bringing you back to the iPhone home screen, you can quickly double tap the button to access your favorite application. Depending on your settings, you can access the Spotlight Search, favorite contacts, camera or iPod application. To configure the favorite application, go to *Settings -> General -> Home* and select the favorite application to launch when you double tap the home button.



WHAT'S IPOD CONTROLS?

With the iPod control enabled in Settings, it provides a shortcut to control music playback. While you're listening to music, double-tap the Home button. iPhone shows you a simplified version of iPod control, so that you can pause or skip songs. This shortcut should work anywhere in iPhone, including Map, Note, Contact or even iPhone lock screen.



Double tap Home button

Tip

Force Quit iPhone App...

On Windows, it is not uncommon you encounter a situation in which your computer is unresponsive when an application misbehaves. In this case, you can press *Ctrl-Alt-Delete* and kill the dead application to save your computer. And, on Mac, you can also find a similar feature called *Force Quit* to end any frozen applications. The same feature was also developed on iPhone but I guess not many of you know about it.

When an iPhone application causes your iPhone unresponsive, you can force quit the iPhone app by holding the Home button for more than 6 seconds. This will kill the dead application and bring you back to Home screen.

But if you're using iPhone 3.0 or up, you need to take an extra step to force quit the application. You should first press and hold SLEEP/POWER button until the power off slider shown. Then you can press and hold HOME button for a while (around 6-8 seconds) to quit the iPhone app



Tap and hold the Home button for more than 6 seconds

LEARN MORE ABOUT FORCE QUIT...

You can apply force quit even when the iPhone application is not frozen. Due to uncertain reason, sometimes an application may be misbehaved (e.g. Safari can't load webpage properly). You can also force quit the application and start it up again to bring it back to normal.

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