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iPad 2 has raised the bar and redefined what a perfect tablet should be. There is no doubting the fact that iPad 2 is heads and shoulder above anything that is available in market currently (especially at that price range).



Key new features of iPad 2

Steve Jobs revealed some really interesting numbers on how much developer's have earned on App store and it is 2 Billion Dollars! No one comes even remotely close to it right now...that's a fact!

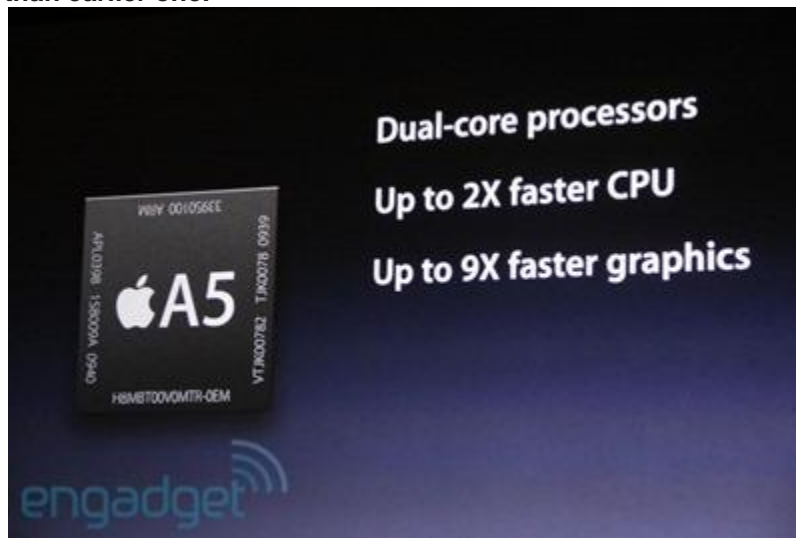
In first 9 months since launch 15 million iPads have been sold and 2011 promises even bigger volumes with launch of iPad 2.



iPad 2 has a completely new design, it is much thinner and lighter. The thickness of iPad has come down from 13.4 mm to 8.8 mm and it is lighter by 0.2 pounds than its predecessor.

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The biggest change is its CPU - iPad 2 comes with a dual core A5 CPU, more than twice as faster than earlier one.



There were no cameras in first gen iPad, but this one has not one, but 2 cameras – One on the front and one of the rear. The demos of video conferencing given at keynote were just awesome. The iPad 2 also has a built in the gyroscope like in the iPhone and iPod touch.


And for the first time, Apple has launched white color iPad 2 along with regular black color.

Even though the CPU is faster, the power consumption is still very low and iPad 2 gives a battery life of 10 hours and over a month of standby time!

Additionally, iPad 2 also has tons of inbuilt apps, especially for multimedia users – It looks like audience were floored with the demos of these new audio and video apps.

And even with all of this the **price of iPad is set quite reasonably at USD 499/- (16GB model with wifi) and USD 629/- (16GB model with wifi + 3G)**

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	16 GB	32 GB	64 GB
WiFi	\$499	\$599	\$699
WiFi + 3G	\$629	\$729	\$829

In US, iPad 2 will be launched on March 11th, while UK and few other countries will get it on March 25th. As usual, India is far away from getting iPad 2 anytime soon.

Infact, as is the case, we may see iPad 2 officially in India when we are nearing iPad 3 launch in US. **India seems to be the official dumping ground of surplus Apple products!**

There is one more interesting thing that was announced during the keynote – Along with other accessories, Apple has come up with a very innovative iPad 2 cover. Basically, a light-weight magnetized cover that will cover the screen and put it to sleep and as soon as you take it off iPad will come back to wake mode.

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Display	9.7-inch LED-backlit IPS LCD	9.7-inch LED-backlit IPS LCD
Resolution	1024 x 768	1024 x 768
Processor	1GHz Apple A4	1GHz dual-core Apple A5
Graphics	PowerVR SGX 535	?
Memory	256MB RAM	?
Storage	16GB / 32GB / 64GB	16GB / 32GB / 64GB
Front camera	none	VGA
Rear camera	none	720p
Cellular radio	EDGE plus triband HSPA	EDGE plus quadband HSPA or CDMA / EV-DO Rev. A
WiFi	802.11a/b/g/n	802.11a/b/g/n
Bluetooth	2.1 + EDR	2.1 + EDR
Accelerometer	3-axis	3-axis
Gyroscope	No	3-axis
Thickness	13.4mm	8.8mm
Weight	680g (WiFi), 730g (WiFi + 3G)	601g (WiFi), 607g (Verizon), 613g (AT&T)

While you're poring over these stats, Apple's also has decided to slap a \$100 price cut on the original iPads, making them eminently more desirable today than they were yesterday.