



iPhone/iPad VoiceOver

Rotor Gestures

The rotor gesture lets you move easily through various elements on your Apple device.

When VoiceOver is running, the rotor is always available and running in the background. Which elements appear in your rotor depends on the application you're using. **Practice using your rotor by following these steps.**

Tip: The following instructions are for the iPhone. However, they are very similar whether you're using an iPhone or an iPad.

Using the Rotor

1. Navigate to your **Notes** app or any app that has text in it such as an email, text message, or pages.

Tip: You can also use your rotor to move through a website by headings, links, and form controls.

2. Place your thumb and index finger on your screen and rotate them clockwise to move forward through your rotor elements.

Tip: The rotor gesture is like turning the lid on a bottle or a soft drink cap.

3. Rotate two fingers counterclockwise to move backward through your rotor elements.

Move by Character

4. Put your two fingers on the screen and rotate them to the right to activate your rotor.
5. Move through your rotor until you hear “characters”.
6. Select the **Characters** choice so each time you single-finger swipe down your screen, you will move forward by a character.
7. To move back by characters, single-finger swipe up your screen.

Move by Lines

8. Put your two fingers on the screen and rotate them to the right until you hear “lines.” Moving by lines is a great way to proofread your document.
9. Single-finger swipe up and down your screen to move through lines. Give yourself plenty of time to practice until you get the hang of it!

Adding Elements to the Rotor

10. Return to your home screen and swipe to the **Settings** app.
11. Single-finger double tap to open **Settings**.
12. Right swipe to your **Accessibility** button, and single-finger double tap it to open a list of your **Accessibility** options.
13. Right swipe to your **VoiceOver** button. Single-finger double tap to open your **VoiceOver** settings.
14. Right swipe to the **Rotor** button. Single-finger double tap to open the **Rotor** button.
15. Right swipe through the list to see your **rotor elements**.

Tip: The **Reorder** option lets you rearrange your rotor elements as you prefer.

16. Right swipe to **Speaking Rate**. To add this element to the rotor, single-finger double tap it to select it. It now appears in your rotor.
17. Right swipe to **Volume**. Single-finger double tap to add Volume to your rotor.
18. Close **Settings** and return to the app you were using for rotor practice.

Changing VoiceOver Speech Rate

19. Place your thumb and index finger on your screen and rotate them clockwise until you hear “speaking rate.”
20. The default VoiceOver speech rate is 50%. Swipe up to increase the speech rate and swipe down to decrease it.

Tip: As you swipe through the different speech rates, you will hear the speed change in VoiceOver as it announces your selections.

The rotor gesture is a great feature to speed up your navigation through documents and websites. Why not give another workshop a try to see how you can maximize how you use your device?

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