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*To my family and friends.  
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Use widgets designed for Lollipop and the Galaxy Tab S

Chapter 5, “Adding Widgets to Your Home Screen,” describes how to add a widget to a Home screen. Some of these widgets are available on the Home screens by default, and several widgets are available within the Quick Briefing Home screen. This chapter covers the following topics:

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- Finding widgets on the Galaxy Tab S
- Getting weather information
- Using Flipboard
- Adding and viewing videos
- Accessing web bookmarks
- Using the Quick Briefing Home screen

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## Finding Widgets and Using Quick Briefing

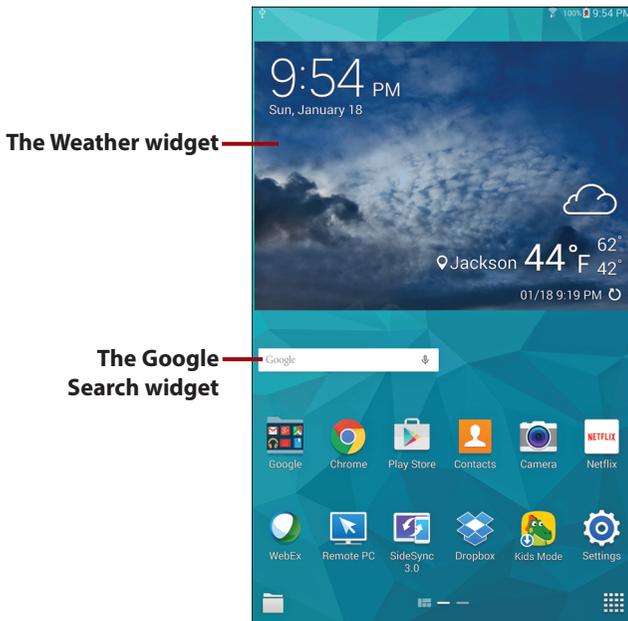
Your Galaxy Tab S comes with a number of preinstalled widgets you can use. Some of these widgets are new with the latest version of Lollipop, and others are unique to the Galaxy Tab S. The widgets include the Flipboard social aggregation widget, the Video widget, and more.

What’s more, the Galaxy Tab S comes with the Quick Briefing Home screen that contains a number of different widgets that help you manage your daily life on the Tab S.

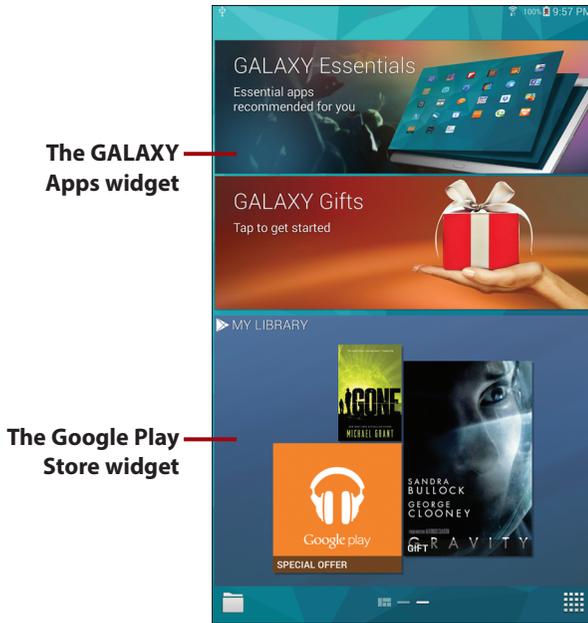
## Viewing Default Widgets

By default, four widgets appear on the three default Home screens:

- The primary Home screen contains the Weather widget at the top of the screen. This widget displays the current date and time as well as the current weather conditions for your location. Below the Weather widget, the Google Search widget enables you to set up the Google Now app so you can get information you need without having to launch a browser app.



- Swipe from right to left on the primary Home screen to view the GALAXY Apps and Google Play Store widgets on the Home screen. The GALAXY Apps widget doesn't display any information because you haven't set up the widget to display suggested apps from the GALAXY Apps Store yet.



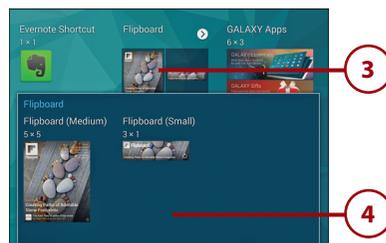
The GALAXY Apps widget

The Google Play Store widget

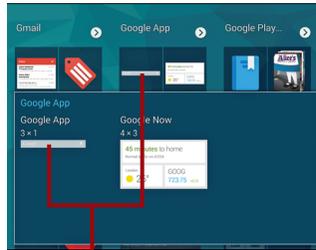
## Find Widgets on the Widgets Pages

The widgets covered in this chapter are also within the Widgets screen pages. Some of them are already on Home screens by default, but it's useful to know where the widgets are within the Widgets screen in case you remove a widget and want to place it on a Home screen again.

1. Tap and hold on the Recent touch button for a couple of seconds.
2. Tap Widgets.
3. Swipe from right to left to view the Flipboard widget group on page 2 of the Widgets screen.
4. Tap the Flipboard widget thumbnail image to view the Flipboard widgets in the pop-up window.



5. Tap the Google App widget group thumbnail image to view the Google App widgets group in the pop-up window. The Google App widget is on the primary Home screen by default.
6. Swipe from right to left to view page 3 in the Widgets screen, which contains the Video widget.
7. Swipe from right to left to view page 4, the last page in the Widgets screen. The Weather widget appears on this page.



## Where Should I Put These Widgets?

You can place these widgets anywhere on Home screens (as described in Chapter 5), and it's presumed that you have added the widgets discussed in this chapter to a Home screen. For the purposes of this chapter, widgets that are not on Home screens by default appear on their own Home screens.

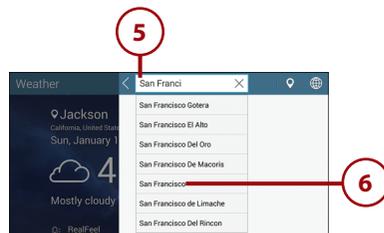
## Using the Widgets

All widgets enable you to open the related app on the screen to view more information and make changes to the app. Some widgets have controls contained within the widget to update and/or change information you view in the widget.

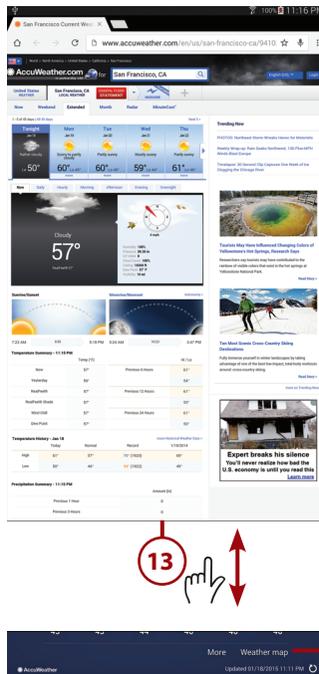
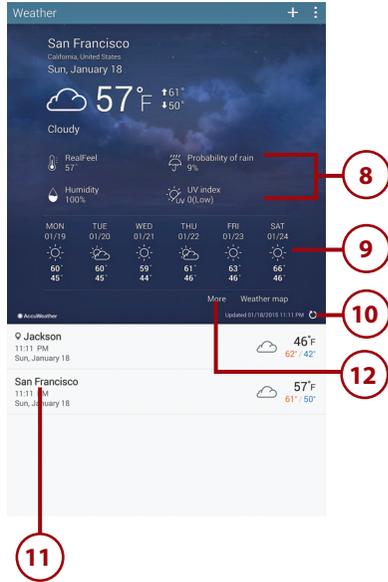
## Learn What It's Like Outside with the Weather Widget

Let's begin by viewing the widget that appears on the primary Home screen: the Weather widget.

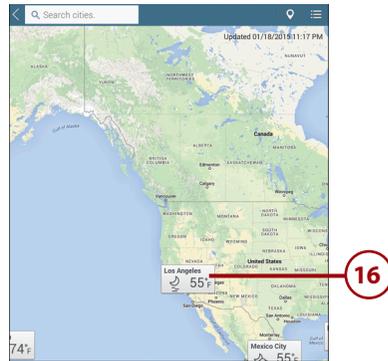
1. On the Home screen, update the current temperature and sky conditions for your area by tapping the Refresh icon. After a few seconds, the sky conditions image and text as well as the current temperature update on the screen. The time and date of your last refresh appear to the left of the Refresh icon.
2. Open the Weather app by tapping a blank area inside the widget.
3. Add a city for which you want to display weather information by tapping the Add icon in the menu bar.
4. If you see the Attention window on the screen that asks you to use the Samsung keyboard personalized data feature, tap OK in the window.
5. Type the city you're looking for in the Search Cities field. As you type, a list of potential matches appears below the field.
6. Select the city that matches your search term by tapping the city in the list.
7. Swipe up and down the list of cities that match your search term within the list. When you find the city for which you want to display weather information, tap the city in the list.



8. Four areas comprise the report section at the top of the Weather screen. The top of the screen displays current weather information, including the current sky conditions for your area, the current temperature, the forecast high and low temperatures for the day, and information about precipitation, humidity, and the ultraviolet (UV) index.
9. The middle of the section includes an extended weather forecast for the next six days.
10. Check the bottom of the section to see the date and time the information was last updated. Tap the Refresh icon to get the most current weather information that appears at the top of the screen.
11. Below the report section you see a list of all cities you're tracking; tap the city name in the list to view the current weather in the report section.
12. Tap More to view more weather information for your area in either the Internet or Chrome app.
13. The AccuWeather.com page appears and displays current information for your area. Swipe up and down the screen to view the current wind speed, humidity level, and the amount of cloud cover in the sky.
14. Return to the Weather widget screen by tapping the Back touch button.
15. View a current weather map by tapping Weather Map.



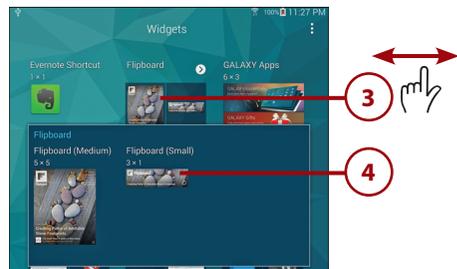
16. A Google map of the larger area around your location appears on the screen. Your current location appears in the center of the map; in this example, it's Los Angeles, California.
17. Return to the Weather widget screen by tapping the Back touch button.



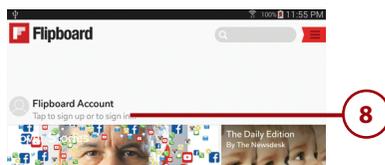
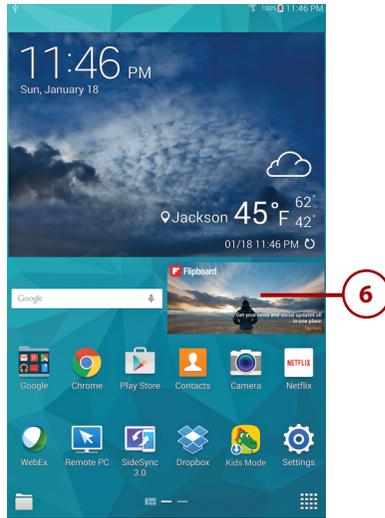
## Get Social Network Updates with Flipboard

The Galaxy Tab S has the Flipboard app installed by default. This social media aggregation service enables you to get updates from all the social media websites you use within one app. You can add the Flipboard widget to a new or existing Home screen so you can access your Flipboard stories more quickly.

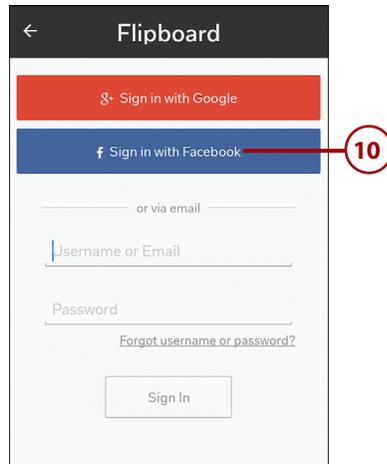
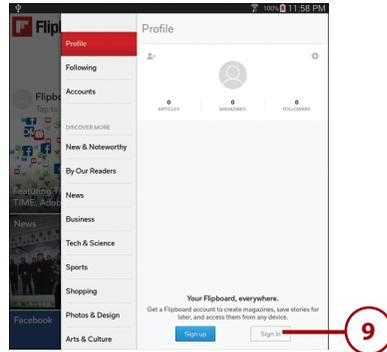
1. Return to the Home screen, and then tap and hold on the Recent touch button for a couple of seconds.
2. Tap Widgets.
3. Swipe from right to left to view the Flipboard widgets group on page 2 of the Widgets screen. This example adds the Flipboard (Small) widget to an existing Home screen.
4. Tap the Flipboard widget thumbnail image to view the Flipboard (Small) widget in the pop-up window.
5. Add the Flipboard (Small) widget to the main Home screen under the Weather widget. Refer to Chapter 5 if you need more information about how to add widgets to a Home screen.



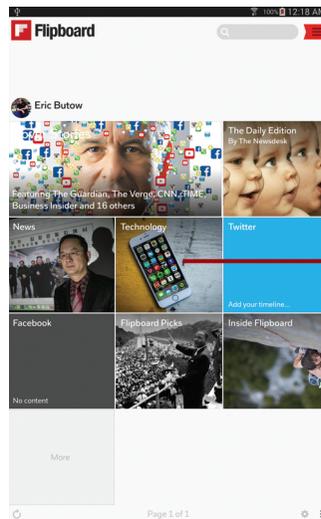
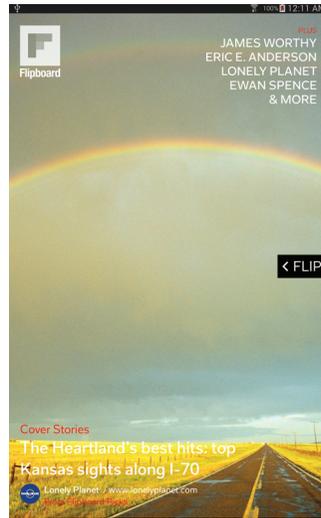
6. Tap anywhere in the widget.
7. Swipe from right to left in the screen to start setting up Flipboard.
8. Sign up using your Google, Facebook, or email account by tapping Flipboard Account.



9. Tap Sign In.
10. If you sign up with your email account, type your email address and Flipboard password, and then tap Sign In. Otherwise, tap the Sign In with Google or Sign In with Facebook button. This example shows you how to sign in with your Facebook account.
11. Type the email address or phone number and the password associated with your Facebook account.
12. Tap Log In.



13. You can view all current Flipboard lead stories on the Cover Stories screen. Swipe from right to left to view the main Flipboard screen.
14. Tap a category tile to view news stories within that category.



- Press the Home button to return to the Home screen that contains the Flipboard widget. Now that you have set up the Flipboard app, the latest cover story appears within the widget.

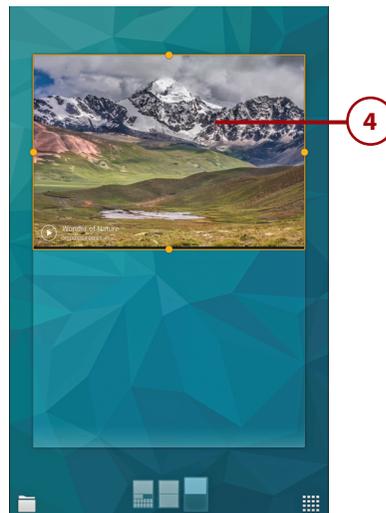
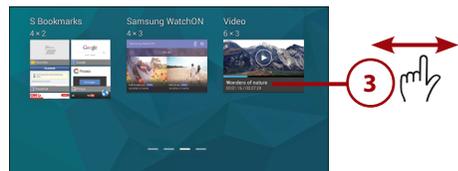
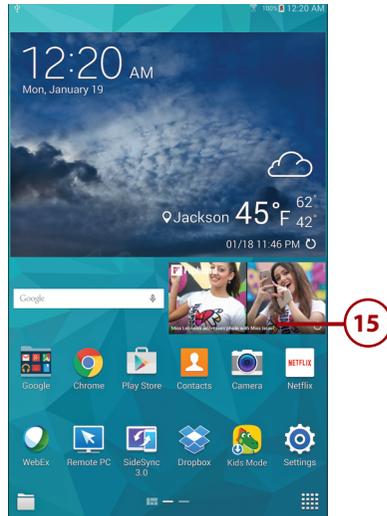
## Refresh the Cover Story in the Widget

You can refresh the cover story within the Flipboard widget by tapping the Refresh icon at the lower-right corner of the widget.

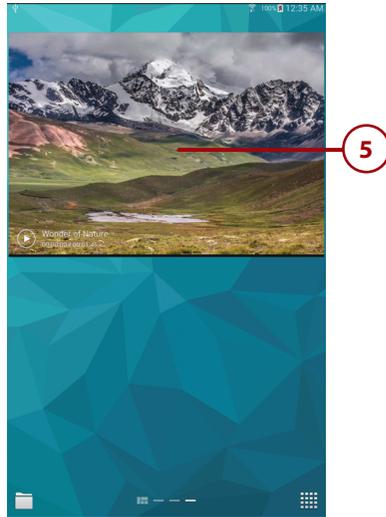
## Add Videos to the Video Widget

If you want to view videos without having to open the Video app in the Apps screen, you can view them directly from within the Video widget on a Home screen. The most recent video you viewed appears within the widget, but if the Video app can't find a video, then the widget invites you to tap it to add one.

- Tap and hold on the Recent touch button for a couple of seconds.
- Tap Widgets.
- Swipe from right to left to view the Video widget on page 3 of the Widgets screen.
- Add the Video widget on a new Home screen. Refer to Chapter 5 if you need more information about how to add widgets to a Home screen.



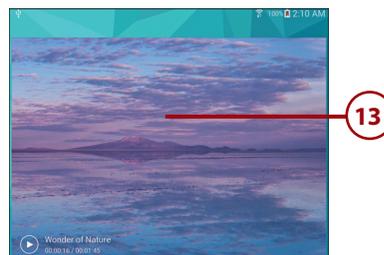
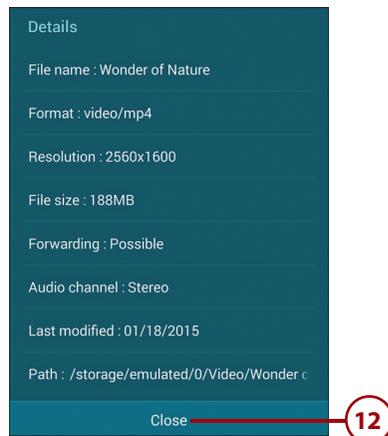
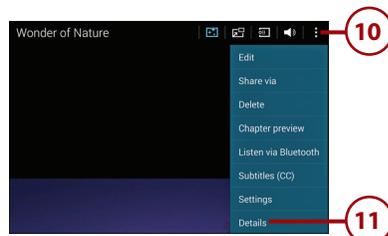
5. Tap anywhere in the widget.
6. After you tap the Video widget, the default video plays in the Video app screen. You can drag and drop videos from your computer using Windows Media Player or another media player that you learned about in Chapter 3, “Setting Up the Galaxy Tab S,” or you can record a video with the Camera app. (Find out how to record video in Chapter 12, “Playing Music and Video.”)
7. Open the video controls by tapping the video while it is playing. The controls appear above and below the screen and disappear after three seconds if you don’t use them. Tap the video on the screen to view the controls again.



8. Tap the List icon in the playback controls box to view a list of videos in the My Video window at the bottom of the screen. Each video shows a thumbnail image of a frame in the video as well as the name of the video. A blue border appears around the thumbnail image if you're currently playing the video.
9. Close the My Video window by tapping the List icon.
10. View details about the video by tapping the Menu icon at the top of the screen.
11. Tap Details.
12. The video file information appears within the Details window. Close the window by tapping the Close button.
13. Close the Video app by pressing the Home button. The widget shows the last video frame that you viewed.

## Viewing Information in the Video Widget

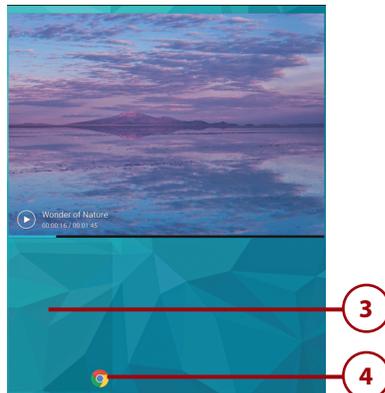
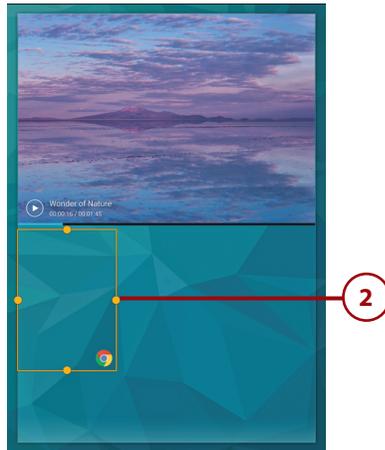
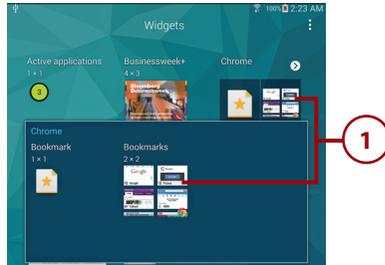
In the lower-left corner of the Video widget box, you see the video name, how many seconds you are into the video, and the total time of the video. A black line appears at the bottom of the widget box that graphically shows the total running time of the video; a blue line within that black line shows how much of the video has played.



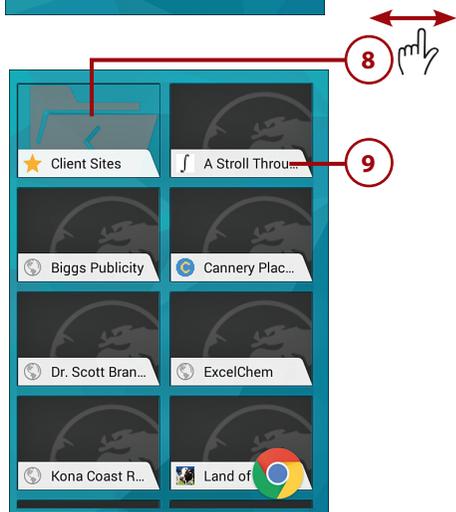
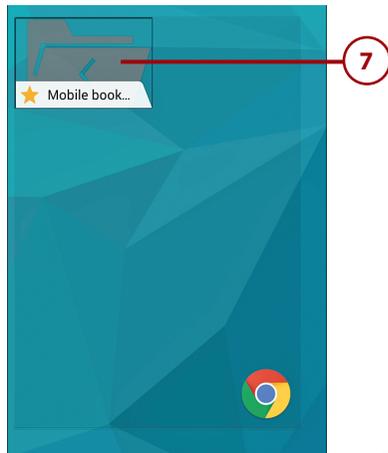
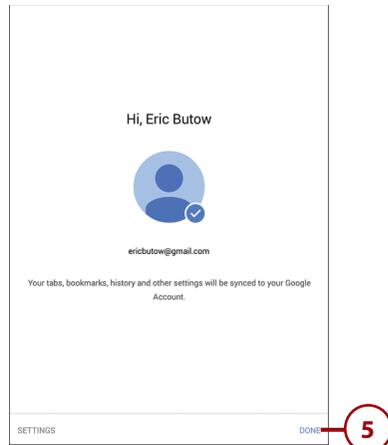
## Access Chrome Bookmarks Quickly Using Bookmarks

The Bookmarks widget enables you to store bookmarks within the Chrome browser app. After you set up the Bookmarks widget, you can browse for bookmarks directly within the widget and open the bookmarked website in the Internet or Chrome app.

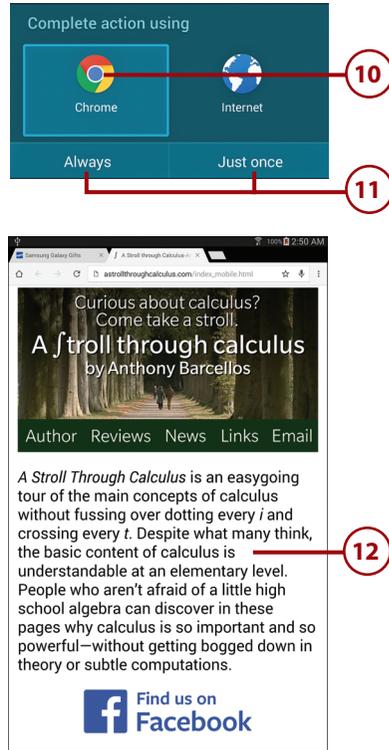
1. Add the Chrome Bookmarks (2 x 2) widget to your desired Home screen if you haven't done so already.
2. The Bookmarks widget appears on the Home screen's Setup screen so you can see how the widget will look on the screen. You can move the widget around on the screen and you can resize the widget by tapping, holding, and dragging one of the four resizing handles on the sides of the widget box. For this example, I resized the widget so it appears in the bottom half of the Home screen.
3. Tap the Back touch button. The widget appears on the screen, but if you haven't set up Chrome yet, there are no bookmarks within the widget.
4. Tap the Chrome icon in the widget.



5. In the Chrome introductory window, tap Done.
6. Return to the Home screen by pressing the Home button.
7. Tap the folder you want to open within the widget.
8. Swipe your finger up and down within the widget to view all the bookmarks (and any subfolders) contained within the folder. Go back to the previous folder by tapping the folder name at the top left of the folder list.
9. Tap the bookmark that contains the website you want to view.

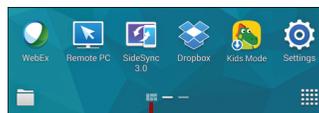


10. If you see the Complete Action Using window, tap the browser app icon to view the website within that browser app. This example uses the Chrome app.
11. Tap the Always button to open websites from the widget using the selected browser app. If you want the app to ask you to select your browser app each time you open a bookmarked website, tap the Just Once button.
12. The website appears in your desired browser app.
13. Tap the Back touch button to return to the Home screen that contains the Bookmarks app.



## Using the Quick Briefing Home Screen

The Galaxy Tab S contains a specially designed Home screen called Quick Briefing, so you can get access to apps and features on the Tab S quickly. The row of Home screen icons at the bottom of the screen also has a unique icon for the Quick Briefing Home screen—instead of a bar, it's a group of boxes.

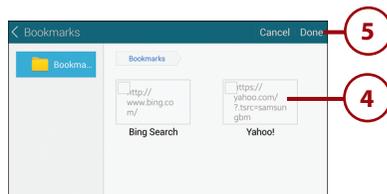
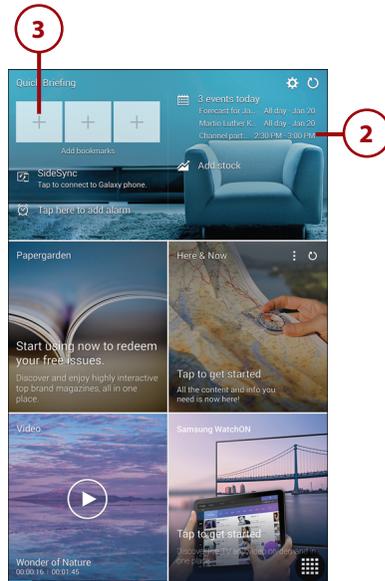


**The Quick Briefing  
Home screen icon**

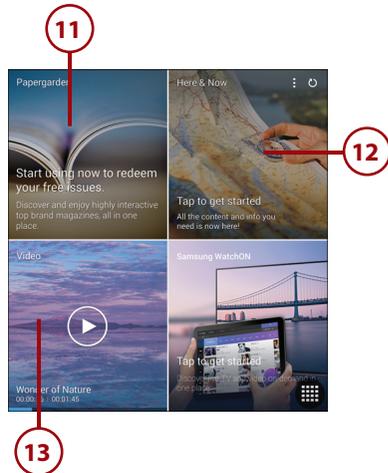
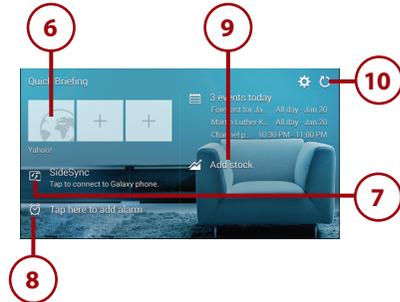
## View the Primary Quick Briefing Home Screen

The Quick Briefing Home screen contains two pages. The primary page contains a link to several apps pre-installed on your Tab S as well as quick links to items you use regularly such as bookmarks to websites.

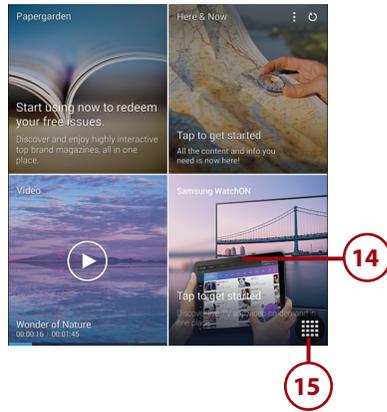
1. On the main Home screen, swipe from left to right to view the primary Quick Briefing Home screen.
2. The Quick Briefing tile appears at the top of the screen and the day's events appear in the upper-right corner of the tile. Tap an event to view more information about the event in the Calendar app.
3. You can add up to three bookmarks in the bookmarks section; add a bookmark by tapping a plus sign.
4. In the Bookmarks screen, tap the bookmark tile in the list.
5. Tap Done.



6. The bookmark icon appears in the icon tile, and the bookmark name appears underneath the tile.
7. Tap SideSync to connect your Tab S with a Samsung Galaxy smartphone. You'll learn more about using SideSync in Chapter 9, "Connecting to the Cloud."
8. Tap to add an alarm in the Alarm app. After you add the alarm, it appears in place of the "Tap here to add alarm" text.
9. Tap to open the Yahoo! Finance app and add one or more stocks that you want to keep track of. After you add the stocks, they appear on the screen in the order that you added them. If you added more than two stocks, tap and hold your finger down in the stock list and swipe up and down in the list.
10. Tap the refresh icon to update your current information (such as stock data) and display that updated information on the screen.
11. Tap the Papergarden tile to set up the Papergarden app and read magazines on your Tab S.
12. Tap the Here & Now tile to set up the Here & Now app and view interesting content (such as magazines and social media feeds) delivered to you, so you can read that content on the Tab S.
13. Tap the Video tile to open the Video app and view the current video. The name of the video you'll watch appears in the lower-left corner of the tile.



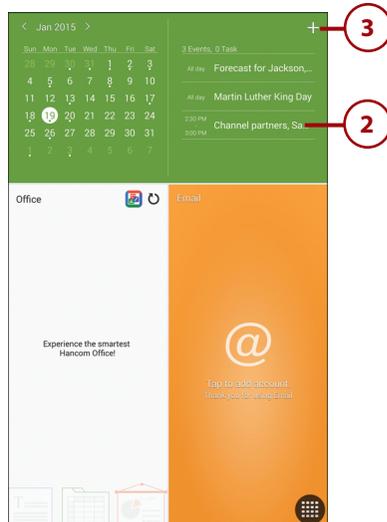
14. Tap the Samsung WatchON tile to use your Tab S to control your TV and watch movies, web video, and TV shows on Tab S or your TV.
15. Tap the Apps icon to open the Apps screen, so you can launch an app.
16. Return to the main Home screen by pressing the Home button or by swiping from right to left on the screen.



## View the Secondary Quick Briefing Home Screen

The secondary Quick Briefing Home screen is hidden but easy to access, and this page contains a calendar, link to files in the Hancom Office productivity app, and a list of your email messages.

1. On the primary Quick Briefing Home screen, swipe from left to right to view the secondary Quick Briefing Home screen.
2. The current monthly calendar appears in the green tile at the top of the screen. Your day's events appear to the right of the monthly calendar. Tap an event to view it in the Calendar app.
3. Add an event in the Calendar app by tapping the Add icon. You'll learn more about using the Calendar app in Chapter 14, "Using Productivity Apps to Simplify Your Life."



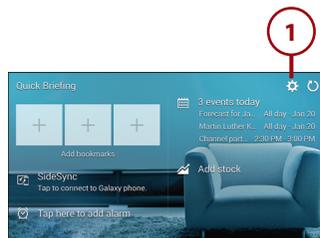
4. Tap the Office tile to install Hancom Office onto your Tab S. After the Tab S installs Hancom Office, the Hancom Office Viewer appears, so you can view a thumbnail version of a document, spreadsheet, or presentation.
5. Tap the Email tile, so you can set up your email account and view messages in your inbox within the Email tile. You'll learn more about setting up and using the Email app in Chapter 8, "Sending Email and Instant Messages."
6. Tap the Apps icon to open the Apps screen, so you can launch an app.
7. Return to the primary Quick Briefing Home screen by swiping from right to left on the screen.



## Change Quick Briefing Settings and Bookmarks

You can customize what appears within the Quick Briefing tile as well as how often your stock information is updated.

1. Open the Settings window by tapping the Settings icon.



- In the Quick Briefing section, tap a check box to the right of the setting you want to remove. After you tap the check box to clear it, you might see the feature (such as the bookmark tiles) disappear from the Quick Briefing tile.
- In the Bookmarks section, you can add a bookmark by tapping an Add Bookmark entry, and then adding a bookmark as you learned to do earlier in this chapter.
- Remove a bookmark by tapping the bookmark in the list. After you tap the bookmark, the tile disappears from the Quick Briefing tile.
- By default, stock prices don't update automatically; you have to update the price yourself by tapping the Refresh icon in the Quick Briefing tile. You can update stock price information automatically by tapping Auto Refresh and then tapping the refresh time in the menu. You can refresh from as often as every hour to as long as every 24 hours.
- Return to the Quick Briefing Home screen by tapping the Back touch button.

