Key Takeaways

- Screenshots can be useful in various scenarios, from capturing in-game achievements to sharing important information.
- The easiest way to screenshot on an iPhone with Face ID is by pressing the side button and the volume up button at the same time.
- You can use the iPhone screenshot methods on iPads, too. Plus, there's also an option to use the Apple Pencil.

Capturing a screenshot on an iPhone is an essential skill that every iPhone user must know from the day they first get their hands on one. Screenshots help you document proofs of financial transactions, capture in-game achievements, share information that is difficult to explain textually or verbally, and more.



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While taking a screenshot on an iPhone is pretty straightforward for a seasoned user, it can get a bit confusing for new users migrating from an Android device. Keep reading to learn how to take screenshots on an iPhone with or without any buttons.

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How to take a screenshot on iPhones with Face ID

Starting with the iPhone X, Apple replaced Touch ID with Face ID on all later iPhones other than the SE series, thus removing the Home button, which was the main requirement for capturing screenshots.

So, if you just upgraded from your classic iPhone to a modern one, here's how you can take a screenshot:

- 1. Press the **Side** and the **Volume Up** buttons simultaneously to capture a screenshot on your iPhone with Face ID.
- 2. Once done, you'll see a small preview thumbnail at the bottom-left corner of the screen. Tap it to view, markup, edit, share, or delete the screenshot.
- 3. Alternatively, swipe left on it to dismiss the preview, and the screenshot will automatically be saved to the Photos app library.



How to take a screenshot on iPhones with a Home button

Capturing a screenshot on an iPhone with a Home button (iPhone 6, 6 Plus, 6s, 6s Plus, 7, 7 Plus, 8, 8 Plus, and iPhone SE 2020 & 2022) is as easy as capturing one on an iPhone without the Home button.

- 1. Press the **Side** and the **Home** buttons simultaneously to capture a screenshot on your iPhone with TouchID.
- 2. Once the screenshot is taken, a small preview thumbnail will appear at the bottom-left corner. Tap the thumbnail to view, markup, edit, share, or delete the screenshot.
- 3. Otherwise, swipe left on it to dismiss the preview, or wait until it disappears, and the screenshot will automatically be saved to the Photos app.

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How to take a screenshot on iPads with Face ID

Just like on the iPhone, Apple replaced the Touch ID with Face ID on modern iPad models as well. Therefore, capturing a screenshot on an iPad with Face ID is precisely similar to doing the same on iPhone. You only need to:

- 1. Quickly press and release the **Side** and **Volume Up** buttons simultaneously.
- 2. A screenshot animation will appear, followed by a preview thumbnail at the bottom-left corner of the screen. Tap this to markup, edit, or share the screenshot without saving it.
- 3. Otherwise, swipe left on the preview, and the screenshot will be added to the Photos app.



How to take a screenshot on iPads with a Home button

Again, the process of taking a screenshot on an iPad with a Home button is similar to doing the same on an iPhone with a Home button. Here's how you can do this:

- 1. Quickly press and release the **Side** and **Home** buttons simultaneously.
- 2. Swipe left on the screenshot preview to save it in the Photos app.



How to take a screenshot with the Apple Pencil (for iPad only)

While you can use all the iPhone methods to capture a screenshot on iPads without physical buttons, there's one method that is specifically reserved for iPads that support Apple Pencil. Here's how you can use an Apple Pencil to take screenshots on an iPad that supports it:

- 1. Using the Apple Pencil, swipe up from either bottom corner of your iPad's display.
- 2. Here, you can mark up the screenshot by simply drawing over it with the Apple Pencil.
- 3. When finished, tap on $\ensuremath{\textbf{Done}}$ and choose the appropriate option.

Use Siri to capture a screenshot on an iPhone or iPad

If using the buttons every time you want to capture a screenshot is too much of a task for you, you can simply ask Siri to take a screenshot. Here's how it works:

- 1. Invoke Siri on your iPhone and ask, "Take a screenshot."
- 2. Once done, Siri will take a screenshot of your present screen, and the usual screenshot animation will appear, along with a preview thumbnail.

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Take a screenshot on iPhones or iPads using AssistiveTouch

While Apple designed the AssitiveTouch feature to help users with physical and motor skill

impairments, anyone can customize the feature to perform tasks like taking screenshots to save themselves the hassle of pressing the physical buttons.

Here's how to set up and <u>use Assistive Touch</u> to capture screenshots with a single tap:

- 1. Open Settings and navigate to Accessibility.
- 2. Here, tap on **Touch** under the **Physical and Motor** section.
- 3. Next, tap AssistiveTouch.



- 4. Toggle on **AssitiveTouch**, and the AssistiveTouch button will then appear on the screen.
- 5. Tap on **Single-Tap** under **Custom Actions** and select the **Screenshot** option in the subsequent menu.

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Now that you have enabled AssitiveTouch and assigned the Screenshot functionality, you only need to tap the AssistiveTouch button, and the screenshot will be taken.

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Take a screenshot on an iPhone using the Back Tap

Introduced with iOS 14 but supported only on iPhone 8 or later models, Back Tap lets you perform various tasks on your iPhone, like invoking Siri, launching apps, and capturing screenshots. To use it, you assign the functionality and double-tap or triple-tap on your iPhone's back.

To <u>use Back Tap</u> for taking screenshots on your iPhone, you must set it up first. Here's how:

- 1. Open **Settings**.
- 2. Select Accessibility and go to Touch under the Physical and Motor section.
- 3. Next, scroll to the bottom and tap **Back Tap**.



4. Now, tap on **Double Tap** or **Triple Tap**, then select the **Screenshot** option on the subsequent menu.

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Going forward, you can simply double or triple-tap on the back of your iPhone, and it will take a screenshot.

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How to take scrolling screenshots on an iPhone or iPad

There are times when the information you want to capture isn't confined to a single screen like a web page, email, or PDF file. In this case, taking a regular single-page screenshot won't suffice. Thankfully, Apple allows you to capture scrolling screenshots on your iPhone and save them as PDFs or a regular image. Here's how:

- 1. Open the web page, email, or PDF file, and take a normal screenshot.
- 2. Now, tap the preview thumbnail that appears at the bottom-left corner.
- 3. Go to the **Full Page** tab. You will now see the preview of the entire screen, which you can scroll through on the right.
- 4. Next, tap the **Crop** button at the top left to crop out the unneeded area of the screenshot and tap **Done** to save the changes.
- 5. Otherwise, tap **Done** and select whether you want to save the screenshot as an image in the Photos app or as a PDF document in the Files app.



6. Alternatively, you can tap the Share button to share the scrolling screenshot without

saving it to the Photos or Files app.

How to view screenshots on an iPhone or iPad

All the screenshots you take on your iPhone or iPad are automatically saved and can be viewed within the Photos app, considering you didn't delete one from the preview screen itself. Here's how you can view screenshots on your iPhone and iPad:

- 1. Open the Photos app.
- 2. Scroll down to the **Media Type** section and tap on **Screenshots**.
- 3. Here, you can view all the screenshots you have taken on your iPhone so far, except those you deleted.



Digital proofs secured...

These are all the methods you can use to take screenshots on your iPhone or iPad. Whether

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you prefer the button-based methods, <u>using Siri</u>, or the Accessibility methods, the choice is yours. Also, note that you can only save a scrolling screenshot as an image if your iPhone runs on iOS 17 or later, as before iOS 17, one could only save a scrolling screenshot as a PDF.

Feel free to contact us via comments if you have any doubts regarding the topic or any other query related to everything Apple.

Video: How to take a screenshot on iPhone and iPad

FAQs

How to markup a screenshot on an iPhone?

Once the screenshot is taken, a small preview of it will appear in the bottom-left corner. Tap the preview to open the screenshot, then choose the appropriate available tool to <u>markup</u> <u>the screenshot on iPhone</u>.

Why can't I take screenshots on my iPhone?

Damaged or malfunctioning physical buttons can be among the various reasons <u>screenshots</u> <u>are not working on your iPhone</u>. In that case, you can use Siri, AssitiveTouch, or Back Tap to take a screenshot.

In case you missed it:

- How to take Screenshots on Mac
- How to take a screenshot on Apple Watch
- Best iOS 18 accessibility features you should know
- iPhone settings you should change