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## **Accessibility and the iPad**

Early accessibility reviews of Apple's iPad are mostly positive, with many reviewers reserving judgement until the device can be thoroughly road-tested. Reviewers note that the substantial size of the device, as compared to the iPhone or ITouch, makes the iPad more usable for some people with mobility impairments. In addition, its capacity to plug in an external keyboard into the device is helpful for people who prefer or need tactile feedback while using a keyboard. The iPad has many of the same helpful features as the iPhone and the ITouch, including the VoiceOver Screen Reader and the option to zoom in and switch to a white on black display, which are helpful to people with low or no vision. **Read more...**

## **Kindle Update**

Three more educational institutions have agreed not to promote the use of Kindle DX in their classrooms. The Department of Justice announced in January that Case Western Reserve University, Pace University and Reed College have reached agreements to settle complaints filed with the department. The three schools participated in a Kindle pilot program. It has been reported that the University of Virginia Darden School of Business and Princeton University also participated in the Kindle pilot program. **Read more...**

## **Other Kindle News**

The decision by the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Syracuse University to not use Amazon's Kindle DX as a means of distributing electronic textbooks (e-books) to their students is being applauded by the National Federal of the Blind. Both universities have experimented with the Kindle DX to learn if e-book technology is useful to their students. But the schools will not adopt the device for general use unless and until it is made accessible to blind students, according to NFB.

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## **Design Tips**

**DESIGN CHALLENGE: How do you make a front loading clothes dryer accessible to a person who can not bend easily?**

**TIP:** A front loading dryer can be raised to an accessible height by putting it on a platform or pedestal. Check with the appliance manufacturer to see if there are any specific installation recommendations or restrictions.

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