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The Apple iPad has arrived and almost immediately, its critics dismissed it as a glorified iPod touch. Yet on closer inspection, it seems that this accusation was far from the truth. Size isn't its only upgrade.

Physically, the iPad is extremely thin measuring only 1,5 inches in width making it easier to grasp in the hand. The screen is a whopping 9.7 inches which leads to very easy viewing be it text or video. The weight though, at 1.5 lbs, may be a bit overbearing for someone trying to hold it in one hand while typing with the other or if he/she needs to support it for long periods of time.

There are three versions available with differing capabilities of 16GB, 32GB and 64GB. With an inbuilt 1GHZ Apple A4 processor, the iPad has a 'system-on-a-chip' CPU based on ARM technology. In other words, by putting all functions on to one chip, Apple has managed to create a highly efficient device in terms of battery power. Users may expect to have ten hours of net surfing, video watching and music listening but, be warned, this time will decrease when playing energy sucking apps.

It's easy to switch from an iPod touch to an iPad as most of the buttons and layouts are the same, just on a bigger scale. On the outside, there are the usual functions such as volume, power and headphone jack but there is also a screen orientation locker which is a real plus as it can be so frustrating to have a screen suddenly flip to another mode when you're least expecting it. It may seem slightly strange that there is no web cam included but there again, perhaps Apple wanted to keep this back for the second generation.

The quality of the display is exceptional which is an advantage as the whole device is mainly made up of the screen. The colors are rich and vibrant and the brightness can be adjusted to any level that suits the user. The highest level could even be said to be painfully bright yet when toned down it is almost soothing for any long period. It also has in-plane switching (IPS) which means you have to be careful when looking at something you don't want anyone else to see as IPS makes the screen viewable from almost any angle.

So much more than an iPod touch, the iPad even has a virtual keyboard which in landscape mode will let you type in a normal manner instead of having to use the usual pecking action of a single finger. As well as this, there are many new capabilities such as tap and hold allowing you to get different options the longer you press on something.

Last but not least, you'll be glad to know that as well as having iPad specific apps, many iPod touch apps are suitable for use on both devices. It merely means the graphics appear bigger and with less definition but the games still work.

The Apple iPad has already made its mark globally and the world is already looking forward to the next installment from Apple.

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