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# Quick Start Guide

In your hands is one of the most exciting devices to hit the market in quite some time: the new iPod touch. This Quick Start Guide will help get you and your new iPod touch up and running in a hurry. You'll learn all about the buttons, switches, and ports, and how to use the innovative and responsive touch screen and multitask with the new App Switcher bar. Our App Reference Tables introduce you to both the built-in apps and some valuable additions from the App Store—and serve as a quick way to find out how to accomplish a task.

# Getting Around Quickly

This Quick Start Guide is meant to be just that—a tool that can help you jump right in and find information in this book, as well as learn the basics of how to get around and enjoy your iPod touch right away.

We'll start with the nuts and bolts in the "Learning Your Way Around" section, which covers what all the keys, buttons, switches, and symbols mean and do on your iPod touch. In this section, you'll see some handy features, such as multitasking by double-clicking the **Home** button. You'll also learn how to interact with the menus, submenus, and set switches—tasks that are required in almost every application on your iPod touch.

> **TIP:** Check out Chapter 2: "Typing Tips, Copy/Paste and Search," for great typing tips and more.

In the "Touch Screen Basics" section, we will help you learn how to touch, swipe, flick, zoom, and more.

Later, in the "App Reference Tables" section, we've organized the app icons into general categories, so you can quickly browse through the icons and jump to a section in the book to learn more about the app a particular icon represents. This guide also includes several handy tables designed to help you get up and running with your iPod touch quickly:

- Getting Started (Table 1)
- Staying Connected and Organized (Table 2)
- Being Entertained (Table 3)
- Staying Informed (Table 4)
- Networking Socially (Table 5)
- Being Productive (Table 6)

So let's get started!

# Learning Your Way Around

To help you get comfortable with your iPod touch, we start with the basics—what the buttons, keys, and switches do—and then move into how you start apps and navigate the menus. Probably the most important status indicator on your iPod touch, besides the battery, is the one that shows Wi-Fi status in the upper-left corner.

## Keys, Buttons, and Switches

Figure 1 shows all the things you can do with the buttons, keys, switches, and ports on your iPod touch. Go ahead and try out a few things to see what happens. Swipe left to search, swipe right to see more icons, try double-clicking the **Home** button to bring up the multitasking **App Switcher** bar, and press and hold the **Power/Sleep** key. Have some fun getting acquainted with your device.

**Figure 1.** *The iPod touch's buttons, ports, switches, and keys*

# Switching Apps (Multitasking)

One of the great new features introduced with the iPod touch is the ability to multitask, or jump between applications (see Figure 2).

Double-click the **Home** button to bring up the **App Switcher** bar at the bottom of the screen. Next, swipe right to see more icons and tap the icon of any app you want to start. If you don't see the icon you want, then click the **Home** button to see the entire **Home** screen. Repeat these steps to jump back to the app you just left. The nice thing is that the app you just left is always shown as the first app on the **App Switcher** bar.

**Figure 2.** *Multitasking (app switching) by double-clicking the Home button*

## Music Controls and Portrait Screen Rotation Lock

You will see a few more icons if you swipe from left to right in the **App Switcher** bar. You can lock the screen rotation by tapping the leftmost icon, and control the currently playing music or video using the middle buttons. The icon on the right will start the app that was most recently playing music or videos on your iPod touch. This might be **Music**, **Videos** or even an app like **Slacker** internet radio. If you were not playing anything, then you will see your **Music** app here as shown in Figure 3.

**TIP:** The previous track and next track icons will rewind and fast forward within the current track if you press and hold them.

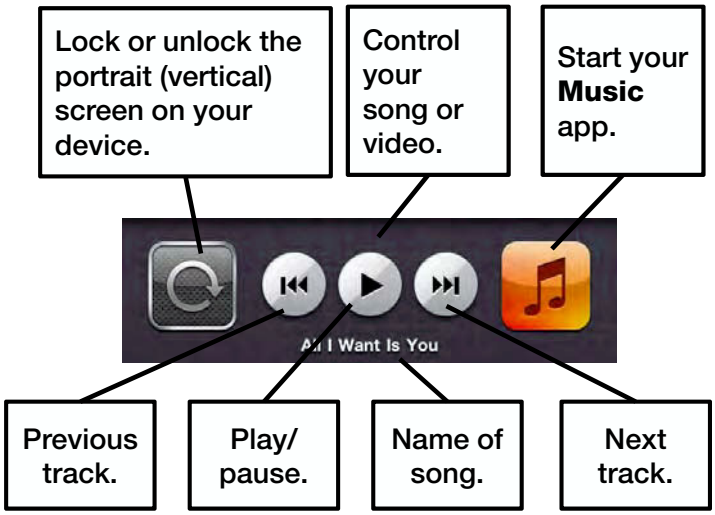


**Figure 3.** *The Screen Rotation Lock button, media controls, and Music icon in the App Switcher bar*

## Starting Apps and Using Soft Keys

Some apps have soft keys at the bottom of the screen, such as the **Music** app shown in Figure 4.

To see and use the soft keys in the **Music** app, you must have some content (e.g., music, videos, podcasts, etc.) on your iPod touch. See Chapter 3: " Sync Your iPhone with iTunes," for help with syncing your music, videos, and more to your iPod touch. Follow these steps to launch the **Music** app and become familiar with using the soft keys to get around:

1. Tap the **Music** icon to start the **Music** app.
2. Tap the **Albums** soft key at the bottom to view your albums.
3. Tap the **Artists** soft key to view a list of your artists.