

No, iPad does not use Adobe Flash and the same goes for the new iPad 2 as well. It might be a way to push their own iOS as a full-featured multimedia platform, but the bottom line is, HTML5 is seen as the next Flash.

If you look at Apple devices down the line (including iPod Touch and iPhone) Flash content, apps and browsers have never been directly supported as they believed it was a resource hog (drains the battery) or posed security problems.

A valid reason why neither of the iPads support Flash is because Flash apps are not fully optimized for a touch-screen interface. That given the fact that pretty much everything on the Apple iPad 1 & 2 requires touch input.

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- Apple Mobile devices currently cannot use Adobe Flash. However, Adobe has developed a conversion tool that converts Flash media into HTML5. So, flash-like content may be showing up as web sites adopt this new medium.
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No Flash on the iPad. The Apple CEO (Steve Jobs) has stated that Apple does not allow Flash. Here is an excerpt from his speech in April of last year (the italics are, of course, mine):

"Besides the fact that Flash is closed and proprietary, has major technical drawbacks, and doesn't support touch based devices, +there is an even more important reason we do not allow Flash on iPhones, iPods and iPads.+"