

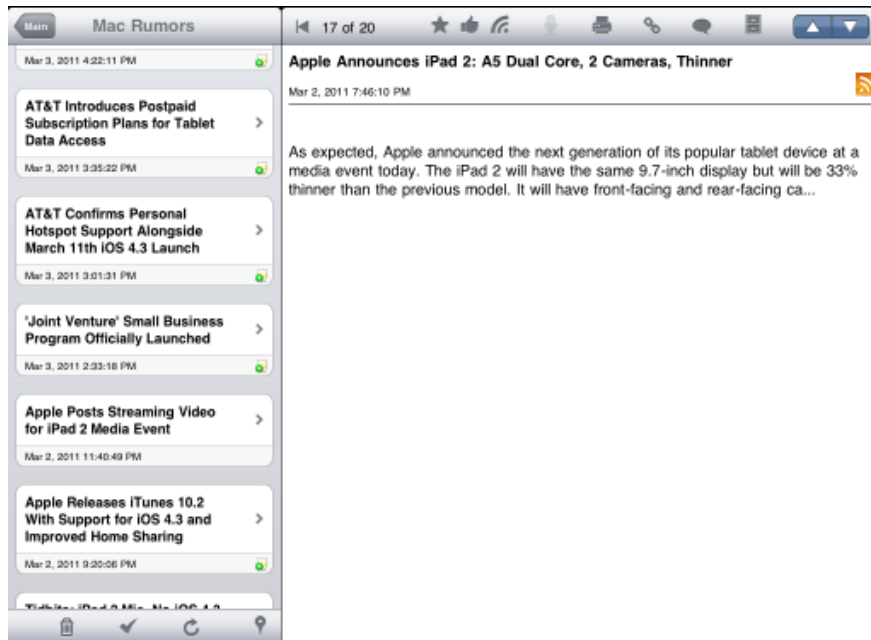
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## Reading Mode

This tech note briefly discusses the Reading Mode feature, introduced in version 4.0. Reading Mode is an advanced feature similar to 'Instapaper', 'Readability', and Safari's 'Reader' feature whereby articles can be rendered in a highly readable manner with clean fonts and no distracting clutter. It is highly recommended that users experiment with this mode as the results can be very satisfying. Further, feedHopper performs its Reading Mode algorithm on your iPad per your preferences, so the mode works offline. And thanks to much tuning, It is also extremely fast.

Lets take a look at the three ways a feed can be configured for reading in order to understand the value of this feature. Below is a Mac Rumors article from their RSS feed. Mac Rumors only provides article snippets over RSS:

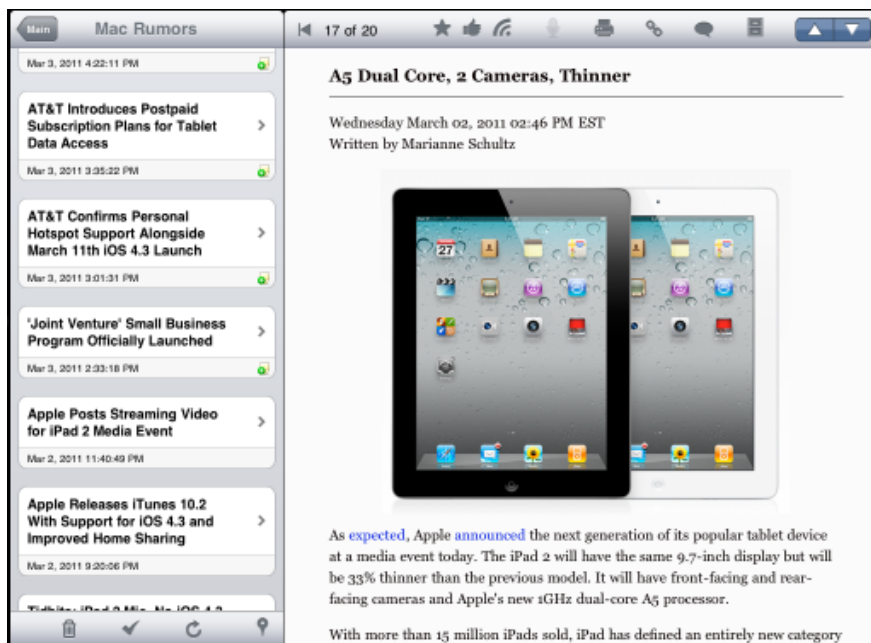


Now we show the same article, but with the *Download Full Article* enabled for the Mac Rumors feed. This will result in the complete website for the article being downloaded and stored on your iPad as opposed to the little snippet in the original feed. While the article can be read in the typical zoom/pan fashion, even if widescreen viewing is turned on, it is quite cluttered and requires downloading many images and 'support chrome' that add

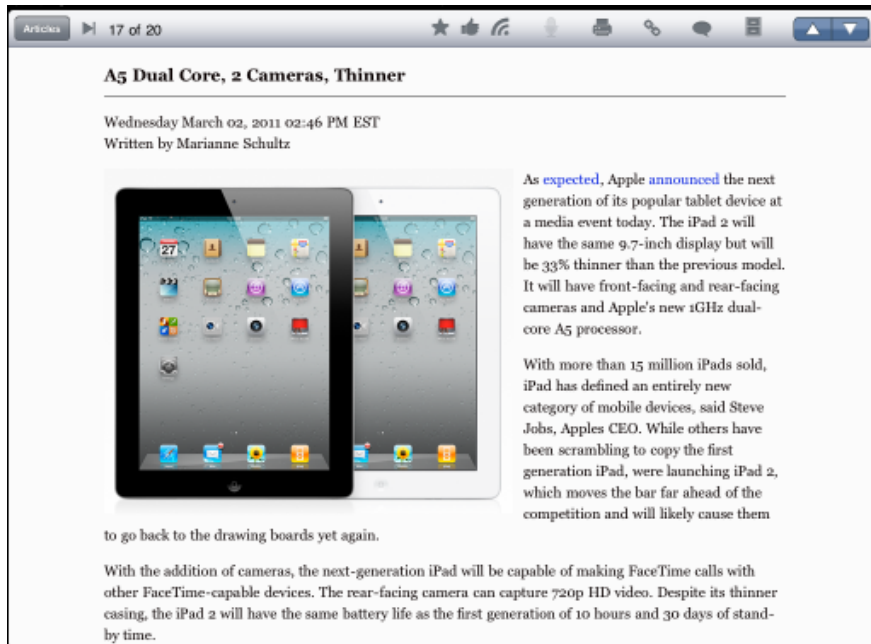
little value to the reading experience:



For any article that has been downloaded with Download Full Article, you can modify how it is shown via the Reading Mode feature. As shown below, the difference can be breathtaking. Fonts are consistent, and margins are clean.



Touch the widescreen button and feedHopper will reflow text to account for the extra real-estate:



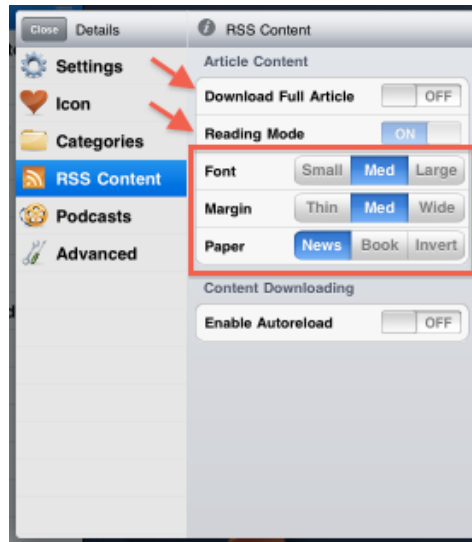
Now that's the only way to read the web! feedHopper even offers several visual and layout preferences for readers to tune the experience. Keep reading to learn more about this powerful feature.

## Enabling Reading Mode

Reading Mode is turned on and off on a feed's settings page under 'RSS Content'. The Feed Settings dialog is brought up whenever you touch the Locker toolbar button on your main or folder list page, and then touch a feed in the list above.

Reading Mode requires that the feed has *Download Full Article* enabled. What *Download Full Article* does is ignore the RSS article content when downloading articles, and instead extract the full article from the web site. For articles that have been downloaded in this manner, you will be presented with a view that is identical to visiting the web site page for the article itself. **feedHopper will not replace articles already in the database if you ever change this mode. The effect is only going forward with new articles (or if you delete and re-add the feed).**

Once a feed has the *Download Full Article* enabled, you can turn on or off the Reading Mode option and set various visual effects.



**Changes to Reading Mode preferences apply instantly to all articles of the feed that were downloaded with *Download Full Article* enabled.** This means you can revisit this dialog and make a preference change (such as turning Reading Mode off) and then revisit your articles to see the desired effect.

For more enabling options, see the Wizard section later in this technote.

## Configuring Reading Mode

In the figure above there are three settings a user may modify to tailor feedHopper's Reading Mode. These preferences can be changed at any time and you can re-read the article to see the changes immediately.

### Font

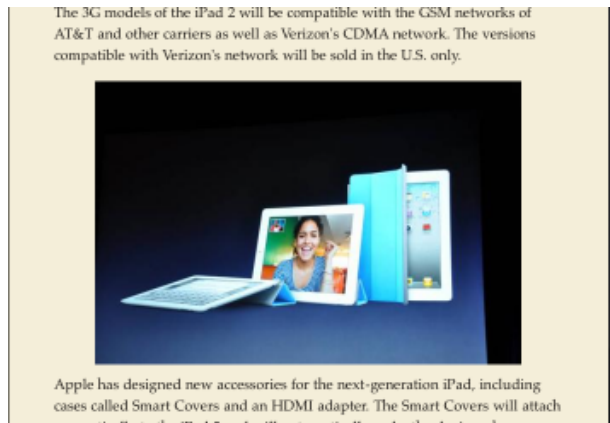
You have three font sizes you can select: Small, Medium, and Large. Choose one most comfortable with your eyes.

### Margin

Margin provides three size choices to control the gaps on the left and right of the article. Choose the one that results in the right amount of space for you.

### Paper

There are three paper choices: News, Book, and Invert. The default is News, a traditional black on white view of an article. Book offers an aged paper tint to the background to reduce the contrast.



Invert is for our visually impaired or light sensitive customers. It changes to a cleaner font and provides a dark leather color base:



## Reading Mode Wizard

On the Global Settings dialog under the Wizards category is a section on Reading Mode that allows a user to change their Reading Mode preferences globally. To reach the Global Settings page touch the Gear icon in the toolbar under your main list, then in the dialog locate and touch the Wizard category on the left side.



Here, you can configure your preference and touch the 'play' button as shown above. This will apply your choices to all feeds. In this manner you can globally tune the mode to your liking, thus avoiding tailoring each feed.

## When Reading Mode Fails

The algorithms cannot always identify the relevant meat of an article. When this happens Reading Mode will typically fall back to the full original article. Sometimes however it makes bad choices. While this is rare, it may happen from time to time. If the article appears empty or is clearly not the content intended by the title, you can always touch the 'link' button on the article toolbar to simply jump to the actual web site of the article.

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