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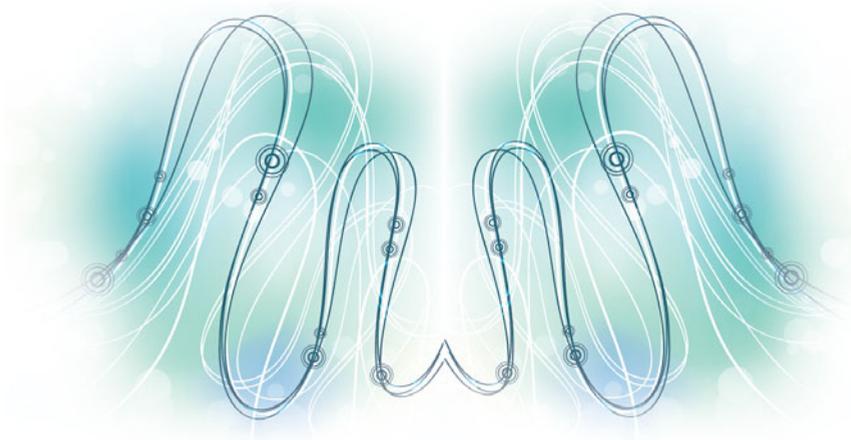
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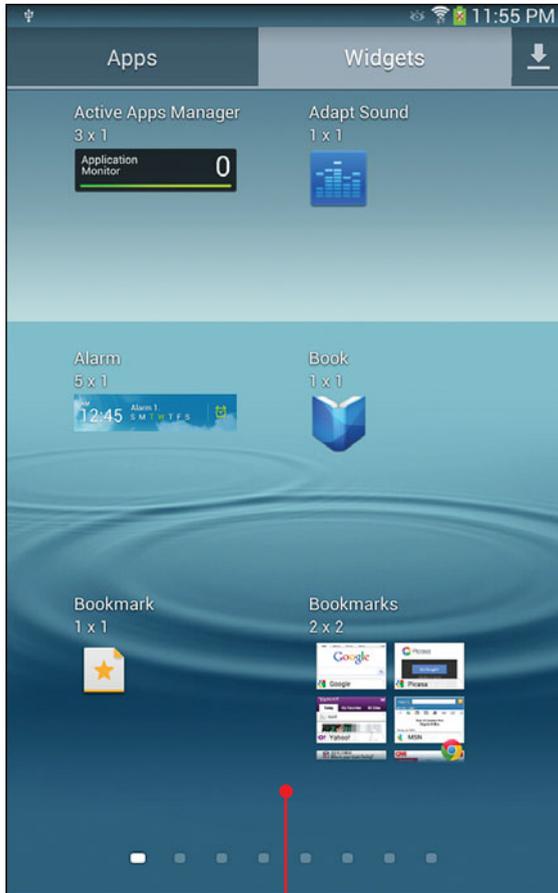
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Learn how to
browse widgets
and add a widget to
your Home screen

Widgets are a truly valuable aspect of the Android platform. A widget is a small, portable piece of code that you can interact with like a miniature application. Your Galaxy Tab 3 has quite a few widgets for you to choose from that can make your Tab experience even more convenient. This chapter covers the following:

- Accessing the Widgets screen
- Taking a tour of available widgets
- Adding a widget to a Home screen
- Creating a new Home screen
- Removing a widget

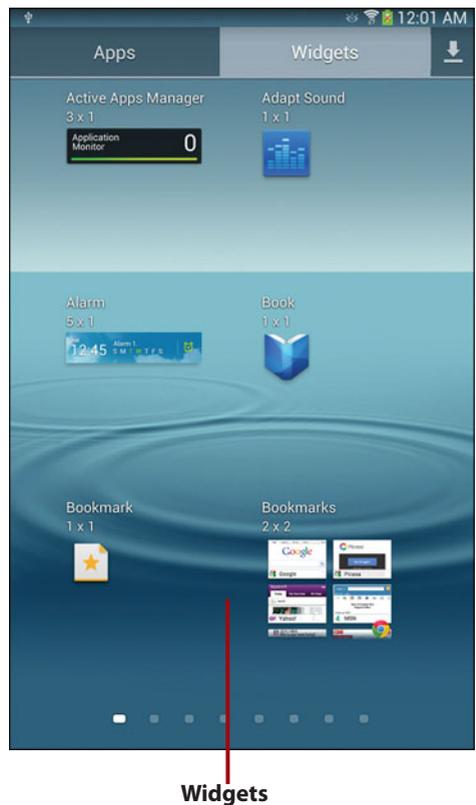
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Adding Widgets to Your Home Screens

Accessing the Widgets Screen

You can find widgets on the Widgets screen, where 48 preinstalled widgets for different tasks are listed. Tapping a widget can provide you a variety of information such as stock market news or the weather. (By default, you have a weather widget on your Home screen.) A widget can also act as a world clock or initiate functionality from a parent app, such as Maps, when you tap it. Though you can apply widgets to a Home screen, some widgets must be configured.

1. Tap Apps on the Home screen.
2. Tap Widgets.
3. Scroll left and right through the pages of widgets. The number of pages depends on the Galaxy Tab 3 model you have and your screen orientation.



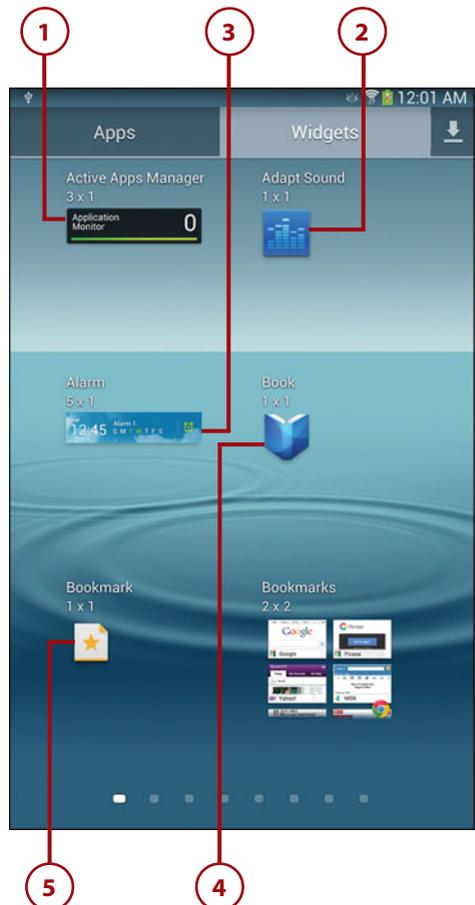
Taking a Tour of Available Widgets

Each widget on the page contains the name of the widget, the size of the widget (width by height in number of grid spaces), and a thumbnail-sized graphic that shows you how the widget will appear on the Home screen. Note that if you want to see how big a 1 × 1 icon is, the Books widget icon that belongs with step 4 in the next task is sized at 1 grid space wide by 1 grid space high.

All the widgets listed in this section are available on all Galaxy Tab 3 models. On the Galaxy Tab 3 8", which is used for the screenshots in this section (and throughout most of this book), six widgets appear on each of the eight pages within the Widgets screen.

Examine the Page 1 Widgets

1. **Active Apps Manager:** Opens the Task Manager screen so you can see all active applications, view downloaded apps, and manage memory and storage.
2. **Adapt Sound:** Opens the Adapt Sound app so you can test and fine-tune the sound level of the earphones you plug into the Galaxy Tab 3.
3. **Alarm:** Enables you to create an alarm in the Alarm app and display the alarm on the Home screen. You find out more about setting an alarm using the widget in Chapter 8, "Using Galaxy Tab 3 Widgets."
4. **Book:** Opens the Google Play Books app and shows you a list of all books you've downloaded.
5. **Bookmark:** Opens the Internet app so you can select a bookmarked website on the Choose a

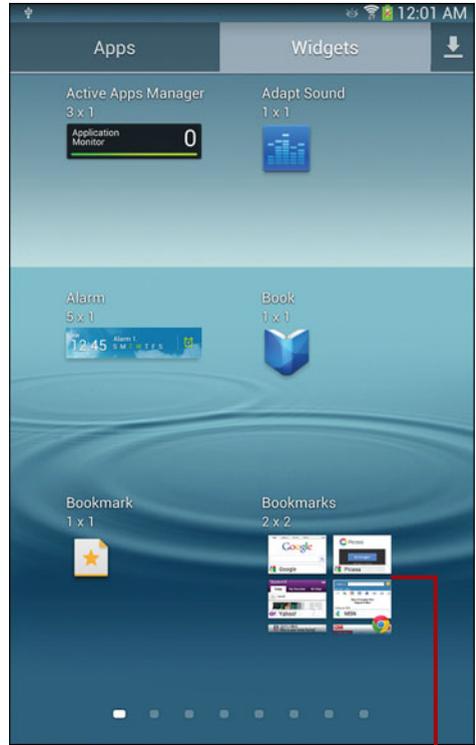


Bookmark screen. After you select the bookmark in the appropriate folder, the bookmarked website appears as an icon on the Home screen. View the website in the Internet app by tapping on the bookmark icon.

6. **Bookmarks:** Places a larger widget on the screen so you can select a bookmark from directly within the widget. Swipe up and down within the widget to view folders and then tap a folder name; after you find the bookmark you want within the folder you tap it. The website appears in the Internet or Chrome app. When you return to the Home screen, you can navigate to and open a bookmark from within the widget.

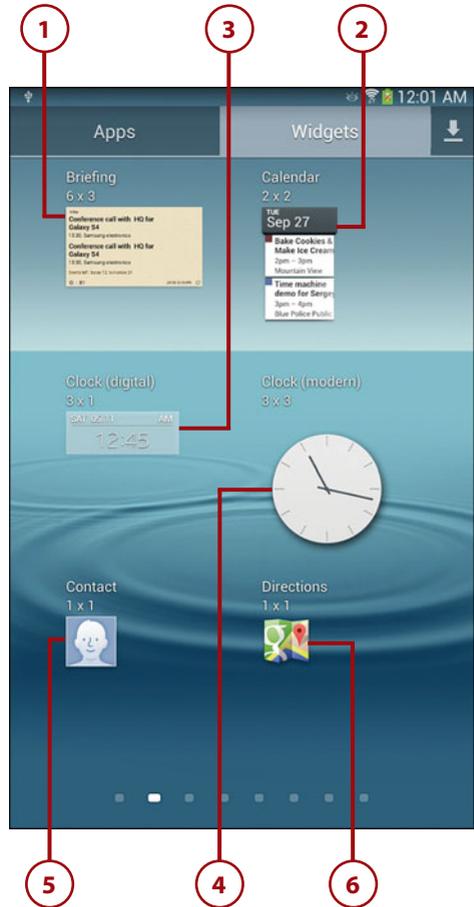
Choosing Your Browser

After you open a bookmark from the Bookmark or Bookmarks widget, you may see the Complete Action Using window so you can choose between opening the website in the Internet app or in the Google Chrome app. Tap the icon that signifies the app you want to use (Internet or Chrome) and then tap the Always button to open websites using that app in the future or the Just Once button to open the website using your selected app that one time. If you tap the Just Once button then the next time you open the bookmark you will have to choose the browser app in the Complete Action Using window again.



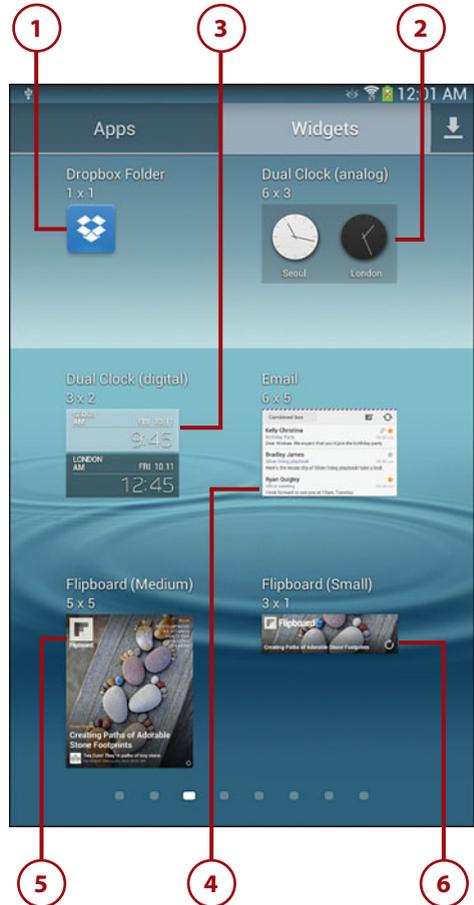
Examine the Page 2 Widgets

1. **Briefing:** Displays your upcoming events and top news stories from Yahoo! News so you can get your information and news stories at a glance from your Home screen.
2. **Calendar:** Displays a small calendar for the current day that shows a brief list of your appointments that day.
3. **Clock (Digital):** Opens a digital clock that shows the current time and date.
4. **Clock (Modern):** Shows a modern-looking analog clock that displays the current time.
5. **Contact:** Opens the Contacts window app so you can select the contact to display in the widget. After you select the contact, the picture of the contact appears on the Home screen. Tap the contact picture to open the contact window.
6. **Directions & Navigation:** Opens the Directions & Navigation app so you can enter your destination address from your current location to get turn-by-turn directions.



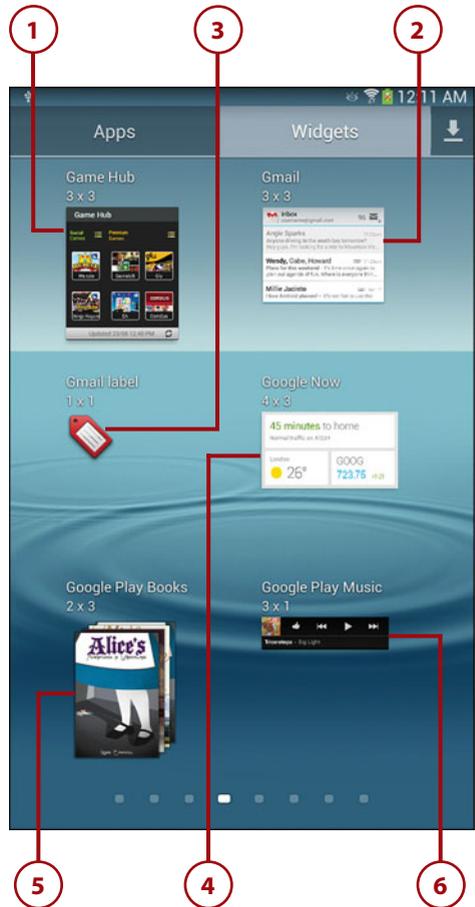
Examine the Page 3 Widgets

1. **Dropbox Folder:** Places a Dropbox folder link on your Home screen. You have to open the Dropbox app and log in before you can add this widget. After you log in, you can select the folder to which you want to link in the Create Shortcut window.
2. **Dual Clock (Analog):** Shows times in two separate cities as analog clocks.
3. **Dual Clock (Digital):** Shows times in two different cities as digital clocks. The current date appears below the time for each city.
4. **Email:** Shows the most recent five email messages that are aggregated from all your inboxes. After you add the app to a Home screen, set up the Samsung Email widget app by tapping the widget.
5. **Flipboard (Medium):** Enables you to access your Flipboard social aggregation website data when you tap the widget. This widget takes up half the Home screen, which explains the Medium designation. The full screen widget appears by default on a Home screen. Read Chapter 8 for more information about the Flipboard widget.
6. **Flipboard (Small):** Places a small version of the Flipboard widget on the Home screen so you can open the Flipboard app by tapping the widget.



Examine the Page 4 Widgets

1. **Game Hub:** Opens the Game Hub app. This widget appears on one of the Home screens by default.
2. **Gmail:** Shows the most recent three messages you received in your Gmail inbox. When you add the app to a Home screen, the Choose Folder window appears so you can select the folder that contains messages you want to read. After you tap the folder name, the most recent messages within that folder appear on the Home screen.
3. **Gmail Label:** Adds a Gmail Label, which acts as a shortcut that opens a Gmail folder. When you add the app to your Home screen, the Choose Folder window appears and asks you to select a Gmail folder. The Name Label Shortcut window appears so you can accept the folder name as the shortcut name or type a new name. Tap Done in the window to view the Gmail Label widget on the Home screen.
4. **Google Now:** Displays basic Google Now app information such as a brief weather forecast and information about your next appointment. Open the Google Now app and get more information by tapping on the widget on the Home screen.
5. **Google Play Books:** Opens the most recent book you read in the Google Play Books app. The cover



of the most recent book you read appears in the widget icon.

6. **Google Play Music:** Plays the next song in your Google Play Music playlist when you tap the Play button in the Google Play Music widget. Open the Play Music app by tapping the thumbnail-sized image on the left side of the widget.

Examine the Page 5 Widgets

1. **Google Search:** Adds a transparent Google Search box to the home page; this widget box appears on the main Home screen by default.
2. **Google Search (smaller version):** Adds a smaller, white Google Search box to the Home screen.
3. **Google+ Posts:** Displays your latest Google+ posts within the widget. Open the Google+ app and view the most recent post by tapping the widget in the Home screen.
4. **Memo:** Enables you to write a new memo that will be easily accessible on your Home screen. When you add the memo to the Home screen, the Memo window displays so you can type your memo. After you save the memo, the memo icon appears on the Home screen so you can open it quickly.
5. **Music Hub:** Shows the latest music within several categories in the Music Hub app. Tap the

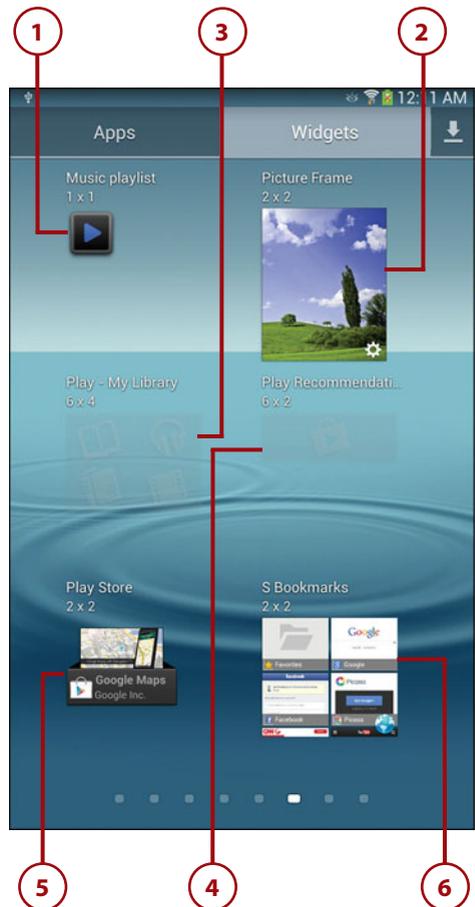


widget to open the Music Hub app and shop for songs.

6. **Music Player:** Displays the Samsung Music Player app that enables you to play songs stored on your Galaxy Tab 2 within the widget itself. For example, you can tap the Play button within the widget to play the song at the top of the list.

Examine the Page 6 Widgets

1. **Music Playlist:** Opens the Play Music app window so you can select a playlist that contains the songs you like. After you tap the playlist you want, the playlist icon and name appear on the Home screen. Tap the playlist icon to start playing songs within that playlist.
2. **Picture Frame:** Displays one or more of your selected pictures stored on your Tab 2 within an area on the Home screen.
3. **Play—My Library:** Shows contents of one or all of the Google Play apps. For example, the My Books library shows covers of the most recent books you read. Read the book in the Play Books app by tapping the book cover.
4. **Play Recommendations:** Displays Google Play Store recommendations in one category (for example, Apps) or in all categories. View the recommended app or multimedia file by tapping the widget.



5. **Play Store:** Displays a slideshow of new and interesting apps in the Google Play Store. Open the Play Store app by tapping the widget.
6. **S Bookmarks:** Displays your web-site bookmark folders. Open the list of bookmarks by tapping the bookmark folder and then tap on the bookmark tile to open the website in the Browser app.

Examine the Page 7 Widgets

1. **S Planner (Mini Today):** Displays a list of all your events for the day stored in the S Planner app. Tap the arrows to the left and right of the date to move backward or forward one day, respectively. You can also tap the widget to add a new event in the S Planner app screen; you can read more about this in Chapter 8.
2. **S Planner (Month):** Displays events for the entire month on an entire Home screen. You can also view different months from within the widget and add an event. Read more about how to use this app in Chapter 8.
3. **Settings Shortcut:** Opens the Settings screen from the Home screen. This shortcut is available on every Home screen by default.
4. **Software Update:** Opens the Software Update screen from the Home screen.
5. **Story Album:** Enables you to create digital picture albums of



various events to share. You can also publish those albums as hard copy books. Read more about using Story Album in Chapter 8.

6. **Travel:** This widget displays travel recommendations in case you're looking to get away. Read more about how to use this widget in Chapter 8.

Examine the Page 8 Widgets

1. **User Manual:** View the user manual within the Internet app by tapping the User Manual widget. After you select the language in which you want to view the manual, you see the manual on the screen so you can view information from learning the basics to troubleshooting your Galaxy Tab 3. You can also search for user manual topics based on one or more keyword(s).
2. **Video Player:** Places a link to a selected video on the Home screen; the title appears in the widget. Play the video in the Video Player app by tapping on the widget.
3. **Weather:** Displays the current weather for your location on the Home screen. This widget appears on the main Home screen by default.
4. **Yahoo! Finance:** Displays your latest stock quotes on your Home screen from Yahoo! Finance. You can get more information within



the Yahoo! Finance app by tapping the widget in the Home screen.

5. **Yahoo! News:** Shows the top news stories from Yahoo! News on your Home screen. You can read the entire story in the Yahoo! News app by tapping the widget in the Home screen.
6. **YouTube:** Displays a slideshow of the most recent YouTube videos within various categories such as Most Popular. View the featured video in the slideshow within the YouTube app by tapping the image of the video in the widget.

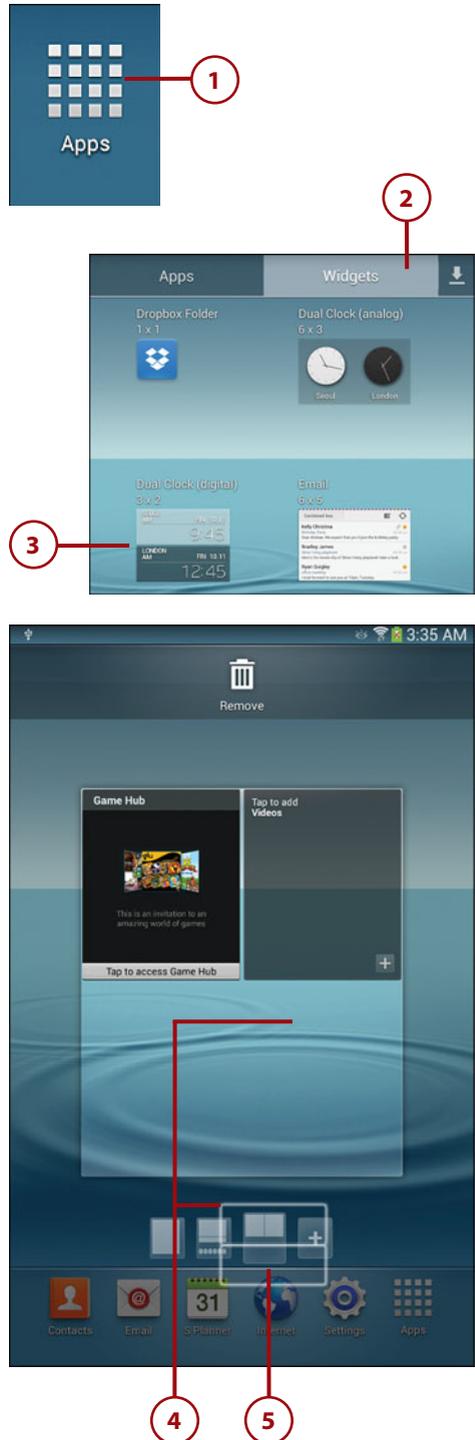
Adding a Widget to a Home Screen

It's easy to add a widget from the Widgets screen to an existing Home screen or a new one that you create. When you add a Widget to a Home screen you can specify where that widget—either an icon or the widget area—will reside on the Home screen. If you decide that you want to move the widget to a different location on the same or a different Home screen, you can drag the widget to that new location on the current Home screen, another existing Home screen, or a new Home screen that you create.

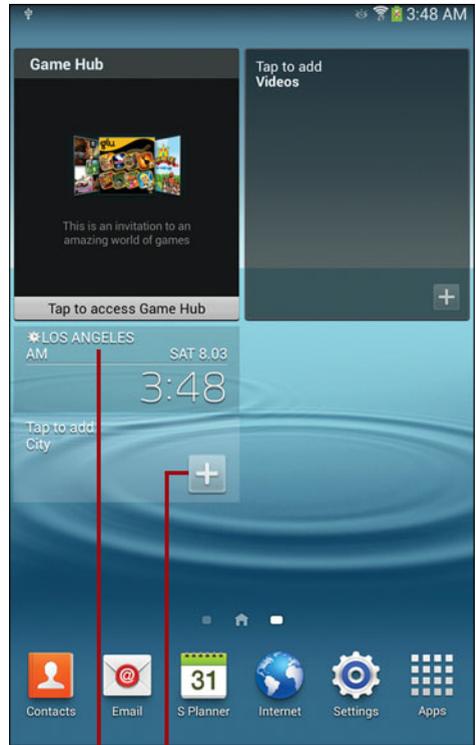
Some widgets also enable you to change the size of the widget before you place it on your desired Home screen. If the widget you're trying to add to an existing Home screen won't fit on that Home screen then Jelly Bean adds a new Home screen automatically and places the widget on that new Home screen.

Place a Widget on a Home Screen

1. Tap Apps on the Home screen.
2. Tap Widgets at the top of the Apps screen.
3. Navigate to the page that contains the Dual Clock (Digital) widget used for this example.
4. Press and hold your finger on the Dual Clock (Digital) widget. The Edit Home screen appears; the Home screen appears in a smaller area of the screen and the widget you're moving appears as an outline on the screen.
5. Move the outline over the Home screen to which you want to add the widget. The Home screens appear as small thumbnail buttons at the bottom of the screen and each button contains different elements as they appear on the Home screen. The Home screen buttons appear in a row of three and the main Home screen (the one that opens when you start your Galaxy Tab 3) appears second from left in the row.



6. Release your finger. The widget appears at the top left of the screen by default. If any other widgets appear on the screen then the Dual Clock (Digital) widget appears to the right of the widget or on the left side of the screen underneath a row of widgets.
7. The Dual Clock (Digital) widget lets you configure the information that it displays. Tap the plus sign to set the city.
8. Swipe down the list of cities and tap one. For example, perhaps a friend has traveled to Rome for the summer and you don't want to call her in the middle of the night. Swipe down the list of cities and then tap Rome.



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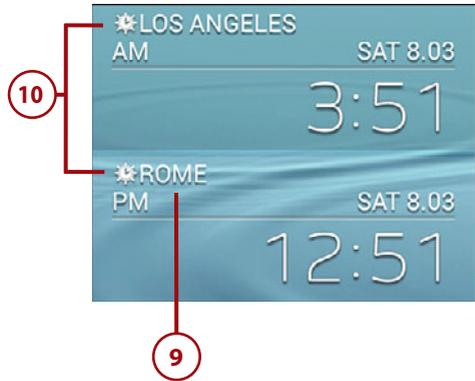
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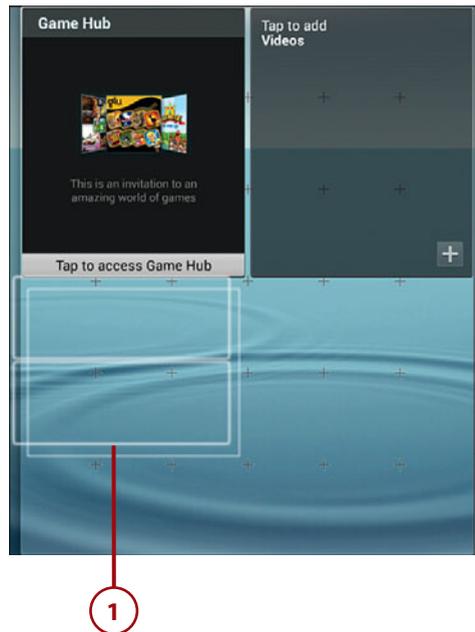
9. Rome is added to the clock, and now you know the current time for the city where your friend is staying.
10. Tap either city to change to a different city. You can search for a city by typing the city name in the Search Cities box.



Move a Widget on a Home Screen

You can move a widget to a different location on the same Home screen by tapping and holding the widget within the Home screen. This example shows how to reposition the Dual Clock (Digital) widget.

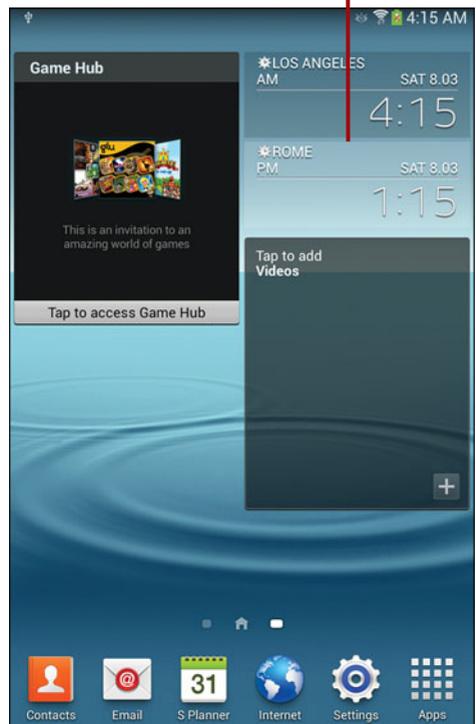
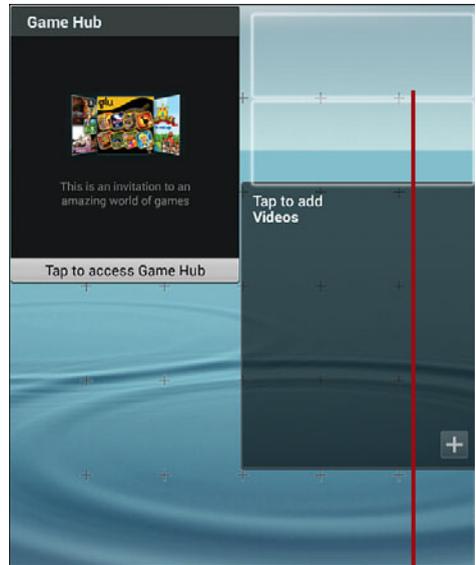
1. The widget outline appears on a smaller version of the Home screen so you can see where you can move the widget.



2. Drag the widget to the new location on the Home screen. The Home screen is ordered in a grid format, and + signs within the Home screen denote grid corners. As you move the widget to the new location, a lighter copy of the outline appears below and to the right of your widget outline. This lighter outline copy denotes where your widget will reside on the screen. If there's a widget that already resides in the location you want, the widgets reposition themselves on the screen to accommodate your desired location for the widget.
3. Release your finger. The widget appears in your desired location.

Move the Widget to a Different Home Screen

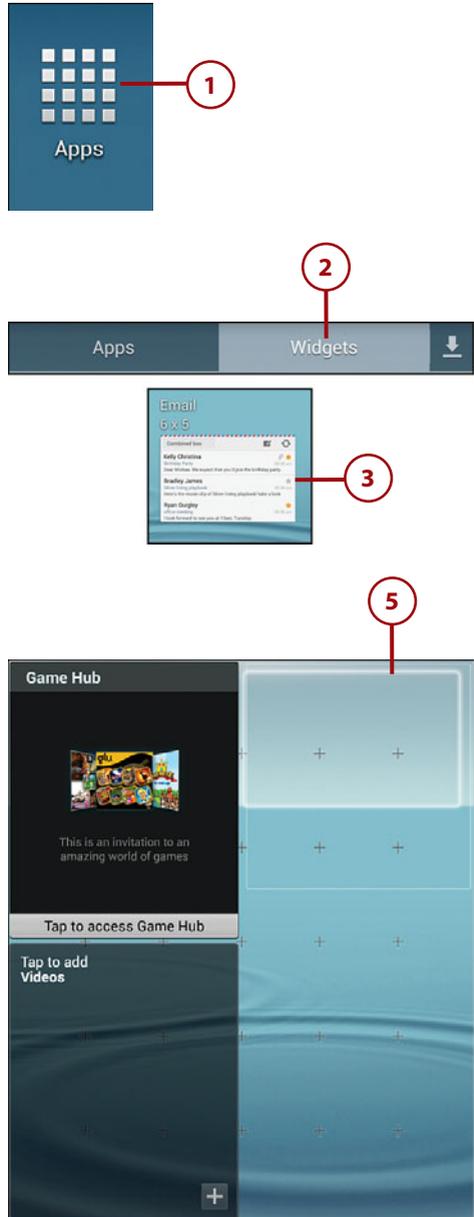
If you want to move a widget to a different Home screen, drag the widget outline to one of the Home screen thumbnail buttons as described earlier in this chapter. You can also add the widget to a brand new Home screen by dragging the widget outline over the Home screen thumbnail button at the right side of the button row (it has a + in the button). After you add the widget to the Home screen you want, you can open that Home screen and move the widget to your desired location within that Home screen.



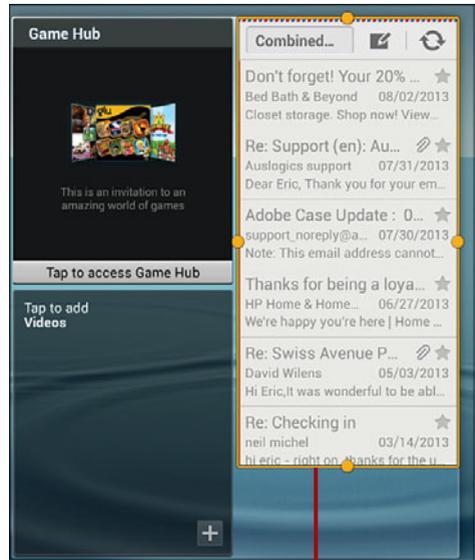
Resize a Widget

Some widgets come in a preset size. Others allow you to change the size of the widget when you add it to the Home screen. You can also change the size of an adjustable widget after you add the widget to a Home screen. This example describes how to add the Email widget.

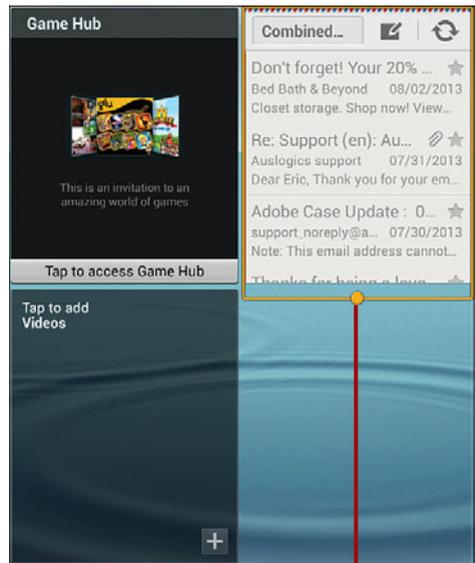
1. Tap Apps on the Home screen.
2. Tap Widgets at the top of the Apps screen.
3. Navigate to the page that contains the Email widget.
4. Press and hold your finger on the Email widget. An overlay of the Home screen that you chose appears and the widget you're moving appears as an outline on the screen.
5. Move the outline over the Home screen to position the widget within the screen. When you're satisfied with the location of the widget on the Home screen, release your finger.



- The widget appears on the Home screen with an orange box around it. Orange circles, or handles, appear on all four sides of the box.
- Resize the widget by tapping and holding on one of the handles and then dragging left and right or up and down depending on the handle you're moving. For example, if you drag the bottom handle up and down then you change the height of the widget. If your widget size is too large for the available area on the Home screen then the box and handles turn red to tell you that the widget is too large for the available space.



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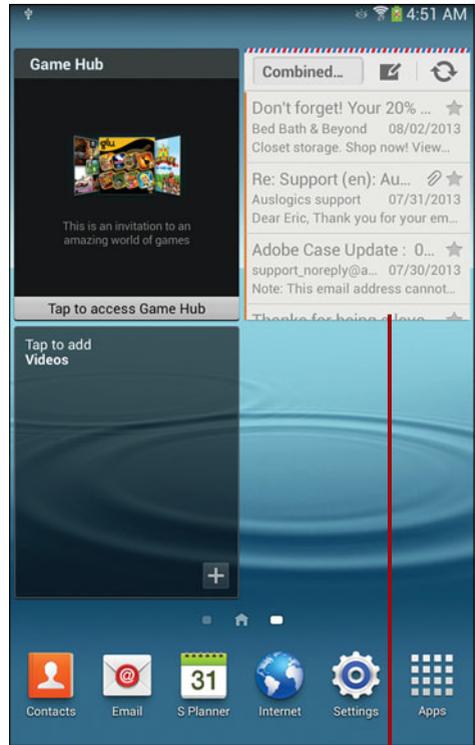


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8. Release your finger. The resized widget appears on the Edit Home screen. If the widget is too large for the area you want, Jelly Bean automatically resizes the widget to fill the available width or height.
9. Tap the Back touch button. Your widget appears on the Home screen at your desired size.

Resize and/or Move the Widget Again

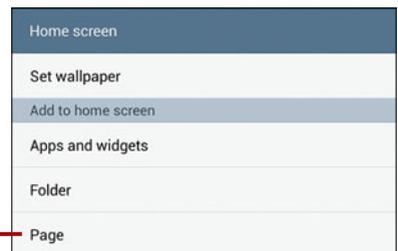
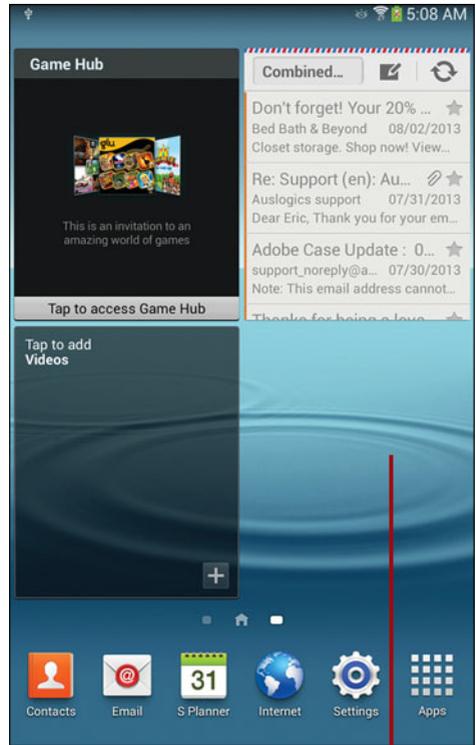
If you decide that you want to resize the widget, tap and hold on the widget. The Edit Home screen appears so you can resize the widget on the Home screen, move the widget around on the Home screen, or move the widget to a different Home screen.



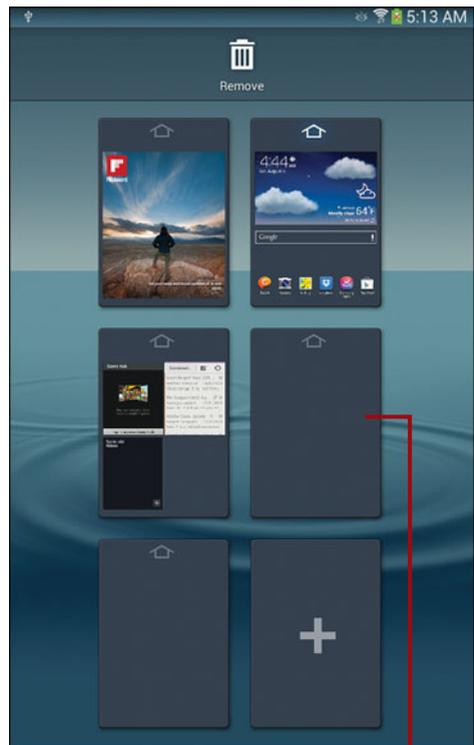
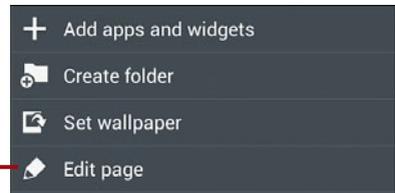
Creating a New Home Screen

A task earlier in this chapter describes how to create a new Home screen when you add a new widget. There are two other ways to create a new Home screen: from within an existing Home screen and in the Home screen menu.

1. Tap and hold your finger on a blank area of the Home screen until the Home Screen window appears. A blank area is an area that isn't occupied by another feature such as a widget or icon.
2. Tap Page in the menu.
3. The new Home page appears on the screen and the selected Home page appears at the right side of the Home page button row.



4. Press the Menu touch button and then tap Edit Page in the menu.
5. Tap the Add Page button in the Edit Page screen.
6. The button for the new Home page appears on the screen. Open the new Home page by tapping the button.



HOW DO I REMOVE A HOME SCREEN?

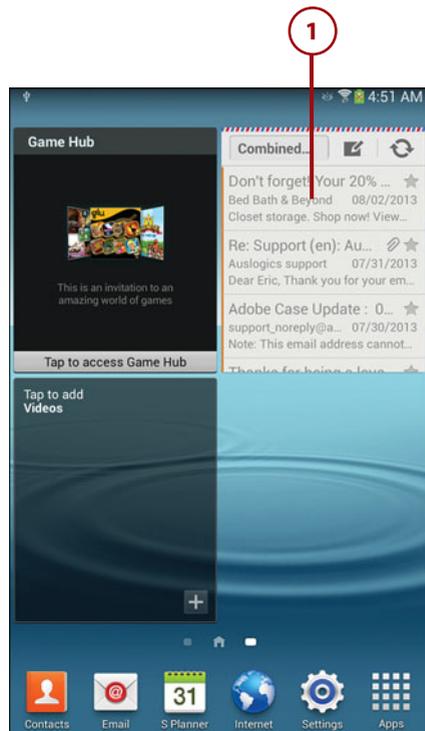
It's easy to remove a Home screen if you don't want the Home screen and any icons or widgets on that screen. Start by pressing the Menu touch button and then tapping Edit Page in the menu. In the Edit Page screen, tap and hold the button with the Home page you want to delete and then drag the button to the Remove icon at the top of the screen. When the button you're dragging turns red, release your finger. The Home screen button disappears from the Edit Page screen.

If your Home page has icons or widgets in it when you delete it, the Remove Home Screen Page window appears reminding you that the Galaxy Tab 3 will remove the Home screen and all items within it. Delete the Home screen by tapping the OK button.

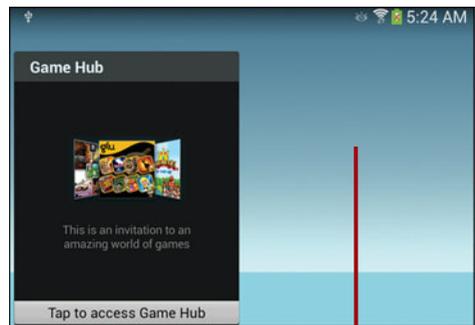
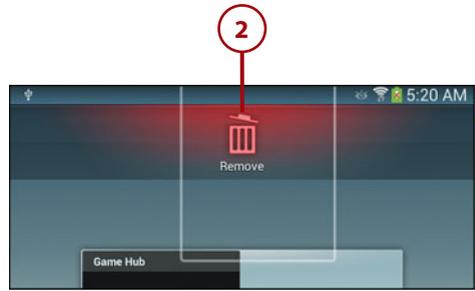
Removing a Widget

It's easy to remove a widget from a Home page if you decide that you don't want it any longer.

1. Navigate to the Home page that contains the widget you want to remove. Tap and hold on the widget.



2. Within the Edit Home Page screen, drag the outline of the widget to the Remove icon at the top of the screen. When the Remove icon is highlighted in red, release your finger.
3. The Home screen appears and no longer contains the widget you removed.



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