



HomePod User Guide

Everything you need to know

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The new sound of home



“Hey Siri how’s the traffic to Cupertino?”

Start your day

Got a favorite morning tune? Just ask. Say, for example, “Hey Siri, play Green Light by Lorde,” or if you’re too groggy to choose, say “Hey Siri, play something upbeat.” With one of the world’s largest music catalogs at your command—thanks to your Apple Music subscription—there are more than 40 million songs to hear.

Did you miss anything overnight? Ask “Hey Siri, what’s the latest news?” See if you have time for another cup of coffee by asking “Hey Siri, how’s the traffic on the way to Cupertino?” Or wherever you’re going today.

“Hey Siri set a timer for 20 minutes”



Make dinner

HomePod can lend a hand in the kitchen. Say “Hey Siri, set a 20-minute timer” or “Hey Siri, how many cups are in a pint?”

Use HomePod to control the smart home accessories that you’ve set up in the Home app. Then, when it’s time to eat, you can say things like “Hey Siri, dim the lights in the dining room.” Then hear a personalized selection created just for you by Apple Music by saying “Hey Siri, play some relaxing music.”

“Hey Siri set an alarm for 7AM”

Time for bed

Before you retire for the evening, say “Hey Siri, set an alarm for 7 o’clock tomorrow,” This might be a good time to ask “Hey Siri, will I need an umbrella tomorrow?”

Say “Hey Siri, goodnight” to run a scene that turns off all the lights, locks the front door, and lowers the temperature. Sweet dreams.

Want to learn more? Say “Hey Siri, what can I ask you?”

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Welcome to HomePod

HomePod is a powerful speaker that senses and adapts to the room where it's playing. It works with your Apple Music subscription, giving you instant access to one of the world's largest music catalogs, all ad free. And, with the intelligence of Siri, you control HomePod through natural voice interaction, allowing anyone in the home to use it just by speaking. HomePod also works with your HomeKit accessories so you can control your home, even when you're away.

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Set up

To set up HomePod you need an iPhone, iPod touch, or iPad with iOS 11.3 or later. Before you begin, make sure that your iOS device has Bluetooth turned on, and that it's connected to the Wi-Fi network that you want HomePod to use.

Set up HomePod for the first time. Plug HomePod in and wait until the light on top is pulsing white. Hold your unlocked iOS device within a few centimeters of HomePod. When the setup screen appears, tap Set Up and follow the onscreen instructions.



Tip: If the setup screen doesn't appear automatically, open the Home app, tap \oplus , then tap Add Accessory. Tap "Don't Have a Code or Can't Scan?" then tap HomePod in the Nearby Accessories list. If you don't have the Home app installed, you can get it from the App Store.

For enhanced security and network performance you will be asked to [enable two-factor authentication for your Apple ID](#), or [set your Wi-Fi network to use WPA/WPA2 security](#), if you haven't already done so.

During setup, the Wi-Fi settings, Siri preferences, Apple ID, and Apple Music subscription currently configured for your iOS device are copied to HomePod. If you're not already an Apple Music subscriber, you're offered a trial subscription during setup. HomePod is added to the Home app on your iOS device and assigned to the room you specify during setup. After

HomePod is up and running, you can use the Home app to change its name, its room assignment, and other settings.

The personal requests feature allows HomePod to use your iOS device for creating reminders, adding notes, and sending and reading messages. See [Messages, Reminders, and Notes](#) for more information.

HomePod automatically detects its position in the room and adapts the audio to sound great wherever you place it. You may hear HomePod adjust the sound during the first song played after setup or when you move HomePod to a new location.

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Control HomePod

You and anyone in your home can control HomePod using Siri, or by tapping the top of HomePod.

Siri

Activate Siri. Say “Hey Siri” and then your request. For example say, “Hey Siri, play some music.” HomePod hears you—even from across the room or when it’s playing music.

Adjust the volume. You can say something like “Hey Siri, make it louder.” Or set a specific volume level such as “Hey Siri, set the volume to 50 percent.”

Pause and resume playback. Say “Hey Siri, stop.” To resume, say “Hey Siri, play.”

Go to the next track. Say “Hey Siri, next song.” You can also say, for example, “Hey Siri, skip forward 30 seconds,” which can be useful when listening to a podcast.

Go to the previous track. When you’re listening to a playlist or album, say “Hey Siri, previous track.”

Dismiss an alarm or timer. Say “Hey Siri, stop.”

Touch controls

Activate Siri. Touch and hold the top of HomePod. When you activate Siri this way, there’s no need to say “Hey Siri”—just say your command.

Adjust the volume during playback. Tap, or touch and hold, the + or - on the top of HomePod.

Pause and resume playback. Tap the top of HomePod to pause playback. Tap again to resume.

Go to the next track. Double-tap the top of HomePod to skip the song that’s currently playing.

Go to the previous track. Triple-tap the top of HomePod. This control works only when you’re listening to a playlist or an album.

Dismiss an alarm. Tap anywhere on the top of HomePod.

Touch controls and accessibility

Turn on VoiceOver. If the iOS device used to set up HomePod has VoiceOver turned on

Turn on voiceOver. If the iOS device used to set up HomePod has voiceOver turned on, VoiceOver on HomePod is turned on automatically. Otherwise, in the Home app, press (or touch and hold) HomePod, tap Details, then tap Accessibility. Double-tap the top of HomePod to activate the touch controls. As with iOS devices, the controls require an extra tap when VoiceOver is turned on. For example, tap twice to pause playback.

Adjust the sensitivity of the touch controls. In the Home app, press (or touch and hold) HomePod, tap Details, tap Accessibility, then tap Touch Accommodations.

Use HomePod as a speakerphone

Route call audio through HomePod. During a call on your iPhone, tap Audio in the Phone app, then choose your HomePod. The light on top of HomePod turns green when it's connected to phone audio.

Hang up a call. Tap the top of HomePod. You can also use your iPhone to hang up the call.

Manage multiple calls. If another call comes in while you're using HomePod as a speakerphone, touch and hold the green light on top of HomePod to end the current call and answer the new one. To put the current call on hold and answer the new one, tap the green light. When you have a call on hold, switch between calls with a double tap.

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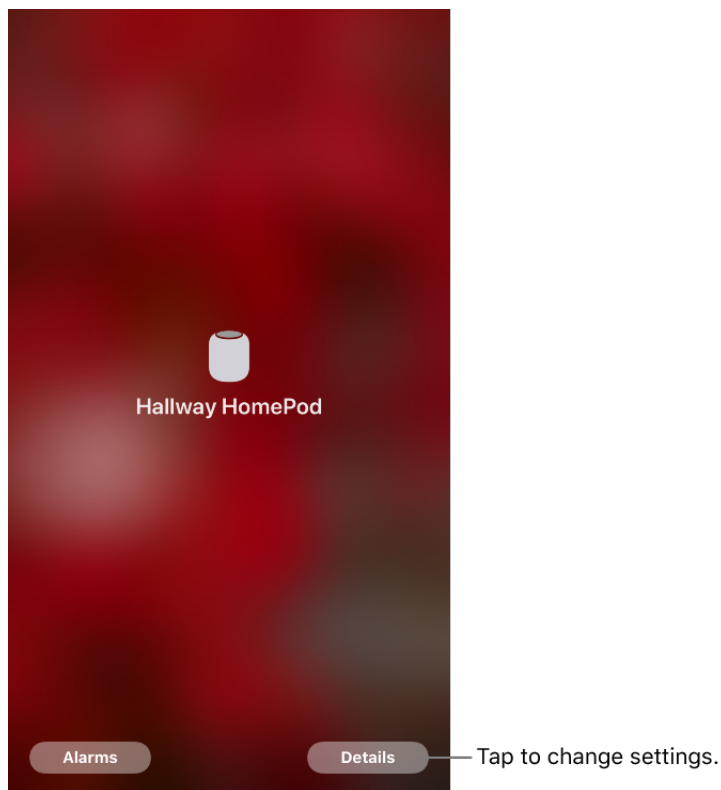
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HomePod settings

The person who set up HomePod can use the Home app on their iOS device to change HomePod settings. There are settings you specify for each individual HomePod you have, and settings that apply to all of the HomePod devices in your home.

Change settings for a HomePod. In the Home app, press (or touch and hold) a HomePod, tap Details, then do any of the following:






- *Change Siri's voice:* Tap Siri Voice to choose the accent Siri uses.
- *Change the Apple Music account:* Tap Account, then sign in to the account you want to use.
- *Make the sound volume consistent:* Turn on Sound Check to adjust for variances in songs so they all play at the same volume. Sound Check reduces the loudest volume setting on HomePod.
- *Avoid music with explicit content:* Turn off Allow Explicit Content to prevent HomePod from playing songs and albums that are listed in Apple Music as having explicit content.
- *Keep songs out of your listening history:* Songs played on HomePod influence how Apple Music identifies music you like, and they're visible to your followers on Apple Music. If

music identifies music you like, and they're visible to your followers on Apple Music. If others are using your HomePod and you don't share their taste in music, you might want to turn off Use Listening History.

- *Other settings:* There are additional settings you can change, such as the room to which HomePod is assigned. For information about other HomeKit settings, see the Home chapter in the [iPhone User Guide](#), [iPod touch User Guide](#), or [iPad User Guide](#).

The following settings apply to all of your HomePod devices:

- *Turn automatic software updates on or off:* In the Home app, tap , then tap Software Updates.
- *Allow access to Messages, Reminders, and Notes:* In the Home app, tap , then tap Personal Requests. For more information see [Messages, Reminders, and Notes](#).
- *Share access to HomePod with others:* To allow others to control HomePod using the Home app, and to add songs to the Up Next queue using the Apple Music app, invite them to share your home. In the Home app, tap , then tap Invite.

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AirPlay

Using AirPlay 2, HomePod can play audio sent from an iOS device or Apple TV. (HomePod and the other devices must be connected to the same Wi-Fi network.)

Play audio from another device. On your iOS device, select HomePod as an audio destination and control its volume in Control Center. See the [iPhone User Guide](#), [iPod touch User Guide](#), [iPad User Guide](#), or [Apple TV User Guide](#) for information about streaming audio to other devices.

Require a password for AirPlay 2. In the Home app, tap  to show the settings for your home, then tap Allow Speaker Access and turn on Require Password. If you have more than one HomePod, this setting applies to all of them.

Allow others to play audio on HomePod: In the Home app, tap  to show settings for your home, then tap Allow Speaker Access and choose a setting. If you have more than one HomePod, this setting applies to all of them.

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Privacy and security

Security and privacy are fundamental to the design of HomePod. Nothing you say is sent to Apple servers until HomePod recognizes “Hey Siri” before a request. All communication between HomePod and Apple servers is encrypted, and anonymous IDs protect your identity. For detailed information about privacy and Siri, see the [iOS Security Guide](#).

Turn off Hey Siri. Say “Hey Siri, stop listening.” When Hey Siri is turned off, touch and hold the top of HomePod to talk to Siri. To turn Hey Siri back on, in the Home app, press (or touch and hold) a HomePod, then tap Details and change the Listen for “Hey Siri” setting.

Turn Location Services on or off. Siri uses your HomePod location to provide information about, for example, traffic, weather, and nearby businesses. To turn off Location Services, in the Home app, press (or touch and hold) a HomePod, then tap Details and change the Location Services setting.

Reset HomePod. Before you give HomePod to someone else, you should reset it. In the Home app, press (or touch and hold) HomePod, tap Details, then tap Remove Accessory.

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Listen to music

Hear something you'll like. Just say "Hey Siri, play some music." Apple Music learns your taste and uses it to choose which songs to play for you. To help Apple Music learn what you like, say "Hey Siri, I like this" when you hear a song you'd like to add to your preferences.

Listen to a song. Got some music in mind? Just ask. Say, for example, "Hey Siri, play the theme from La La Land" or "Hey Siri, play Ed Sheeran's newest album." You can also ask for songs and playlists from your iTunes library.

Tip: To hear the same song as interpreted by other artists, say "Hey Siri, play the other version."

Listen by artist, genre, activity, or mood. Ask for a specific artist, or a genre of music such as Latin jazz. You can also ask for the vibe you want. For example, say "Hey Siri, play some party music," or get even more specific with "Hey Siri, play hip-hop from the 1990s." You can let Siri decide what's next with "Hey Siri, play something totally different."

Tip: Say "Hey Siri, add this to my library," or "Hey Siri, add this album to my library."

Listen to hits, chart toppers, or music by decade. Say something like "Hey Siri, play the top song from November 1976," or "Hey Siri, play the best songs from 1982." Or get into a whole decade with something like "Hey Siri, play music from the 1950s."

Tip: Try saying "Hey Siri, tell me about this artist," or "Hey Siri, what album is this?" You can also say "Hey Siri, when was this song released?" For bands, you can ask who's playing a certain instrument. For many popular songs, you can ask about the writer and producer.


Listen to Beats 1. Say "Hey Siri, play Beats 1 radio" to hear the latest in music, interviews, and culture broadcasting from studios in Los Angeles, New York, and London.

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Control playback

You can use the Apple Music app on your iOS device to control the sound volume, play what you want to hear, and add or remove songs from the Up Next queue.

See what's playing now, and next. Open Apple Music, then tap the HomePod playback controls. If you don't see the HomePod controls, on the Now Playing screen, tap , then choose HomePod.

Choose what's next. After choosing HomePod in the Apple Music app, tap Library, For You, Browse, Radio, or Search to find music to play. You can choose to play an item next or add it to the end of the Up Next queue.

Use the Control Center. Open Control Center, press (or touch and hold) Now Playing to expand it, then tap your HomePod.

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Apple Podcasts

HomePod makes it easy to listen to podcasts. With hundreds of thousands of free podcasts to choose from, there's one (or more) for every interest.

Listen to a podcast. Say, for example, "Hey Siri, play the podcast Myths & Legends."

Subscribe to a podcast. Say "Hey Siri, subscribe to this podcast" to add it to your library. When new episodes are available, they appear in Listen Now in the Podcasts app on your iOS device and Apple TV.

Change the playing speed. Say "Hey Siri, play this faster," or "Hey Siri, play this slower" to listen to news and podcasts at a pace you're most comfortable with.

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News

HomePod offers news briefs from the top news sources in the world so you can stay up to date.

Hear the latest headlines. Say “Hey Siri, what’s the news today?” to hear what’s going on in the world. Siri will suggest other news sources, and you can switch to one at any time. Say something like “Hey Siri, switch to CNN instead.”

Get specific news. Say, for example, “Hey Siri, give me the latest sports news.” You can also ask for business news.

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Control your home

Use HomePod to control the HomeKit accessories—such as lights, thermostats, and window shades—that you’ve set up in the Home app on your iOS device. Then you can say things like “Hey Siri, set the thermostat to 72 degrees” or “Hey Siri, did I lock the front door?”

The commands that work when you’re speaking to HomePod depend on which smart home accessories you have set up. For more info about using the Home app, see the Home chapter in the [iPhone User Guide](#), [iPod touch User Guide](#), or [iPad User Guide](#).

For more information about HomeKit and available accessories, see the [HomeKit webpage](#).

Control an accessory. To control a single accessory, use the name you gave it in the Home app. For example, say “Hey Siri, turn on the porch light.” You can check the status of an accessory by saying something like “Hey Siri, is the porch light on?” You can also say, for example, “Hey Siri, turn off the lights in here,” to control the accessories that are in the same room as HomePod.

Tip: You can use HomePod to lock or check the status of door locks and other HomeKit security accessories. To unlock security accessories, you must use your iOS device because unlocking requires authentication using Face ID, Touch ID, or a passcode.

Activate a scene. Set up scenes in the Home app to control a number of accessories all at once. After a scene is defined, refer to it by name. For example, say “Hey Siri, good night” to run a scene named “good night” that turns off your lights, sets the thermostat, and draws the window shades.

Use HomePod as a home hub. HomePod automatically acts as a *home hub*. This allows you to control your home’s accessories using the Home app when you’re away. You can also trigger accessories based on time of day, your location, or the action of another accessory, such as a sensor.

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Ask Siri

With Siri, HomePod is great at answering questions about the things you want to know, and do, in your home. Siri can help you with things in these categories:

General knowledge

- "Hey Siri, who was the 13th president of the United States?"
- "Hey Siri, what's the tallest mountain in Germany?"
- "Hey Siri, what does happenstance mean?"

Traffic and what's nearby

- "Hey Siri, where's the nearest coffee shop?"
- "Hey Siri, how long will it take me to drive to Milwaukee?"
- "Hey Siri, what time does The Meatball Shop close?"

Alarms, timers, and world clocks

- "Hey Siri, set a 3-minute timer."
- "Hey Siri, wake me up at 5 a.m." (and "Hey Siri, snooze" when it goes off!)
- "Hey Siri, what time is it in Stockholm?"

Weather

- "Hey Siri, when is sunrise in Paris?"
- "Hey Siri, what will the weather be like in Yosemite this weekend?"
- "Hey Siri, will it snow in Denver today?"

Sports

- "Hey Siri, what was the score the last time the Cubs played the Brewers?"
- "Hey Siri, who has scored the most goals in Spanish soccer?"
- "Hey Siri, when do the Suns play next?"

Unit conversions and math

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- "Hey Siri, what's 38 percent of 299?"
- "Hey Siri, how many cups are in a quart?"
- "Hey Siri, what's 50 dollars in euros?"

Stocks

- "Hey Siri, what's the market capitalization of Apple?"
- "Hey Siri, how is the stock market doing today?"
- "Hey Siri, where's the NASDAQ today?"

Translation

Siri can translate into French, German, Italian, Mandarin Chinese, and Spanish.

- "Hey Siri, translate "this is delicious" into Chinese."
- "Hey Siri, how do you say "I love you" in French?"

For more about what you can do with Siri on HomePod, just ask Siri. Say "Hey Siri, what can you do?" Also, check out the Tips app on the iOS device you used to set up HomePod.

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Messages, Reminders, and Notes

To be able to make personal requests that use Messages, Reminders, and Notes, your iOS device and HomePod must be connected to the same Wi-Fi network, and your iOS device must be the one you share your location from using Find My Friends.

All requests that require access to Contacts, Messages, Reminders, and Notes are handed off to your iOS device for processing, regardless of who's speaking. When you're away from home, your device is turned off, or your device isn't on the same Wi-Fi network as HomePod, these requests won't be accepted by HomePod.

Set up your iOS device for personal requests. Go to Settings > [your name] > iCloud > Share My Location > From, then choose This Device. Siri must also be enabled on the device.


Send a message. Say "Hey Siri, send a message to Chris saying that I'll bring the vacuum cleaner with me." If the recipient replies within a few minutes, you'll hear a ding.

Read messages. Say "Hey Siri, read my unread messages" or "Hey Siri, read my messages from Kim."

Work with Reminders. Say "Hey Siri, remind me to drop off the dry cleaning." You can also refer to places that are in Contacts on your iOS device. For example, say "Hey Siri, remind me to put my lunch in the fridge when I get to work." You can ask about items in Reminders too. Say "Hey Siri, what's on my shopping list?" To check off a reminder, say "Hey Siri, mark water the plants as complete."

Work with Notes. Say things like "Hey Siri, add a note called birthday presents" or "Hey Siri, add Twain to my favorite authors note."

If you don't want to allow access to Messages, Reminders, and Notes you can turn off support for personal requests in the Home app. If you have more than one HomePod, you can turn personal requests on or off for each device.

Turn personal requests on or off. In the Home app, tap , tap your name, then turn off Personal Requests.

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- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
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