

Is it possible to turn your iPad into a digital signage kiosk?

Basically iPads aren't really designed for "kiosk" purposes. With that being said, there are ways around most of the issues.

For a tablet to be a truly viable digital signage display a person would want it to be able to do the following:

- 1. Run a browser in full screen (no URL bar or nav buttons visible)
- 2. Locked to that one purpose so that someone can't hijack the screen or navigate elsewhere
- 3. Automatically boot up into that app upon reboot
- 4. Auto-play videos without user interaction

None of the above is possible with an iPad by default. The only way that we are aware of to get most of that functionality is to configure the iPad under a corporate Apple ID and make it "Supervised" using Apple's AC2 software. Next the iPad would need to be enrolled into a third party mobile device management software, such as Scalefusion (approx \$2-3/mo per iPad).

Here's an article from Scalefusion on making an iPad supervised:

https://help.mobilock.in/article/0uptouezjq-how-to-make-a-ios-device-supervised

Software such as Scalefusion will unlock all of the features in the list above. In order to overcome the video auto-play issue we recommend configuring Scalefusion's specialty browser "Prosurf". You can enable and set Prosurf in single app mode and then from device management->>whitelist website->>whitelist a website->>Apple settings->>prosurf settings->>enable auto play videos.

Overall, unlike Chrome or Android devices, the iPad wasn't designed with this use-case in mind, so if nothing else it's certainly more hassle and expense to get it to cooperate.

A better choice in most cases would be a Chromebase or Android tablet. We've found the commercial tablets built by AOpen perform well.

Android:

https://www.aopen.com/US_en/products_info/eTILE-X10/

Chrome:

https://www.aopen.com/US_en/products_info/Chromebase-commercial

Both of these are available to purchase through us, if desired.