## Hall of not-so-great-designs

How NOT to Do Things

#### User Interfaces around us

- Hardware design
  - "Design of everyday things"
- Software issues
- Changing environment

Plugging in a USB connector

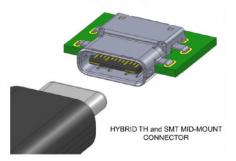
- The only help is the "."
- Solutions
  - Make plugs visually asymmetric





Electrically and mechanically symmetric

Figure 3-8 Reference Footprint for a USB Type-C Mid-Mount Hybrid Receptacle (Informative)





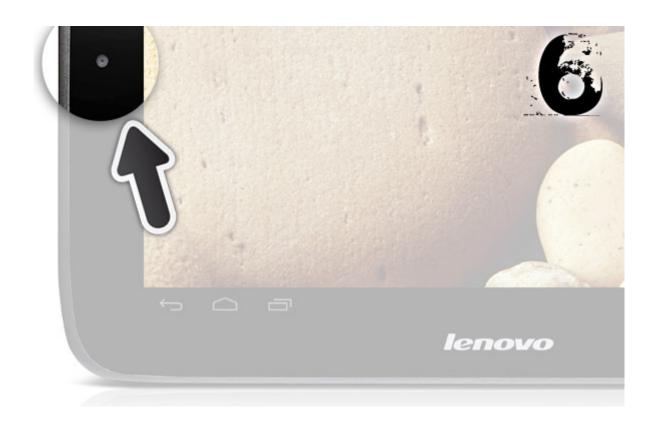
#### Turn down the sound?



# Where's the power button?



#### Webcam location



# Speaker placement



# Function key combos



#### Fake metal



# Windows Phones: Nokia Lumia 635

- No front-facing camera!
- 60% of all Windows Phone traffic <u>came</u>
   from lower-cost budget phones rather than

high-end devices

93 million selfies
 taken a day on
 Android phones



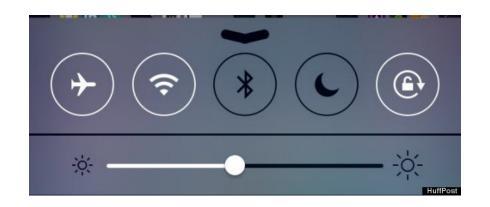
# Apple iOS



# Bending phones



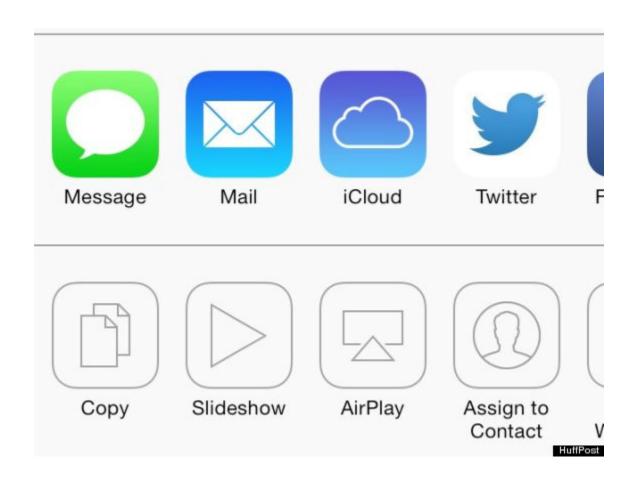
#### What's ON?





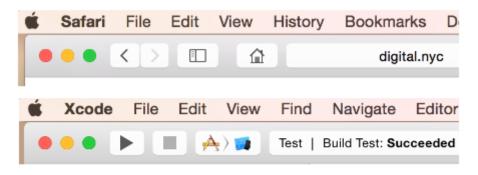
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#### Buttons, Labels, Text boxes...

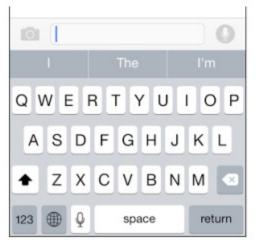
#### **OS X Yosemite**



#### **OS X Mountain Lion**



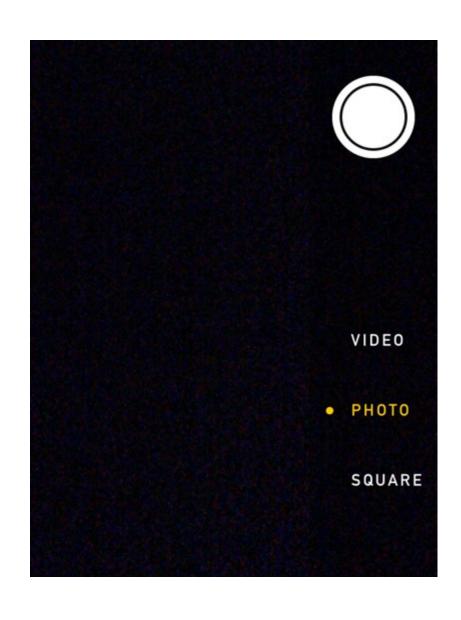
#### Shift ON or OFF?



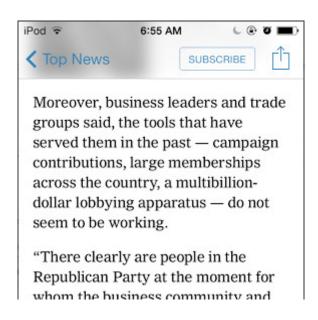


iOS 8 iOS 6

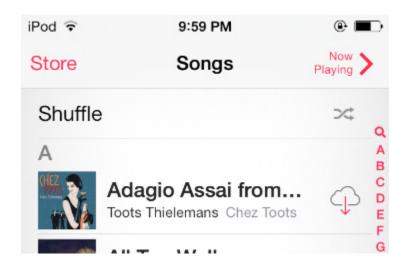
# How do you turn ON video?



# Is screen rotting?



#### Now Playing



### What is draggable here?



#### iOS 7's Notes

They really wanted yellow



## What is at the top?



Image credit: Forbes

#### Other flaws of iOS 8

# Time to start an app

APPLICATION	IOS 7.1.2	10S 8.0 GM
Safari	1.25 seconds	2.16 seconds
Camera	1.5 seconds	1.8 seconds
Settings	0.95 seconds	1.25 seconds
Mail	0.91 seconds	1.30 seconds
Messages	1.73 seconds	1.83 seconds
Calendar	0.8 seconds	1.25 seconds
Cold boot	36.4 seconds	39.8 seconds

Image credit: ArsTechnica

### Designed for larger screens

Info is more cramped



### Requires lots of space



iOS 8.0 Apple Inc. 957 MB

This update is the biggest release since the launch of the App Store, with hundreds of new features including new Messages and Photos features, QuickType keyboard, a new Health app, Family Sharing, iCloud Drive and more.

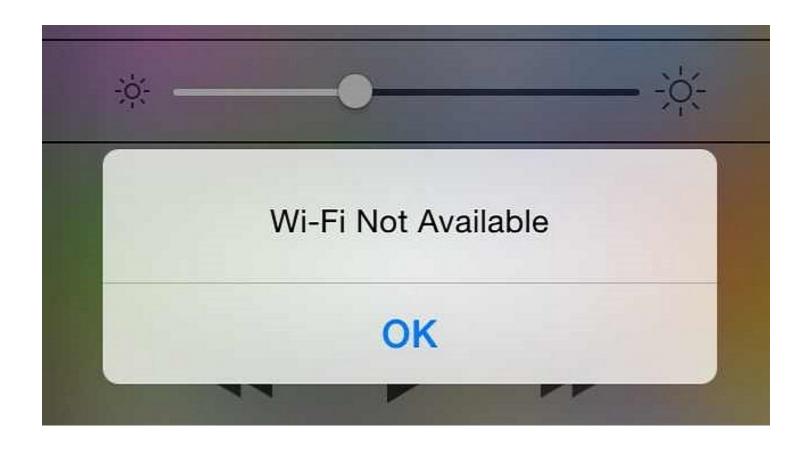
#### Learn More

osxdaily.com

This update cannot be installed because it requires at least 4.7 GB of storage.

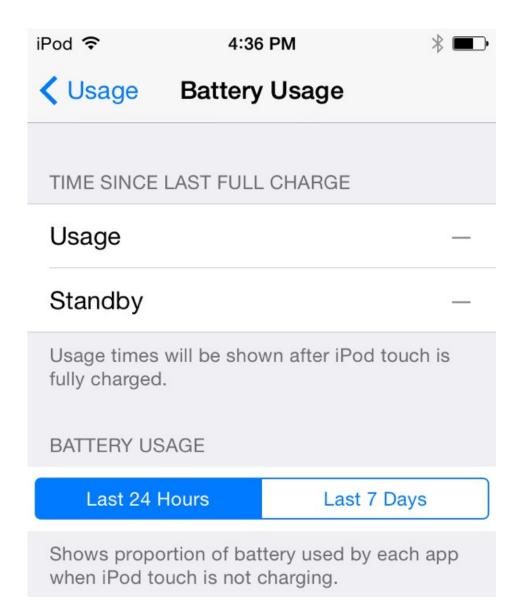
deleting items in Usage Settings.

#### Problems with Wi-Fi



## **Battery Life**

"Battery Usage" (!) eats the most



## Everyday objects

# Traffic lights?

Before?



Or after?

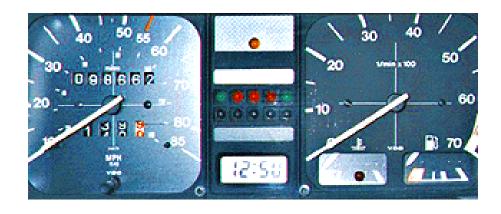




# Speaking of driving...

Which one is speed?





## Have things changed?



1970-80's VW Golf I



2013 Volkswagen Jetta Hybrid

# Why?

Designed in Europe

Original version



- US version
  - Conversion to MPH

# The 2000 USA Presidential Ballot

#### in Florida

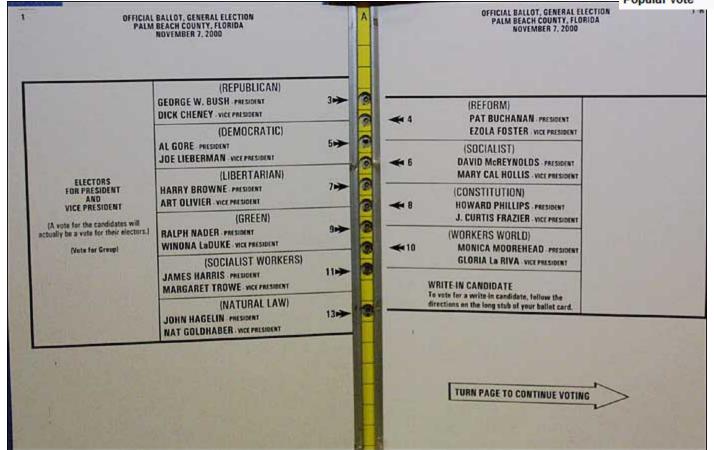
"Butterfly ballot"





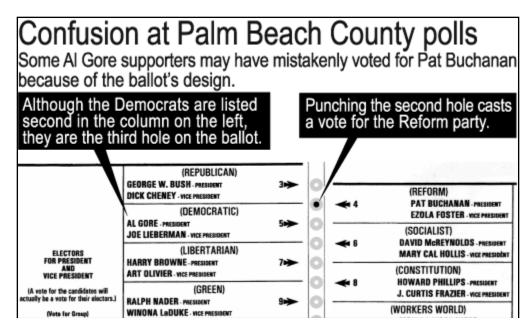
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#### Continued...

- Buchanan received ~ 0.8% of the vote in Palm Beach County (out of 3,407 votes)
  - state-wide vote share 0.29%
- Buchanan's campaign:
  - true vote between 400 and 1,000 votes







Popular vote

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- Presentation of Information
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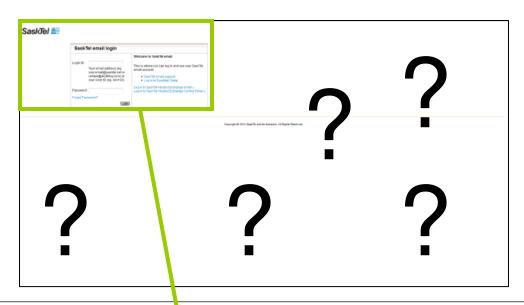


On every "page"!



#### SaskTel

Space usage?



Lingo?

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# Conservative Party of Canada



### In comparison...

https://www.liberal.ca/



Also, <a href="http://www.ndp.ca/front">http://www.ndp.ca/front</a> :)

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