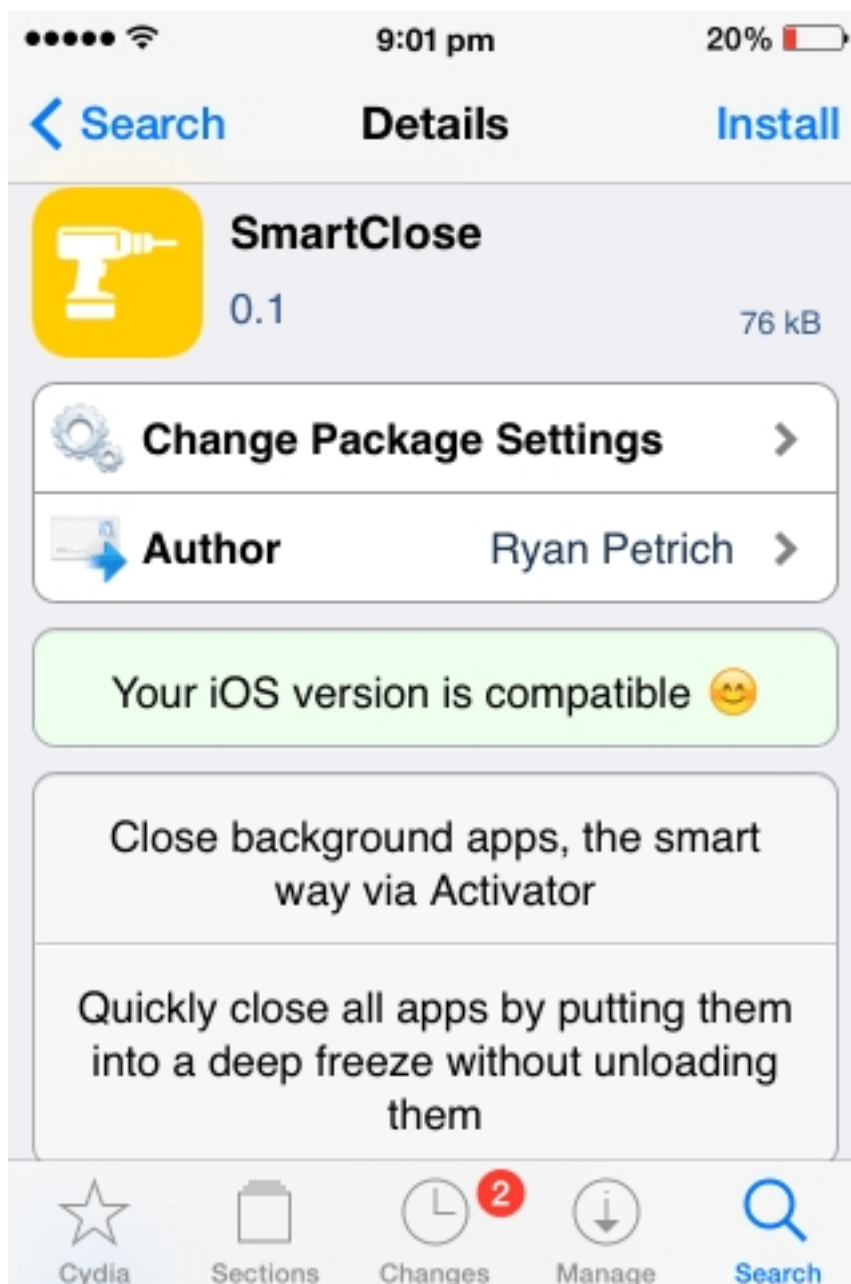


Even after all these years professionally covering mobile apps, tweaks, tips, and tricks, I still haven't quite found a sure answer to the question: "Should I manually close all apps from the multitasking app switcher, or let the OS handle everything?"

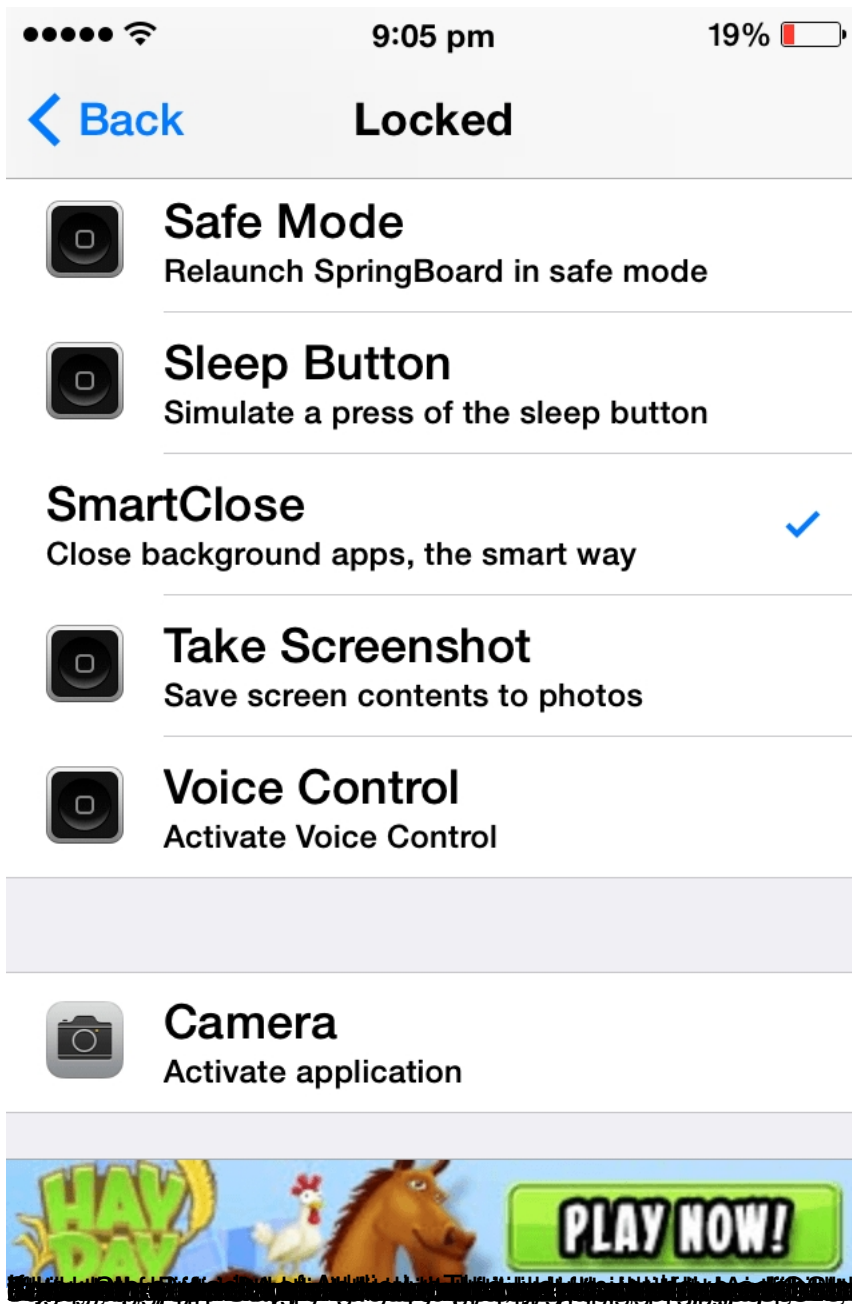


There are two schools of thought here. The first – which I personally believe more in – is that Apple has put enough smarts into iOS to ensure apps running in the background are running

efficiently, and that misbehaving ones are closed automatically. The other school believes that manual intervention is a must, as developers are not so artful at making performance-conscious apps.

Is there a middle ground, then? Famed iOS jailbreak tweaks developer Ryan Petrich believes so. His recently released tweak called **SmartClose** claims to be the smarter way to close apps running in the background.

By default, iOS apps are allowed to run in the background for up to 10 minutes, or more if they use certain special iOS APIs. When everything is said and done, these apps are “frozen” by iOS in their last state. When the user resumes a frozen app – thereby “thawing” it – it takes less time than launching it from scratch. iOS does all of this by itself.





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