

## Apple's new iPhone able to find itself – or die trying

(Editor's note: Apple's new iPhone, the 3G S, debuted Friday. With Vermonters now able to get service through AT&T, we asked **Kali Hilke of Small Dog Electronics** to highlight some of the new features. Here are some excerpts from his blog, which appears in **Barkings!** at [www.small-dog.com](http://www.small-dog.com)):

A while back, Apple gave us a preview of the iPhone OS 3.0 software, so we had a pretty good idea of what to expect. At the annual World Wide Developer's Conference (June 8), Scott Forstall highlighted the new features in an in-depth keynote presentation.

■ **Cut, Copy and Paste:** It will appear as a bubble on your screen, and across ALL apps (both Apple and third-party). It will also have "Undo" support to clear that mistake you just made...

■ **Landscape Orientation:** Now, all apps will be able to use this orientation, giving users a larger keyboard and screen with which to type and view.

■ **MMS (Multimedia Messaging Service) Support:** This allows users to view photos, hear audio, see contacts and locations all in one app. MMS will replace SMS when AT&T gets their act together later this summer with support on their end.

■ **Search:** Spotlight is coming to the iPhone/iPod touch. The same search feature that works on

the Mac has been developed to work on your mobile device.

You'll be able to search all your apps, and across your device. One cool feature of search is that you will be able to search on your mail server, not just your downloaded mail!

■ **iTunes:** You can now rent movies, purchase audiobooks, etc. on the fly.

There is also support for iTunesU on the iPhone/iPod touch.

■ **Parental Support:** Added features that limit browsing to only certain ratings of shows/movies (G, PG, etc.) and apps that are age appropriate (7, 9+, etc.).

■ **Tethering:** You will be able to connect your device to your computer and share the internet connection via USB or Bluetooth. Pretty huge if there's no WiFi around, and the only access is your cell service. It will work on both Macs and PCs. However, it also requires cell provider support (hello, AT&T), which won't be available until "later."

■ **Safari:** Performance improvements, which are partially indicated by the SunSpider benchmark that shows a 3x improvement in speed. There's also support for HTTP streaming audio and video. Also: AutoFill technology has been added (hallelujah) to fill in usernames and passwords.

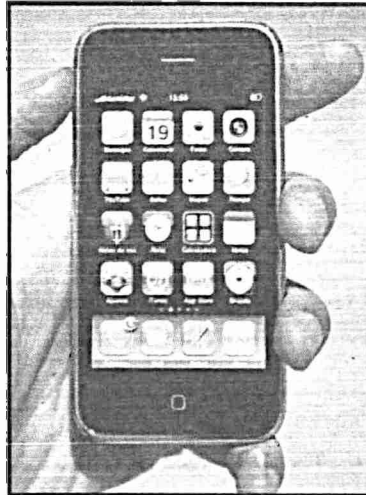
■ **Shake to Shuffle:** This

means exactly what it says: all you need to do is shake your iPhone/iPod touch, and it will shuffle the songs in your playlist.

■ **Voice Memos:** Allows you to make calls, change your iTunes music, or even create an on-the-fly Genius playlist via your voice. Of course, it's also perfect for recording a memo, class or meeting. Voice Memos works with the built-in microphone or via an external mike on a headset.

■ **Find My iPhone:** This was HUGE and got a great reception from the crowd. Essentially, what it does is offer a way for users to locate a lost/stolen phone via GPS technology. It's a benefit for MobileMe customers — you log in, and it will show you the location of the phone on a map. Then, you can send a message to it with a number to call (the alert sound will play whether or not your phone is in 'silent mode') and also remotely "wipe" all of the data off of it! Take that, data thieves!

Overall, there are over 100 new features.



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