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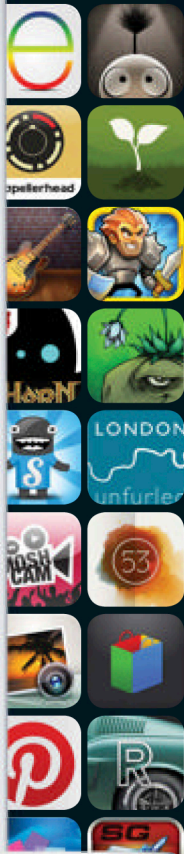
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This issue we celebrate a year of brilliant apps. In terms of

functionality, style, innovation, and imagination, the bar is constantly being set higher and higher. With that in mind, we've spent much time and care picking the winners for the Apps Awards 2012. For the first time this year, we also asked all of you out there to tell us what your favourite app was by voting in a Readers' Choice poll on our website. Find out who made the cut, and what the winners have to say from page 22 onwards.

Also this issue, the **Apps** Team review *Need for Speed Most Wanted* (page 76), reveal the perfect apps for a party (page 34) and have several pairs of Parrot Zik wireless headphones, worth over £300 each, to give away (page 15). Enjoy.

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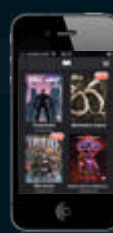
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IPAD MINI GUIDE

THE BEST PARTS OF YOUR MINI BUT MIGHTY DEVICE

Now that you've settled into life with your new, smaller Apple tablet you can begin to take stock of what it does best, and how you're going to keep getting the most of your experiences with it. Being able to keep it in your back pocket, the clever touch recognition that knows when you did and didn't mean to brush the screen; these are great little lifestyle perks of owning the iPad mini, along with the simple fact that this powerful device fits snugly in just one hand.

Apple have been keen to point out ever since it was unveiled that just because this device is physically smaller, there is nothing

watered down about the content of the mini. The full App Store, with its 275,000 iPad-compatible apps, is there for you if and when you need it, as well as a better Wi-Fi connection than any previous iPad. The iPad mini is also thinner and lighter, so transporting and using it has never been easier.

So, having got through those first few weeks of excitedly picking up the device just for the sake of it and to show it off to someone, you now want to get down to the serious stuff and find the key uses for your device that can benefit you in different areas of your life. Let's take a look...

TOP 5... APPS

FLIPBOARD

The digital magazine app that collates all the content that interests you, along with the key parts of your social network. *Flipboard* was one of the first apps to say it was ready for iPad mini, and had adjusted its interface accordingly in preparation.

● iPad+ | iOS 4.2
| Free | v1.9.8

KOBO

To celebrate the portability of your mini - and the fact that you can hold it with one hand - make *Kobo* an early stop on your App Store browsing. This bookstore has a vast library of free downloads as well as a stats section. What better way to read on your commute?

● iPad+ | iOS 5.0
| Free | v5.8.1

NEED FOR SPEED MOST WANTED



One of the best-looking and smoothest racers around, this is an app that belongs on the iPad. Why not prove just how good the mini is by getting just as impressive a result from it as you would from its bigger siblings.

● iPad+ | iOS 4.0
| £4.99/\$6.99 | v1.0.0

VIMEO



Being able to enjoy video on your device, particularly the one you stream from apps like *Vimeo* on, is one of the best ways to take advantage of the improved Wi-Fi speed of the iPad mini. *Vimeo* also has a fantastic amount of content to keep you occupied.

● iPad+ | iOS 4.3
| Free | v2.0.5

IPHOTO



With the iSight camera and improved portability, this is a more convenient device for taking pictures - so you'll need a top-quality editing suite to make any necessary adjustments. Enter *iPhoto* and its impressive array of touch gestures and intuitive features.

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0
| £2.99/\$4.99 | v1.1

HOW DOES THE IPAD MINI COMPARE?

	Nexus 7	Nexus 10	iPad Mini	iPad with Retina display	ASUS Transformer Prime
High-resolution screen	✓	✓		✓	✓
Fits in your palm	✓			✓	
Latest OS	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Front camera	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rear camera		✓	✓	✓	✓
4G wireless			✓	✓	
Weights less than 400g	✓		✓		
10 hour + battery life			✓	✓	✓

Smaller and cheaper, the Nexus 7 is the iPad mini's biggest rival. But without 3G and with only a front facing camera, it has its weaknesses.

With a much larger, higher-resolution screen than the mini, and panoramic photos, the Nexus 10 is let down by a lack of optimised apps.

Cheaper and more portable than the regular iPad, and with 4G and a HD camera, the mini lacks a Retina display or processing power.

With its superfast A6X processor and high-definition screen it is vastly superior to the mini, but is less portable and more expensive.

The ASUS has a fast processor, 18-hour battery life, and HD camera. However, loses marks on only running the obsolete Android Ice Cream OS.

PORTABLE WEIGHT & SIZE

Measuring just 200 x 134.7 x 7.2mm and weighing just 308g, the iPad mini is the perfect iPad for when you're on the go, fitting snugly into your back pocket.

FULL ACCESS TO APPS

Despite being diminutive, the iPad mini screen is still the same size as an original iPad. This means all apps and games are still optimised and ready to be downloaded.

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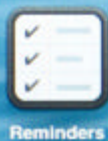
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Contacts



Notes



Reminders



Newsstand



iTunes



App Store



Game Center



Settings

LIGHTNING CONNECTOR

Apple's new Lightning connector made its debut on the iPhone 5, and now reaches the iPad range. The connection is reversible so fumbling in the dark to charge is a thing of the past.

A5 CHIP

The Dual-core A5 chip is the same as the one found in the iPad 2, so you can expect the same processing power in a smaller device. This means slick internet browsing and smooth app usage across the board.

TWO CAMERAS

With both front and rear-facing cameras, the iPad mini is perfect for video calls via FaceTime. The 1080p HD video camera also means you can capture stunning video on your new device. And then there's the five-megapixel rear camera for photos.



Safari



Mail



Videos



Music

BATTERY LIFE

Boasting ten hours battery life, the same as the new and much larger iPad with Retina display, means that you can use your device for much longer than either a Nexus 7 or 10.

NO RETINA DISPLAY

One of the biggest criticisms of the iPad mini is its lack of high-definition display, a perk iPad users, and increasingly Android users, have become accustomed to. This means you can't watch HD movies and text often appears fuzzy.

**TOP 5...
ACCESSORIES****ZENUS NEO CLASSIC DIARY
FOR IPAD MINI**

£49.99/\$N/A | Zenus
| zenuscase.net

This classy case is made from genuine leather and takes inspiration from a diary to encase your iPad mini. The case comes with a built-in stand to make a handy platform.

**CYGNETT ENIGMA
FOR IPAD MINI**

£34.95/\$N/A | Cygnett
| cygnett.com

This iPad mini case is eye-catching when in full use, combining a hard shell back cover with a flexible screen cover that also folds into position so as to provide a handy stand.

**STUMP 3-IN-1 TABLET STAND**

£14.95/\$24.95 | Stump
| stumpstore.com

This to-the-point tablet stand takes up little room while providing users with a multi-angle stand. The Stump comes with a grooved wedge where you can place your device in at various angles, and the opening handles portrait or landscape.

**TWELVE SOUTH MOBILE
COMPASS STAND**

£N/A/\$39.99 | Twelve South
| twelvesouth.com

The Compass looks like a normal mathematical instrument. This one, however, forms a tripod with ledges on to which you place your device to create a stand.

**INVISIBLESHIELD FULL BODY
PROTECTOR**

£29.95/\$30.99 | InvisibleShield
| mobilefun.com

While screen protectors normally only deal with the screen, InvisibleShield focuses on every angle, providing you with covers for both the front and back. The clear, urethane plastic has military roots, so expect robust defence.



NEXUS 10 STARTER KIT

THE TABLET THAT STANDS TOE-TO-TOE WITH THE iPad

After Apple entered into the seven-inch tablet market by launching the iPad mini, Google have answered in the shape of the Nexus 10, a direct competitor with the iPad. In fact, a glance at the numbers suggests that the new Nexus might even have the edge in this area of the marketplace. For all Apple's talk of Retina display and stunning visuals, the Nexus 10 has an even clearer display with more pixels-per-inch on their slightly larger screen at 300ppi compared to the iPad's 264. The Nexus 10 is also ever so slightly thinner and lighter than the iPad. This is all quite a statement considering how far ahead it appeared Apple were in this field in the past.

EXPLORE THE STARS FULLSCREEN WITH DISTANT SUNS ON PAGE 62



TOP 5 ANDROID APPS

ANGRY BIRDS STAR WARS HD



The latest *Angry Birds* adventure set in the *Star Wars* universe looks great on the Nexus 10's crisp screen.

● OS 2.2 | £1.99/\$2.99

SKETCHBOOK PRO



Already a huge favourite on Android tablets; given a better screen this app has the potential to be even more useful.

● OS 3.0 | £3.08/\$4.99

ZOMBIWOOD



An impressive 3D shoot-'em-up game where you survive waves of zombie attacks. 3D carnage that will work very well on the bigger screen.

● OS Varies | Free

ASPHALT 7: HEAT



Arguably the best racer on Android, *Asphalt* should be one of your first stops when it comes to trying out the Nexus 10 screen.

● OS Varies | £0.69/\$0.99

COMICS



Given the wonderful artwork and general visual joy in this app, downloading it to your Nexus 10 feels like it should be essential.

● OS 2.1 | Free

4G EXPLAINED

IT'S FAST AND IT'S NEW, BUT WHAT CAN IT DO FOR YOU?

With the launch of the iPhone 5, iPad with Retina Display and iPad mini, there has been a lot of talk about 4G lately, but what exactly is it?

Short for 'fourth generation,' 4G is a mobile communications standard intended to replace 3G, allowing wireless internet access at a much higher speed. This means

you can browse the web faster on your smartphone, play online multiplayer games without the hassle of lag and glitches, and potentially stream HD movies.

Here we explain all you need to know about 4G and, crucially, which apps will be best enhanced by this super-fast broadband.

4 BEST APPS FOR 4G

ATOMIC WEB BROWSER



Put the 4G to the test with this browser app that comes with a clean interface.

● iOS 4.3 | £0.69/\$0.99

SKY GAMBLERS: AIR SUPREMACY



A high-powered game with multiple fighters on screen; play online to test your connection.

● iOS 5.0 | £1.99/\$2.99

STREET FIGHTER X TEKKAN MOBILE



Battle out with a melee of multi-players in this fighting game

● iOS 5.0 | £2.99/\$4.99

FRING



Use this video calling app over 4G to see the response and speed of the new network band.

● iOS 4.0 | Free

FAQS

SO IS IT REALLY THAT MUCH QUICKER?

Yes, 4G is five-times faster than 3G. UK 4G provider Everything Everywhere says it expects to reach speeds of 20Mbps for its LTE network. However, there is a major 'but'. Like all wireless networks, 4G depends on location and the device you're using.

WHERE CAN I GET 4G COVERAGE?

If you're in the US, Sweden or South Korea, you've already got 4G and had it for several years. However, 2012 has seen a major boom in 4G rollouts across the world, with the UK, France, Belgium, Romania and India launched recently. The UK launched in 11 UK cities, including Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, London, Manchester and Sheffield, with Belfast, Derby, Hull, Nottingham, Newcastle and Southampton to receive coverage by the end of the year.

WHICH DEVICES GET 4G ACCESS?

In order to use 4G, you'll need one of the latest devices that can handle this new technology. In terms of iOS this means iPhone 5, while

Android is catered for with the Samsung Galaxy S III, HTC One XL, and Samsung Galaxy Note II, as well as the Nokia Lumia 920 Windows phone.

WHAT NETWORK DO I NEED TO BE ON?

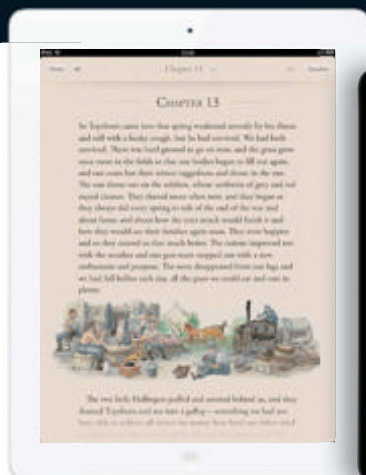
In the UK, you can currently only get 4G with Everything Everywhere (EE) until licences for the 4G spectrum are auctioned by the government next year. As owners of Orange and T-Mobile, preexisting customers will be able to switch over to the new operator, but minimum contract terms will still apply. The 4G spectrum auction is expected in June 2013 and both Vodafone and O2 are expected to bid for licences. In the US, AT&T and Verizon Wireless offer 4G networks.

WHAT'S NEXT?

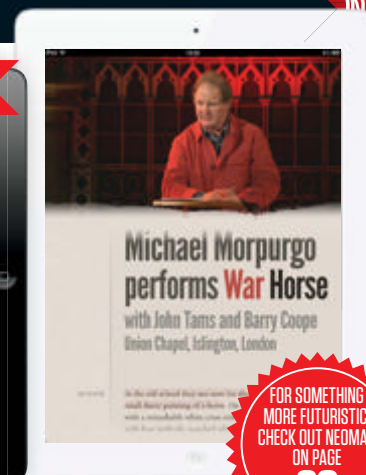
The University of Surrey have just received £35 million from mobile operators to infrastructure providers and the UK Research Partnership Investment Fund to fund research into the next generation of wireless, 5G. However, the researchers at the 5G Innovation Centre said not to expect this until 2020.

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WAR HORSE RETURNS

LOSE YOURSELF IN THE TALE WITH THIS EDUCATIONAL APP

Not so much a tie-in with the award-winning Spielberg movie or the West End show, but with the original children's story. This brand new, digital edition comes with a horse-and-cart-load of extras.

The full text of the heart-wrenching children's story about the First World War from the perspective of a horse in the cavalry is available, with beautiful, zoomable illustrations. Better still, celebrated author and former Children's Laureate Michael Morpurgo reads the story, with an accompaniment from renowned British

folk musicians, Barry Coope and John Tams. There is also wide selection of educational extras, including a richly illustrated timeline of World War I, with narrated quotes, videos and 240 stunning images, including 3D objects you can rotate. Historians, Morpurgo, and others tell the story of the novel and the war across 34 stunning videos. AirPlay allows the performance to be streamed fullscreen via AppleTV. While the pricetag may seem a little bit high, this app from top developers Touch Press is bound to impress.

WAR HORSE



The award-winning story with added extras, including an author reading, videos, and a timeline of World War I.

● iPad | iOS 5.0 | £9.99/\$13.99 | v1.0.1

THE WAR HORSE EXPERIENCE



Includes an interactive map of places from the movie, concept art, and Ancestry.com integration to explore your family's role in the Great War.

● iPad | iOS 3.2 | Free | v1.1

BAREFOOT WORLD ATLAS



From the same developers as *War Horse*, this iPad app includes a 3D globe with hundreds of animated features.

● iPad+ | iOS 5.0 | £2.99/\$4.99 | v2.0.0

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YOU HAVE THE POWER!

BUY THE POWER OF GRAYSKULL



Fight the evil forces of Skeletor once more with *He-Man: The Most Powerful Game in the Universe*. The Eighties cartoon has been revived for the small screen by Chillingo, publishers of top games *Cut the Rope* and *Where's My Water*. Packed with familiar characters in boss battles and cutscenes and retro graphics, this platformer, available on iPhone, iPad and iPod touch, will evoke nostalgia in He-Men and She-Ras everywhere.

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HE-MAN: THE MOST
POWERFUL
GAME IN THE
UNIVERSE

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3
| £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.0.1

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01 LEVELS

He-Man will take you an Eternia to finish, with 27 action-packed levels across seven areas of the kingdom. To win you must battle He-Man's greatest foes, Skeletor and Beast Man.

02 SWIPE SWORDPLAY

Take control of the Power Sword to defeat Skeletor's minions, moving with swipe gestures and tapping on the right of the screen to slash. As players progress more attacks open up, for example, swiping down activates a whirlwind.

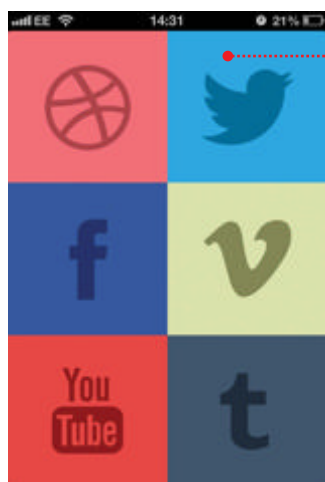
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Nostalgic for the halcyon days of He-Man, the game is rendered with lots of cell-shading and cartoon graphics. However, while the screen scrolls across like the 2D platformers of yore, gameplay regularly breaks the fourth wall. Literally.

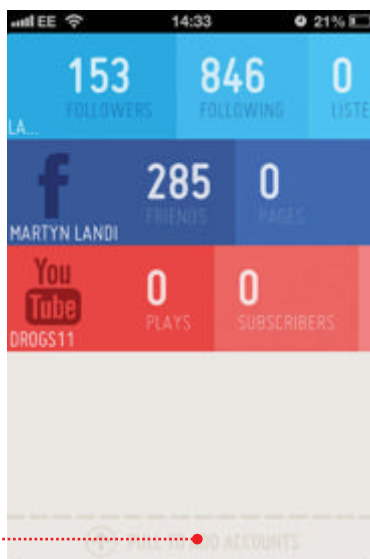
YOUR SOCIAL LIFE IN STATS

SEE INTERACTIONS IN SERIOUS NUMBERS WITH STATNUT

VIEW The app is very simple in terms of interface, with the main screen showing you all your synced accounts.



ADD
You can add new accounts to your StatNut list by swiping up from the bottom of the screen and selecting one of the account types from the main screen.



SETTINGS
You can change the settings on any of your accounts by swiping the relevant bar from left to right.

ACCOUNTS
To view any of your StatNut accounts just pull the bar from right to left until the eye icon appears.

ORDER
Tap and hold on one of your social bars and you can reorder them how you like.

STATNUT

Get all your social stats in one place using this beautifully designed app that uses a colourful interface to show off your follower numbers.

● iOS 4.3 | £0.69/\$0.99

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TAKE PART IN SOCIAL EXPERIMENTS

HOW DEVELOPERS WANT YOU TO BE AN APP GUNIEA PIG

Ever since the arrival of the new age of smartphones and tablets, being social and interacting has been a huge part of daily life. This is not something that has been missed by developer and indeed official bodies, as more and more companies ask users of their products to get in touch and rate the services that they provide. Crowdsourcing has been taken to new levels recently with the launch of some very unique and interesting apps.

Curiosity is a social experiment to see if curiosity is enough to unite the world. The app is simply giant cube that users must chip away at to unveil a secret at the centre. The catch is that only one user will actually get it. With everyone

working on the same cube this is one of the most unique examples of crowdsourcing ever to appear on the app marketplace.

On a more serious and informative note, there is *Angry Commuters* on the Google Play store, which has been created by Imperial College London as a way of gathering data on what people think of public transport. Users drop in the details of their journey and their mood and all the data will come together in a final report next year.

Having been around for longer, its easy to overlook *AppFlow*, but a recent update has given this app finding and recommending app a new lease of life, and is now well worth a look.

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CURIOSITY - WHAT'S INSIDE THE CUBE?

A unique experiment to see if the world can be united by its curiosity over what is inside the cube.

● iPad+ | iOS 4.3 | Free | v1.1
● Android | OS 2.3.3 | Free | v1.2

ANGRY COMMUTERS

Report your journeys on public transport and how pleasing (or the total opposite) they are, as part of an Imperial College research project to be published in 2013.

● Android | Varies | Free | Varies

APPFLOW

A great way to discover new apps through the recommendation and suggestion of others, which will hopefully encourage you to do the same.

● iPhone | iOS 5.0 | Free | v1.1

INSIDE THE REAL COACH'S EYE

The former Liverpool and Inter Milan manager, **Rafa Benítez**, speaks to us about why he developed his own world-class football-coaching app

The football manager who led Liverpool FC to UEFA Champions League glory in 2005, Rafael 'Rafa' Benítez, has developed his own soccer skills training app, *Global Coach*. Here we speak with Rafa and his football fitness coach Paco de Miguel about why they developed *Global Coach* and what puts it ahead of the competition...



What triggered your decision to develop the app?

The software was originally created for myself to use with my team, but as the development process evolved we quickly realised that we had created something special. We wanted to give other coaches the opportunity to use a piece of software to enhance their coaching abilities.

The app was put together by yourself and your tactical team - that must have been a unique experience for you all?

Not really as I have always integrated technical advancements in to my coaching techniques and approach. We were using Polar over 15 years ago and have always had specialist software designed exclusively for my setups.



The main feature is that you can create a match animation in under 60 seconds. This process used to take us a few days and we would have had to use Flash to create complex animations. Now we can create this and export it within minutes. This can then be compiled in to a match analysis, which can then be emailed to the rest of your coaching staff.

There are several coaching apps that allow you to plan your team's tactics. What do you think makes *Global Coach* stand out?

None of them have the functions of *Global Coach*; most of the other offerings on the market have one main feature and that's it. GC has everything you need to facilitate an elite level coaching setup all contained within one place. The ability to create individual exercises and drills and then bring them together to create training sessions has not been done before. These sessions are linked to your calendar and can be either exported to PDF or emailed to other members of your coaching setup.

Do other trainers use *Global Coach*?

It is being used by coaches worldwide and at a variety of different levels. We have users ranging from national team managers, to Premier League managers, and lecturers at some of the best universities in the world.

Do you have any plans to update *Global Coach* in the future?

The app is being worked on by the team and the developers, so we are always improving the software. We are extremely proactive in listening to feedback from users and evolving the app. We will be adding new sports in the near future and we currently have three different sports in beta testing phase.

GLOBAL COACH LITE



Test tactics with match animations, create complex training sessions, and manage your squad - all in one app.

● iPad | iOS 5.0 | £4.99/\$6.99 | v1.1



How did you find the development process?

We developed the software in just three months, which is quite impressive when you see how comprehensive the app is. It was an interesting process and at times we were testing a different beta everyday as we had so many ideas and functions to add in.

What are, for you, the main features of the app?

"THE ABILITY TO CREATE INDIVIDUAL EXERCISES AND DRILLS AND THEN BRING THEM TOGETHER TO CREATE TRAINING SESSIONS HAS NOT BEEN DONE BEFORE"

TOP 05 COACHING APPS

COACH'S EYE



Sketch winning tactics and analyse the footage.

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0
| £2.99/\$4.99 | v2.5
● Android | OS 2.3.3
| £2.99/\$4.99 | v2.0.1.0

THE MASTER TACTICIAN



Sam Allardyce helped create this football playbook.

● iPhone | iOS 4.0
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.1.2
● Android | OS 2.2
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.1.1

CURLY'S POCKET GUIDE TO SPORTS



Packed with rules, facts and stats about everything in the sport world.

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3
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FANTASY FOOTBALL MANAGER



Think you've got what it takes to win the Premier League with Bristol City?

● iPad+ | iOS 4.3
| £0.69/\$0.99 | v3.5.7

FOOTBALL MANAGEMENT RPG



You have to know more about media spin than league stats to win this game.

● iPhone | iOS 4.0
| Free | v2

WE ASKED...

Got any questions for the Apps team?

I love the App Store but I want some good free games... Got any ideas?

Ryan Butterworth
via Twitter

Wow Ryan, there are so many to choose from when it comes to free games on the App Store. There are some obvious and popular choices in the shape of titles like Temple Run and Jetpack Joyride, both of which

are free running games that do have in-app purchases, but good game performances can earn you the coins to upgrade. On the slightly more obscure front we would recommend Radiant Defence; a space-based neon-filled tower defence game with a serious difficulty curve. Then there's DEAD TRIGGER, which for a free download is one of the best-looking first-person shooters on iOS. Some of these games do come with in-app purchases, but in most instances these don't hold you back in terms of a playing experience or in-game freedom.

"DEAD TRIGGER IS ONE OF THE BEST FIRST-PERSON SHOOTERS ON IOS"

Another game worth looking at is Triple Town, which has cleverly combined the idea of gem-matching with sim management and town building, so you match trees, bushes and houses in order to upgrade and expand your town - and avoid the bears! Try these out and let us know how you get on.

Is there an app to help you record screen capture of the iPhone or iPad? For example like Screencast-O-Matic on PC?

Matthew Shaw
via Twitter

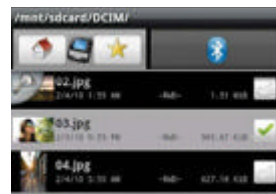
Unfortunately Matthew there isn't anything on the App Store right now that does exactly what you're looking for. There have been apps in the past that have attempted to screencast iOS, but not particularly successfully. This is the sort of thing that could be possible if you were willing to jailbreak your device, but this of course comes with it's own issues. If you do decide to go down the jailbreak route there is an app called Display Recorder that should allow you to capture your iOS screen. However, there are examples online of iOS users who have taken large amounts of screenshots and then stitched these together using software on their Mac

or PC in order to get the same result. Another suggestion we've seen is to hook up your device, in a similar way to how you would to a projector or monitor, to a capture card. This is will then automatically record your device's screen.

Is there an app for sending documents through Bluetooth between an iOS device and an Android smartphone?

Sheni Hafeez
via Twitter

There are in fact several apps that allow you to transfer files between devices via Bluetooth. However, be sure to read the app info before downloading as some, for example Bluetooth Transfer Free, only allow you to move files between iOS devices. Bluetooth File Transfer on Android however allows you to browse and manage the files of any Bluetooth-compatible device remotely. This could be your best option for completing a smooth transfer of your files.



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Andy, @elektrobix



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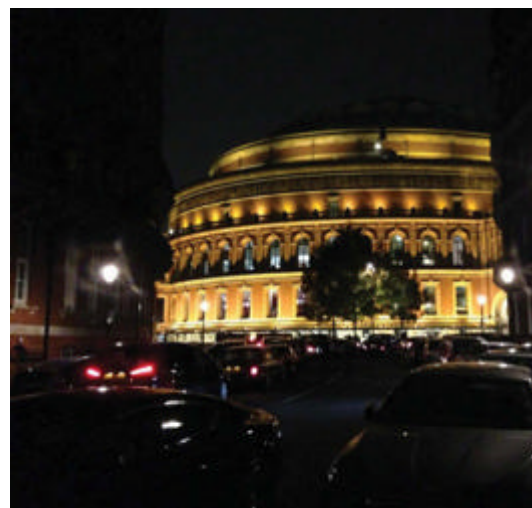
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Dean, @activrightbrain



SNAPSEED

• iPhone
£2.99/\$4.99



TEAM SCREEN



NICK JONES
EDITOR IN CHIEF

"I normally only delete things when I need space for new games or sketching and productivity tools"



THE APPS IN...

✓ Curiosity
✓ The Room
✓ Lapselt
"I got Lapselt for stop-motion, and Curiosity made me curious."

THE APPS OUT...

✗ Podcasts
✗ PSN Go
✗ Brushes
"Podcasts was a forced download so I deleted it; and I outgrew Brushes."

WORD ON THE TWEET

What have you been saying to us on Twitter?

@acgarland

So, what do you recommend? And, in your opinion, will the iPad 5 be out in Q1 of 2013?

@Knowyourapps

Tough call. Doubt we'll see another one in Q1, and there is nothing wrong with the iPad 3. Still very drawn to the mini though...



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@acgarland

But surely the iPad 4 has a longer lifetime than the mini due to the difference in chips?

@Knowyourapps

Absolutely, that does make a difference. But like you say beyond that nothing else is new. The mini attraction is a design thing

@acgarland

Isn't it double the speed of the iPad 3? And then there is the connector...

@Knowyourapps

Supposedly yes. This is a big plus, but it still seems slightly weird to see two new iPads so close together...

@acgarland

The mini design does look good. Just can't help thinking

the iPad mini 2 won't be far off, with an A6X chip, Retina and lighter!

@Knowyourapps

Probably sat in an Apple lab as we speak

@acgarland

Exactly! Why the rush? Why not wait until Q1 2012? Why not make use of the extra space now the 32 pin connector is gone?

@Knowyourapps

I think that is the key issue. Neither device really lands a knockout blow. Hence the uncertainty for some of us

@dumbfortheday

Thanks for all you do. I teach people how to use their phones and tablets. Your magazine is a life saver

"MY COSTUME ON HALLOWEEN, THE PHOTO WAS EDITED IN IPHOTO"

Nick, via email



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- iPad+ | iOS 4.3
| Free | v4.1.1
- Android | OS 2.1
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JETPACK JOYRIDE

 This never-ending platform game will come in very handy should you need to waste some of the day. Dodge the lasers and missiles to post the furthest distance among your friends.

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3
| Free | v1.4.1

FLIPBOARD

 Get all the news without getting up thanks to *Flipboard's* personalised magazine, with added social networking.

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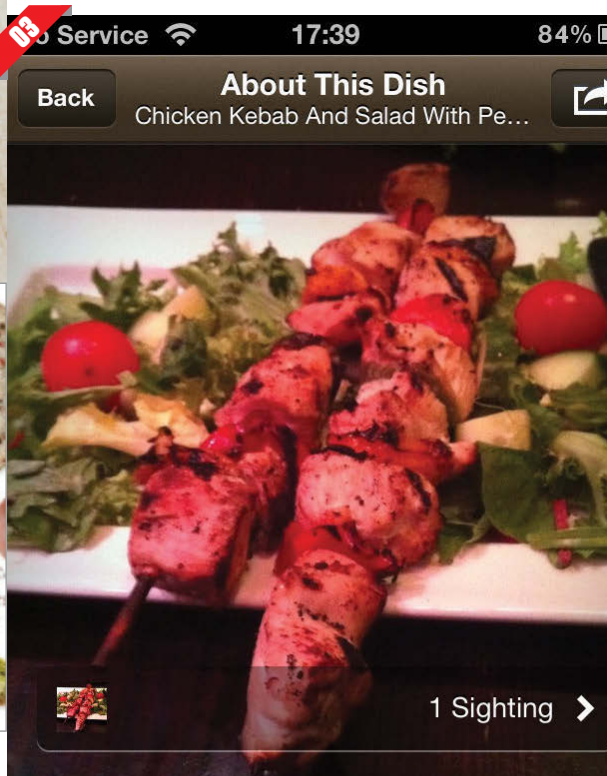
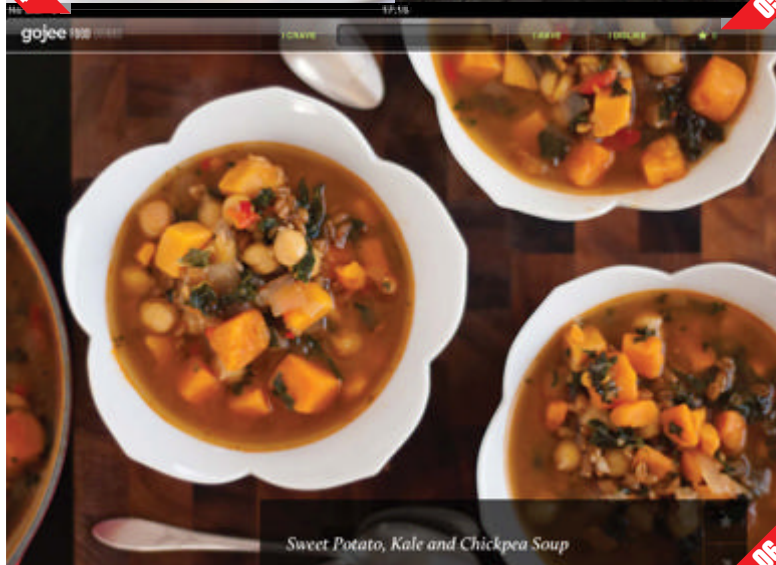
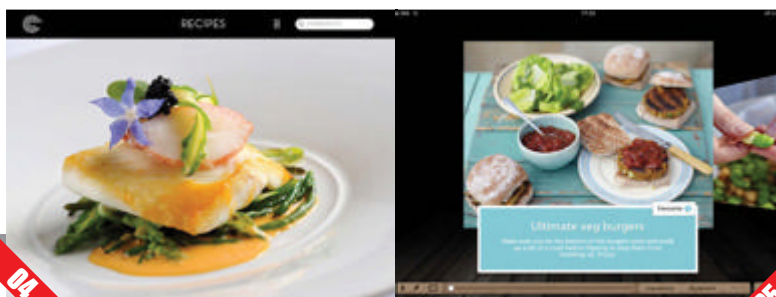
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WIN! PARROT ZIK WIRELESS HEADPHONES

WIN 1 OF 3 HEADPHONE SETS

The fruit of another creative collaboration between Parrot and world-renowned French designer Philippe Starck, Zik wireless headphones integrate touch control, superb sound, and comfort, into a sleek design.

Zik ensures you never miss a beat with a head-detection sensor that pauses music when headphones are round your neck and seamlessly starts playing again the moment you put them back on. Noise-cancelling technology insulates your ears from up to 25dB of unwanted external sound. The quality of sound that you do want to listen to is also improved, using Parrot's unique Concert Hall Effect, to create a more natural and pleasing listening experience.

The headphones are also entirely free from wires, allowing you to listen to crystal-clear music using Bluetooth. Parrot has integrated NFC (Near Field Communication) into a tag on the left headset. NFC allows you to pair, connect, and play music from your NFC-compatible device with a simple tap to the Zik.

Designed specifically for use with smartphones, Parrot Ziks also enable you to take calls hands-free. When you receive a call, tap on the right-hand side of the headphones to answer a call, or touch the panel for two seconds to reject it. Simple.

To get to grips with your high tech headphones and adjust your settings, the Parrot Audio Suite is available on both the App Store and Google Play.

Parrot Zik headphones retail at £349/\$399. However to be in with a chance of winning one of three sets, email us the answer to the following question.

Q What is the name of the designer that helped create the Parrot Zik headphones?

- A. Philippe Starck
- B. Tony Stark
- C. Philippe Petit



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BE THE FIRST TO REACH OF THE END OF THE BOARD AND SHOUT UNO!

CHESS – LEARN CHESS



From the maker of *t Chess*, this app will teach you all of the basics to take into your first game.

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3 | Free | v1.7.3

CHESS – PLAY & LEARN



Gets you learning and gets you playing; this game covers all of the most important lessons.

● iPhone+ | iOS 3.0 | Free | v2.4.5
● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v2.0.9

YOU COULD ALSO TRY

CHESS WITH FRIENDS



From the house that brought us *Words With Friends*, this is a great social chess player for the iPhone.

● iPhone | iOS 4.0 | £0.69/\$0.99 | v4.15

DINOSAUR CHESS: LEARN TO PLAY!



A great app for introducing kids to the game, with fun characters and clear animations that help to get the core moves across.

● iPad | iOS 3.2 | £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.0

Chess, much like boxing, is a noble and often bloody sport. Those who are feint of heart or lack deep moral conviction in the face of adversity will surely wither and die. It is also, however, a humbling game of strategy, wits and foresight that challenges your decision-making and anticipation skills to their core. It's this challenge that has kept the game so popular and so integral to the lives of thoughtful minds around the world.

If you still don't know your horses from your castles (that's actually knights and rooks, just to get you started) then there are plenty of apps that can help you pick up the basics, as well as teach you some of the tougher skills and more tactical moves. What's more, there's no shortage of games that can be played to test your newly acquired knowledge against some tough AI opponents, or if you can handle the pressure, against friends online.

1 Learning the board

To get us started we thought we would lead with an already established chess app developer. *Chess - Learn Chess* is made by the same developer who created *t Chess*, which is widely regarded as a top chess game.

2 Early learning

The step-by-step breakdown of the basic moves are excellent and eased us nicely into learning the key tricks of the trade. Once you get on to Basic Strategy though, things definitely start to pick up.

3 Book smart

It may take a lot of studying with this app to get really good at the game, but the effort should be worth it. To be honest our patience began to wear a little thin, so we needed a more immediate and responsive tool.

4 Play to learn

We turned to *Chess - Play & Learn* as a solution to our boredom. This is a great app for playing chess, with online and computer play to choose from. You can also pass a device between two players.

5 Eye-opening

The Video Lessons section gives you lots of interesting insight into how you can manipulate and put pressure on the board. Moreover, it will help you reinforce some of the basic moves you should know by now.

6 Master tactician

The Tactics Trainer is the real highlight here though, with so many excellent key techniques to be taught. So now you've got what it takes. Shatter their flanks with your Bishop and Knight until the final move is made.



APPCESSORY

CROSS-STITCH CASE
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CROSS-STITCH

The design comes with a pattern of holes on the back cover, which can be used to create coloured stitching patterns thanks to the thread provided, meaning the case you design will be totally unique. Great, eh?

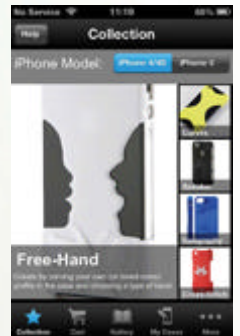


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STEP BY STEP

Just three steps to designing your case



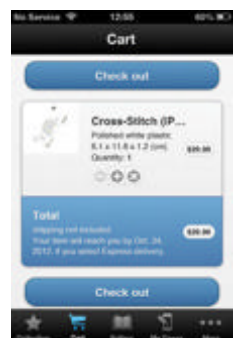
DESIGN

Use the options on the homepage to select your design, and the sub-menu to choose a colour and any text.



TWEAKS

There's a gesture-based gallery where you can preview your design, and look for any tweaks that are needed.



BUY

Once you're ready, go through the checkout process and confirm your order - then just wait for it to be delivered.

THE CASE

Made from polished white plastic, the case came straight out of a 3D printer having been designed by us in the 3DPCase app. It's incredibly light and adds very little weight when on your iPhone.

PERSONALISE

As well as the Apple design we have on the back of the case, we added some sweet Apps branding to make it swanky. This also comes as holes stamped through the case so we can stitch it at a later date.

BUILD YOUR OWN iPhone CASE

BRING THE EXCITING NEW WORLD OF 3D PRINTING TO YOUR iPhone

Getting the iPhone case that suits you can be a challenging task. After all, each of us have different tastes. What Sculpteo have done is merge their knowledge of 3D printing with the consumer desire to customise, and created an app that allows you to design and buy your own iPhone case from within their new app, 3DPCase. The process itself is refreshingly easy, and costs around \$30-35; the home screen gives you all your design options, and you can then choose the framework that suits you. The design options range from a shaped, cutaway case, to built-up textures and pinhole designs that you can stitch with the multicoloured thread provided.

That is one of the best things about using the 3DPCase app. You can save designs at any point and use the gesture-based view mode to examine designs. Everything feels in your control, and can be tweaked at every stage - from the colour and text that appears on the case, to the angle and steepness of any curves. The cases themselves are all made of polished plastic, and using the different menus you can change the colour with a tap, as well as any

text that you would like to appear. There are some unusual designs on offer, including the cross-stitch we chose that includes a knitted pattern on your case. There is also the Geography case that takes a snapshot from a point on the map of your choice, and prints the terrain on your case in 3D. Once you've chosen your design there's a short payment and shipping form to go through, but before you know it your case will be on its way to you.

"EVERYTHING FEELS IN YOUR CONTROL, FROM THE COLOUR AND TEXT TO THE ANGLE AND STEEPNESS OF ANY CURVES"

THE ULTIMATE GIFT GUIDE

Stuck for ideas? We have the app-solute best gadgets to buy

FOR HER Finding the right gift for her can be a challenging and stressful process, with the right sentiment needed to show that you care – but without being predictable or horribly clichéd. Getting the lady in your life something to go with her treasured tech could be a nice surprise – a plush leather case to protect a smartphone from the perils of a full bag, or a battery

pack for a long commute. From accessories that are both stylish and functional to practical gifts, we have it covered. This section contains some cool gadgets that can add style to her device, as well as make it more practical than ever. There are gifts here that are suitable for your other half, as well as mum, sister and beyond. So take a look and surprise them all with your thoughtful approach to their digital lives.



1. PROPORTA SHINE CASE II FOR IPHONE

£24.95/\$19.99 | Proporta | proporta.com

This patent leather case comes with a high-gloss exterior cover that flips open to reveal a stylish lining, as well as a handy compact mirror that adds an extra dimension to the accessory. The elasticated strap secures the cover in place, and the sides are cut out to allow for easy button and charge point access. There's a cut out for the rear-facing camera and a snug fit that leaves your iPhone feeling very secure.

2. PEBBLE SMARTSTICK

£24.95/\$29.95 | Veho | veho-uk.com

A very handy battery pack that allows you to charge your smartphone and other devices wherever you are. The Smartstick is rechargeable and lightweight making it an ideal accessory to keep in your bag when out and away from your chargers. This special edition pink version comes with added incentive, as it is part of the Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign, so a percentage of your purchase goes to charity.

3. THE TODDY WEDGE

£N/A/\$14.99 | Toddy | toddygear.com

A very cool little accessory for the desk at work or the bedside table at home, the Toddy Wedge is essentially a beanbag chair for your smartphone. The silk covering is available in a range of designs, and the underside of the Wedge is covered in a plush microfibre that can be used to clean your device's screen. The cradle area is shaped so as to be able to hold your device in both portrait and landscape orientation without any problems.

4. PIPETTO LUXURY HARLEQUIN IPHONE CASE

£29.95/\$N/A | Pipetto | pipetto.co.uk

Very much towards the high-end section of the smartphone case market, the Pipetto is handmade from Italian leather, and the flip cover is locked via a gold popper. The cradle and lining are an eye-catching gold, although there is no opening for the rear facing camera lens. This case though has not been designed for practicality; it is most definitely one for the stylish iPhone owner.

5. D. BRAMANTE PURE LEATHER PHONE COVER

£19.99/\$29.99 | D.Bramante | dbramante1928.com

Available in eight different styles, this leather sleeve comes with easy access to the charging point of your iPhone, although it's important to note that it is designed to be useable with other smartphones as well. The open bottom allows for easy removal, and the high-quality leather softens nicely over time for a better fit with your phone.

TOP FIVE HEADPHONES

V-MODA CROSSFADE M-80

£160.00/\$230.00
| V-Moda | v-moda.com

A fantastically stylish set of on-ear headphones with Kevlar reinforced cables and a very impressive sound response. There is little to no noise leakage and they also score highly in terms of comfort. As an added bonus these are very cool to look at thanks to the metal-plated ear pieces and rugged design.



SUPERTOOTH MELODY BLUETOOTH HEADPHONES

£69.99/\$95.99
| SuperTooth | supertooth.net

Very lightweight and with a smart, polished design, these headphones certainly have the look. They are also very comfortable and provide a good quality sound experience, with volume and track controls on the right ear piece for changing songs or answering calls. Being Bluetooth also means the added bonus of no wires.



JABRA HALO2 BLUETOOTH HEADPHONES

£99.99/\$129.99 | Jabra | jabra.com

These headphones don't look comfortable or indeed hefty enough to impress, but appearances are incredibly deceptive. The noise cancelling is quite incredible with no leakage despite their flat design, and the complete removal of wires makes them effortless to put on and use with your smartphone or tablet.



WICKED AUDIO AIRLINE SERIES HEADPHONES

£25.00/\$29.99
| Wicked Audio | wickedaudio.com

A set of headphones that places a lot of emphasis on style, the Airline Series do actually pack a solid sound punch for the price range they occupy.



The cushioned earpieces are comfortable and there is minimal noise leakage. If you want to get noticed while you enjoy your music, these are the set for you.

DENON AH-D600

£499.99/\$499.99 | Denon | denon.com

A heavyweight when it comes to price, but these on-ear headphones are certainly worth it given the stunning listening experience they give you. As crisp as



anything you're heard before, with ear pieces that completely encase and cushion your ears. Big, bold and completely incomparable, if budget is of no importance, then these are the cans for you.

FOR HIM

Why not forego the usual socks and sweaters combo for guys and smarten up one of their gadgets instead? Luckily there are now all manner of extrovert designers who are keen to try out new things when it comes to ways of storing and using devices. However, there is also the occasional need to be serious, and a nice, high-quality iPad case can go long

GRIFFIN DJ CABLE

£14.99/\$19.99 | Griffin | griffintechnology.com

Show off your device and music in the ultimate fashion when you combine the *djay* app with this simple split output connector. It hooks up your headphones and speakers to your device, so suddenly you're a very 21st century DJ with your digital iPad mixing deck, and your headphones and speakers seamlessly connected. This isn't much to look at, but it can't fail to put a smile on the face of any wannabe DJ.



D. BRAMANTE PURE LEATHER IPAD CASE

£59.99/\$99.99 | D. Bramante
| dbramante1928.com

If you want to give a more stylish gift to a male iPad user, then this genuine leather flip case could be the answer. The product shown here is the Hunter Brown leather version, and there are eight types to choose from. But the name highlights the male sophistication that comes with wrapping this case around your iPad 2 or newer; if Don Draper had an iPad, this would be his case of choice.



TAYLOR SMART STAND AND SLEEVE FOR IPAD

£29.99/\$N/A | Taylor | taylor.co.kr

A very minimal, yet wonderfully cool sleeve for your iPad that, thanks to the magnet stitched into the lining, can be folded in multiple ways to create various viewing angles. The high quality leather provides a smart pouch for your device, and the flexibility of the case when you deploy it as a stand is a very nice surprise. This is a great gift that ticks several boxes when it comes to iPad add-ons.



FREEDOM i-CONNEX COMBI IPAD CASE

£79.99/\$99.99 | Freedom | freedominput.com

With a smart cover on the front and a Bluetooth keyboard built into the back this case certainly packs a punch in terms of features. The cover's magnetic features mean it can also be folded into viewing stand for when you need to utilise the Bluetooth keyboard or maybe watch a movie on the way home. The sturdy back cover is vented to prevent your device overheating, and the keyboard is nicely hidden, but can be easily pulled out for use.



GERMANMADE G.2 IPAD CASE

£55.00/\$89.00 | Germanmade
| germanmadepunkt.de

A very unique iPad case not only because of the wood used in it's design, but also due to the inner framework that gives you special compartments to place your iPhone, pens, notepad and business cards alongside it. There are also some clever gaps cut out of the internal frame that serves as a stand for your iPad, should you wish to use it for viewing media or making a presentation. This is a smart, professional gift, that has plenty of practical uses too.

FOR THE KIDS Young people have never been as tech-savvy as they are today – it seems that no sooner have they learned to walk, than they are running around as digital natives in silicone playgrounds. So, to make your life easier we've found plenty of peripherals that use your device brilliantly as a toy – whether it be as a quiz machine,

a remote control, or a canvas for their creativity. The suggestions here are bound to excite kids of all ages, and the chances are you'll get a kick out of them too. Some supervision is always advised for the smaller rugrats, but there's no doubting the amount of fun they'll get when your smartphone or tablet changes from the boring block Dad uses for work to their favourite new playmate.

JUMBO iPIECES

£9.99/\$11.99 | Jumbo | jumbo.eu

An ever expanding range of fun times, the iPieces set of games essentially turn your iPad into an interactive board on which you can play a variety of games. The pieces themselves are designed to interact with your device screen without doing any damage to it. The various pieces have felt bottoms to prevent scratches from overactive players, and there is a free app that comes with each set that gives you the on-screen environment to play the game.



APPTOYZ APPBLASTER

£14.99/\$21.00 | Apptoyz | apptoyz.com

A very cool combination of AR, your iPhone and a fantastically oversized novelty gun. In fact, the appBlaster is such a fun experience that you may find yourself sneaking a game or two when the kids are in bed. You fix your phone onto the gun and effectively use it as your telescopic sight, with aliens coming at you left, right and centre over the top of your camera view – so its like they're actually in the room.



TOTOYA CREATURES ROBOTTO IPAD CASE

£49.95/\$79.90 | Totoya | totoyacreatures.com

A very different type of iPad case, with a wide range of characters (also available for iPhone), that come alive when combined with the Totoya app. You can interact and communicate with your Totoya, and watch them interact with each other through music and noises. The case itself is soft and very child friendly, providing a nice cushion for your device to give you some extra piece of mind.



APPTOYZ APPQUIZ

£29.99/\$N/A | Apptoyz | apptoyz.com

With room for up to four players, this is most definitely something for the whole family to enjoy. Each player gets their own buzzer, and using the app that hosts the quiz you can download different game packs with different content. The AppQuiz also requires no batteries so the moment you take it out of the box you are ready to go with some healthy family competitiveness.



SILVERLIT INTERACTIVE BLUETOOTH R/C ENZO FERRARI

£80/\$79.95 | The Science Museum | sciencemuseumshop.co.uk

Works using your iOS device, Bluetooth and a free app download, you can take control of your R/C Ferrari and cruise the floors of your house in style. The car itself is an impressive size and a perfect likeness of the Ferrari Enzo supercar, complete with working indicators. While in-app you can adjust the sensitivity of the controls to make sure you get the best driving experience.

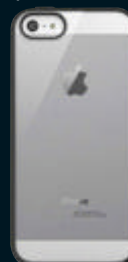


TOP FIVE IPHONE 5 CASES

BELKIN VIEW CASE FOR IPHONE 5

£19.99/\$19.99 | Belkin | belkin.com

With a fully-transparent rear to show off the sleek back of your iPhone 5, this case also comes with a soft edge that protects against bumps and scratches. There are allowances made for button usage in the form of raised buttons, and there is open access to accommodate for the rear-facing camera.



INCASE LEATHER SNAP CASE

£N/A/\$49.95 | Incase | goincase.com

Adding even more style to your iPhone 5, this snap-on case is made of a durable hard shell to give protection, with a leather top cover to add a sense of premium quality to the product. The top of the cover is open to allow access to the power button, and it's the same with the volume controls on the side of the device.



INCIPIO FREQUENCY CASE

£17.99/\$24.99 | Incipio | incipio.com

A soft shell case with a matte finish and a textured back that is designed to look like music levels, this is an eye-catching way to protect your iPhone. The case is available in a range of bold colours and its soft texture ensures it securely hugs your device.



STM OPERA FOR IPHONE 5

£19.99/\$29.99 | STM | stmbags.com.au

A very cool textured case that gives a comfortably grip, while it protects your iPhone. The raised edge of the case means that your screen glass doesn't come into contact with the floor when dropped, and the tile pattern design on the back was inspired by the Sydney Opera House.



CYGNETT KHAKI WORKMATE

£19.95/\$24.99 | Cygnett | cygnett.com

This is most definitely one for the more rugged iPhone 5 user, with its heavy duty outer shell over the top of the rubber, shock resistant inner case. The Cygnett was designed to be your companion when out in the wilderness, and the colour scheme only reinforces that idea.





THE APPS AWARDS

The extraordinary apps that have defined our year and will be remembered for many to come

Standing out in the ever-growing apps markets is no mean feat. With new developers unveiling new and innovative ideas every day, it can be a struggle for apps to distinguish themselves. However, over the last year in this crowded arena, there have been a handful of apps we couldn't put down. Whether it was their functionality, style or the idea behind it, they all possessed a special quality. Here we tip our hats to the various development teams who are trying to stay ahead in a constantly evolving industry.

BEST FREE APP

CLOUDON

● iPad | iOS 5.0 | Free | v2.5.1
● Android | OS 3.1 | Free | v2.5.1



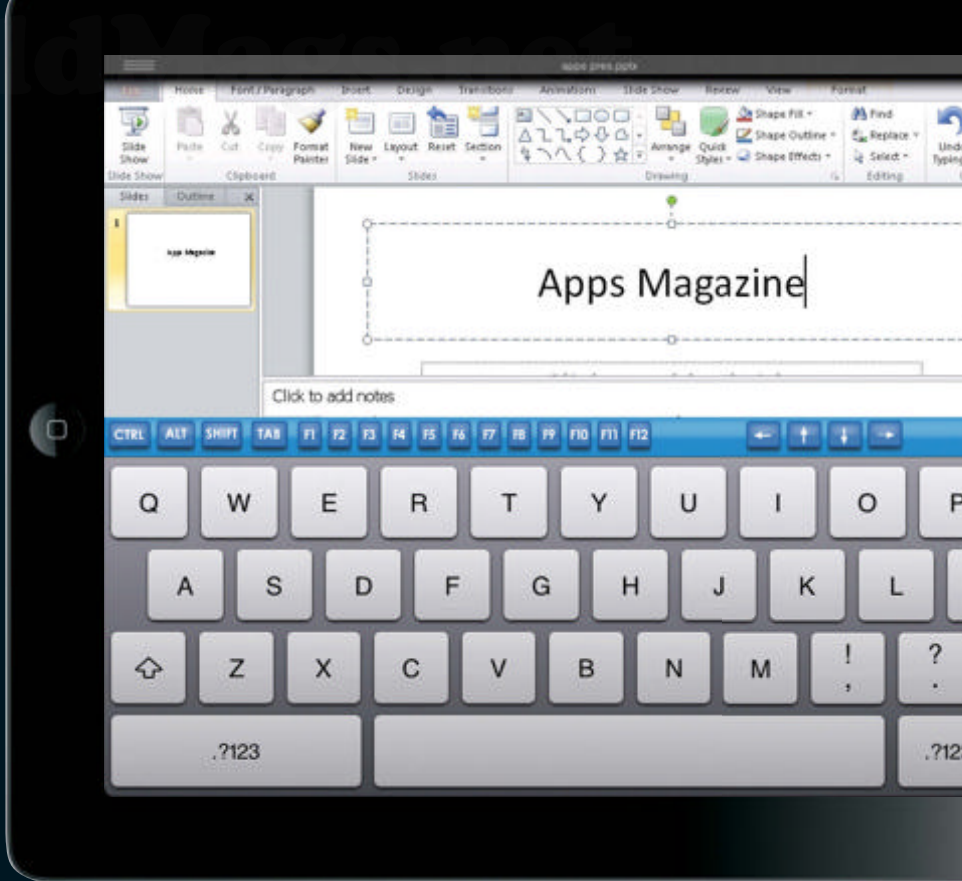
When it comes to value, it can be hard to gauge just how well you've done when you download an app because the market is still so new. Users are still learning the price levels and the developers themselves are the same, but there are occasions when it is startlingly obvious that you have found a gem. *CloudOn* is the best example of this, giving iOS and Android users not only mobile access to Microsoft Office, but the opportunity to create an edit new files from their device. Essentially, you get the Office suite, completely for free. Tie this in with in-app links to cloud services like Dropbox and Google Drive and you have an all-encompassing mobile work station without having to part with a penny. If you don't yet use *CloudOn*, you should start right away.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

It is an absolute honour for *CloudOn* to be selected as Apps Magazine's Best Free App for 2012! I am extremely proud of this accomplishment and our success over the past year, which would not have been possible without the dedication of the *CloudOn* team and the support from our vibrant and loyal community of users. The work towards defining the next era of mobile productivity is just getting started.

Our users want their mobile devices to do more work, and that is exactly what we are committed to helping them do as we grow *CloudOn*.

Milind Gadekar, CEO of CloudOn



RUNNERS-UP

TRIPLE TOWN

● iPad+ | iOS 4.1 | Free | v1.73
● Android | Varies | Free | Varies



The gem-matching inspired game that sees you trying to build your own town in just a few moves and spaces.

SONGZA

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3 | Free | v2.71



The US-only music app uses times, places and moods to build playlists that will create a bespoke listening experience just for you.



BEST APP FOR KIDS

LAND OF ME: STORY TIME

● iPad | iOS 4.0 | Free | v1.0



"Gather round children, it's story time," says Granny Olive the tortoise in *Land of Me*. But in this interactive app, it is the children that create their own stories. Users can choose the hero of the story from three characters (Buddy Boo the bear, Willow the owl, and Eric the raccoon), the theme (including whether it is happy, sad, funny or otherwise), and how it ends - then watch it come alive.

The app is beautifully rendered with colourful characters set in Granny Olive's cave for the frame narrative, and chalk-effect cave paintings acting out the customisable tales. All text appears on the screen as well as being spoken by impressive vocal talent, designed to help develop children's language and communication skills. This free download from Ladybird Books is aimed at early learners, so the user interface is simplistically designed to help them navigate for themselves. This means there is no main menu, and soon as you select the app it dives right into the business of storytelling.

RUNNERS-UP

NUMBERLYS

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | £3.99/\$5.99 | v1.0.8



Part story, part game, this fanciful depiction of the origins of the alphabet is entertainment of epic proportions.

DANDELION

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.1 | £2.99/\$4.99 | v1.2



This magical children's story encourages kids to use their imaginations to ward off bullies.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

We're absolutely thrilled to bits that *The Land of Me: Story Time* is being held in such high regard. There have been some pretty sensational kids apps floating around this last year so we feel very honoured indeed. It has not been an altogether easy journey. There are actually six apps altogether, of which *Story Time* is only one, and it has long been our hope to see the other five make the transition to iOS and Android.

Unlike our latest project *Me Books*, there were considerable challenges to overcome in

porting a memory-intensive Flash app like *The Land of Me* to iOS. Without sugar coating it, it's been a nightmare. But given the reception we're determined to get more apps out there. As far as we're concerned, that's what it's all about. So thank you very much Apps Magazine and everyone who has downloaded *The Land of Me: Story Time*. We promise you that there are more apps coming soon!

James Huggins,
Managing Director, Made in Me

HONOURABLE MENTIONS

MOST MOUTHWATERING APP AWARD: GOJEE



● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v1.5

With fantastic photos of delicious dishes, this cookery app offers recipes from over 200 bloggers.

BEST DISNEY PRINCESS AWARD: BRAVE: STORYBOOK DELUXE



● iPad+ | iOS 4.0 | £4.99/\$6.99 | v1.1

As well as the adventures of Princess Merida, this app's packed with extras including film clips and games.

SOCIAL SNAPPER AWARD: IPHOTO



● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | £2.99/\$4.99 | v1.1

Overhauled for the new iPhone 5, once you've finished touching up a potential profile picture, you can directly upload it in-app to Facebook.

BEST FREE GIG AWARD: MOSHCAM



● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v2.3

This music app is updated with a bevy of free content, including a video of a gig each week.

MOST IMPROVED INTERFACE AWARD: EBAY FOR IPAD



● iPad | iOS 4.0 | Free | v2.1.1

Once suffering from an ugly UI, this auction app now offers a stunning shop window to buy and sell online.

WOODLAND WONDER AWARD: WINTER FOREST



● iPad | iOS 4.0 | Free | v1.2.0

Kid's story about a small girl exploring the forest behind her house with great mini games, such as navigating a hedge maze.

BEST BROWSER AWARD: GOOGLE CHROME



● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3 | Free | v21.01180.82

A contentious issue with a lot of iPhone users trumpeting Safari; Chrome has better bookmarks, syncing and history

BEST SOCIAL APP

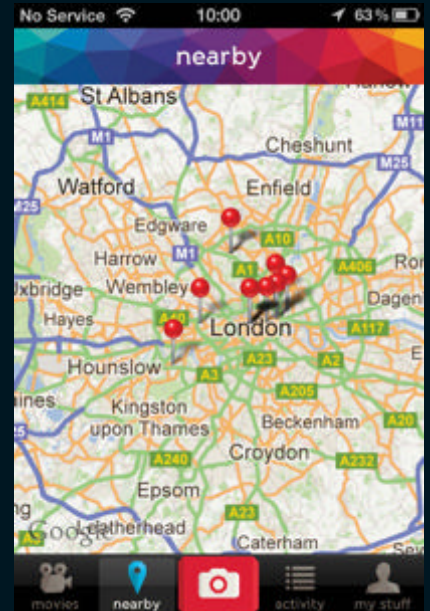
VYCLONE

● iPhone | iOS 5.0 | Free | v1.6.2



In this age of social network overload it takes something a special to get people talking. Vyclone is definitely that, and while the community is still growing, there is no doubt that this app has completely changed the landscape of social networking with its collaborative video recording and editing functionality. You are able to film different perspectives of the same event, then Vyclone edits them together and shares to the community.

The end product is completely unique, and the fact that the app edits your clips for you makes the whole process so easy. Vyclone grabbed us from the moment we saw it, because of the brilliant final product, and its potential as the network grows.



RUNNERS-UP

TWEETBOT FOR TWITTER

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0

| £1.99/\$2.99 | v2.6



This Twitter client has put the rest in the shade with its smart interface.

PINTEREST

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v2.1

● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v1.1



Share your favourite images of landscapes, designer outfits, and LOLcats galore.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

Vyclone is honoured to be named Apps Magazine's Best Social App for 2012. We could not have done it without our incredible team of visionaries and talented developers. Since launching in July, the team has worked tirelessly to create the first 'truly social' app for sharing life's experiences through video.

We would also like to give a big shout out to our users, whose videos, collaborations and feedback continue to inspire our innovation and creation each and every day. Through them, we continue to discover new and exciting ways to capture life. We look forward to what's on the horizon for 2013 and can't wait to share developments with our current userbase and new users.

David King Lassman and Joe Sumner,
Vyclone Co-founders

STYLE AWARD

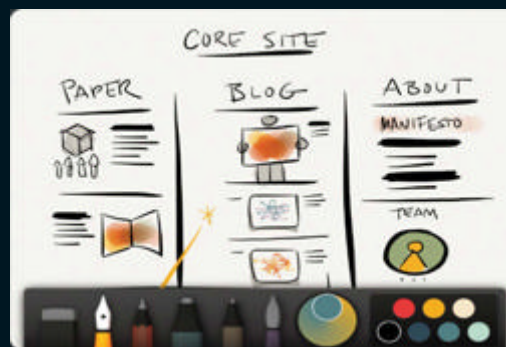
PAPER BY FIFTYTHREE

● iPad | iOS 5.0 | Free | v1.2.2



With such simplistic design and gesture-based controls, it would be easy to mistake Paper by FiftyThree for an

Apple product. An excellent concept, brilliantly executed, Paper by FiftyThree is a blank 2,048 x 1,536 canvas onto which you can simply create. Sketches, diagrams, illustrations, notes or drawings can be visualised in stunning Retina resolution and shared. While offering so many uses, this app doesn't get bogged down in the minutiae of settings, it offers essential tools such as a pen, pencil and paint brush that act as their real-world counterparts do, adjusting in response to the motion and angle of your stylus. You can also create as many books as you like, which you can give individual covers, and upload work in-app to Tumblr, Facebook, Twitter and email.



RUNNERS-UP

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● iPad | iOS 4.0 | £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.0



A futuristic calendar app designed by a British sports car designer, the year view resembles a speedometer.

30/30

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3 | Free | v2.0.5



This beautifully basic productivity app lets you set a timer to complete jobs, and then beeps when they should be done.

BEST EVERYDAY APP

FLIPBOARD

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.2 | Free | v1.9.8
● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v1.9.9



Once upon a time, it was an everyday experience to buy a newspaper on a street corner. These days we are more likely to read it on our phone's web browser or download a news app. However, as much as the death of old media has been widely reported, the digital experience has not been perfected either. Toggling between apps to read stories can be cumbersome, and app interfaces are often very dull or overcrowded with stories as designers are uncertain how to best use this virtual space. Over the last couple of years, *Flipboard* has revolutionised digital news by resurrecting the beauty of magazines.

Flipboard imports all your favourite newsfeeds and converts them to an easy-to-read magazine format that you can then scroll through like the pages of a book. So for the latest headlines, you can subscribe to everything from the BBC to the New York Times. If you prefer features, get music reviews from Rolling Stone or travelogues from National Geographic. If you find a story you want to read later, you can easily save it to third-party apps like *Instapaper* or *Pocket*.

But *Flipboard* isn't just nostalgic for the printed press, it is also fully connected to social media. You can view all the gossip on Twitter, Facebook and Google+ in this magazine format, as well as view top videos and photos from YouTube and *Instagram*, liking and sharing stories across this network.

All of this makes for a great way to read on your morning commute, or to catch up over coffee at lunchtime, making it an essential everyday app.



ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

"It is a true honor to be acknowledged by Apps Magazine, and being recognized as the Best Everyday App is particularly exciting for us. At Flipboard, we strive to create an experience that people love to use in their every day lives. For our team of developers and designers who work on building the product from our office in Palo Alto, California it is a great motivator to

receive this award from halfway around the world. We hope we give our millions of readers in the United Kingdom a reason to keep using Flipboard to quickly catch up on interesting news or to sit back and relax while flipping through beautiful photos."

Evan Doll, Flipboard Co-founder

RUNNERS-UP

BRIAN COX'S WONDERS OF THE UNIVERSE

● iPad+ | iOS 5.0 | £3.99/\$5.99 | v1.20



Take a mind-blowing 3D tour of the universe with this educational app. Explore the surface of Mars and explode a supernova.

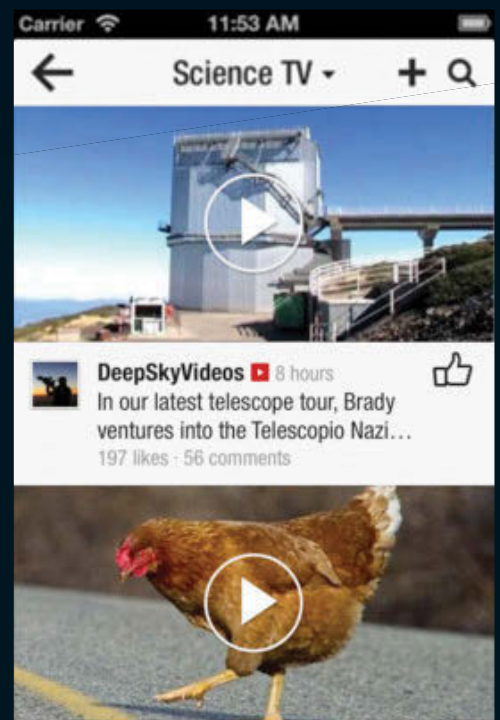
PHOTOSHOP TOUCH

● iPad | iOS 5.0 | £6.99/\$9.99 | v1.3
● Android | OS 3.1 | £6.99/\$9.99 | v1.3.0



Combine images, apply professional effects, and share results with friends and family through Facebook - all from your iPad.

"FLIPBOARD IMPORTS ALL YOUR FAVOURITE NEWSFEEDS AND CONVERTS THEM TO AN EASY-TO-READ MAGAZINE FORMAT THAT YOU CAN THEN SCROLL THROUGH LIKE THE PAGES OF A BOOK"





BEST ENTERTAINMENT APP

BOTTOM OF THE NINTH

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | £2.49/\$3.99 | v1.0.1



An interactive graphic novel that is completely different to anything we have seen before, *Bottom of the Ninth* combines gorgeous graphic novel artwork with animated panels, and even short video sketches to create a very fulfilling experience. The app has a wonderful steampunk feel to it with the futuristic world of Tao City and new baseball as the backdrop for the story, yet the book itself harks back to classic comics of the Thirties, complete with the adverts in the back for x-ray glasses and ten-speed bikes.

Bottom of the Ninth is just so pleasing in so many ways. The artwork, having been created by Hollywood artist Ryan Woodward, perfectly captures the feel of the story; a futuristic version of a traditional American sport, and the two worlds colliding in a wave of classic comic book artwork and cool animations and effects. There are also a host of wonderful, smaller touches throughout the pages of the app. For example the credits page being a baseball team sheet covered in coach's notes, and the old fashioned adverts, complete with audio, in the back of the book.

A great illusion is created as you read through this book; that you're in this world reading the comic and idolising Candy Cunningham and her on-the-field achievements.

For pure entertainment we could think of nothing else that grabbed us the way *Bottom of the Ninth* did, and ever since finishing issue one we have been desperate to continue the story, and that really says it all.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

I am humbled and honoured to receive this award. As an independent artist and animator, I created this app as a labour of love with very little expectations of how it would be received. I knew this was a unique product and it was going to be difficult promoting something that one actually had to experience in order to understand. And there were many opportunities to lessen the quality of the artwork in order to reserve funds for marketing,

promotions, etc. But in the back of my mind, I wanted to give everything I had to the quality of the product. I felt that, in time, it would receive the attention that it deserves. To receive this award wonderfully validates to myself and my small team, the dedication and hundreds of hours we sacrificed. As a team of individual artists, thank you for this honour.

Ryan Woodward , Bottom Of The Ninth developer

RUNNERS-UP

NETFLIX

● iPad+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v2.4.2
● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v2.0.2



All the TV shows you could ever ask for, as well as movies whenever you want them, wherever you are.

BAND OF THE DAY

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v3.0



A new music artist each day with impressive amounts of accessible content and a great interface to go with it.

"THE APP HAS A WONDERFUL STEAMPUNK FEEL TO IT, WITH THE FUTURISTIC WORLD OF TAO CITY AND NEW BASEBALL AS THE BACKDROP FOR THE STORY, YET THE BOOK ITSELF HARKS BACK TO CLASSIC COMICS OF THE THIRTIES"



BEST WORK APP

EVERMEETING

● iPad+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v1.8



Trying to stand out and be innovative in the productivity and work area of the App store and Google Play is a very difficult task. *Evermeeting* though has succeeded in getting itself noticed, not only for its interface, but also because of the clever functions that it offers. The app covers every aspect of your meeting in such impressive detail; from creating and sharing the agenda before a meeting begins, to making changes while in the boardroom that then appear chronologically in your in-app summary so you can see the course of



the meeting. The icon-rich interface and recording feature are also part of why this app stood out for us. We can see *evermeeting* change how people work, full stop. And that is surely the highest compliment we can pay.

RUNNERS-UP

CLEAR

● iPhone | iOS 5.0
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.2



The simple, gesture-based interface has to be seen and used to be truly appreciated.

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● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3 | Free | v2.0.5



A to-do list like no other. Apply icons, colour schemes and time limits to your tasks.

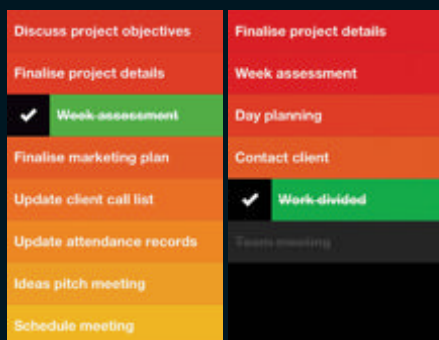
ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

The SaveMeeting Labs Team is proud of and greatly appreciates the Best Work App award for *evermeeting*! The fact that such a prestigious publication considers us a first-rate productivity solution is a landmark for a start-up like ours.

The development of a solid and simple solution that adapts is a complex task. Implementing different functionalities, solving financing issues, and maintaining our initial vision has put us to the test many-a-time, but they also keep us in the fight.

At *evermeeting*, this accolade dispels a number of concerns and encourages us to work with added energy toward our goal: saying goodbye to pen and paper during meetings.

Thanks to Apps Magazine, today we are one step closer to it! **Ignacio Ramírez Rico, Evermeeting developer**



ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

We're thrilled to see *Clear's* revolutionary interactions and fresh take on productivity recognised by a leading industry magazine. As with all our apps, we pour our heart and soul into *Clear* - and this accolade is a very pleasant surprise! Since its launch in February, over 600,000 people have picked up *Clear* and we can't wait to bring even more amazing features to *Clear* in the new year.

Dan Counsell,
Founder of Realmac Software

RUNNERS-UP

FIGURE

● iPhone | iOS 5.0 | £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.2



Got three minutes and want to make some music? *Figure* is the fun music-making app for instant inspiration.

INNOVATION AWARD

CLEAR

● iPhone | iOS 5.0 | £1.49/ \$1.99 | v1.2



There are many to-do list apps out there, designed to boost productivity, but none of them are like *Clear*.

Consciously doing away with the bells and whistles that have made other time-management apps overly complicated, such as scheduled reminders and location-based alerts, *Clear* offers nothing but a quick and simple way to make lists. This back-to-basics approach is in itself revolutionary. However, *Clear* goes one step further, even removing the buttons.

Operating entirely by gestures, you swipe with your finger to clear tasks, pinch to move items up a list, and tap and hold to move up and down the list. This intuitive functionality, topped off with a colour-coded list ranked like a swatch from siren red for urgent jobs through to mellow yellow for less important items, makes for a great app. It might seem simple, but this app is the clear choice to win our Innovation award.

BOTTOM OF THE NINTH

● iPad+ | iOS 5.0 | £2.49/\$3.99 | v1.0.1



First animated comic of its kind, this work from Hollywood artist Ryan Woodward is about baseball in the year 2172.

HONOURABLE MENTIONS

THE 'I'M A MUSIC PRODUCER' AWARD: FIGURE

● iPhone | iOS 5.0 | £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.2



A brilliant interface that allows you to create and save melodies from scratch using just a single digit on your screen.

'WHERE DID MY MONEY GO?!' AWARD: ACCOUNT TRACKER

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3 | £1.99/\$2.99 | v3.8.5



Manage multiple accounts, see transactions by day, and use graphs to break down your money movements.

THE FANTASY GARAGE AWARD: ROAD INC

● iPad | iOS 4.2 | £10.49/\$14.99 | v1.4



A stunning coffee-table app of some of the motor industry's most iconic cars for you to view at your leisure.

THE UNUSUAL TOUR GUIDE AWARD: LONDON UNFURLED FOR IPAD

● iPad | iOS 4.0 | £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.2.1



Both banks of the Thames hand-drawn and then brought together in this simple yet gorgeous app.

THE TEAR YOUR HAIR OUT AWARD: SUPER HEXAGON

● iPad+ | iOS 4.3 | £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.2



Simple controls and premise, but a hideous difficulty level that will torture you. You'll keep coming back, though.

THE MULTIPLAYER MAGNIFICENCE AWARD: HERO ACADEMY

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.1 | Free | v1.3.1



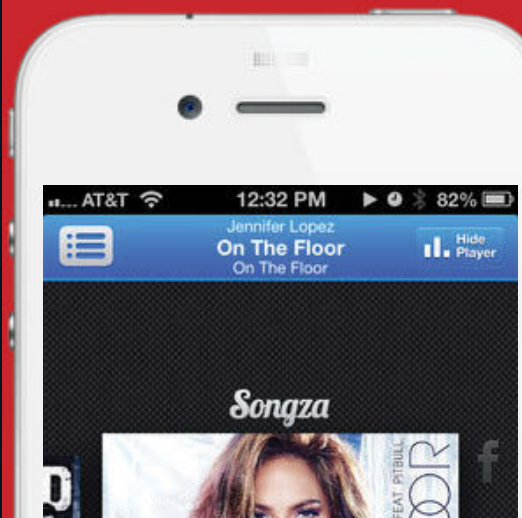
Turn-based battle game with emphasis placed on multiplayer battles against your friends, with fantastic longevity.

THE 'I WISH IT WAS AVAILABLE IN THE UK' AWARD: SONGZA

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3 | Free | v2.71



The internet radio and playlist app uses the time of day, activity, and your mood to build you the perfect soundtrack.



READERS' CHOICE AWARD

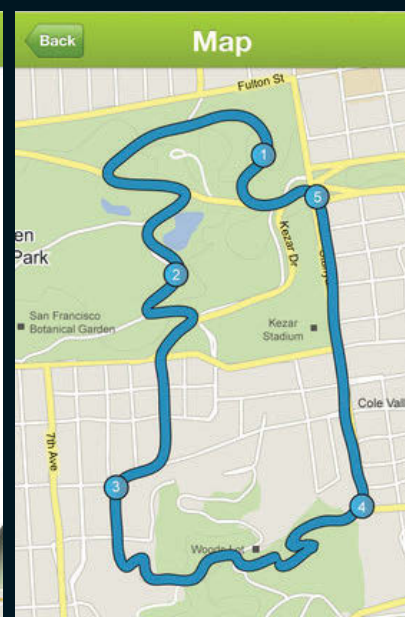
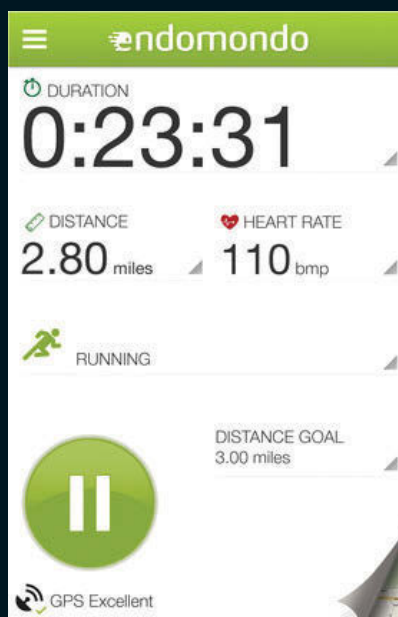
ENDOMONDO SPORTS TRACKER

● iPhone | iOS 5.0 | Free | v7.0.0



Our wonderful readers are always on our Twitter and Facebook Page giving us feedback on our reviews and recommending apps that we should try, so this year we decided to let you pick an award winner. Running a poll on our website last month, you were given a choice of ten apps to choose from, including the likes of *Pinterest*, *Netflix*, *Instagram* and *SongPop*.

However, in your infinite wisdom you avoided all the big-name brands and shiny baubles and picked a left-field choice in *Endomondo Sports Tracker*. And why not? Apps aren't just about watching videos on the bus and shooting birds at green pigs, they can actually improve our lives. Offering GPS tracking for runners to calculate how far they've raced, it also offers 10 million athletes a community where they can compete against one another and share their passions.



RUNNERS-UP

GOOGLE CHROME

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3 | Free | v21.01180.82



Google has made surfing the web better than ever on your mobile device, taking browsing to a new level on iOS & Android.

INSTAGRAM

● iPhone | iOS 4.3 | Free | v3.1.2

● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v3.2.0



Once just reserved for hipsters and foodies, now everyone is putting vintage filters on their photos.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

Endomondo is proud to be named Apps Magazine's App of the Year 2012 Readers' Choice winner. With more than 90 percent of readers' votes going to Endomondo, it's easy to see how passionate people are about the app we've created. That being said, we'd also like to thank every Apps Magazine reader that showed support for Endomondo through this poll. For us, we see this achievement as an endorsement for the *Endomondo Sports Tracker* that turns GPS-enabled smartphones into a personal trainer and social motivator capable of tracking workouts, analyzing performance, and offering motivational feedback. Those unfamiliar with Endomondo, we hope you'll download our popular and highly rated free app that serves fans of running, cycling, walking or any other exercise. Rest assured we'll continue to update and improve our service in response to user feedback, and we hope everyone stays tuned for all the great additions to be made to Endomondo in the future.

Mette Lykke,
Endomondo Co-founder

BEST APPCESSORY

JAWBONE BIG JAMBOX

● £159.95/\$199.99 | Jawbone | jawbone.com

As a piece of hardware the JAMBOX captures your imagination and attention from the moment you first lay eyes on it. It's not overly big, yet feels bulky and industrial - in a good way - thanks to the aluminium mesh that is wrapped around the speaker itself. It comes in a range of four colours, so you can find the one that suits you and your décor.

Of course the main draw of this particular speaker is the wireless and therefore minimalistic way you can take the music from your device and blast it out. That is exactly what happens with the JAMBOX - the sound quality is very impressive, and there are some very cool sound effects each time you interact with the on-speaker controls.

The JAMBOX grabs you from a design sense, and then thrills you with its audio output. We can't stop thinking about how much we want one, and that's a good sign.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

JAMBOX was the first wireless speaker to bring stunning audio quality to the music, movies and games normally trapped between earbuds on mobile devices. With BIG JAMBOX, we utilised state-of-the-art audio technology to fill a much larger space with amazing sound without sacrificing portability.

Hosain Rahman, CEO of Jawbone

RUNNERS-UP

V-MODA M-80 CROSSFADE HEADPHONES

● £N/A/\$230.00 | V-Moda | v-moda.com



These very cool headphones have an excellently balanced audio output, interchangeable and customisable plates, and they are comfy to boot.

AIRSTASH

● £129.99/\$179.99 | Maxell | play.com



Extends your mobile storage space thanks to its SD card, and makes it accessible anywhere thanks to its Wi-Fi connection.

BEST GAME

BASTION

● iPad | iOS 5.1 | £2.99/\$4.99 | v1.0



There are so many games that could and indeed were put forward for this award. However, none had quite the impact that *Bastion* did on the iPad. Having started out life on the Xbox Live Arcade and PC, the transition to mobile device meant an overhaul of the touch controls. This aside, everything that made *Bastion* popular on those platforms remained, and these features are a big part of our reasoning for handing out this award.

The *Bastion* world is one the best looking we have ever seen. The hand-painted scenery and sheer uniqueness of the surroundings in which you find yourself are instantly engaging, and the reactive nature of the various levels as they appear around you makes simply walking in a straight line an exciting prospect. The other completely standout feature is the brilliant narration that follows you throughout the game, responding and changing based on the actions you take and the decisions you make. It makes *Bastion* feel like so much more than an action RPG. The monologue gives you hints about gameplay as well as snippets of back-story that only serve to make you hungrier to play and discover more about the world you're in.

All the scope and potential for upgrades adds more substance, and the occasionally epic battles with scores of enemies gives the bloodthirsty players the action they want. *Bastion* is the full package: from the Wild West style narration to the hand-painted scenery and unusual enemies. We haven't had a mobile gaming experience like it before or since.



"THE HAND-PAINTED SCENERY, AND SHEER UNIQUENESS OF THE GAME IS INSTANTLY ENGAGING"

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

We're honoured to see *Bastion* named Game of the Year by *Apps Magazine*! *Bastion* was our first foray into iOS development and we wanted to do all we could to make sure our game felt right at home in a portable format using touch controls. But the response has been even better than we could have expected. We're a small team of less than ten people here at Supergiant Games, so it's all the more thrilling to know we've been able to create



RUNNERS-UP

SKY GAMBLERS: AIR SUPREMACY

● iPad+ | iOS 5.0 | £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.3.5



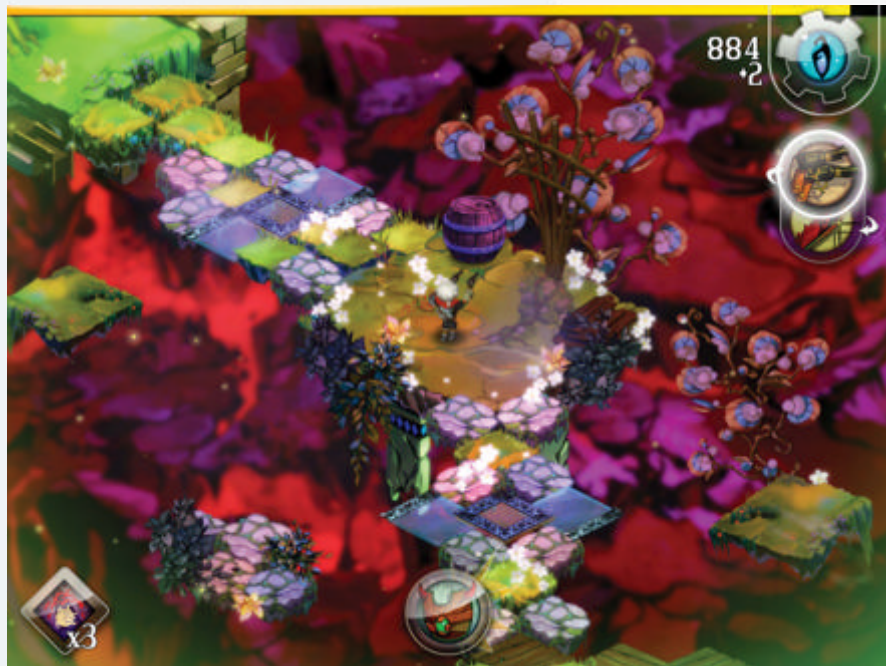
One of the first games to take advantage of Retina display, *Sky Gamblers* is a visual feast.

SLINGSHOT RACING

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3 | £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.2.2



Race to victory using hooks to slingshot around corners.



something that's left a strong impression on so many players out there. Thank you to the team at *Apps Magazine*, our distribution partners at Warner Bros., the team at Apple, and everyone who took a chance on our game. We sincerely hope you enjoyed it, and that whatever we come up with next will have a similar impact.

Greg Kasavin, Bastion developer

HONOURABLE MENTIONS

THE DOCUMENTARY AWARD: KINGDOM OF PLANTS WITH DAVID ATTENBOROUGH

● iPad | iOS 5.0 | £7.99/\$11.99 | v1.2.1



The iOS version of the BBC series that includes an impressive amount of new content as well as clips from the show.

THE PRETTY PLANET AWARD: STUCK ON EARTH

● iPad | iOS 5.0 | Free | v2.1.1



A great travel and atlas app that is built on stunning photography from around the world.

THE FLOWER POWER AWARD: EUFLORIA

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3 | £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.0.0



Colonisation and inter-stellar dominance, but not as you know it, thanks to the trees and flower pods that are your troops here.

THE SEE IT FROM THEIR SIDE AWARD: BAD PIGGIES

● iPhone | iOS 4.3 | £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.1.0



After several games where your aim is to batter the green pigs, it's time to see things from their perspective.

THE iMOVIE ALTERNATIVE AWARD: PINNACLE STUDIO

● iPad | iOS 5.1 | £6.99/\$9.99 | v2.0.2



Formerly Avid Studio, the clean interface and simple editing gestures make Pinnacle genuine competition.

THE RHYTHM AWARD: BEAT SNEAK BANDIT

● iPad+ | iOS 3.1.3 | £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.0



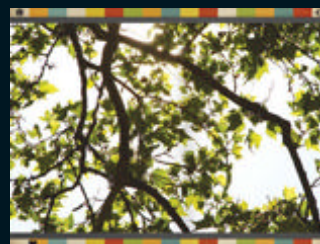
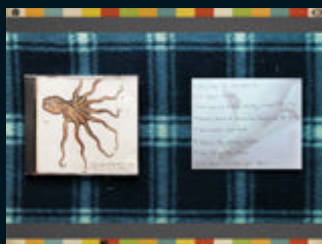
A quite brilliant game where players must tap in time to the beat in order to move through levels.

THE GORGEOUS OPEN WORLD AWARD: HORN

● iPad+ | iOS 4.0 | £4.99/\$6.99 | v1.2



While Horn has a wonderful blend of characters, the highlight is the beautiful landscape that you explore.



APP OF THE YEAR

CHOPSTICKS NOVEL

● iPad | iOS 5.1 | £2.99/\$4.99 | v1.0

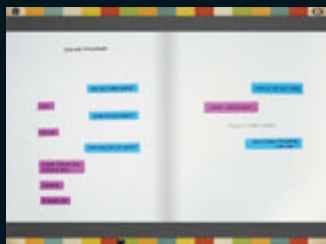
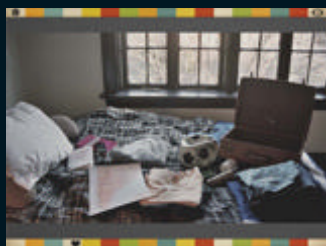


When we first reviewed *Chopsticks* back in Issue 18, we said that this interactive story had rewritten the formula for eBooks and user interaction with their device. This is a book that has no narrative text, no obvious chronology and in fact not even a lot of details about its central characters. Why then has it scooped our top prize? Because it changes the way you think about a story, and indeed the way you consume it. There are so many blanks that are intentionally left open to reader interpretation that if you asked ten people what *Chopsticks* was about, you would get ten different answers. In short it is a love story between two people who live next door to each other but are worlds apart, and we see their story through the physical things they share with one another, from mix tapes to cinema tickets, piecing it together as we go.

At the heart of this stunning and immersive story are two key features; the objects used for telling the story, and the design of the app.

They are weaved together beautifully to create an iOS experience that verges on feeling almost voyeuristic, such is the way you are allowed to pry into the lives of the main characters: Glory and Frank. We discover of Glory's travels and triumphs as a piano prodigy through newspaper clippings and recital programmes. Her blossoming relationship is conveyed through the mixtapes she and Frank make for each other, and the 'real time' instant message chats that take up certain pages of the book. The entire reading experience feels as if you have snuck into someone's attic and are going through boxes of their mementos and possessions, handwritten notes and personal photos; the ephemera of a relationship.

Where this app is also a triumph is the way it uses all the material at its disposal to make the interactive experience perfect. There are clever little touches throughout that make this app feel like it is right at the cutting edge of iOS interactivity without compromising on the minimalist nature of the interface.



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Where there are audio clips or other interactive features on a page, subtle music note animation hovers over the interactive area in question, and a single tap will give you either a video, more layers of content or an audio clip. YouTube links within IM conversations can be opened just the same way the characters would when they exchange them. It's as if you've jumped from spying on the conversation to suddenly being part of it yourself. You can even listen to the playlists Frank and Glory make for each other by tapping any song on the hand written playlist.

Chopsticks is memorable and utterly compelling for so many reasons; it's a daring presentation of interactive fiction that jumps between so many different types of book and story. Then to combine it with a smart and gorgeous interface only helps to suck in users effortlessly. Chopsticks changed the way we thought about interactive books and impacted us more than anything else this year, and for that reason deserves to stand alone in 2012.

RUNNERS-UP

FIGURE

● iPhone | iOS 5.0
| £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.2



The brilliant music generator has a gorgeous interface and some quite addictive functionality.

BASTION

● iPad | iOS 5.1
| £2.99/\$4.99 | v1.0



Hand-painted scenery, evolving landscapes and a reactive, clever narration that creates a one-of-a-kind gaming experience.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

We are deeply grateful to Apps Magazine for selecting our novel *Chopsticks* as App of the Year. This is an extraordinary honour for us, made even more so by the fact that neither of us has ever created a work of multimedia fiction before.

Chopsticks emerged from the desire to write a novel that could work simultaneously for page and screen. As we sat down to create the characters and landscapes that would fill our pages, it quickly became apparent that an App could offer readers of non-traditional narratives new options for experiencing a story, such as playing videos and listening to music in real time. But we had no idea what the outcome would be. Gradually, as our story unfolded, as the talented developers at Citrus Suite began sending us pages of the App, we watched in breathless awe as Glory and Frank's story literally came to life. It was like magic.

We are humbled that Apps has seen in *Chopsticks* what we see – a whole new platform for multimedia storytelling – and we thank you, abundantly, for this very special honour.

Jessica Anthony and Rodrigo Corral,
Chopsticks author and illustrator

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PERFECT PARTY APPS

MAKE LIKE JAY GATSBY AND HOST THE SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM APPS

SPEAKEASY COCKTAILS



This app deserves to be included not only because it is incredibly helpful for amateur mixologists, but it also looks fantastic as



an interactive menu. No party is complete without some tasty beverages, and *Speakeasy* comes with more than 200 recipes to choose from,

as well as video tutorials and infographics to guide you through the making and mixing process. You can decide on a drink based on specific ingredients, as well as get additional information on tools and techniques to make different types of cocktails.



Gives you all the knowledge and guidance to turn your party into a classy cocktail lounge experience.

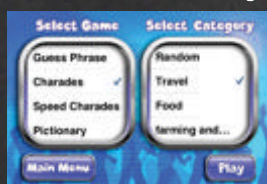
★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 5.0 | £8.99/\$12.99 | v3.0.7

PARTY GAMES!



Should you run out of ideas for keeping all of your guests entertained, *Party Games!* contains six game modes that can



all be played on a single device between multiple players, and includes classic party games like charades and Pictionary.

Customise certain games by adding new words for consideration, and there are in-app timers and scoreboards to help you keep track of who's winning. The app itself is very simple in terms of design and functionality, but this could be a good thing if its going to be passed around players at the party.

Very simple to use, but a nice way to inject some extra fun into your party.

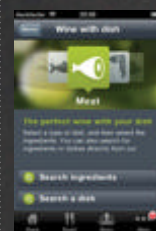
★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 2.2.1 | £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.3

WINSTEIN SOMMELIER



Should you wish your evening to have a slightly more sophisticated and civilised touch with your guests sat down for a



meal, you'll want to get the wine list just right. This is where *WineStein* comes in. It has a database of knowledge that takes any dish or ingredient that you input, and responds with a list of wines that are suitable to accompany it. If you use an internet connection with the app, you can also get instant, bespoke advice should you have a quick question that needs answering on the night. The app will even offer serving suggestions based on temperature and glass type.



A detailed wine app that gives you all the info you could ever need to keep your guests happy.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v2.13

PRO PARTY PLANNER



The interface of this app is one of its most impressive features, with screens to help you manage your guestlist as well as the layout of your party. When it comes to guests, *Pro Party Planner* has links to social networks



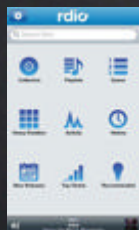
so you can stay on top of who is and isn't coming to the party. There is also an augmented reality feature which allows you to visualise where everything in your party will be, and how close it is to completion. Then when it comes to the day of the party, you can have a real-time party timeline running, with alerts to remind you of the various tasks that you have to do as the event unfolds. **A very handy planning app for before and during your big night.**

★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 5.0 | £2.99/\$4.99 | v1.5

RDIO



Rdio has more than 18 million tracks to choose from, which will come in very handy when you're trying to decide on a party playlist. The real winning feature here however is the ability to create collaborative playlists, whereby your party guests can add songs to the playlist so that the soundtrack to the evening has input from everyone. This can all be done from smartphones, which means less time huddling around the laptop, and more time socialising with the other guests. The app requires a subscription for unlimited access, but it might just be worth it.



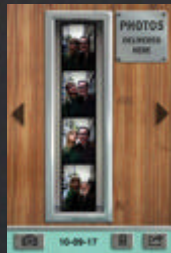
Makes the music at your party a much more social experience.
★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3 | Free | v1.4.2
● Android | OS 2.1 | Free | v2.2.11

POCKETBOOTH



You want to make your party memorable, and indeed have some physical memories to take away from it, so an app like *Pocketbooth* is ideal to help fulfil this. It gives your guests the chance to take advantage of photobooth style photos, and then share them via social networks quickly



and within a few taps of the device screen. You can add effects and filters to your images after taking them, and even print them wirelessly if you're a bit more old school and want to have them in your hand. However you use it, documenting with *Pocketbooth* will stop you forgetting an unforgettable night.

A simple and fun way to make some cool memories from your party.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | £0.69/\$0.99 | v2.0
● Android | OS 2.2 | £1.25/\$1.99 | v1.3.0



ABOVE: As well as the animated comic book, *NEOMAD* also includes a couple of live action videos



ABOVE: Despite its wild Western Australian setting, *NEOMAD* incorporates many cyberpunk features



NEOMAD INTERACTIVE COMIC FOR iPad

NEW MEETS OLD IN THIS SCI-FI ADVENTURE CELEBRATING ABORIGINAL CULTURE



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PROS/CONS

- ▲ Animation and live-action videos makes for a multimedia experience
- ▲ Fresh storytelling with a positive message
- ▼ Currently only has one episode
- ▼ Lack of added extras is disappointing



Interactive fiction is a genre that's becoming increasingly popular on the iPad. However, much of it is adapted from previous works. Whether it's classics reworked to fit in the digital domain, such as *Frankenstein* or *The Voyage of Ulysses*, or a tie-in with a big summer blockbuster like *Disney's Brave: Storybook Deluxe* - or the various *Avengers* apps, these stories have already been told once, and therefore lack some originality. The same cannot be said for *NEOMAD*.

Chasing a falling rocket booster across the Australian Outback in the year 2076, a rag-tag, day-glo painted gang called the Love Punks launch the first episode of this series. When they catch up with the fallen space junk, it is emblazoned with a mysterious glowing petroglyph.

Some of them think it is a sign of an alien invasion, while others think it is the mark of an ancient sky god, but all agree it is a bad omen. So begins a sci-fi adventure spanning space and time, as the young Love Punks save the universe from the as-yet-unknown threat.

Amazingly, this imaginative futuristic fantasy is actually based on real people and a real place. As part of a community arts project celebrating cultural heritage in Western Australia run by the Yijala Yala Project and BIG hART, 30 Aboriginal Australian kids initially made a video about zombies. Then, using Photoshop and tablets donated by Wacom, they created over 2000 animations for an online game about their local area, starring the Love Punks - 14 characters based on many of the children in the workshop. Somehow, this mix of video



INTERVIEW: CREATIVE DIRECTOR

Interactive comic book artist Stu Campbell spoke to us about working with children to create *NEOMAD*

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED WITH NEOMAD?

I first came to Roebourne, (Ieramugadu in Western Australia) in 2011, with a plan to illustrate traditional stories from the area. The Yijala Yala project was already working on a zombie film and the characters the kids created for themselves became known as the Love Punks. They then wanted to do more Love Punk stuff and I noticed that they spent heaps of time avoiding the 40 degree heat by playing video games inside. So I put the illustrated stories on hold and improvised a video game starring them. I taught them how to create stop motion animations of themselves using Photoshop and over four months they created 2,000 frames of animation. *NEOMAD* builds on the skills the kids learned through the game. The Yijala Yala Project is all about working with the community to create content and develop skills to communicate their cultural heritage, so we're always thinking of new ways to tell stories.

HOW INVOLVED WERE THE CHILDREN IN THE PLOTTING OF THE NEOMAD STORY AND MAKING IT?

The kids are very involved in the process behind *NEOMAD*. The story features them as the Love Punks; they have input into their dialogue and what they'd do or say in each different situation. They then record their dialogue so that when people tap on speech bubbles in the comic they can hear the kids' voices. They also use donated Wacom tablets and Photoshop to colour themselves in the comic. They do about 85 per cent of the colouring and have spent about 200 hours over 70 workshops to colour *NEOMAD Episode 1*.

HOW OLD WERE ALL THE CHILDREN INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION AND HOW WERE THEY SELECTED?

There are about 30 kids involved in the process, but there are 15 who feature as Love Punks in the first episode, in the film and as characters in the comic. We're working on

ABOVE: The scenes are colourfully illustrated by 30 children, many of whom also voice the characters



“NEOMAD WORKS VERY WELL AS A METAPHOR FOR THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE MAINTAINING THEIR TRADITIONAL IDENTITY IN A MODERNISING WORLD”

and computer animation came together and Stu Campbell, aka Sutu, the award-winning creator of the *NAWLZ Interactive Comic* cyberpunk series, was brought in to help make the multimedia story that is *NEOMAD*. The group of 11-year-olds then helped the digital artist animate and colour over 200 scenes and voice over 170 lines of dialogue. While it might seem odd using a sci-fi story to celebrate ancient Aboriginal culture, it works very well as a metaphor for the indigenous people maintaining their traditional identity in a modernising world.

Don't be put off *NEOMAD* because it is co-authored by children and created as a local project; this app is a high-end production, equal to any other interactive novel. Recognising this, the

interactive comic has showcased at the Pop Culture Expo in Perth and the Bucheon International Comics Festival and Digital Comic Conference in South Korea. Beautifully drawn, the landscape-orientated story makes the most of grand vistas as the rocket booster falls to earth and colourful close ups of the Love Punks' over-exaggerated cartoon expressions. Swiping and tapping makes the story unfold, triggering animated elements and turning the page.

NEOMAD currently only has the one episode, which is a mix of animated scenes and a live action cutaway, starring the real life Love Punks. Once you've read the story cover to cover and gone back to find all the hidden elements – in the form of extra character dialogue,



ABOVE: Future episodes of *NEOMAD* will be given away as free updates



ABOVE: Click on red triangles to trigger interactive elements and additional dialogue

indicated by small red triangular buttons – the story will last you about half an hour. While there are more episodes in production, which will be given away as free updates, and the first episode is visually interesting enough to warrant repeat viewing to take it all in, it is a shame *NEOMAD* doesn't come with more easter eggs or extras. Currently, there is only a short film of the kids performing a 'junk percussion' music video.

With such a unique back-story, this is one of the few apps that would genuinely benefit from a behind-the-scenes documentary, rather than summarising it in the plain text About section. Also, with the kids having started out creating a Love Punks online game, it would have been great to have an in-app link to this.

Entertaining interactivity, colourful illustrations, and a worthy cause make this more than an ordinary comic book.

★★★★★

● iPad | iOS 4.3 | £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.1

ALTERNATIVELY...

Five more pioneering interactive story apps



01 NAWLZ
INTERACTIVE
COMIC

The solo project that won Sutu awards, this cyberpunk tale is more adult and bleaker in its themes than *NEOMAD*.

● iPad | iOS 4.3
| Free | v1.1.0



02 BOTTOM OF
THE NINTH

This fully animated baseball comic is cutting-edge.

● iPad+ | iOS 5.0 |
£2.49/\$3.99 | v1.0.1



03 DRACULA:
THE OFFICIAL
STOKER FAMILY EDITION

Beautiful illustrations and interactive elements.

● iPad | iOS 4.3
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.2



04 THE
LAND
OF ME:
STORY TIME

Kids pick the hero, the theme and how it ends, then watch the story come to life.

● iPad | iOS 4.0
| Free | v1.0



05 TREASURE
ISLAND

Beautiful illustrations, rich audio, and compelling animation.

● iPad | iOS 4.2
| £2.99/\$4.99 | v1.42

Episode 2 now, it's called *The Last Crystal* and introduces the Satellite Sisters, a group of girls who've been involved and a few more adult characters. We run workshops in the school and after school as well. We try to play to the strength of the kids and they kind of self-select. Some are awesome at Photoshop and others are great actors. There are others who love dancing or music so they're involved in stuff like the Junk Punks music clip – which was an extra in *Episode 1*.

DID YOU LEARN ANYTHING NEW WHILE MAKING NEOMAD?

I've learned a lot about the Aboriginal culture. Some of my Indigenous friends have taken me out into the country a few times. We've been hunting, shot some bush turkeys and kangaroos and cooked them over a fire. The kangaroo tail's the best part! I've heard a lot of great stories, new and old, stories that have transformed my view of the

country and how we relate to it. I've also learned a lot about teaching. I'm not a formally trained teacher and I had to think up way to teach the young people new skills while also achieving a professional creative output.

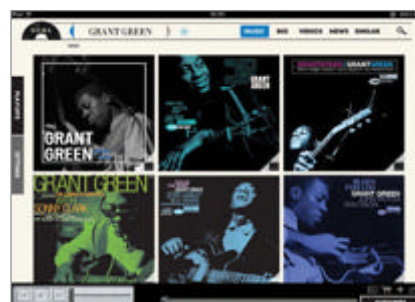
WHAT DO YOU THINK THE ADVANTAGES ARE OF AN INTERACTIVE COMIC OVER TRADITIONAL STORYTELLING?

The interactive capability helps to reinforce how the story is based on real people. The kids love tapping the speech bubbles to hear the voices, and for the ones who can't read so well it's definitely an aid. We currently have a cast of about 40 community members with new recruits coming on board for *Episode 3*. The comic also includes music and sound design. Some of the music is traditional song recorded with community elders. From a community arts project point of view, the multiple mediums allow more flexibility for involvement. In the

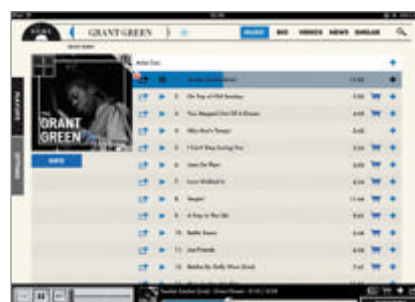
future we'll be including functionality to toggle between English and the local indigenous language. This technical function serves the dual purpose of teaching language but also preserving that which is currently endangered.

HOW MANY EPISODES OF NEOMAD WILL THERE BE AND THEN WHAT CAN WE EXPECT FROM THE LOVE PUNKS?

There will be two more episodes of *NEOMAD* out early next year as free updates. A few of the Love Punks will be performing in a stage show called *Hipbone Sticking Out* that will tour nationally next year. They're involved in other elements of the Yijala Yala Project including assisting me to colour other stories that have been created in collaboration with some men from the community. Ngurrara, about the Burrup Peninsula, is written by Tyson Mowarin. There's also a creation story and a family story, all three will form a Pilbara anthology.



ABOVE: The Bio screen will give you artist history, including playing style and influences



ABOVE: You can listen to 30-second clips, but if you want more you'll need a subscription

BLUE NOTE BY GROOVEBUG

AN ESSENTIAL APP FOR ALL JAZZ LOVERS



iTunes is a fantastic resource for music of all genres. However, if you're looking for something with a bit more depth, based around one specific genre, you're often better off visiting the App Store. *Blue Note by Groovebug* is a perfect example of this.

Based on the American jazz label established in 1939, it offers a wealth of content for musos to enjoy. Once logged in, you're welcomed by a main interface displaying featured artists, albums, and playlists. Visually the app is appealing, making it easy to navigate and access content. From the main screen you can browse through

featured artists and select an album to listen to. You can only hear 30-second snippets, but for £1.49/\$1.99 a month, you can enjoy the full track.

Far from just a music player, the app has a wealth of extra content. Select one of the musicians, and from the Bio section you'll be able to read all about their beginnings, who they played with, and more. There's even a News tab for old newspaper articles for stories related to the artist. On top of that, you can watch a range of videos, including live performances, and the app will suggest similar artists you may like. And the best part is that you can do all this while listening to an

album in the background. What's more, with the music controls locked to the bottom-left corner of the screen, you can play, pause and skip no matter what screen you're on.

Other features on offer are playlists, an image gallery, a search function, and even AirPlay mirroring. Ideally we'd like more artists and tracks available, but we expect more to be added with future updates. For any fan of jazz though, this is a real gem.

A great app for jazz lovers, which will be worthy of five stars once more content is added.

★★★★★

● iPad | iOS 5.0 | Free | v1.1.2

Pros/Cons

- ▲ Packed full of excellent features
- ▲ Clean, clear, and easy to navigate
- ▼ Limited number of artists and albums currently available
- ▼ Requires an internet connection to work



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ALTERNATIVELY...

Other iPad apps for jazz lovers



01 THE HISTORY OF JAZZ
Discover the roots of jazz and how it grew over the decades. Packed with videos and info. A top app for hepcats.
● iPad | iOS 4.2
| £6.99/\$9.99 | v2.1



02 JAZZ FM IPAD EDITION
Listen to classic tracks all day long on this dedicated station, along with specialist jazz and soul shows.
● iPad | iOS 3.2
| Free | v1.3



03 100 JAZZ LEGENDS
A guide to the greatest, this app has some stunning photography, and recordings from icons.
● iPad | iOS 5.0
| £4.99/\$6.99 | v1.2.0



04 HOUSE OF JAZZ
Browse and purchase a range of albums from legends like Miles Davis, Art Blakey and Chet Baker.
● iPad | iOS 4.0
| Free | v1.3



05 JAZZOLGY
A perfect tool for anyone wishing to play jazz - a collection of sheet music to help you master the basics.
● iPad | iOS 3.2
| £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.1

HABU MUSIC

WHAT DOES YOUR MUSIC SAY ABOUT YOU?



HABU Music is a mood-based music app that allows you to explore what the songs you listen to say about your personality. When you first open the app, **HABU** will automatically begin to analyse all the music stored on your device. Each song is carefully processed and then tagged with a unique co-ordinate that appears on a 'mood map'. After the app has analysed all the songs on your device, you can get an idea of what your music says about you, and see the type of music

you listen to the most. Each co-ordinate can be then pressed to see the song that corresponds to it, and get a little bit of information how the co-ordinate was placed there.

For a more general overview of your personality, you can simply press on one of the moods listed within the app to see what kind of music you enjoy, and why. Once you've fully explored your mood map, you can share it on Facebook; although the image that is displayed on your profile appears awfully distorted.

The app also has a fantastic recommendation feature that will offer you suggestions of songs you might want to listen to based on the analysis of your songs. It's a great way of discovering new music, but it could do with adding more suggestions. With each track that is recommended to you, you've a free 30-second preview of the song to listen to, and then the

opportunity to purchase the song to add to your selection.

The user interface throughout the app is a pleasure to use. Going through menus and controlling the mood map is a breeze, and **HABU** has done a good job getting the app ready to be used on tablets, filling a definite niche in the market at the same time. The app can be used on Android phones, but the layout and orientation of the app makes it a very clumsy experience, and one that severely detracts from its appeal.

It's hard to guess the type of audience that'll enjoy **HABU**, but the features that it possesses make it a tablet app worth checking out. Phone users should stay clear, however.

A truly unique app that every tablet owner should own.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 4.3 | £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.1.0
● Android | OS 3.0 | £0.63/\$0.99 | v1.0.2

Pros/Cons

- ▲ Unique features that uses a great tablet UI
- ▲ Sourcing new songs is easy
- ▼ Limited amount of song suggestions
- ▼ Phone conversion is utterly awful



ABOVE: Purchase recommended songs based upon your 'mood map'



ABOVE: Each dot corresponds to one song



ALTERNATIVELY...

Five apps to identify new music



01 MUSICID
Find the name of any song playing around you in a jiffy.
● Android | OS 2.2 | £0.61/\$0.92 | v3.0.2
● iPad+ | iOS 4.0 | £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.4.1



02 SOUNDHOUND
Recognises songs and gives you a purchasing link.
● Android | Varies | £3.99/\$5.99 | Varies
● iPad+ | iOS 4.3 | £4.99/\$6.99 | v5.1



03 SOUNDCLOUD
Listen to artists or upload your own music to share with the web.
● Android | OS 2.1 | Free | v2.3.0
● iPad+ | iOS 4.3 | Free | v2.3.1



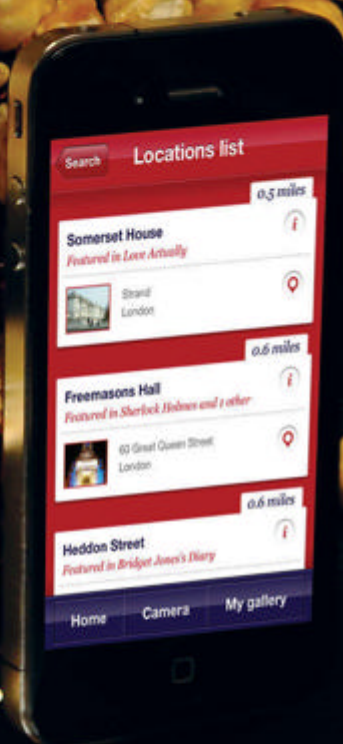
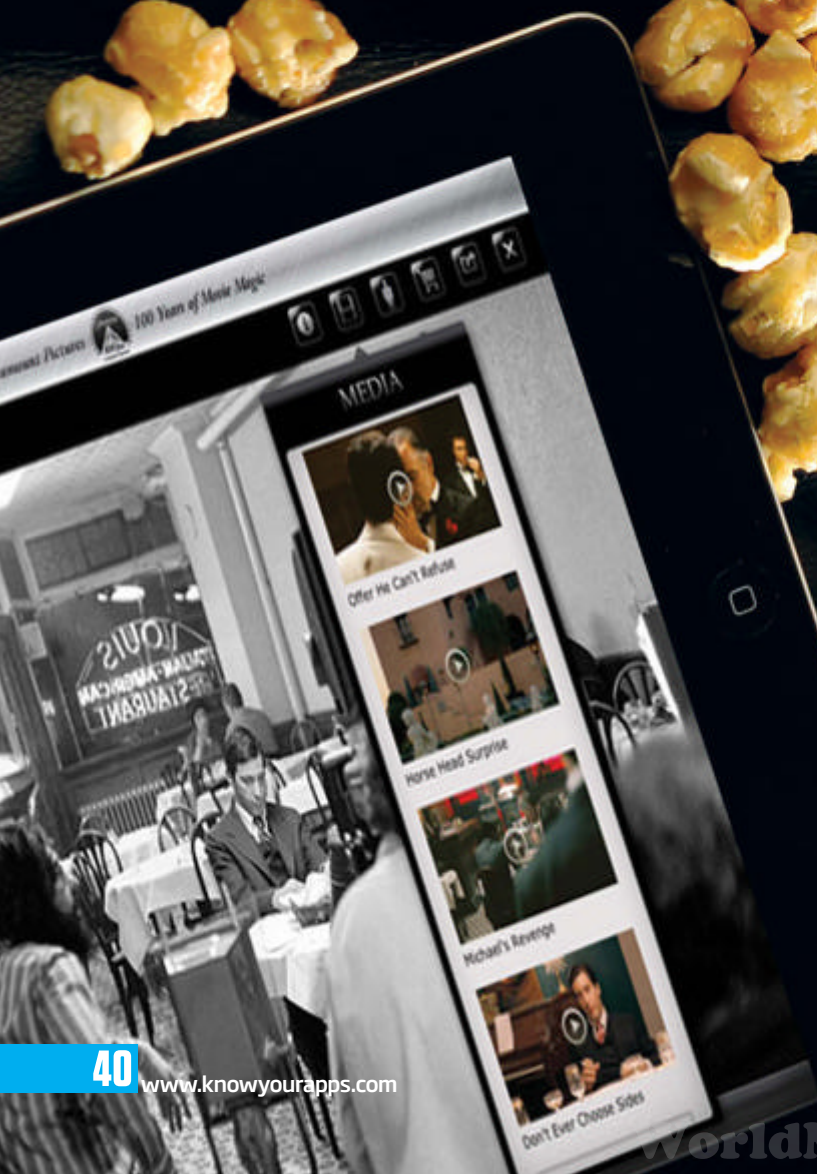
04 SPOTIFY
A brilliant streaming service, with over 13 million tracks.
● Android | OS 2.1 | Free | v0.5.3.56
● iPad+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v0.5.6



05 DEEZER
Suggests tunes based on previously listened to songs.
● Android | OS 1.6 | Free | v3.11.9
● iPad+ | iOS 3.0 | Free | v4.6

CINEMA USHER APPS

BOOK YOUR TICKETS, ENHANCE YOUR TRIVIA KNOWLEDGE, AND DISCOVER HOLLYWOOD NEWS WITH THESE FILM BUFF-FRIENDLY APPS



RUNPEE.COM



This brilliantly conceived app tells you the perfect time to run to the bathroom during a movie without missing major plot developments, and even has a torch to help you get there. The app will also alert you if there are any post-credit trailers and includes a spoiler-free synopsis of the first three minutes in case you're late. Also includes social media

links and links to Rotten Tomatoes and IMDb.



Don't let the call of nature ruin your cinema experience with this ideal app.



● iPhone+ | iOS 4.0 | £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.4.1
● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v1.4.1

IMDb MOVIES & TV



Do you love a particular actor or director and want to explore more of their work? Then IMDb



is for you. Offering a page for over 4 million celebrities, each entry includes a biography, a filmography of their past and scheduled works, trailers, relevant news stories, trivia, quotes, and a photo gallery. A major perk is, that although you are prompted to log in as a user, not doing so doesn't inhibit your access to any aspect of the app.



The who's who of Hollywood, IMDb offers an encyclopedic knowledge of cinema.



● iPad+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v2.8
● Android | Varies | Free | Varies

VARIETY iPad EDITION



Hollywood insider magazine Variety is renowned for providing the hottest news on film and TV.



While the content this app provides maintains the high standard, it is only because this free download consists of an in-app browser for variety.com and a reader for subscribers to explore digital editions.

If you are a subscriber, *Variety iPad Edition* enables you to pour over all the glamorous photos using a reverse-pinch zoom gesture and an 11-month back catalogue.

This showbiz apps offers top-quality news in a low-quality app.

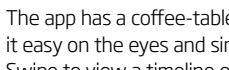


● iPad | iOS 4.3 | Free | v2.3.9

PARAMOUNT 100



A commemorative app to mark Paramount Pictures' centenary, *Paramount 100* is a celebration of the studio's output. View photo albums, watch clips, and even listen to original scores from classic films.



The app has a coffee-table interface, making it easy on the eyes and simple to navigate. Swipe to view a timeline of movie posters, or why not put your movie knowledge to the test with a 100 question Scenelt? Quiz.



Ideal for nostalgic films buffs that want to celebrate a century of cinema history.

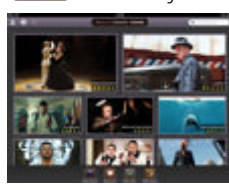


● iPad | iOS 4.0 | Free | v1.1

60SECOND REVIEWS MOVIES



For £4.99 a year, *60secondreviews Movies* offers minute-long video reviews by critic Nick Duncalf. It's



well executed, with high-quality production, expert knowledge and a simple, gesture-based user interface. The videos are easily digestible, but if you want more info there are in-app links to the full movie trailer on YouTube, the movie's website and the option to join the debate on Twitter. So simple, it's surprising there aren't more apps like this. Though, it's unlikely they would be able to do it with such finesse.

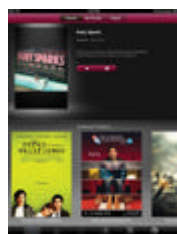


● iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | Free | v1.0

FILMTRAILER



Doing exactly what it says on the tin, this video app provides video trailers for the latest releases, plus



brief synopses and a list of stars. The trailers are regularly updated for new releases and include a substantial back catalogue. However, scrolling back through pages of videos can be quite lagging, with lengthy loading times. To save time, you can star your favourite trailers. Beyond this, the app offers little except a link to IMDb, where you will find more info.

Offers videos for all the latest movies releases, but not much else.



● iPad+ | iOS 4.2 | Free | v2.0.1

BRITISH FILM LOCATIONS



With everything from Mr Darcy's estate in *Pride and Prejudice* to the Sheffield steelworks of *The Full Monty*, *BFL* allows you to search by location or film and uses GPS to calculate your proximity in miles. Unfortunately, it's a little underdeveloped with less than a hundred entries. However, film buffs

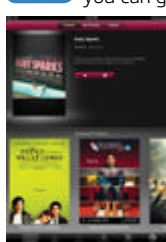
can upload their own images and suggest additional locations for more content.

Explore the real life-film sets and add your own images to the database.



● iPhone+ | iOS 4.2 | Free | v3.2
● Android | OS 1.5 | Free | v1.0

MOVIES BY FLIXSTER



Want to know how a new film played with the critics, where you can go see it, watch a trailer, and explore the cast's previous filmography? Look no further than this app. Integrated with Facebook and Netflix, you can share your film ratings with friends and add releases to your reserved queue. This app offers a fantastic array of information. However, tapping the retractable sidebar to view each entry gets old, fast.



This app offers a cinematic smorgasbord with reviews, trailers and show times.



● iPad+ | iOS 4.3 | Free | v5.7.1
● Android | Varies | Free | Varies

ACTION MOVIE FX



Did you walk out of *Skyfall* clutching your smartphone like *James Bond*'s pistol? Act out your action hero

fantasies with *Action Movie FX*. Shoot five seconds of footage, then insert a car crash or missile attack. Four effects are included in the free download, with alien invasion and natural disasters also available by in-app purchase. Beyond this, the app offers little except a gallery, and would be enhanced if you could import existing video from your Camera Roll. **Bring some Hollywood magic to your life with this explosive special effects app.**



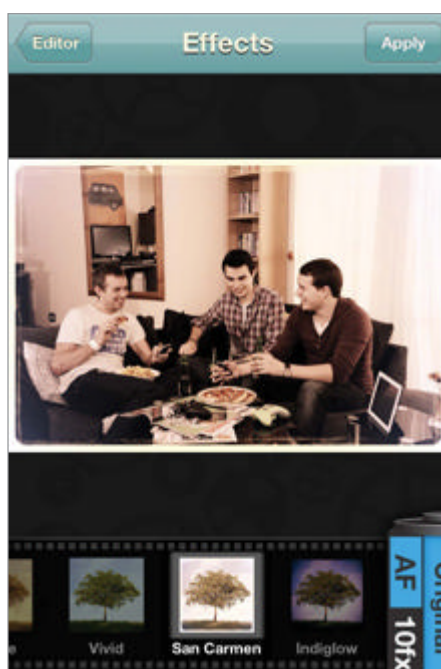
● iPad+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v2.1.2

VINTAGE DECO

DECORATE YOUR PHOTOS AND SEND THEM AS POSTCARDS



Photo editing apps are certainly not a new phenomenon on the App Store, with new spins on the concept appearing on a regular basis – *Vintage Deco* being one such app. What it has done is not get too obsessed with the actual editing and filter part of the process, with just 11 filters on offer compared to more than 300 badges and retro-style postage stamps, stickers and other decorations you can add to an image. There is, however, a hint of customisation with a very light editing suite available after you've selected the image you want to work on. The tools on offer mostly apply retouches automatically, with several settings of image sharpening available as well as some brightness tweaks before you get into the strongest area of the app. The decoration of your image is in two stage – choosing a frame and then dotting the photo itself with various stickers and badges. These are broken down into five sections, each one themed, including a section dedicated to



various stamps or prints and one full of letters from old newspapers. The idea is that you can then drop these in, resize them and decorate your image using the app's touchscreen gestures.

As an added bonus, when it comes to sharing your now framed and decorated image, you can have it printed and sent as a postcard, as well as uploading it to the usual social networks.



Vintage Deco then may not be a ground-breaking app, but it's fun, easy to use, and makes a pleasant change to other image-augmenting apps you've grown tired of.

Write home about the app with a postcard that you designed yourself; good fun.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 5.0 | Free | v1.1

iPLAYER RADIO

THE CATCH-UP TV SERVICE EXTENDS TO THE AIRWAVES

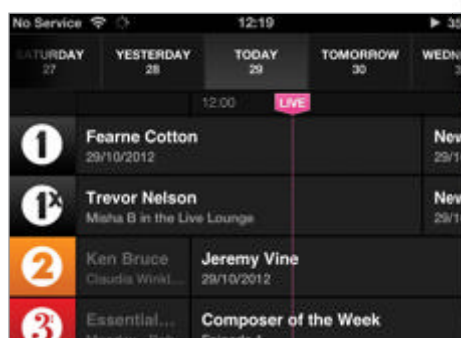


Catch-up TV services have been incredibly popular since they first arrived on iOS devices, with the idea of being able to watch shows on your time and wherever you happen to be having its obvious advantages.

The BBC have taken this idea and run with it, because following on from the success of the iPlayer service for TV, we now have a dedicated app for Auntie Beeb's numerous radio stations. It's also clear that this app is anything but a spur of the moment release because of the polish of the interface and the impressive depth of functionality that you can get from the app. In portrait orientation you can quickly jump between stations using the icon-based dial, with every BBC station, including region and language-specific services available to users. On the subject of regions, there is also a Find Local Radio tab that gives users the chance to find the nearest BBC station to them.

Turn your iPhone to landscape and the interface morphs to show you a TV guide-style schedule of the current shows on the air, and allows you to scroll through and see what's coming up, as far as two days in advance.

RIGHT: *iPlayer Radio* also comes with a Podcast section, where you can search by station and listen in-app



ABOVE: Turn your iPhone sideways and the interface changes, with full schedules across stations

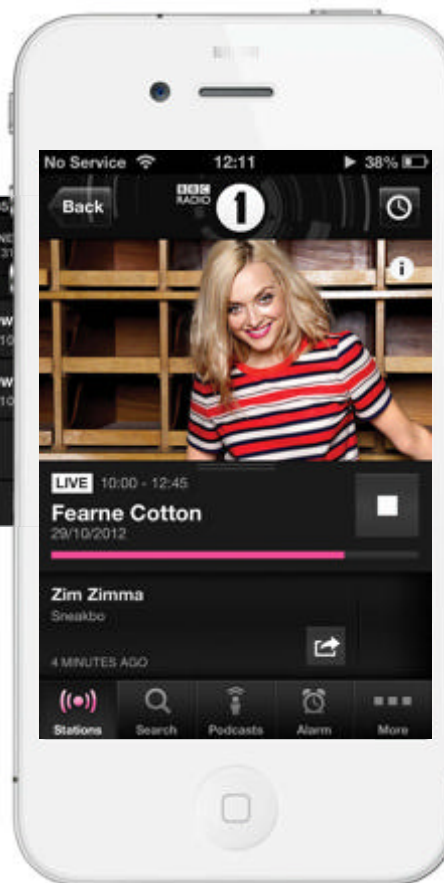
Impressively, *iPlayer Radio* also includes a Podcasts section where you can browse the free downloads by station and listen to them in-app. You can then even set an alarm so you can wake up to your favourite radio station. It's very easy to see this app becoming one of your most used.

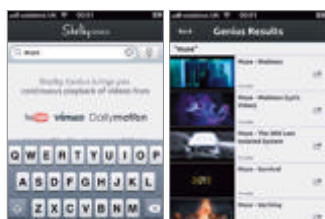


Well designed, with a nice range of features beyond the obvious listening benefits.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 5.0 | Free | v1.0.2





SHELBY GENIUS



If it's short bursts of visual entertainment you seek, then why spend time trawling through YouTube, Vimeo and DailyMotion when this app will do it for you? That's right, one simple search will unearth the videos you want to watch from all three of those sites and list them in one long splurge of hits. If you are an iOS 6 user then you can share the videos via email, Twitter or Facebook - which is strange, as it doesn't seem like something that would be too hard for an iOS 5 device to handle - and watch the videos on your TV via AirPlay, with your device as a remote.

A decent and functional app for those of you with a) iOS 6 and b) a hankering for web video content.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 5.0 | Free | v1.1.6



PIKO - KID VIDEO PLAYER

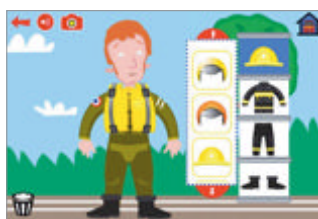


Currently US-only, this app pulls together bright and perky content from a range kids' TV shows. Featured characters include *Rastamouse* and *Monster Math Squad*, and you can scroll through featured content on the main menu and play it through a kiddie-friendly video player. It's mainly songs and short cartoon presentations, but there is a slight degree of interaction to be enjoyed. A decent compendium to keep young minds focused for a bit, but there isn't a great deal to keep them coming back.

Provides a short, sharp sensory overload for young minds, but the content is a little flimsy at present.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v1.1



NOISY NEE NAW!



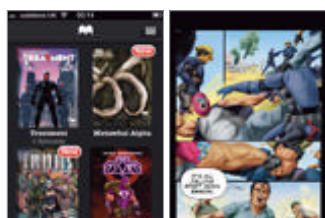
Firemen have always held a special place in the heart of young children, so what better

subject matter for a charming interactive app to help develop your child's dexterity, memory skills, and stimulate their creativity? Included are three games designed to enhance the aforementioned skillsets - the best being *Fast Fire Fighters*, a driving game in which you tilt the device to steer the engine back to the station - plus plenty of photo-taking and noise-making facilities. Brought to us by Ladybird, the quality is assured and the price is an absolute steal.

A polished and enthralling activity app that will claw some 'you' time back from your little angels.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 4.3 | £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.0



MADEFIRE

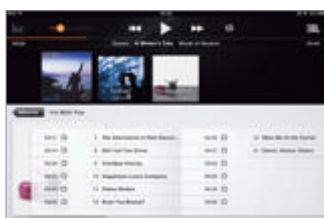


This, we like - as it really puts one up on the original wave of comic-viewing apps. This is a new and exciting way to discover comics, as the publications that you download and read through the app are partially animated, feature sound effects, and are brilliantly presented. Rather than just being a reading portal, *Madefire* doesn't just embrace iOS technology, it invites it in and cooks it a meal - and the result is a truly unforgettable experience. It needs significantly more content, which will undoubtedly come in time, but even in its infancy this app deserves to be adored.

A staggering marriage of comics and tech that will leave you purring.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v1.4.1



JBL MusicFlow



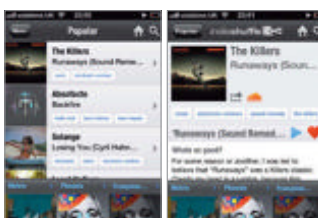
We were intrigued by the intentions of this app. Its iTunes blurb talks of the days

when listening to music was still a ceremony and how this app will make your music library tangible again - what guff. The only way this app differs from your default Music app is by allowing you to create playlists quicker. It doesn't even let you display the artwork any larger, which makes *JBL MusicFlow's* nostalgia-inducing blurb of recalling the days when you used to gaze adoringly at beautiful album artwork somewhat wide of the mark - and more's the pity.

A good playlist creator. But beware that everything will only sound better through JBL speakers!

★★★★★

● iPad | iOS 4.2 | Free | v1.0.1



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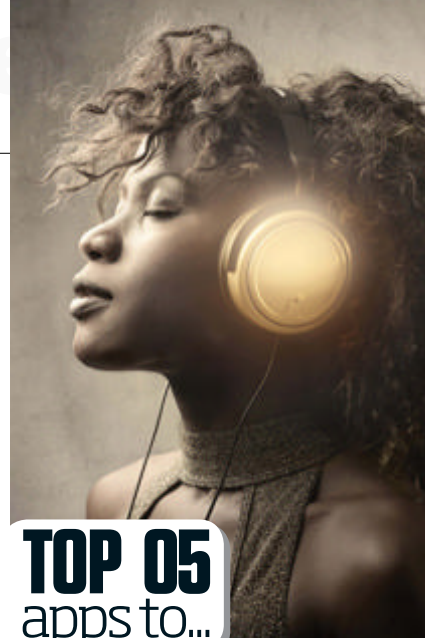
Anyone who has used *SoundCloud* will know what a great method it provides for breaking

bands and getting new music heard. Well this app takes its content from *SoundCloud* and sources all of the most exciting new stuff for you, potentially freeing up hours of your time and still providing a rich new jukebox of professionally crafted and engaging musical content. You can search for songs by category, add them to your personal playlist, and share them with others in just a few taps. What's more, the app's interface is totally ad-free and stylishly presented.

A quick and easy way to discover new bands and new sounds, like our current fave - Hoodie Allen!

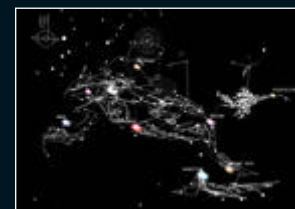
★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 5.1 | Free | v1.0



TOP 05 apps to...

GO DEEPER INTO MUSIC



01 BJORK BIOPHILIA



An extraordinary multimedia experience with interactive versions of every song on the album of the same name.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 4.1 | £8.99/\$12.99 | v1.5

02 THE XX



Watch exclusive videos for The XX's new album *Coexist*.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 4.3 | Free | v2.0

● Android | OS 3.0 | Free | v1.0

03 MONSTER IN YOU



Import a photo of yourself and be transformed into one of Lady Gaga's monsters.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 4.0 | £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.2

04 ESCAPE TO PLASTIC BEACH



Tying in with Gorillaz' most recent album, play as the band's weird characters.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 3.1 | £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.1

05 GRAPHIC ELVIS



Featuring a comic about the King written by *Spider-Man* creator Stan Lee and various Elvis memorabilia.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 4.2 | £1.99/\$9.99 | v1.00

● Android | OS 2.0.1 | £6.24/\$9.99 | v1.00



SING LIKE A SUPERSTAR

TURN YOUR VOICE FROM HELLISH TO HARMONIOUS USING YOUR DEVICE

GLEE KARAOKE



This is certainly one of the most rounded singing apps out there. You can purchase loads of classics to belt out into your iPhone's internal mic and, best of all, pitch correction, reverb and harmonic overlays are used to make you sound better than you actually are. You can then take your digitally-enhanced voice online and compete against the world. **Makes you think you sound great before leaving you wide open for global ridicule. Love it!**

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0.1
| Free | v3.2.3

STARMAKER: KARAOKE + AUTO-TUNE



This offers a similar package to *Glee*, but it feels a lot more like a game with its own set of Achievements and the ability to compete against friends. You still have to buy the bulk of the songs to sing, but there are well over 700, and an in-built auto-tuner will make your bum notes palatable. **You will need to pay out for a song subscription to get the most out of the app, but it'll make you feel like a true star.**

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v2.5

GARAGEBAND



Whereas most of the other apps here are draped in suitably showbiz tackiness, Apple's own potential star-maker is a lot subtler. Through a smart interface, you can lay down vocals and dress them up with a selection of effects before mixing your voice into a range of instruments to create your own original compositions. Which beats warbling along to George Michael any day.



An incredibly versatile app for recording your voice.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 5.1
| £2.99/\$4.99 | v1.3

VOCODER (VOICE CHANGER)



Vocoders apply a wacky pitch shift and modulation effect to your voice – this app does exactly that, with six different effects to run your voice through. All you have to do is speak into your iPhone's microphone and let the magic happen, though unfortunately, it's a very limited app.

A bit too much of a novelty app to be making any real avant-garde sounds with your voice.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 4.1
| £0.69/\$0.99 | v3.1

SING HARMONIES



This intriguing app allows you to listen to four-part harmonies sung over a modest range of songs, and then phase one part out to replace it with your own voice, and harmonise with the remaining singers. It's an interesting way to help train your voice to complement – and be complemented – by others, but has a pretty high novelty factor.

A good idea but it needs to be developed further to merit the price tag. Needs more songs!

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 3.0
| £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.0



ABOVE: Tap and hold album artwork to open the pop-up menu for adding a song to your library or downloading for offline listening

NAPSTER BY RHAPSODY

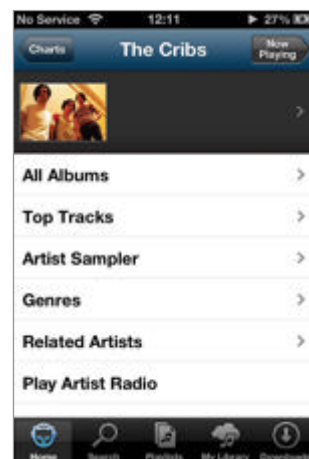
RELAUNCHED AND REINVIGORATED TO TAKE ON SPOTIFY AND CO



Napster is back to try and get slice of the mobile music streaming market, with a polished service that is aimed at permanently dragging you away from *Spotify* - or indeed any other streamer you're currently using. From first impressions, there is certainly enough here to turn your head, with a very simple-to-understand and navigate interface that is based around various themed searches you can do based on artist name, album title and so on, as well as charts highlighting the most popular tracks within the service. You can simply tap the desired track to play it, but a tap and hold will allow you to download the track so you can listen offline. You can also create custom playlists to keep coming back to, or build a queue of songs to listen to this time around.

As well as being able to search out tracks and albums, *Napster* has a personalised internet radio service with themed stations either based on an artist you like and their influences, or there are plenty of pre-programmed stations available from the home screen.

It really shows off the all-encompassing sound experience that is possible through *Napster*, and although you will need a subscription in order to



ABOVE: You can download entire albums, shuffle songs, and create playlists

ABOVE: Search for an artist to get the essential information you need

permanently use the service, the free trial might be enough to convince you that *Napster* does have a place in your musical world.

Simple, intuitive, and full of great ways to listen to and discover music. *Napster* is back.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 4.2 | Free | v2.2.14

● Android | OS 1.6 | Free | v3.0.1.89

WHY DID THE CHICKEN CROSS THE ROAD? (MOBILE)

TO AVOID THIS APP?



It is an age-old question - what this app has tried to do is take the humour route, but with a serious back-story. It's a nice idea for spoof entertainment, and the thought of a short animated film parodying the whole thing sounds like a good way to kill a few minutes.

However, it's here that the issues start to appear. The film itself is only two minutes long, leaving you with the strange sense of feeling short-changed from an app that is free to download. The animation is nice and there are some good extras that allow you to see original copies of the script - and how the film went from storyboard to final cut - but you also can't help but feel that you're not really getting anything.

Hope remains by way of the Games section, and while the Egg Catching Eggtravaganza and Whack-a Robin are enjoyable, both aren't enough to completely redeem the app from its initial shortcomings. It's a shame, as visually there are only good things to be said about the work Wonky Films has done, but for an app that obviously markets itself as one of humour, there is very little that will actually have you laughing.

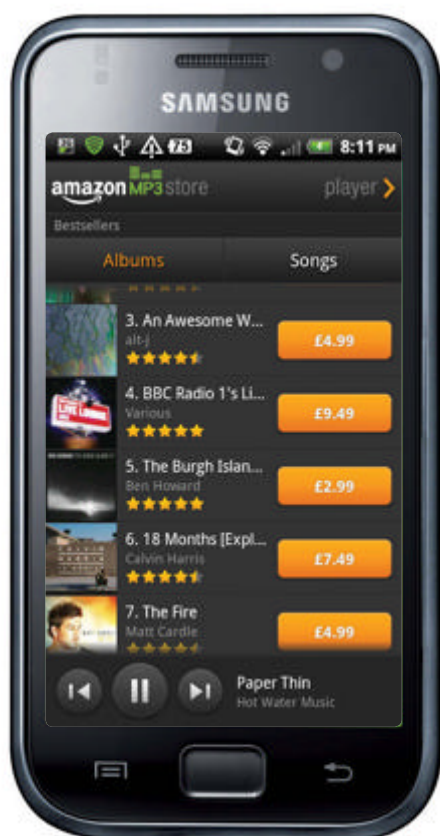


BELOW: The short film is nicely animated, but lacking in terms of length and humour

Looks promising on the surface, but the 'film' is far too short and the comedy is lacking.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 4.0 | Free | v1



ABOVE: The selection of music is wide and diverse, as you would hope

AMAZON MP3

BRINGING YOUR MUSIC TO THE CLOUD

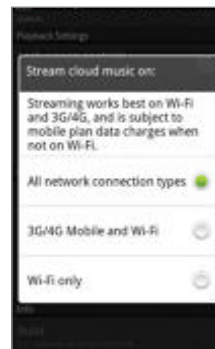


Time was, you'd download an MP3 and be saddled with it on a single device, unable to even transfer it to anything else. But draconian DRM fell and sharing technologies progressed – to the point where we now have services like Amazon's cloud MP3 app: a useful music library/player that comes to you for the great big price of nothing.

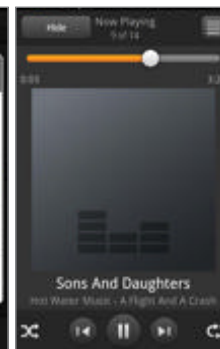
You can use *Amazon MP3* as a straightforward, no-frills music player – and it performs admirably as just that. You can also browse, buy and download thousands of albums or individual tracks from thousands of artists through Amazon's own service, built in to the app. It's well integrated, simple and well stocked with popular – and less popular – tracks.

The unique aspect to *Amazon MP3* though is the ability to purchase and stream songs from the cloud. This means you don't actually download them, so free space on your phone isn't an issue – just internet/data connection. We tested over a period of days and encountered no problems at all on a Wi-Fi connection, but 3G did lag fairly often.

You can also link up your library from songs and albums purchased on Amazon's services elsewhere. Though admittedly it would be a bit



ABOVE: Wi-Fi and 4G are fine for streaming, but 3G can sometimes lag



ABOVE: You can just use standard downloaded MP3s if you prefer

strange if you couldn't, what with this being a cloud service and all.

All in all, *Amazon MP3* is a solid if unspectacular app, and is hard not to recommend – especially when you don't have to lay down any cash.

A solid, no-frills music service with a good selection of music and the pedigree of Amazon behind it.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 2.1 | Free | v2.7.1

MUSICOVERY

MOOD MUSIC TO PUT YOU IN A FOUL ONE



The Musicoverly website has existed for a while, so it was with some joy that we learned there would be an official app of the music-mood discovery service. Unfortunately, it's not all turned out for the best.

The basic idea is still an intriguing one, allowing users to combine their own music with streaming tracks from the service. They then slide their finger around the screen to choose a mood of music, and it will play accordingly. You can turn off the streaming or your own tracks, meaning you can have a totally random or totally controlled experience. It's a fun system.

Unfortunately, it's just not carried out that well, with clumsy design – inaccurate selections, countless spelling errors and a lack of notification icon being just three elements – letting it down.

The problems don't just come with the execution of ideas though, and unfortunately veer into the realm of technical hitches. We experienced a number of crashes after syncing a large selection of MP3s. On deleting and retrying with fewer songs, things were far more stable. It's an odd quirk and one that will surely be ironed out, but for the time being it can be a

RIGHT: Options stretch to allow you to select your genres and time periods – a good touch



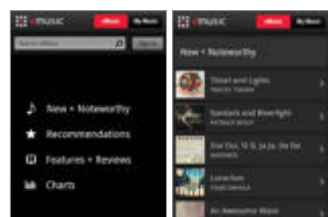
deal-breaker if you have a lot of music. All in all, *Musicoverly* is an interesting idea marred by odd design choices and glitches that just shouldn't exist. There's potential, but for now there's not much else beyond that.



A good idea, just not carried off too well. Hopefully will improve with updates.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v1.0.1



EMUSIC



If you love music then this app will provide everything you need to manage and play a host of tunes from your phone, enjoying your own songs to the max. But the key element to *eMusic* is that it works as a discovery app for you to hear new tunes. This is based on the music you listen to, so the recommended songs are in line with your taste. Playlists can be created and you can learn all about a particular artist with information provided. You can also listen to samples of tracks and, if you are an *eMusic* member, download songs and listen to *eMusic* radio.

Navigation can be difficult and there are some bugs, but it compares well to rivals.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v1.3.1



MX PLAYER



As soon as the *MX Player* codec is installed - which you do within the app - this program

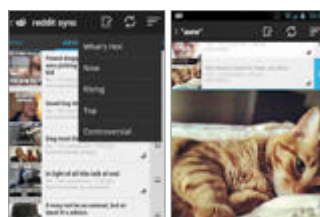
provides you with an enhanced way to enjoy movies on your tablet or phone. It has multi-core decoding, allows for subtitles, and has some sweet swipe-gestures - including a pinch-to-zoom function. But the key is that it allows you to enjoy so many different formats and lets you play DVDs complete with on-screen effects and customisable subtitles. The app finds video footage stored on your device, and you can also stream from a network by tapping the option within the Menu.



An essential app for anyone who wants to play video content.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 2.1 | Free | v1.7.7



REDDIT SYNC PRO



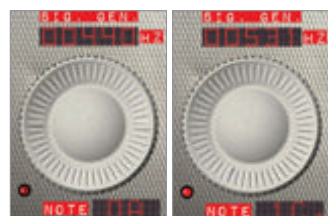
Reddit, for those who don't know, is a social news website in which content is submitted

by users and then ranked by other people - content that is upvoted the most stays at the top of the list. This app allows you to sync your favourite subreddits and then read them offline at a later date. The articles appear in a scrollable list and you simply go through them and tap the one you want to read. Syncing is fast and you don't even need an account if you just want to browse others' posts. The articles appear nice and clear, and can be shared through the usual channels.

View articles, read comments, discover new things. We do love Reddit and this app expands it.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 2.2 | £1.69/\$1.99 | v7.3.3



SIG.GEN. (LITE)



Sig.Gen., or Signal Generator to give it its full moniker, produces an audio signal that is brilliant for tuning or ear training. There is a large dial in the centre of the screen that you can scroll around using your finger, and this is activated by a red button. Scrolling changes the pitch, altering the frequency of the musical notation. You need to look at the clear displays to view either of these. The *lite* version is limited to this function, whereas the pro features scales and chords - and yet a lot of people who need a signal generator will be more than happy with that.

A simple app that has a basic function but is flawlessly easy, useful and fun.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 2.3.3 | Free | v1.1



TALKING GINGER



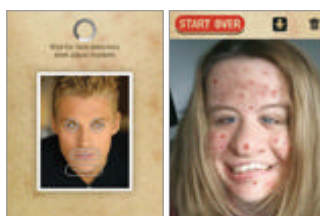
Although the app annoyingly makes you download an extra 20MB of data when you first open it, the wait is worth your while. You get to pet - and torment - a cute fluffy ginger cat (called Ginger, amazingly), giving it a shower, blow-drying it after, ensuring its teeth are clean and pearly white and, bizarrely, letting it wipe its bottom on some toilet paper. One of the nice features, after you stroked the cat and made it giggle of course, is to talk to it. It then repeats your words in a high-pitched voice. Why trawl the web for cat pictures when you can have one on your phone?



It's wonderful fun, and the paid content is not needed to enjoy it.

★★★★★

● Android | Varies | Free | Varies



UGLYBOOTH



While you could argue about the ethics of this app, it is undoubtedly a lot of fun. Take a snapshot of someone's face and make them appear ugly with a misshapen nose, angry looking sores and spots, and wonky teeth worthy of Austin Powers. Then pop it on Facebook and Twitter and show the whole world that person's new makeover. The effects are rather striking and quite natural too, scarily enough, and getting an image is as simple as lining up a face properly, moving the markers so they cover the eyes, mouth and chin, and applying the effect.

It's fun and has a certain level of lastability, producing some stunning results.

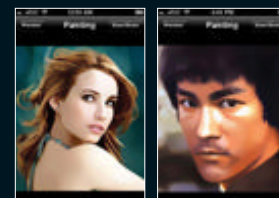
★★★★★

● Android | OS 2.1 | Free | v1.3



TOP 05 apps to...

PAINT A PORTRAIT



01 PAINT BOOTH

Automatically apply preset paint effects to your photos. Works best with well-lit face images.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 4.0 | Free | v1.0

02 PHOTOVIVA

Use your touchscreen to paint brushstrokes onto your photos and create a portrait you can be proud of.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 4.3 | £1.99/\$2.99 | v2.10
● Android | OS 2.3.3 | £1.89/\$2.99 | v2.10

03 MASTERPIECE ME!

Facial recognition inserts your mug into over 200 classical paintings and shares them on social media.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3 | Free | v3.0
● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v1.2.3

04 ART PORTRAIT BOOTH

Transform your photos into famous oil paintings in just a few simple steps.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 4.0 | £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.0

05 ARTIFY FX

Apply over 50 styles to your photos, including watercolour and sketch, and add frames to your finished masterpiece.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.0 | £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.0

SCAPE

AUTOMATED CREATIVITY FOR A SYNTH-HEAVY WORLD

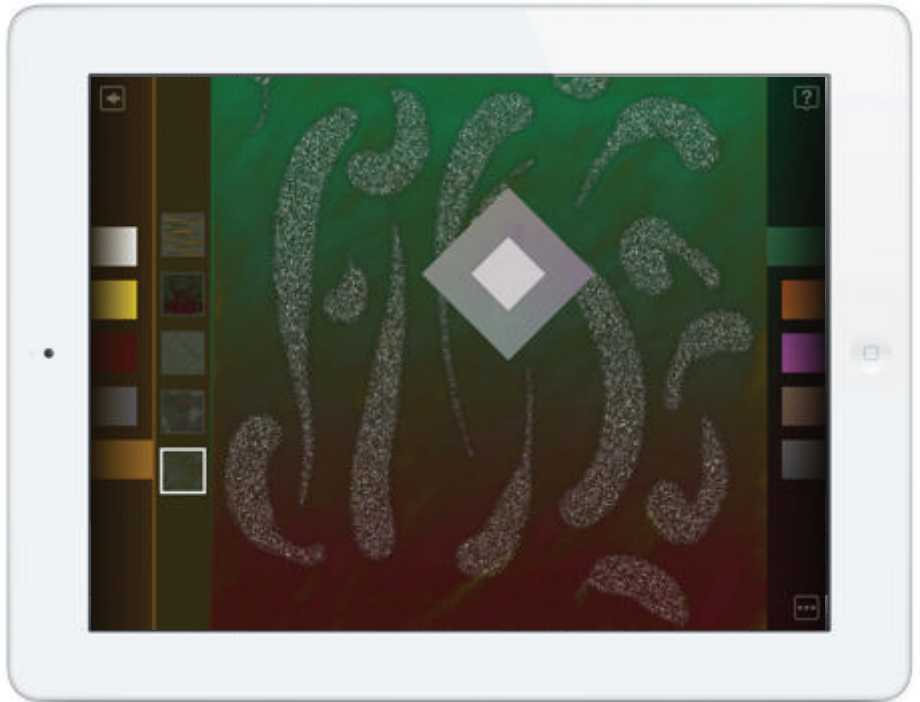


Scape, from the folks that brought us the excellent *Bloom*, is another unique musical app. Brian Eno and Peter Chilvers' latest is a confusing mix of album and automated creative tool – and even if it isn't brilliant, it's still very interesting.

You can turn it on, press play, and listen to the hour or so of music created in the tool by its authors, or you can create your own Scares. This involves picking a background, which provides a constant backing alone, adding elements as you see fit to the Scape and picking a mood – which defines the sort of music created.

From this the app creates pleasant, synth-heavy tracks that can be edited and re-edited, saved and shared with almost anyone. It can be quite captivating when you get lost.

But it can also feel a bit limited, or stifling at times. The very nature of *Scape* means it isn't something open to clear, defined user control. Yes, you are able to position elements wherever you please and choose backgrounds/moods as you see fit, but the outcome is something you don't feel like you're in control of.



ABOVE: It's near impossible to create music that sounds bad on Scape

While the tunes produced are rarely bad, which is something deserving of praise, it does feel a bit too automated to be recommended as a music creation tool. But as an album with vaguely creative extras? You could do worse.

Fascinating it might be and hypnotic at its best, *Scape* just isn't rewarding enough as a creative app.

★★★★★

iPad | iOS 5.0 | £3.99/\$5.99 | v1.0.1

TWONKY BEAM

AND THERE WE WERE THINKING 'TWONK' MEANT IDIOT...



Sharing media – videos, music, photos and so on – with other devices in a local network is one of the great joys of living in this future we inhabit.

Apps like *Twonky Beam* try to capitalise on the need to share things with each other, by allowing you to automatically 'beam' videos (and other content) to compatible devices. Simplifying the process of sharing content is a solid goal and one we would be more behind – were it not for some pretty big flaws with both the software and its central concepts.

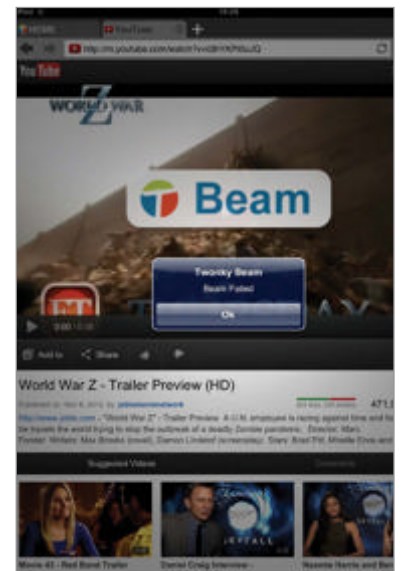
When you have a media streaming app that struggles to find – or connect to – many sharing-enabled devices in a household, then you have a big problem. *Twonky Beam* by no means failed every time, but it did fail to find or connect to devices a noticeable amount of times. Plus, some types of embedded videos on websites wouldn't even play in the first place, rendering the entire app pointless at times.

There's also an argument that, with the increasing prevalence of internet-enabled TVs –



and the fact computers tend to be able to stream videos and other files anyway – there's little point in this app. But that's another discussion for another time.

Right now what we have is *Twonky Beam*: an app that doesn't work very well and feels more



ABOVE: We encountered many errors in our attempts to get the app working

LEFT: The initial selection of video offers plenty of great content

limited than it should. A shame, as it's the sort of thing we'd love to see working properly.

There are other, more basic, and more reliable streaming solutions available.

★★★★★

iPad+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v3.2.1

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GOODZER



Recently rolled out across the US but yet to expand internationally, *Goodzer* allows you to search for products by key phrases and find them in your area and online. Results are displayed in a list format, with the option to view sellers near you pinned on a map – or you can browse relevant websites in-app. You can also share items with friends on social media and save them as favourites for later. *Goodzer* is the only app in this group test that allows you to control the scope of your search; with a slider you can state how far you're willing to travel, from 1 to 20km of your currently location.

Currently US-only, *Goodzer* only allows you to search by text, however it does allow you to indicate how far you're willing to travel.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 4.0 | Free | v2.0

KEY RING REWARD CARDS



If you love a bargain but don't have enough space left in your wallet for any more loyalty cards, this is the app for you. Digitise all your reward cards by photographing the barcode, or failing that, manually inputting the numbers yourself. The app also promises further special offers in your area with major retailers. However, for this you have to register your email address. The process of doing both these things is very straightforward, and the app includes both a step-by-step guide and instructional video if you have any trouble.

A great app for bargain hunters everywhere that covers major retailers.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 4.3 | Free | v5.8
● Android | OS 1.6 | Free | v5.8.3

SNAPTELL



They say a picture is worth a thousand words, so snap either a product or its barcode with this app for web links to more information. Websites are as varied as Amazon, Google, YouTube, Wikipedia and IMDb, offering you varied sources to compare prices and buy products. Unfortunately, *SnapTell* is preset to the US, and to change the locale you have to fiddle with settings rather than it harnessing the power of your GPS. While this app had a good reputation, when trying to run it on a Samsung Galaxy SIII we experienced multiple crashes. However, trying to use new version of the app on iPhone 5 worked fine.

Experienced multiple crashes when trying to scan photos for online information on Android.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 1.1 | Free | v2.31
● iPhone | iOS 3.1 | Free | v4.1

FOURSQUARE



Best known for sharing your location with friends, *Foursquare* allows you to search for nearby places and then check in. This makes finding the shops you want easier, or a cafe if you need a break. Plus, many companies offer rewards for regular users. If you have an American Express card, *Foursquare* and Amex recently joined forces, so if you sync your credit card with *Foursquare* you will get money off on selected purchases. The app is easy to use, and if you're not already a user, you can sign in with Facebook.

Search with ease for whatever you need – make sure you check-in regularly to get discount.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 5.0 | Free | v5.3.3
● Android | OS 2.1 | Free | v2012.10.29

FASTMALL



Navigate your way round the biggest and best malls in UK, US, Canada and France with *FastMall*. With detailed layouts of major shopping centres, this app makes it is easy to get in, make your purchase, and get out again, avoiding the zombie-like hordes of window shoppers. Being able to download maps has the added benefit of not needing GPS or Wi-Fi. Other handy features include the ability to record where you parked so you don't lose your car, and if you need the toilet urgently, shake your phone frantically to find the nearest restroom.

This map app covers all the bases for a day at a shopping mall, meaning you can find what you in one quick supermarket sweep.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 4.3 | £0.69/\$0.99 | v4.14
● Android | OS 1.6 | Free | v1.0.5

GOOGLE SHOPPER

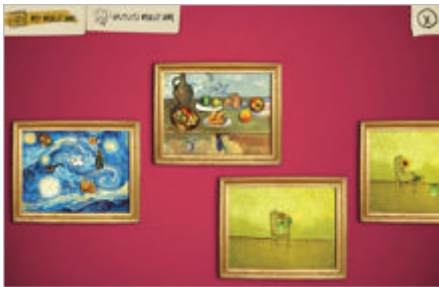


Google Shopper provides a search engine to find products and compare prices online and in your area. *Shopper* recognises products by cover art, barcodes, voice and text. All products come with descriptions, user reviews, and videos where available. *Shopper* recognised the majority of barcodes we scanned, and where it couldn't it offered to search in Google browser. Scanning covers and product logos was just as effective. The only potential downside to this app is that it lists online retailers before local ones – not ideal when on the High Street.

Recognises artwork and barcodes, with an easy-to-navigate database.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 2.1 | Free | 3.0.1
● iPhone | iOS 5.0 | Free | v2.6.0



ABOVE: Add your created works to a museum, alongside one for the artists



ABOVE: Your pictures can be named and 'signed' before sharing to Facebook or your Camera Roll



PLAYART BY TAPOOK

LEARN ABOUT AND EXPERIMENT WITH THE WORK OF FIVE GREAT PAINTERS

PROS/CONS

- ▲ A clever way of introducing people to the work of Van Gogh and co
- ▲ The combination of museum and creative canvas is a great idea
- ▼ It's a shame there aren't more artists to work with
- ▼ The sound effects on the interface can get annoying



As an arena for showcasing great, creative pieces of work, as well as allowing you to create your own, the iPad is a triumph as a piece of hardware. The number of coffee table and design-based apps in the App Store serve as testament to this, so the appearance of an app like *PlayART*, where you can admire as well as tinker with the work of some of the world's most renowned painters, seems like a perfect fit for the device.

The app performed very well when referred to as a children's app, and while there is most definitely a huge level of educational content here, it would be unfair and dismissive to say that only the younger generation would get anything from using this unique app. *PlayART* is, in essence, a mixture of some art history and a creative canvas, where

you can take some of the most iconic elements from the artists' paintings and mix them together on a range of their canvas designs. The main home screen of the app is a museum dedicated to the five famous painters, where you can scroll through their most famous works in chronological order. Go back to the museum page and you can watch a short video on each artist, which gives you some background on them as well as their works. Then, go static by viewing the original piece fullscreen complete with its full name and its current museum location.

Having used the museum to give you some inspiration as well as some knowledge, you can begin to make use of the creative side of the app. On the Artists screen you can tap any of the five featured painters and be presented with a canvas themed around them, containing all the key elements of their various works. Users then apply touch gestures to put their own spin on the work of Van Gogh and Monet, combining sunflowers with the furniture from Van Gogh's bedroom to create entirely new pieces of work. There is a good level of functionality here, with the ability to

"TAKE SOME OF THE MOST ICONIC ELEMENTS FROM THE ARTISTS' PAINTINGS AND MIX THEM TOGETHER ON A RANGE OF THEIR CANVAS DESIGNS"



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INTERVIEW: GIORGIO FIPALDINI

Tapook's CEO speaks to us about being inspired by the great painters, and bringing that to the App Store

WHERE DID YOU GET THE IDEA TO TAKE PAINTINGS AND MAKE THEM INTERACTIVE IN THIS WAY?

Since the time I was a student at the Academy of Fine Art in Milan, I always tried to convey art with new and different languages; more involving, simple and accessible. So, during an afternoon in a bookshop flicking through children's books in search of new ideas I had this idea: what if the images were animated? What if children could play with famous paintings by interacting with them according to their imagination? That would greatly stimulate a creative process and make children would be more curious about art.

THIS IS A VERY UNIQUE CONCEPT FOR AN APP, WHAT MADE YOU BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE A SUCCESS?

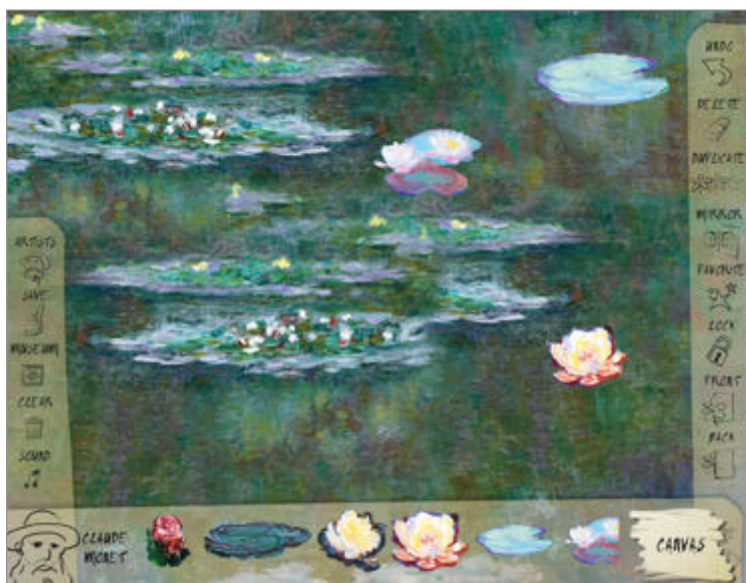
When I see a child intrigued and concentrated in creating fantastic images with *PlayART*: I take that to be a success. When we grab the attention of primary school children for

more than two hours teaching the art of Monet and Van Gogh with *PlayART*: that's a success.

When we can create aesthetically beautiful pictures easily and with creative freedom, we feel content. Even more so when the same images also tell something about art history. I think that *PlayART*'s success depends on these factors: it stimulates creativity even in those who have no familiarity with drawing, painting or graphics. Anyone can create a beautiful image with artistic value.

HOW DID YOU SETTLE ON WHICH ARTISTS TO INCLUDE?

The artists were chosen according to their styles: I wanted to offer a panorama of features as wide as possible to further stimulate creativity. Consideration was given to the taste of a transversal target age: as a matter of fact mums like Cézanne's still lifes, dads like Van Gogh's *Sunflowers*; Monet's *Waterlilies* appeal to almost anyone, while Klee and



ABOVE: There are five famous painters on offer, and each has their own dedicated canvas

rotate and alter the angle of each piece, as well as pinch in and out to change the size of each aspect you drop in. There are layering options so you can get the perspective of your piece right, and after all this you can save your work of future renown to your very own museum, to rival that of the main screen dedicated to the professionals.

The whole app has a strange feel to it, in that you're never quite sure if it's taking the painters seriously by letting you do as you wish with their work. But it has been put together in such a way that even if that thought ever does enter your mind, it soon departs again as you discover a new canvas background to work on, or that by favouriting certain pieces of art, for example one of Monet's *Waterlilies*, adds it to your canvas in the My Favourites section, where you can bring together parts from all the different artists and use them in the same place for a completely unique artistic creation that you can then save, name and share.

PlayART's made with Facebook linkage, or if you'd prefer to pick and choose

when you share your work with others you can save it to your image library instead for email or Twitter sharing.

PlayART then is something very different when it comes to educational apps. It may start out as a very good looking coffee table app for those with an interest in art history, but the big twist in the tale that is canvas screens completely changes the way you see and interact with this app, and indeed how you would describe it to anyone else.

PlayART is every bit as much about the unique experience as it is the gorgeous content it has; its about the way you can interact with it. It seems to bring out that innate human desire to touch something we know we shouldn't, much in the way we are so tempted to touch the canvas of works such as this when we see them in the flesh. PlayART is the closest you will ever get to such a thrill, and it is very much a thrill in itself.



A unique way to interact with the greatest artists across history.



● iPad | iOS 4.2 | £2.49/\$3.99 | v1.2

Rousseau are the children's favourites. Finally, the fact that they are very famous painters has helped from a marketing point of view, but the most important aspect is that parents are generally familiar with the artists' works and in this way they can share the children's experience.

YOU HAVE MARKETED PLAYART AS A CHILDREN'S APP, BUT DO YOU THINK ITS APPEAL EXTENDS BEYOND THAT?

Yes I do. We have chosen a design whose look appeals to children and grown-ups alike: it's closer to children, but serious enough for parents and older generations to enjoy it, too.

HAVE YOU SEEN ANY CREATIONS FROM THE APP THAT YOU'VE BEEN PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH?

PlayART's 'paintings' made with Monet can easily make an impression (pardon me the pun). I particularly remember

the painting made by a little girl in the primary school where we first tested PlayART. The image tried to represent a room with elements from Van Gogh: there was a bed, a chair and a beautiful vase of flowers. There was harmony an attention to detail in the composition. I was impressed with that - and I think that Van Gogh would have been, too.

YOU MUST BE THRILLED WITH THE POSITIVE FEEDBACK YOU'VE RECEIVED?

I am. Here's is a customer review left on the App Store that makes me very happy:

"We love it! Downloaded this for my 6 year old, and I have to say that I'm not one to have much interest in apps for kids, but as a 30 yr old woman I loved this! So much fun to create mini masterpieces taking singular elements from the work of artists. The videos are a plus, but

the real draw for us has been being able to manipulate these elements to make our own creations. Would be perfect alongside a homeschool art curriculum or for the classroom or library. Great idea for an app. If I have a suggestion it would be to add more artists later on, either an in-app purchase or as an update."

ARE THERE ANY PLANS IN PLACE TO UPDATE THE APP FURTHER IN THE FUTURE?

We have just release PlayART Museum, a free app that wants to be Tapook's homage to the children across the world, who have shared with us their paintings made with PlayART. We will shortly release a PlayART formula based on Christmas.

After that there will be PlayART Collection with in-app purchases and new artists such as Modigliani, Hokusai and Klimt to name few.

SHOWCASE

Learn, discover and create

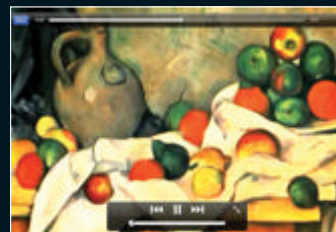


01 MUSEUM

The central discovery hub of the app is the artists' museum, where you can see the various works of all the featured painters by swiping along the wall of content.

02 ARTISTS

Tap the cross in the corner of the Museum screen to go back to the app homepage, see all the artists on offer in the app, and watch the tutorial video for hints and tips.

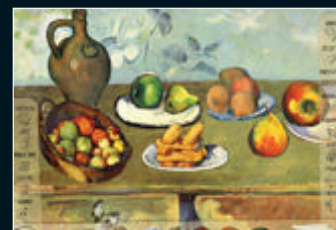


03 VIDEO

There is a video dedicated to each artist, giving you a brief history of their life and career. It's a snapshot history lesson that is very accessible to watch.

04 CANVAS

The most creative area of the app, where you can take different elements from an artist's work - each artist has their own unique canvas to choose from.



05 FAVOURITES

Add various elements to your favourites and weave them together to create an artistic bricolage using different parts from the different artists' work in the app.



ABOVE: Each of the 41 eggcellent recipes is represented with a fullscreen image



BAD PIGGIES BEST EGG RECIPES FOR IPAD

Is Rovio's new offering eggciting or simply fowl? Either way, no one's yolking



Announced the same week as *Angry Birds Star Wars*, the *Bad Piggies Best Egg Recipes* cookbook passed many fans by. However, with 41 recipes and interactive elements, this app shouldn't be overlooked.

If you've ever been addicted to slingshotting fat red pigeons at green pigs, this app from Rovio Entertainment will have an obvious attraction for you. Interactive illustrations of Angry Birds and Bad Piggies run throughout.

However, if you have never played any of the games in the *Angry Birds/Bad Piggies* franchise, is this iPad

app worthwhile? The answer is, surprisingly, yes. While the added features, including an egg timer, the ability to bookmark pages, and social media integration to share pictures of your dishes are rather pedestrian, the recipes themselves are great.

The app is based on the hardback cookbook of the same name, which won Best First Cookbook of the Year at the 2012 Gourmand World Cookbook Awards. Admittedly some of the recipes are predictable, such as how to make an omelette or poached eggs, but there are also some inspired inclusions, such as cheese and egg soufflé, hollandaise sauce, and sorbet.

Each dish also comes with fullscreen photography that makes the mouth water and gives you an idea of what to aim for when cooking.

The functionality of the app is fluid, with easily swiped step-by-step instructions. The index makes it easy to look up recipes quickly, and a choice of imperial and metric measurements is useful. Though, perhaps it would have been helpful to include nutritional info with each dish as well.

As much for egg aficionados as Angry Birds addicts, this offers more than just brand extension.

★★★★★

● iPad | iOS 4.3 | £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.0.0

Pros/Cons

- ▲ Offers 41 eggcellent recipes
- ▲ Interactive illustrations and soundtrack
- ▼ No nutritional information
- ▼ Bookmarking and Twitter predictable



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ALTERNATIVELY...

Other great cooking apps...



01 EPICURIUS RECIPES & SHOPPING LIST

Share your recipes and shopping lists.

● iPad+ | iOS 4.0
| Free | v3.0.4
● Android | OS 1.5
| Free | v1.0.1



02 GOJEE - FOOD & DRINK RECIPES

Fantastic photography and recipes by bloggers.

● iPad+ | iOS 5.0
| Free | v1.5
● Android | OS 2.3.3
| Free | v1.3.7



03 JAMIE'S RECIPES

Enjoy a taster pack of ten free recipes and some videos, then purchase more in-app if your appetite is piqued.

● iPad+ | iOS 5.1
| Free | v2.9.2



04 GILT TASTE

Waving your hands will advance you through recipe steps without mess with this 'touch free' app.

● iPad | iOS 4.3
| Free | v1.0.3



05 THE PERFECT EGG TIMER

Get the exact boiling time factoring egg size to altitude.

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● Android | OS 1.5
| £1.29/\$1.99 | v1.8

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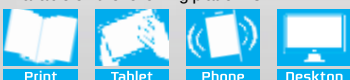
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ABOVE: The main interface will display a series of wopps for you to tap

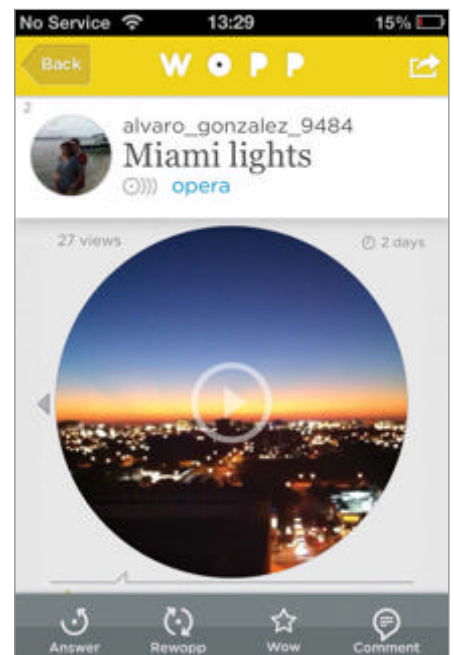
WOPP A SOCIAL NETWORK WITH VIDEO AT HEART

Although the world of social networking is dominated by a few major players, new platforms and outlets are constantly appearing across the app stores. *Wopp* is one such app looking to offer something different to the rest.

The idea is to record and share short videos and video messages with a community of users. Once you've created an account - ironically through Facebook or Twitter - the central eyeball-esque button records your first wopp. This is with the front or rear camera, and can last up to 21 seconds. Within a couple seconds, you can add a title and a tag and share your video with just your friends, or the entire community.

The app itself has a simple interface, from which you can view other people's wopps, search for friends, or organise wopps into a woppline.

On first use you may find everything a little confusing, and a trip to the tutorial video under Settings might be required. As a video-blogging site, the app has its merits, but after a while you may get tired of its limited scope. You'll also find that a lot of wopps aren't in English, reducing what's on offer to you. And with all apps like this, unless you know other people using the



platform, it's likely you'll end up returning to one of the other main social networks.

Like Twitter meets Instagram, Wopp works well, but is a little rough around the edges.

★★★★☆

● iPhone | iOS 4.3 | Free | v1.2.0

PYRAMIDS 3D BRING THE WONDERS OF EGYPT TO LIFE ON YOUR IPAD



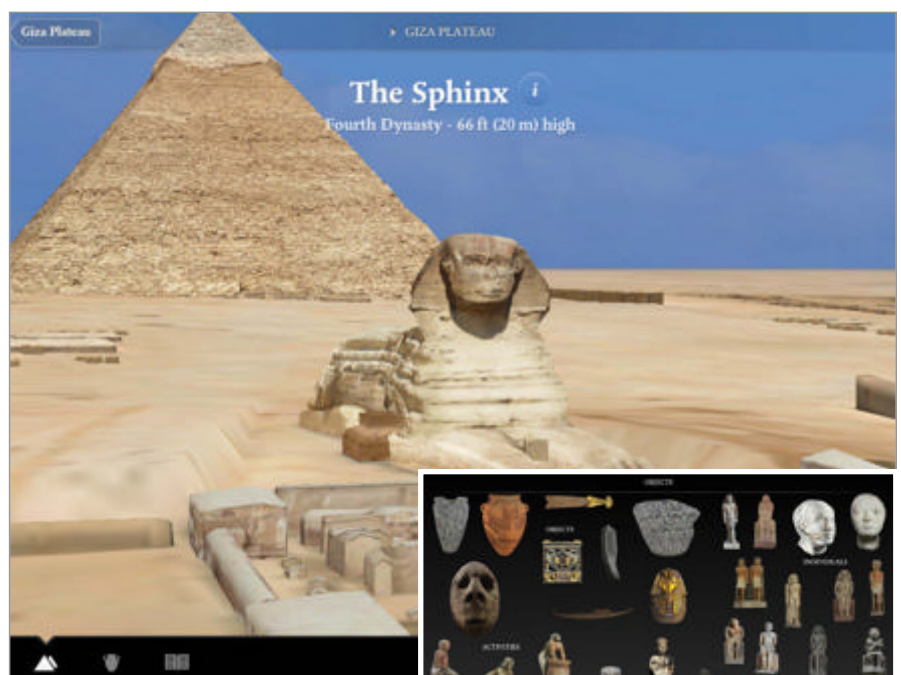
Giving you the opportunity to explore the stunning sights of Giza, *Pyramids 3D* brings this historic area to life.

Once you open the app, you'll see the Giza plateau displayed in all its glory. You're free to zoom in on any location you wish, or simply drag and swipe across the screen to navigate around the landmarks, including the Great Pyramid, the Sphinx, and more.

Once you tap on a landmark, you can view it in greater detail and read up on its history through the information tab. With most of the pyramids and tombs you're able to enter the buildings and see the internal structures and wall paintings, complete with audio narration.

To complement the exploration side of the app, there is a range of other impressive features on offer. You can learn about objects discovered in the area through archeological digs, read about the history of the Old Kingdom - featuring interactive animations - and even view Then and Now images of the main sights.

Along with all the positives there are a couple negatives. Firstly, the app is a whopping 1GB in size, meaning it'll take up a serious chunk of your iPad's internal storage. Navigation can also be disorientating at times, and it's also quite expensive. However, for anyone fascinated by Egyptian history, or wanting to learn about some of the world's most incredible landmarks, this app is an excellent educational tool.

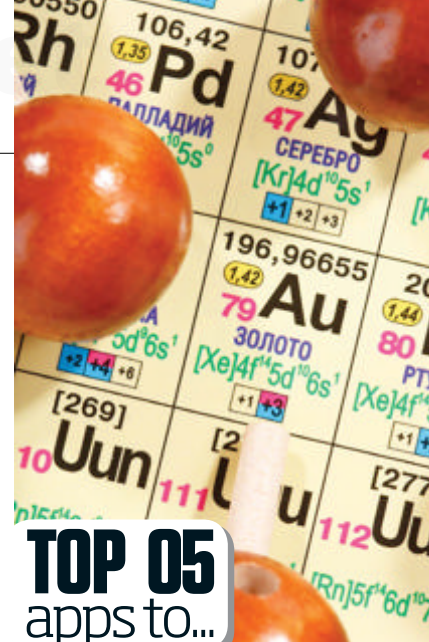


The visuals and information on offer is remarkable, but the app's size and cost will limit its appeal.

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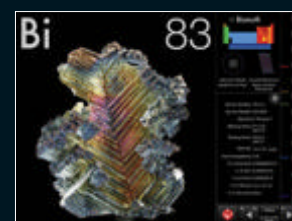
● iPad | iOS 5.1 | £9.99/\$13.99 | v1.0.1

ABOVE: Navigate around the iconic landmarks found at Giza, and learn about their construction



TOP 05 apps to...

EXPLORE THE ELEMENTS



01 THE ELEMENTS: A VISUAL EXPLORATION

An adaptation of the award-winning book, explore high-resolution, rotating images of the elements.

★★★★★
● iPad | iOS 5.1
£9.99/\$13.99 | v1.1.1

02 NOVA ELEMENTS

Includes an interactive periodic table, game and, for US users, a two-hour film.

★★★★★
● iPad | iOS 4.3 | Free | v1.7.1

03 ELEMENTS APP

Includes quizzes to test your knowledge of the world's building blocks with links to Wikipedia articles.

★★★★★
● iPad | iOS 3.2 | Free | v1.4

04 ORESOME ELEMENTS

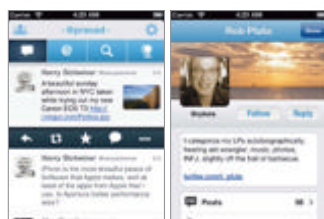
A colourful game in which you match up the elements abbreviated names with their full titles and locations on the periodic table.

★★★★★
● iPad | iOS 3.2 | Free | v1.0

05 THE ELEMENTALS

A cutesy, child-friendly periodic table where every element is given its own unique personality.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 3.0 | Free | v2.1



SPOONBILL FOR APP.NET

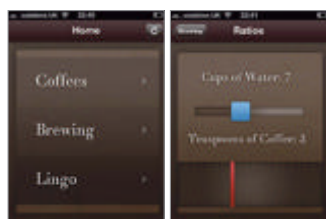


App.net is an add-free Twitter-esque social network, where meaningful conversation is encouraged over inane babble and you have complete control over your feed. So why aren't we all members yet? Because you have to pay. If you'll pay for a social network, then you're probably moneybags enough for an app that's intuitive and easily accessible. In which case, *Spoonbill* has a great interface, more search options, and more gestures than other App.net clients such as *Rhino*.

Adds plenty of panache when accessing the social network, but is that worth paying extra for?

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 5.0 | £2.49/\$3.99 | v1.1



BREWS

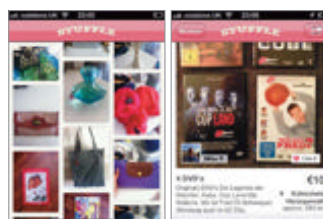


Everyone loves a good cup of coffee, and some people are eager to discover more about the blends, their origins, and how to make their favourite type of coffee. Ta-dal *Brews* takes you on a voyage of Java discovery to inform you on all of the above, and guide you through the process of brewing the perfect mug, including measurements, ratios, time, and tips. On closer scrutiny though, the features are littered with holes. For example, the Ratios section uses a slider system to tell us that one cup of water requires no teaspoons of coffee to make the perfect brew - what?

Some decent factual stuff that is well presented, but relies too much on gimmicks.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 5.0 | £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.0.1



STUFF!: MOBILE FLEA MARKET

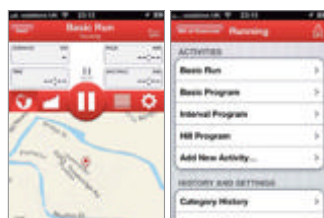


We applaud *Stuff!* for what it's trying to achieve - provide an alternative to eBay that is free to list on and doesn't take a cut of your profits. The downside is that not many people know about it, and as such, using it is currently patchy. The system is supposed to use your current location and provide all of the listings close to where you are. However, the closest deal we found was for a few DVDs in Herzogenrath, Germany. If it takes off more locally then it will doubtless be of benefit, but for now - nein!

Think of it as Freecycle with cash involved, but for now it isn't universally populated enough.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 5.0 | Free | v1.5



BIT OF EXERCISE

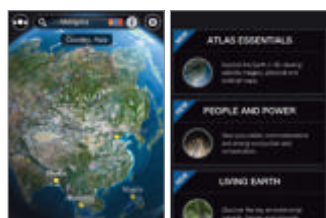


Your iPhone is probably the greatest thing to happen to personal fitness since the iPod, mainly because it can be used to effortlessly record your workout regimes, such as running routes and distance covered, and present the information in a clear and concise manner while allowing you to share the details with your friends. This app does all that, but to an extent where you don't really notice it. You simply tap the record button when starting out on a run or cycle, and the app will use your phone's GPS to compile and record the data before presenting it at the finish line.

A fitness recorder and motivator in one easy-to-use and lavishly-presented app.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 5.0 | £2.99/\$5.99 | v1.1



ATLAS BY COLLINS

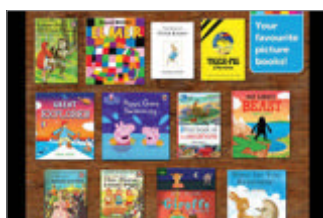


At face value this presents a map of the world, like Google Earth, only not as fast and efficient and at a high cost. However, it is only when you start to explore the other free globes that you can then download and layer over the top of this one to show the Earth's various political factions and natural resources, that it starts to get interesting. Unfortunately though, the app is hideously unstable on new devices and grinds to a standstill on the slightly older ones like the iPhone 4. So, there is much work still to be done before this promising app comes to fruition.

An interesting idea currently hamstrung by poor execution.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0
£4.99/\$6.99 | v1.0.3



ME BOOKS



This app is an extension of the brilliant *Ladybird Classic Me Books* app in which you could purchase and download classic Ladybird books in-app and then have them narrated by celebrities, and even record your own sounds and lines for others to discover by tapping on parts of the pictures. This app features a brand-new bookstore that you can access from within the app, that is packed full of all kinds of books - and by creating a new account you get three free books to download. It's easy to use, and is a great way to get kids to read.



With so much to discover in each book, it takes reading to an interactive level.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v1.1

PAPER CRAFT APPS

GET CREATIVE WITH THESE CRAFTY LITTLE APPS

GREETING CARD MAKER



This app is a reminder that when it comes to arts and crafts, free apps seldom compete with their premium counterparts. Through a simple interface you can create cards to suit a variety of occasions and share them digitally, but the designs fail to inspire and the results are somewhat bland. You can buy more card packs in-app, but would you really want to? We doubt it.

Easy to use - but rather than buying features, save the money for a better one altogether.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 4.3 | Free | v1.6

DESIGNS FOR PAGES



This is more like it - an app to extend your creative output from an app that you know kicks ass in terms of fingertip design. *Designs for Pages* provides a set of 1,000 templates for Apple's flagship productivity app, *Pages*, that allow you to create professional-looking gifts and cards, including bookmarks and CD and DVD covers. Brilliant for enhancing a top-class app.

Makes creating effortless - you'll have the perfect printable gift.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 4.3 | £1.99/\$2.99 | v2.1

HOW TO MAKE ORIGAMI



There are quite a few apps that profess to teach you origami - but trust us when we say we have suffered much horror in our quest to find you the best one. There are easy-to-follow steps and a modest collection of designs, but you can add to it for free thanks to a huge database of additional downloads.

This freebie eclipses premium apps for quality and quantity of designs.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 3.2 | Free | v1.0.10

HOW TO MAKE PAPER AIRPLANES



Every young boy needs to know how to fold a piece of paper into an aircraft that whistles through the classroom, and this is the app to educate. The initial hangar of designs includes Concorde and a space shuttle, but you can download more for free and the instructions are very easy to follow.

Your planes will glide as though powered by the gods themselves.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 3.2 | Free | v1.0.4

CARDS



If you seldom have time to shop for cards to convey your congratulations or condolences, then this useful card-making service from Apple saves you time and hassle by allowing you to create and send professional-looking cards straight from your iPhone. You can put your own words and pictures with a wide range of designs, and can send cards anywhere in the world for just £3.99.

A tidy little service that keeps traditional cards alive by giving you free reign over the design.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Free | v2.0.1

MARTHA STEWART CRAFTSTUDIO



CraftStudio combines the excitement and mess of traditional card making with a stylish and sophisticated interface that provides drawers of materials based on your style selection, which you throw at virtual cards to see what sticks. Great fun to use and it really unleashes the power of your imagination.



Creating eCards, the Martha way.

★★★★★

● iPad | iOS 5.0 | £2.99/\$4.99 | v1.4

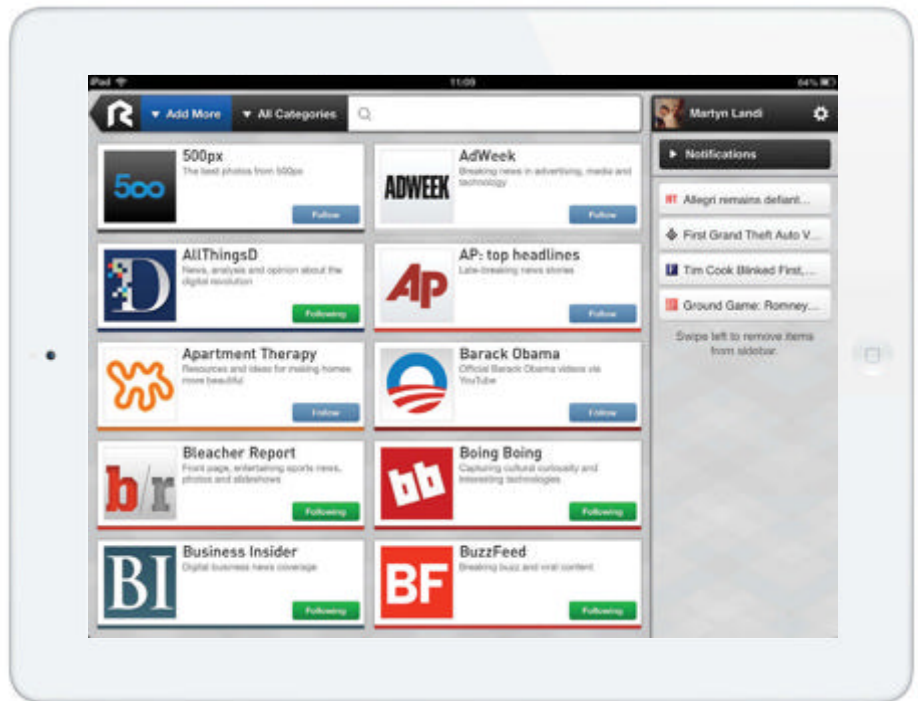
ROCKMELT

MORE THAN JUST ANOTHER NEWS FEED APP



Getting all the news you want and need while staying on top of what is happening within your social network is an exact science, and one that many apps have tried to master already.

On first impressions there is a lot to like about *Rockmelt*, with a sleek tile-based design using the links posted by sources within the app, and from the social network that you chose to sign in with. With this combination of social networks and news feeds, *Rockmelt* is inevitably going to be compared to *Flipboard*, and the latter has the upper hand here with only Facebook and Twitter sync available in *Rockmelt*. The fact that you can only be signed into one at a time is also a slight sticking point. Getting back to the positives, the app runs impressively smoothly, with a nice reorganising animation on the tiles every time you refresh the feed. In landscape orientation there is a sidebar where you can create a Favourites list by swiping an open link to the right. As well as relying on Twitter to generate a feed of news, you can follow a huge range of sources from within the app, which does give it an RSS feed-feel.



ABOVE: The list of sources that you can follow is hugely impressive

Should you wish to head to the full website of one of your sources, or elsewhere, there is a URL bar at the top of the screen for navigation to the worldwide web. *Rockmelt* then is on the right track for challenging the big name web discovery apps like *Flipboard* and co.

There's plenty to get excited about interface and functionality-wise, and lots of potential for future improvements, so hopefully there are some updates to come.

★★★★☆

● iPad | iOS 6.0 | Free | v2.0.1

BLURTOPIA

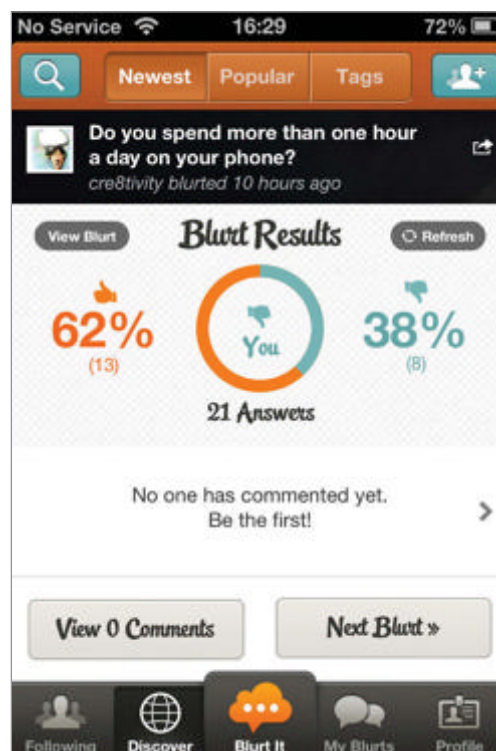
ASK THE WORLD A QUESTION AS A CONVERSATION STARTER



Sometimes a question pops into your head that you have to have answered. It might be to find out something about a person, or just a musing that has bugged you for ages, but posing random dilemmas is something we've probably all done at some point.

Grasping the concept of *Blurtopia* then is not difficult. It serves as a commune for users to put their questions to the world and see what the polls say. You can upload images to support your queries, and decide whether to get the results as a poll, a simple thumbs up or thumbs down, or get users to rate it out of five. It's a clever idea to build a social network on, because more often than not the question will be the start of a debate, and seeing as each Blurt supports comments, you can instantly engage with other users. This can then lead to you gathering more followers and finding users to follow yourself, and before long you may have a network of people to run life's great questions past - or to help you decide which chain restaurant to head to for dinner.

If you want to search out specific types of Blurts, you can use the Tags tab to find posts



by category, or simply view the newest or most popular Blurts that have been posted by the community. This is social networking, Jim, but not as we know it - and you get to find some answers along the way.



ABOVE: You can post your own Blurts, uploading photos in support and deciding who in the app can see it

LEFT: Post your own questions and see what the rest of the community has to say, whether it's a poll or a rating system

A new concept on the world of social networking that will appeal to the curious among us.

★★★★☆

● iPhone | iOS 5.0 | Free | v1.1

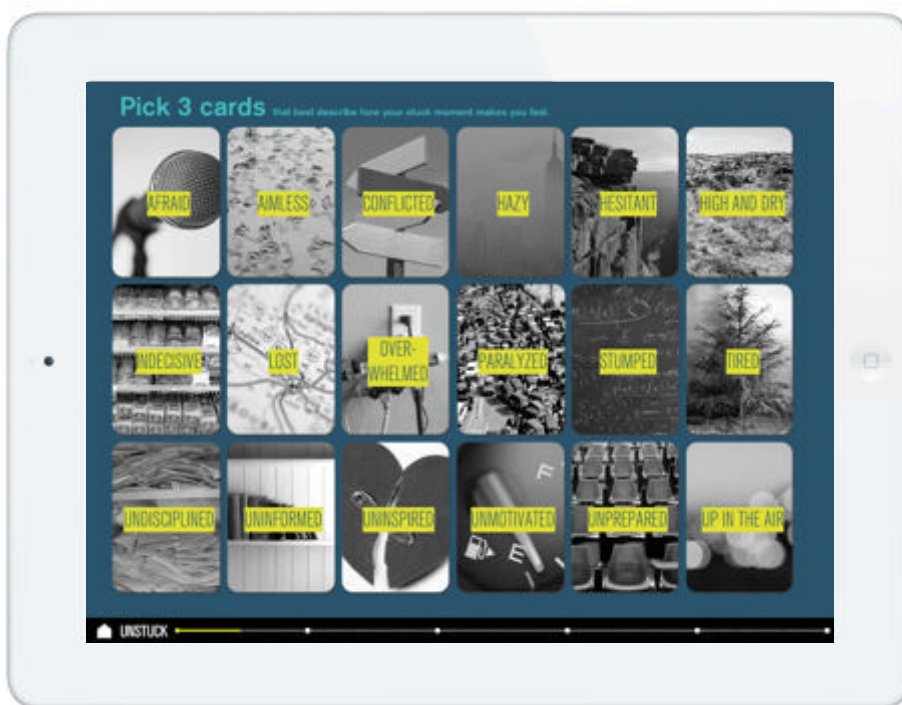
UNSTUCK

AN APP THAT WILL MAKE THOSE TOUGH DECISIONS A LOT EASIER



We all have times when we struggle to make choices, and every now and then we could do with something to help us make up our mind. *Unstuck* is a beautifully designed app that aims to aid you in your decisions. The app asks a series of questions about the issue you're struggling with, and by answering truthfully, you may discover how you really feel and the direction in which you wish to head. After entering all the necessary details, the app will tell you how you are acting at the moment, and how you can overcome your problems.

Rather than giving out specific advice on personal matters, the app aims to make you aware of how you're preventing yourself from making a decision. By pointing out how you're getting in your own way, it hopes to make it easier for you to realise what's stopping you from making a decision. There's even a tool where you can enter the possible answers, and the app will help you pick one. Everything feels supportive rather than intrusive, and the bright colours and amusing illustrations will have you feeling better about yourself in minutes. You can keep a log of



ABOVE: The cards will help you explain how the situation makes you feel

your previous stuck moments, share your results, and see who else in the *Unstuck* community is feeling the way you are. As a free app, this is a unique and engaging way to help you find the answers you've been looking for.



Unstuck will help you make those tough decisions, and the app has every area covered.



● iPad | iOS 4.3 | Free | v1.2.1

DR FRANKENSTEIN'S BODY LAB

LEARN ABOUT THE BODY WITH THIS MONSTER OF AN APP



This app from Dorling Kindersley offers a fresh way to learn about the human body. Consisting of five different levels, you're tasked with dragging falling body parts into the correct place in order to complete the level. This in itself can be a fun way to pass the time, as the difficulty level rises with each body system. You collect body parts as you complete each level, but in order to progress to the next stage you need to fill all the gaps in less than 20 seconds. Once you've

successfully traversed the sections, you'll have collected all the necessary parts to build your own monster. Here, you can construct your own creature using real muscles, organs and bones to bring it to life, or have some fun designing a wacky creation.

While the gaming element is fun, there is an educational aspect. As you attempt to complete each level, you can tap on a body part to learn all about it, discovering how the cerebellum helps motor control, or what the pancreas does.

ABOVE: The information mirrors an illustration



While the game is fun and the information is tailored well for children, the app does lack a little bit of depth. It would've been nice to have seen some extra elements, as it doesn't take long to complete all the levels. But overall, the app is a visual delight, and a fun way to teach children about the human body.

A fun app that adds an element of education, but could do with a little more depth.



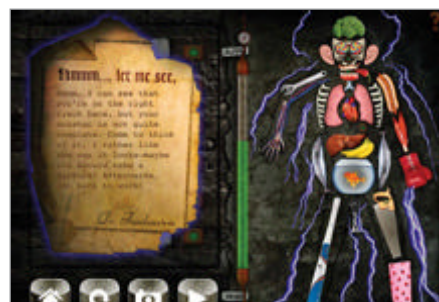
● iPad | iOS 5.0 | £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.0



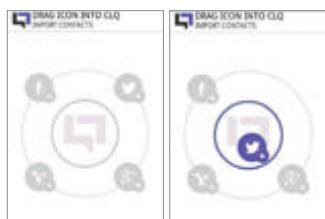
ABOVE: There are five body systems for you to complete before the Build a Monster level



ABOVE: Drag the falling pieces into the correct place to complete the skeleton



ABOVE: Construct your own monster from the parts on offer, making it as ridiculous as you like



CLQ

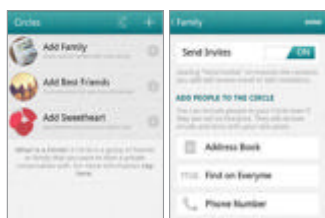


Social networking remains the biggest phenomena of this current decade, and CLQ helps you make better sense of it all by bringing together the big players including Facebook, Twitter, Yahoo, and Google+. The app then ties them all together into one single interface. From here you can produce a video or make a video call, and share it to mixed groups pulled from your various friends and followers from social media. It makes for great social TV sharing as well. We found that the app crashed quite a bit, but we loved the idea and it worked well for us (when not crashing).

Bring your friends closer to you and mas them all up into one big network.



● Android | OS 2.3 | Free | v0.8.3



EVERYME

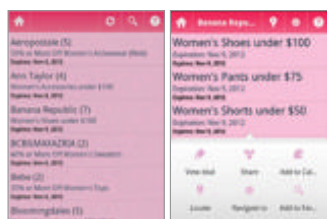


With *Everyme*, the emphasis is squarely on sharing text and content – albeit in smaller, more intimate groups. It works like most social networks, but you are supposed to create groups with just a select few connected people in them, such as work colleagues, friends and so on. It then lets you produce a private news feed which is more secure. You don't, for instance, have to worry about your boss seeing those drunk images of you. If friends and family are not on *Everyme*, they can reply via emails and texts in what is a nice and inclusive touch.

If you really need to be part of another social network, then *Everyme* will keep it small.



● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v1.7.10



DEAL DIVA

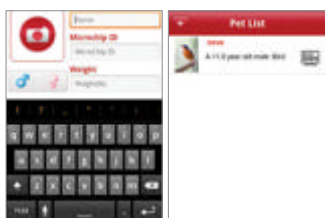


A pink interface, the work 'Divas', and chocolates and shoes. Because that's what all women everywhere like, yes? Casual sexism aside, this is a handy app for girl-related bargains, whether it be chocs or underwear and beauty products. You can save deals, set alerts, and save notes as well as view deals according to categories, brands, deal expiration dates, and what's currently hot. Deals can also be placed in a calendar and the freebie section lets you see what you can pick up for nothing. Notifications can be pushed to your device too.

Everyone loves a bargain, especially these days, so why not find the stuff you want?



● Android | OS 2.1 | Free | v1.1.3



PET PAL – PET MANAGER

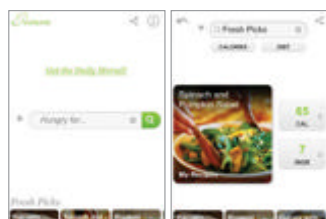


If you need to keep a handy record of your pets, you will want to have all of the most essential information to hand right away. And that's what this app lets you do. It allows you to tap in the details of different types of pets, inputting their names, microchip ID, weight, gender, date of birth, species, license and a description. It is possible to add other pets, each of which are then placed in a list for easy navigation. It's not that sophisticated – you can add a photo – yet it does the job.

A basic information inputting app that keeps all of your essential pet data to hand.



● Android | OS 2.2 | £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.6



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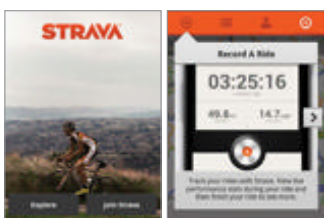


This app made us hungry just looking at it, and little wonder. It offers dozens upon dozens of delicious recipes, and you're able to tell the app exactly what kind of food you are peckish for. Type in 'soup', for instance, and the app will make some suggestions for a beautiful broth. Slide to the side and it will take you to the website on which the recipe is held. The good thing is that you can see how many calories it contains at a glance and, when tapping it, burrow down for extra nutritional information like fat, carbohydrate and protein content.

No way to save favourite recipes, but *Edamam* makes finding new dishes a breeze.



● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v1.7



STRAVA CYCLING



Strava Cycling uses your phone's built-in GPS so you can get detailed records of your bike rides and see them on a map. The app not only charts what and where, and how long and how far you have been cycling, but it also analyses your pedaling performance, giving you a host of stats. As you ride, you are able to see how you compare to family and friends, climbing the leaderboard in the process. Your monthly, year-to-date, and cycling and running stats are also stored. It's packed with features and will be a perfect cycling companion.



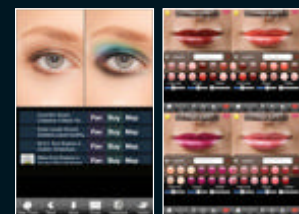
Easy to use and packed with stats, *Strava Cycling* takes bike rides to another level.



● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v2.2.2

TOP 05 apps to...

FOR A MAKE UP MAKEOVER



01 MAKEUP



Import a photo of your face and virtually try on hundreds of different shades of make up, lipgloss, eyeliner and more.



● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v2.7

● iPad+ | OS 3.0 | Free | v11.1

02 HOW TO DO YOUR OWN CUTE NAILS



Over 450 videos on how to do your nails, regularly updated with latest styles.



● iPhone+ | OS 2.2

| £0.69/\$0.99 | v2.2.2

03 MAKE UP MOBILE



Video tutorials for doing your hair, skin care, eye make up, and celebrity styles.



● iPhone+ | OS 3.0 | Free | v3.2

04 MAKEUP TUTORIALS



Search YouTube in-app for specific styles, then bookmark your favourites.



● Android | OS 1.5 | Free | v1.18

05 VIRTUAL NAIL SALON

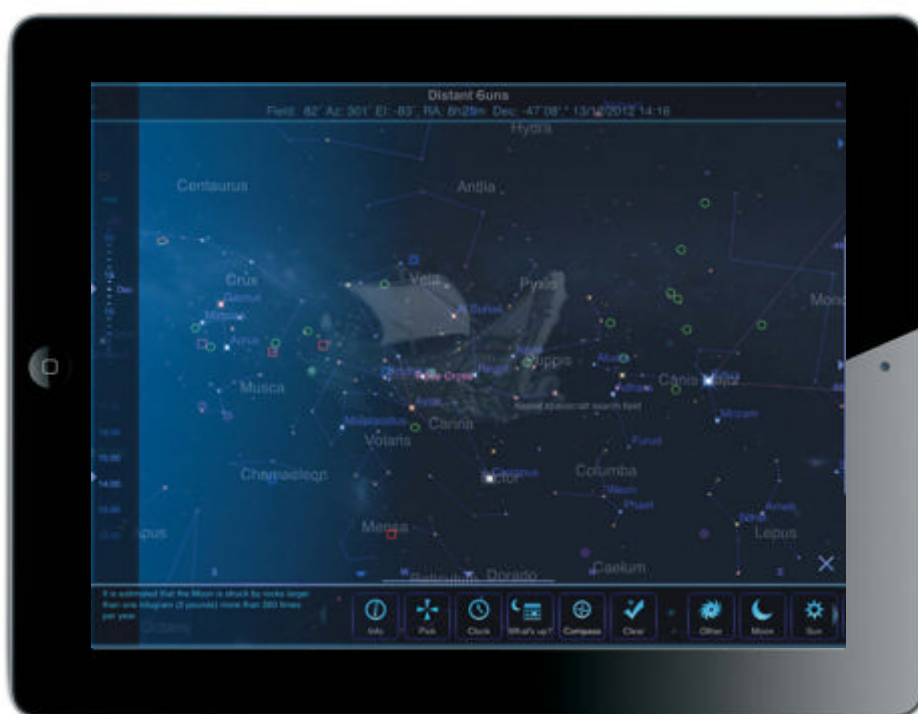


Paint nail polish shades onto a photo of your nails to see how they would look.



● iPhone+ | OS 4.3 | Free | v2.1

● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v2.3



ABOVE: The Clear feature will immediately remove any annotations from the main screen



ABOVE: There is always a small piece of information in the bottom-left corner of the app

DISTANT SUNS-MAX: UNLEASH YOUR INNER ASTRONAUT

LEARN ABOUT THE COSMOS AND DO SO IN STYLE



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Would you like to travel through the Cosmos without leaving your chair? Of course you would, and with *Distant Suns-Max* you can. The app is designed around one large screen that you can spin around and move through to see the stars, planets and anything else that interests you in the outer reaches. Your location is used to give you a bird's-eye-view of the night sky from your exact positioning, and some clever features

are used to help you understand exactly what you are seeing. The Clear icon lets you clear the screen and compare the plain view with what you can really see – when you then choose a set of data to view, it is transposed on to the screen to aid your understanding. The amount of data included is huge, and you can potentially spend many hours reading up on what you can see in the sky, and for this alone the app is a winner. The interface takes a little while to

learn, but once you understand where everything sits, the cosmos really is there for you to explore. The graphics are appealing, but not overdone to the point of overwhelming the information included, and it all comes together to create a solution that works perfectly for anyone who wants to learn.

A clever way to learn about the cosmos and have some fun.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 4.3 | £6.99/\$9.99 | v3.4.2
● Android | OS 1.6 | £3.12/\$4.99 | v1.0.5

Pros/Cons

- ▲ The presentation highlights the important areas
- ▲ A huge amount of data is included
- ▼ There is a learning curve in trying to understand
- ▼ Occasionally the app would not open first time

SHOWCASE

Five ways to see the stars in your hand



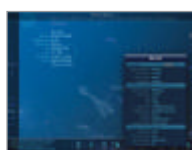
01 CLOCK

The Clock feature shows you what you should be seeing in the sky on any given date and time. Tap the Clock icon and then adjust the two scroll wheels.



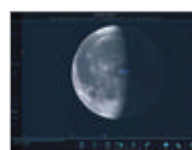
02 WHAT'S UP?

The What's Up? icon lets you see what is visible in the sky, and details the planets and stars you should be looking at with your head up on a clear night.



03 PICK

The Pick facility lets you tap on any object that is on the screen, and then read a quick summary. You can then tap for more to get a full breakdown.



04 MOON

The Moon shortcut lets you navigate to its current position and view it in full detail. It is just like viewing it with a telescope, without braving the elements.



05 INFO

Tap the Info icon to read specific data such as the location, display time, and Julian date. This is a quick way into the huge amount of data buried within this app.

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GET FIT IN THE OFFICE

GET A TASTE OF THAT GYM BUZZ WHILE SAT AT YOUR DESK

OFFICE-FIT



Basically serving as your personal fitness coach, *Office-Fit* gives users the chance to plan a routine of exercises that they can repeat at a set time each day. Alternatively, users can tap the Now button to be given a routine to get stuck in to immediately. Each exercise comes with an instructional video to show you how to complete the move at work, and there will also be on-screen information telling you exactly what benefits each exercise has. When you create an exercise plan you can choose to focus on certain areas, as well as set a duration and a body position on which you would like to work.

A clean and simple app to get you feeling more nimble while in the office.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ iOS4.0 | Free | v1.2.1

OFFICE EXERCISE



While there are some useful exercises for stretching out after being sat at your desk for a while, *Office Exercise* does lack the real depth needed to be seen as a completely useful office exercise tool. There are also some issues with the language used within the app, with it not always being clear or easy to understand in terms of instructions. There are diagrams you can follow to achieve the correct position, but there aren't any explanations as to why each move is included, or the benefits that come with carrying it out. This app is geared slightly more towards relaxation than actual exercise.

A good stretching and breathing starting point, but lacks real depth.

★★★★★

● Android | OS1.6 | Free | v1.0.5

SIMPLE WORKOUT TRACKER



Getting a lot more statistical than other apps here, *Simple Workout Tracker* gives users the chance to log your exercise and see the progress you make as you become fitter and more flexible. As for the office environment, this app comes in handy when you want to create a schedule for your loosening sessions, and tracking the progress your lower back is making in terms of getting stronger and the increasing number of repetitions you are completing. The app has graphs and charts to show off such data, so you can visualise your progress.

A useful app, but one that is perhaps not too inspiring when it comes to improving office well-being.

★★★★★

● Android | OS1.1 | Free | v2.9



WORKOUT TRAINER



A combination of workout organiser and inspiration app, *Workout Trainer* enables users to plot out what to do and when, before choosing specific moves and routines from the app's multimedia library. While a lot of these are naturally geared towards gym or home exercise, there are still some that can be applied to work, like office chair drills and neck stretches that you can do at your desk. You can then create a schedule to work from and use the audio and video instructions to help ensure you carry out all our routines and exercises correctly.

While mainly focussed on serious workouts, there is still plenty here for the office.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3 | Free | v2.7
● Android | OS 2.1 | Free | v4.1

DAILY CARDIO WORKOUT



One of a series of apps that aims to give you a quick burst of exercise ranging from five to ten minutes twice a day. There are two workouts that can be shuffled, and users can choose which exercise to start from. These might require you to stand up, away from your desk, but the quick nature of the sessions make them ideal for doing during your tea break. The in-app options allow you to alter the length of your routine, should you have a particularly busy day, and there are video and audio instructions to guide you through. This is simple and to-the-point exercise. **A simple exercise app that has plenty of use in the workplace - if you don't mind jumping around in front of your colleagues.**

★★★★★

● Android | Varies | £0.65/\$0.99 | Varies

OFFICE HEALTH



Office Health utilises flash-cards to illustrate simple exercises that can help alleviate office-related health problems. Users select the goal they'd like to achieve; the app then takes them through the steps to complete it, using the aforementioned flash cards. Users can set reminders and create new goals for themselves and the app can repeat this every time it's needed. When you choose a problem, for example lower-back pain, *Office Health* gives you a cartoon image showing how to carry out the exercise, and then a short description of how to do it correctly.



Has a dash of light-hearted humour that acts as a nice motivator you're feeling sluggish.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 3.1 | Free | v1.0.1



ABOVE: The presentation of the matching feature is both informative and eye-catching



ABOVE: You can view the full profiles of anyone who is local to you with one tap

CANWENETWORK — BUSINESS CONNECTIONS

EXPAND YOUR NETWORK USING LOCATIONS, INTERESTS AND BUSINESS CREDENTIALS

PROS/CONS

- ▲ Beautifully designed and easy to understand
- ▲ The matching features are highly innovative and well thought out
- ▼ Performance could be quicker when navigating through screens
- ▼ Can be glitchy at times and crashes occasionally



LinkedIn is the premier online service for building business connections, and it has a proven track record in helping people to get to know others in similar industries, and for helping them build worthwhile business relationships.

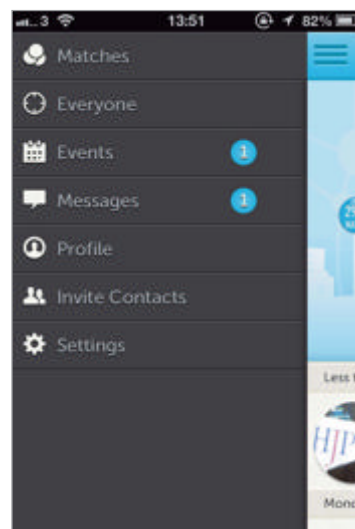
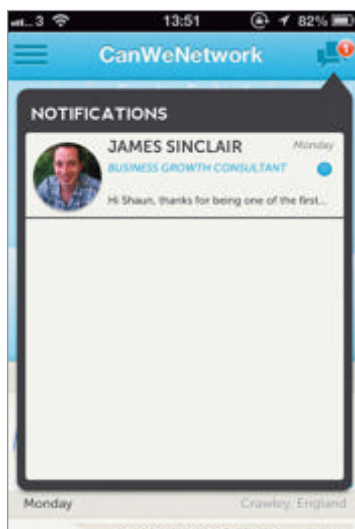
However, the service is naturally limited in areas, and this can hinder the ability to build as many relationships as possible. In some ways it can feel like a database of contacts that feel somewhat anonymous, and this has transferred to the official iPhone and Android apps

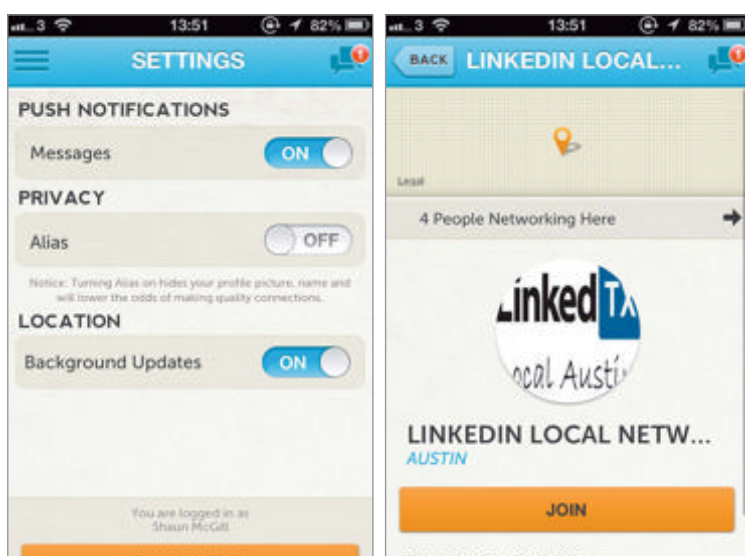
as well. A few of the main features are available in mobile form, but not every single one, and the mobile apps merely act as extensions to the main service.

CanWeNetwork has other intentions. It looks to build upon the positive features in LinkedIn and to make them much more suitable for the smartphone. On top of this, it adds some much needed features that are likely to help you build real relationships much quicker. The most obvious feature that stands out when you first use it is the matching algorithm that uses a number of datasets to calculate how good a match someone is to you. These come together to build a geographical and skills-based profile that works on many different levels to help you decide if it is worth making a connection with someone. This will not only save you a lot of time, but potentially help you build more fruitful relationships. LinkedIn is not a numbers game where the idea of having hundreds of connections is the main goal; it is all about quality relationships, and this is why this app is so useful. Once you have found a match, you can view the person's



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ABOVE: You can choose if you want messages pushed to you, or even hide behind an alias

“THE CONSISTENCY THROUGHOUT THE DESIGN OF THE APP IS WHAT STRUCK US THE MOST”

complete profile and decide whether to connect or even block the user. The latter option is useful because the searching takes account of your location, so it may be that you do not want contacts too local to you.

The entire interface of *CanWeNetwork* is very different from the standards we see in iOS and Android apps, but in a good way. There is an element of professionalism involved, but the consistency throughout the design is what struck us the most. Everything from the matching graphs to the way maps are presented flow perfectly, and even the profiles for each individual look much cleaner than they do on the LinkedIn site or official app. It retains an air of friendliness while maintaining the professional intentions of the app and related service. Besides the clever matching feature and lovely presentation, you can manage your LinkedIn messages, check events and invite people from your contacts app or via the LinkedIn service directly. All of these options are available through a

hidden bar that swooshes in from the side of the screen.

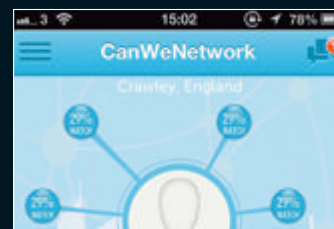
In the settings screen you can choose if you want messages pushed to you and if you require background updates to occur, as well as choosing an alias if you need to safeguard your privacy. Everything you need is included and some of the stand-out features truly shine in an area which is sometimes dominated by apps that merely do what they need to and little more. The only problems we noticed were the occasional crash that would require the app to be restarted, and in some screens performance would slow a little. Hopefully some quick fixes will be put in place because on every other level *CanWeNetwork* performed very well and offered us a whole new way to deal with LinkedIn on a daily basis. Indeed, it is now our favourite LinkedIn service of all.

A beautifully presented and innovative add-on with lots of potential uses.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ iOS 5.0 | Free | v1.2
● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v1.2

HOW TO... Find useful connections

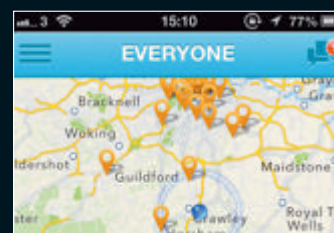
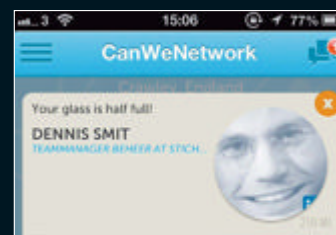


01 FIND A MATCH

The first screen you see will display an image showing potential matches, with percentage ratings expressing their compatibility with your profile.

02 VIEW PROFILES

Tap a match for more information, including a full breakdown of why they are suited to you, factoring in Skills, Proximity, and more, as well as their LinkedIn profile.

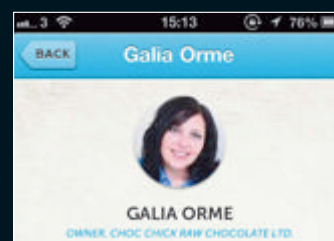
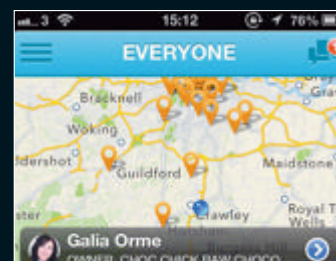


03 FIND NEARBY USERS

If you tap the top-left button you reveal a side menu, displaying all your options including Events and Messages. Select Everyone for a map of local LinkedIn users.

04 SEE AN OVERVIEW

Tap one of the map markers and a profile picture, and brief description of the person will be presented. Click the blue arrow button to be taken to their profile page, as seen in step 2.



05 MAKE A CONNECTION

After reading a user's profile and viewing the app's diagram of your compatibility, you can choose to either connect with users on *CanWeNetwork* or LinkedIn.

ALTERNATIVELY... Five useful networking alternatives



01 LINKEDIN
LinkedIn is the official companion to the main online service and offers many of the standard features.
● iPhone+ iOS 4.3 | Free | v5.1.4



02 YOANO
Yoano lets you manage all of your networks including LinkedIn, Facebook and Flickr - in one place.
● iPad+ iOS 3.0 | Free | v1.7



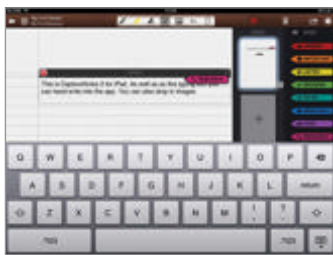
03 IBM CONNECTIONS
Remotely access an internal network for your business.
● iPhone+ iOS 5.0 | Free | v4.0.0
● Android OS 2.2 | Free | v4.0.0



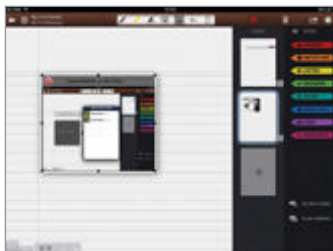
04 CARD MUNCH
Photograph business cards and keep a database of your contacts. Integrated with LinkedIn.
● iPhone+ iOS 4.0 | Free | v3.2



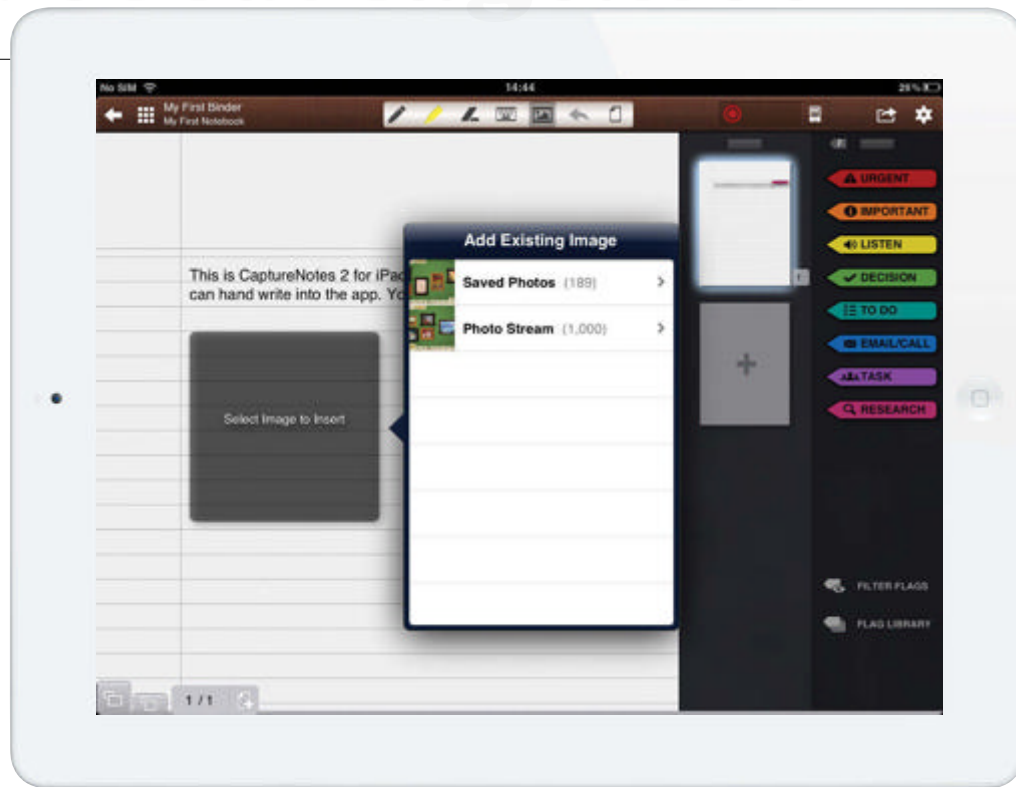
05 LINKPAD PRO
App specifically designed to run LinkedIn on your iPad and utilise the screen size to show more of your contacts.
● iPad iOS 3.2 | £1.49/\$1.99 | v2.0



ABOVE: Colour-code notes with flags to filter your search for them later



ABOVE: Insert images into notes as well as type and freehand draw



CAPTURENOTES 2

ANOTHER ONE FOR THE NOTE-TAKING FRATERNITY



Note-taking apps are nothing new, so it means that originality and innovation are more important than ever if you want to stand out and convince iOS device owners to choose you for their productivity needs. The team at *CaptureNotes* obviously realised this, and put together a big update to help make their app a more viable option for users. The result is *CaptureNotes 2*, with added social aspects so you can share your various notebooks to places like *Evernote* and *Dropbox*.

This though is still not the highlight, for that remains in the form of its 'flags' and the clever way in which you can instantly link different parts of your notebooks. There are initially

eight flags that appear on-screen that users can drag and drop anywhere into a note as a bookmark of sorts. If none of those that already exist meet the criteria you're looking for then you can create your own. The beauty of this feature is not simply the colour-coding of different parts of your work, but if you tap the filter flags icon and then one of the flags used within a notebook, you can see all the areas of the notebook that have been linked to that tag. This means you can see your notes in the same place, even if they were taken down at different times. It is the very definition of productivity, and arguably the main reason you should try out *CaptureNotes*.

Of course, it also helps that the app comes with a solid range of input

options, including a handwriting as well as typing tool. Within each of your main binders you can create individual notebooks to breakdown all your notes as you wish, and you can again deploy the flag filtering technique here in order to create new notebooks of text depending on the flags added to them. *CaptureNotes* also supports image upload and the ability to import PDFs for annotation and note-making.

In short, *CaptureNotes 2* has everything you need in a productivity app on iPad, with the flags feature making for a very interesting USP.

Solid interface with some inspiring functionality, *CaptureNotes 2* will keep you productive.

★★★★★

● iPad | iOS 5.0 | £2.99/\$4.99 | v2.2

Pros/Cons

- ▲ Flags are an inspired inclusion
- ▲ The interface has plenty of depth but is easy to understand
- ▼ There is some lag when it comes to page scrolling
- ▼ Handwriting tool is a little shaky



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ALTERNATIVELY...

Five more apps to boost your productivity



01 CONCEPT

Use the blank boards to brainstorm, and you can flesh out your ideas using sticky notes and more.

● iPad | iOS 5.0 | £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.2.1



02 GRAFIQ - DIAGRAMS & IDEAS

Create impressive flow charts with ease using the smart interface and smooth touch controls.

● iPad+ | iOS 4.3 | £5.99/\$8.99 | v2.4



03 NOTELEDGE FOR IPAD

Impressive levels of upload and customisation mean you can write down pretty much anything.

● iPad | iOS 4.3 | £2.99/\$4.99 | v1.3.5



04 EVERMEETING

The ultimate meeting minutes app - update the agenda, record the discussion and invite via email.

● iPad+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v1.6



05 SYNCSPACE

A whiteboard app that can be shared over devices so more than one person can work on it simultaneously.

● iPad | iOS 5.0 | £5.49/\$7.99 | v2.5.0

OPEN GARDEN

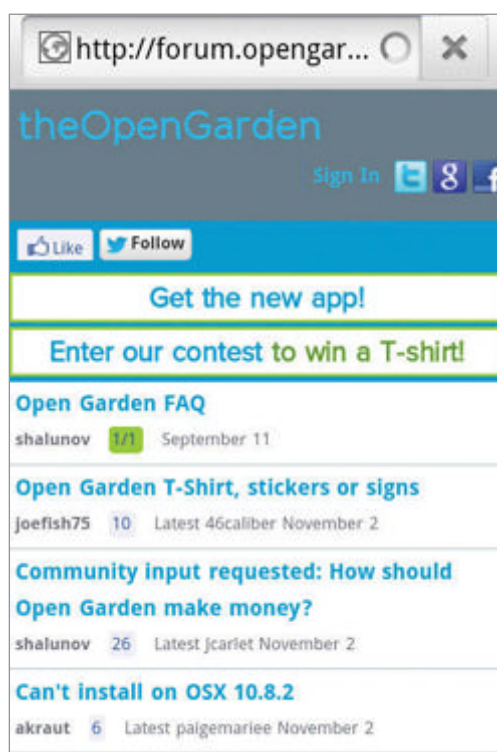
BE A GOOD SAMARITAN AND SHARE YOUR MOBILE INTERNET WITH OTHERS



How often have you neared the end of a month run out of data? If you are out and about, you then need to be hooked into a Wi-Fi hotspot or, at the very least, be able to foot the bill for that little bit of extra allowance. Even with relatively large 1GB data plans, you often find yourself eating away at your allowance.

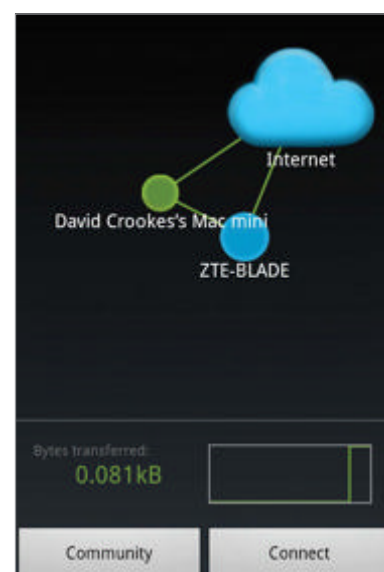
And yet, it may be that you have spare capacity. Others may too. With *Open Garden*, this extra web access can be handed to other people, and your computer or tablet can make use of your data allowance too. The ultimate idea behind this noble service is to allow a mesh network to emerge using peer-to-peer connections. In short, it's large-scale tethering.

In order to use the app you have to do two things: install it to your Android phone, then get it downloaded on to your other devices. Once you have *Open Garden* installed on a computer or device, the Android app picks up on it. You are then able to share an internet connection



between the two devices. The Android app shows you what is connected.

This is a great way of making maximum use of your allowance in areas where Wi-Fi is not available. With this app, you're forever connected.



ABOVE: The app shows you immediately which devices are connected to each other, and which connect to the internet

LEFT: If you become stuck, then make sure you head to the app's handy forum for advice



An easy set up ensures that you are up and running in a short space of time. Downloads are small too.



● Android | OS 2.0.1 | Free | v1.4.7

CATCH NOTES

IT'S ANOTHER NOTE-SYNCING APP, BUT WILL THIS CATCH ON?

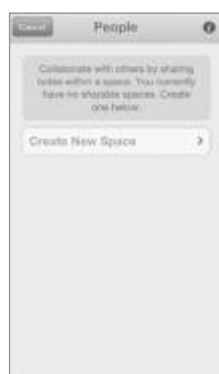


Note-taking apps are one of the oldest smartphone programs, and things went a step further when it was possible to sync notes across devices. *Evernote* emerged as the top choice for many, but it's worth considering *Catch Notes*, which not only looks sharper and brighter, but is a very useful, flexible and innovative offering.

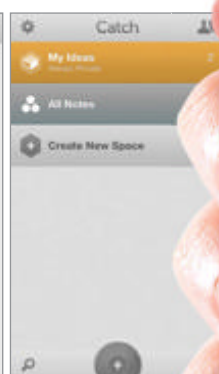
You can use it to collaborate with other people, each making additions to a note as and when inspiration strikes. Notes can be commented on, and this means the original note remains intact. It allows for greater flow of thought and interaction.

What is of most use here is the hashtag tagging system, which you insert into the note itself, negating the need to tap them into a separate box. People can quickly find subjects by searching for that tag. Simple, yet very effective.

Much work has been put into the design of the app. A simple button opens a new note, and a wonderful dial menu pops up to give you lots of options in a small, non-obstructive yet striking space. This lets you add an image, an audio note, checklist item, typed note or reminder, each of which enhance the note-taking considerably.



ABOVE: It is possible to collaborate with other users and share notes within a space



ABOVE: The design of *Catch* is striking and user-friendly. It feels fresh and accessible

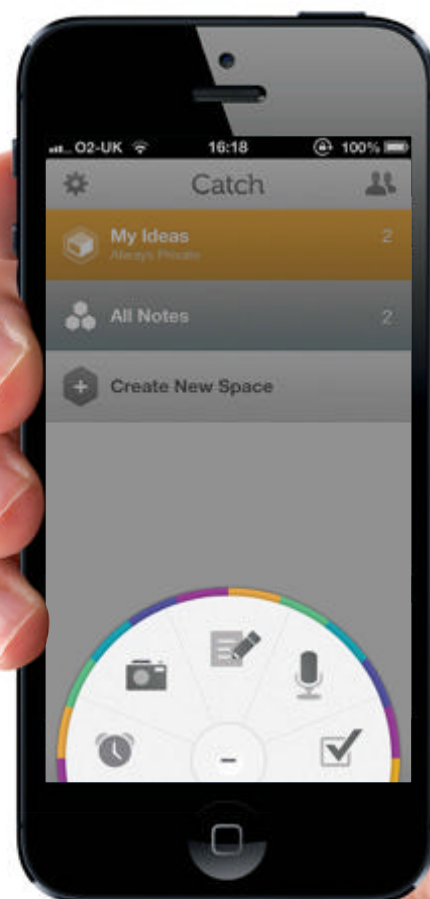
Catch Notes is a great alternative to *Evernote*, and it will win many fans among those looking for something different.

If you take *Catch Notes* in its own right, there is no doubting that it is one of the best note-taking apps around.



● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v5.1.0

RIGHT:
The wheel is an effective and user-friendly way of calling up the options





WORK FROM HOME

WORK AWAY FROM THE OFFICE WITHOUT YOUR PRODUCTIVITY DIPPING

LOGMEIN



LogMeIn is an app that enables you to connect your iPad to your desktop computer. Once you have signed up for an account and downloaded the free software, you can access your files and a resume, and work on documents displayed on your computer screen. The app will even play any music that happens to be running on your computer, widening the scope of its uses further. **A robust and efficient system to work remotely with everything you need to do your job.**

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 4.3
| Free | v3.2.1193

CONVO



Through *Convo* you can create a network based on your email address. Anyone with a similar address (ie a work email) can access your network and you can send quick and easy messages and collaborate on documents through the app. It's a speedy way to stay in touch with your team throughout your working day, and setting up takes only a few minutes. **It works exactly as you would want it to, enabling you to stay connected to events at the office while out and about.**

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 4.3 | Free | v2.0

HOJOKI



If you use several productivity apps then *Hojoki* provides a solution (although possibly for a problem you never had...) for monitoring all of your newsfeeds and activity by enabling you to link them all together in one easy-to-digest feed. Best of all, you can join workspaces to hook up with your colleagues for when you need to discuss work and share documents online. **A very efficient app that helps you keep track of all aspects of your work in one simple interface.**

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3
| Free | v1.5

GOOGLE DRIVE



There are loads of great cloud storage apps, but *Google Drive's* integration with other services, such as Gmail and Google Docs, makes it stand out. You can store, open, and edit documents through the interface and you can even opt to share them with a select audience so that others may review and collaborate.



Integrates services to ease your working life.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0
| Free | v1.1.1

KINGSOFT OFFICE (FREE)



One of the most essential things about working away from the office is having the tools you need. If this involves Microsoft Office documents then *Kingsoft Office* provides rich editing features and the flexibility to upload them straight to a wide range of cloud services. One of the best apps of its kind available on any OS.



Feels like a premium app, yet it's free - amazing.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 2.1
| Free | v5.1.2

MIGHTYTEXT – SMS FROM COMPUTER

SEND TEXTS FROM YOUR COMPUTER USING YOUR ANDROID DEVICE

BELOW: Once you are set up, the app diverts the attention from itself to the computer-based service

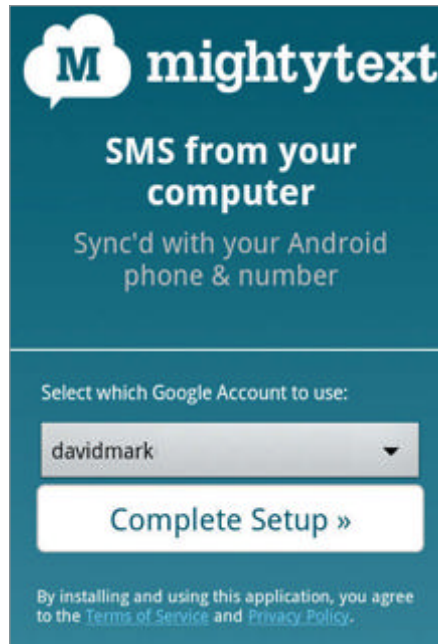


So imagine it. You are hard at work and you want to fire off a text, but your Android device is not to hand. With *MightyText*, you are able to go straight to a web browser and tap in a message. This will then sync with your phone and send it.

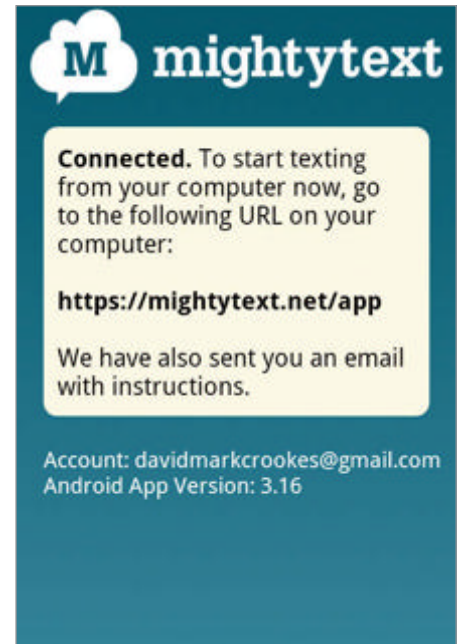
It's a brilliant service which requires only an app for your Android phone and a plug-in for your web browser. Your phone and web browser will then sync so that you can send and reply to messages by going to mightytext.net/app. Any messages you send go via your phone as an SMS, so bear this in mind if you have a limit.

The app itself is nothing much to look at once it has been installed and you have gone through the set-up steps. From then on the action is purely on your computer or device browser. This will let you see your text messages, create them, and opt for MMS options. You can also instruct the browser to dial from your phone. We can't see why you'd want to do this, but it's a nice addition nonetheless.

In some ways, this gives Android an iMessage feature – the service that is so popular on Apple devices. It's not, strictly speaking, exactly the same, but it certainly adds flexibility and it will make you more productive.



Can't find your phone and need to get hold of someone? *MightyText* is the answer.



★★★★★

● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v3.20

MR POSTMAN

STILL PREFER SNAIL MAIL? THIS APP KEEPS POSTMAN PAT HAPPY

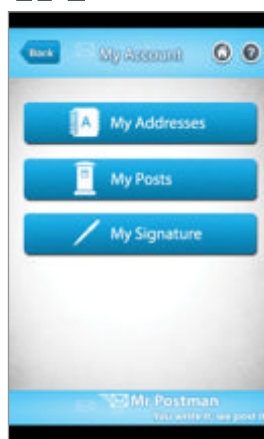


Writing a letter – a proper, pen and ink letter – is actually a time consuming process. We may not have seen it that way at some distant point in the past, but we have emails and social media and all of the rest of it. It means writing, printing, enveloping and posting is a hassle.

Mr Postman wants to take that hassle away. The app lets you create a letter, starting by asking you the basic details of the person you are writing to, and then prompting you for the content. The app says you are able to write any sort of letter but we would still be wary of writing something too private.

There are some nice touches, like templates for different types of letters; signatures can be scribbled on the screen and inserted on the letter, and addresses within your device's contacts directory can be used. The act of writing a letter via the app is indeed very easy, and when you have finished, they are ready for sending – in the UK only – from £1.35 for first class and 70p for second.

The letter can be paid for with a credit card or PayPal. It would have been good if it could have

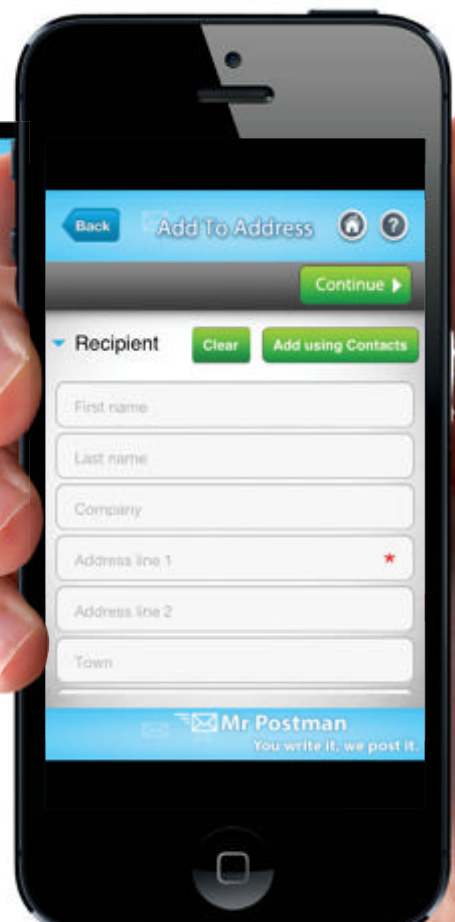


ABOVE: You can save addresses, your mail, and your signature within the app



ABOVE: There are lots of UK businesses already stored within the app

RIGHT:
Tap in an address or add one using your contacts



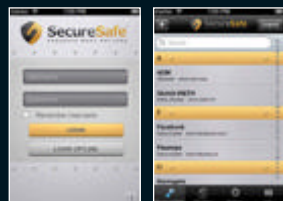
been paid for via an in-app purchase for speed, but we guess that's not possible. It is, however, a service that works well and is well worth trying. **Letters can be produced within minutes and sent just as fast. It's the most convenient way of writing a letter.**

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 3.2 | Free | v1.1

TOP 05 apps to...

KEEP FILES CONFIDENTIAL



01 SECURESAFE

Save your passwords within this app, with a data inheritance function should something happen to you.

★★★★★
● Android | OS 2.3 | Free | v1.1.1
● iPad | iOS 4.2 | Free | v2.4.0

02 DOT LOCK MY DATA

Secure files with a passcode, and this app records any intruder attempts with a photo and GPS.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 3.1
| £2.99/\$4.99 | v3.1

03 SECRET FOLDER PRO

Password protect your photo library, as well as secure individual albums and hide album covers.

★★★★★
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| £1.99/\$2.99 | v3.4

04 PRIVATE LOCKED FOLDER

Works just like Camera Roll and has a disguised app icon so that it looks like a regular folder, but has added security.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 4.0 | Free | v1.0

05 THE VAULT

This app encrypts all data you give it on your device, not elsewhere online. You can also view PDFs, PowerPoint, Excel and Word files in-app.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v3.0.6



MEDIAFIRE

MediaFire is a very robust and reliable web-based cloud storage service, onto which you upload files to from your computer. You can sign up for free to get limited storage access of up to 50GB (with maximum files sizes restricted to 200MB), but you can also easily upgrade to permanent storage for a modest monthly fee. This app lets you sign in to your account to view your files, upload images from your iPhone, take images through your camera to upload directly or create new folders within your storage space. Without doubt a useful companion to its online big brother.

If you subscribe, this is a clean and efficient app for monitoring your files or uploading images.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 5.1 | Free | v1.0.3



VIRUSBARRIER

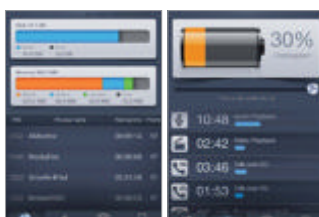
If you're anxious about malware passing through your iOS device and infecting your Mac or PC, then this useful app forms a solid line of defence to stop anything untoward from passing through. Once installed on your device, you simply press and hold on any email attachment, and the option to Open in VirusBarrier will appear. Tap on this and the app will open and scan the attachment to ensure that it is uncontaminated by malicious viruses. It's simple to use, and takes such a short amount of time that you'll be doing it through force of habit without even realising it.

Performs its task very efficiently. A health check for your device!

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.0

| £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.4



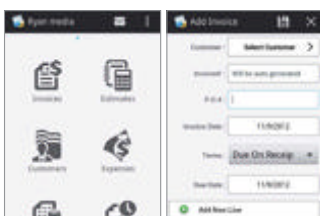
ACTMONITOR

If you want to get to know your device better, then this is perfect. It creates a technical love-in between man and machine by splurging forth information that is good to know, but in all honesty, is information only a geek would probably care about. Through four tabs, accessible from the bottom of the screen, you can see how your apps eat into the capacity of your device, monitor your battery power and see how you can use it, view your network information, and pour over your device's tech specs - which you can then compare against other Apple devices.

A good breakdown of what can be used with low battery power.

★★★★★

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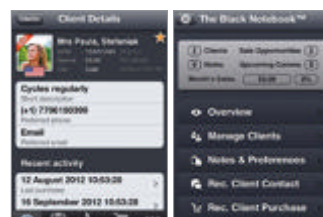
ZOHO INVOICE

Invoices can be a drag. Writing them, sending them, chasing them up - it eats into the hours that you could otherwise be spending earning more money, but this app is designed to make the process quick, easy and tolerable. By setting up an account, which you can do in-app within a matter of minutes, you can easily compose, share and monitor your invoice activity and even receive your cash through the system in any currency you want. It's a faultless service that will prove highly useful for small businesses, freelancers and contractors alike.

An efficient service that takes of the stress out of chasing money that is rightfully yours.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 2.1 | Free | v1.6.5



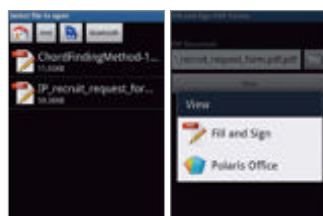
THE BLACK NOTEBOOK

If your job involves sales, then you'll appreciate how an in-depth knowledge of each client can forge a strong working relationship and, perhaps, increase a revenue stream. *The Black Notebook* is a great place to store such information as it allows you to access it in an instant, and everything - from your client's spending habits to their personal interests - is arranged neatly. As well as a client database, you can also create notes and reminders, track sales targets, and edit info on the fly.

This app could well prove to be a revenue-making secret weapon in your sales career.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 5.0 | Free | v1.0.3



FILL AND SIGN PDF FORMS

If you're working remotely and need to review and sign a PDF back at the office, you can do it all from where you are. You can open the PDF in the app, view it, and then even add your signature to the required fields before selecting one of the many sharing options to send it back. The only drawback, though admittedly it's a big one, is that the app struggled to cope with certain PDFs we threw at it, saying there were no applicable AcroFields to add data and signatures to, when there most certainly were.

This could prove to be a lifeline back to the office, but for now it isn't as efficient as we'd like.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 1.5 | Free | v2.7.1

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BEST ZOMBIE GAMES

BATTLE OR JOIN THE UNDEAD IN THIS COLLECTION OF BRAIN-EATING ROMPS



ZOMBIE GUNSHIP



A very different take on the concept of zombie tower defence, as you find yourself in the gunner's chair of an AC-130 gunship with radar and three heavy-duty weapons to dish out some punishment. Your accuracy will be



tested by the presence of fleeing human survivors, and you use the coins earned from your kills to upgrade your weapons and climb the leaderboards on Game Center, which is fully supported, as is AirPlay.

A twist on the genre and a very cool way to practise for the inevitable zombie apocalypse. You know it's coming.

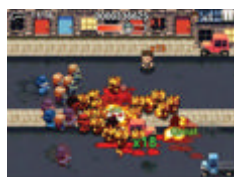
★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 4.1 | £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.7

AGE OF ZOMBIES ANNIVERSARY



A brilliant top down shoot-'em-up that stars *Jetpack Joyride's* Barry Steakfries as a time-travelling



zombie hunter, spraying bullets across scenes through history. This game then is all about arcade fun, with on-

screen controls for your movement and firing. There's a great arsenal of weapons to use on the waves of zombies that come at you, with everything from pistols to flamethrowers and bazookas on offer through the levels.

This game is just brilliant fun, and has a nice splash of humour to go with it.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 3.1 | £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.1.1

DEAD TRIGGER



A brilliant survival-based first-person shooter, where the only aim is to last through each wave and



level of attacking zombies. The controls are straightforward and it looks fantastic - it's almost hard to

believe that *Dead Trigger* is a free download. There are some in-app purchases but they are in no way essential; you can enjoy the zombie apocalypse in all its horror without



One of the best-looking shooters on iOS and Android.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 4.2 | Free | v1.6.0
● Android | Varies | Free | Varies

SIR DEATH



A cool-looking zombie killing game where you must deal with wave after wave of the undead



swarming at you. The animation is smooth, and the aim of this game is survival, with endless stages and areas

to work through. As you go you can unlock new skillsets and gory ways to finish off your enemies, and there are simple on-screen controls to help you do so. Not the best here, but fun to try out, especially since it's free. **Quite an interesting looking and fun to play game that never quite completely grabs you.**

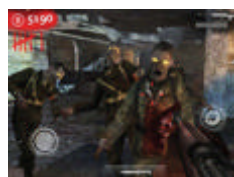
★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3 | Free | v1.0.1

CALL OF DUTY: BLACK OPS ZOMBIES



One of the most epic titles on show here, this is the full version of the bonus levels at the end of the



console version of *Black Ops*. Visually the game is great, and there are more than enough levels and zombies to keep you

occupied. There is also a multiplayer mode, where you can team up with up to three other players with voice chat, and take on the



A big-name franchise that delivers a fun experience.

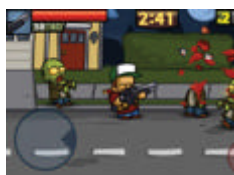
★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 4.2 | £4.99/\$6.99 | v1.3.0
● Android | Varies | £4.99/\$6.99 | Varies

ZOMBIEVILLE USA 2



Some really cool animated visuals and animations, in particular the sight of exploding zombies that



have taken a shotgun shell, combined with simple on-screen controls and plenty of weapons to

unlock - all add up to a lot of apocalyptic fun. This arcade-style game enables you to jump in with a character and try and beat your highest score, unlocking new characters and upgrades along the way.

A very good pick-up-and-play title for anyone who wants to take out their frustration on the undead.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3 | £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.3.1

ZOMBIE HIGHWAY



An endless driving game where you must make it as far down the zombie infested highway as you



can. There are roadblocks to dodge as well as the small matter of a never-ending tide of eager zombies that

jump on your car. As you progress further you can unlock better vehicles and defences to go with them, which enable you to travel further each time. This tilt-control game is wholly addictive - you have been warned.

More like *The Driving Dead*, this is highly addictive with a simple control setup, and has all the right ingredients.

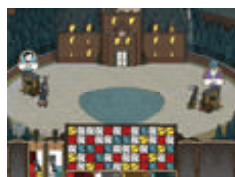
★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 3.1 | £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.9

CORPSE CRAFT



This is something very different within this group test; a puzzle and real-time strategy game that also



has elements of tower defence. The aim of the game is to complete the gem-matching puzzle at the

bottom of the screen that then allows you to spawn new zombies to unleash on your opponent. Build up your own force to help defend and then attack others, all within the Edward Gorey-inspired world. As a free download, then this is well worth a look.



A brilliant combination of genres, with zombie armies in the middle of it all.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 3.2 | Free | v1.2.0

PLANTS VS. ZOMBIES



The iconic tower defence game sees you take to the backyard to defend your home from a horde of dim-



witted zombies. There's an element of serious strategy to this game that offsets the fun, cartoony nature of the

visuals. With achievements to unlock and mini-games to be uncovered there is such depth that it's no surprise that this has been a constant when it comes to naming the best



Remains one of the best games around in general.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 4.3 | £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.9.7
● Android | Varies | £2.37/\$3.09 | Varies

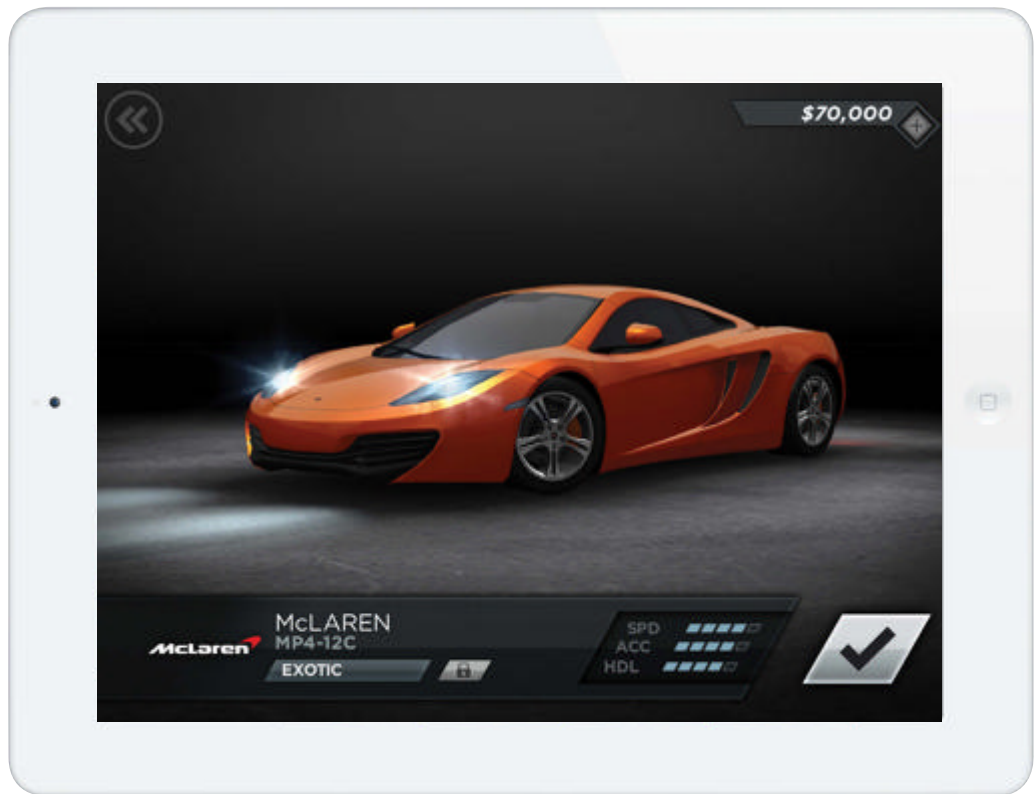
RIGHT: just from the way light shimmers across your car, you can appreciate *Most Wanted's* superior visuals



ABOVE: There is no open-world driving available in this version of the game. Instead, you tap various locations on the map to get places



ABOVE: There is a fantasy garage of cars just waiting for you to unlock, buy and drive



NEED FOR SPEED MOST WANTED



THE REBOOTED RACER HITS THE iPad HARDER THAN A HEAD-ON COLLISION

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PROS/CONS

- ▲ One of the best-looking games, not just racers, around
- ▲ The added touch controls are a smart addition to the setup
- ▼ No multiplayer to race against your friends
- ▼ Some of the environments are similar and repetitive



The big console title coming to the mobile world has always been an exciting prospect, mainly because of the unknown element that comes with having to reboot a familiar control system - as well as translate things visually - to a device that can fit in your pocket or bag without jeopardising the experience. *Need for Speed* has already made some ventures onto iOS and EA have brought some of their other heavyweights (like *FIFA*, for example) to the table with mixed reviews. This,

however, feels like the moment we are supposed to take mobile versions very seriously indeed, especially given visuals in some of the trailers in the build-up to the app's launch.

Most Wanted then had quite a bit of hype to live up to, and on first impressions it definitely does that. In terms of straight up looks this is one of, if not the best, racer we have seen on the iPad, with gorgeous details to the cars and the environments you are hurtling through. For the first time, realistic damage shows up on your car as you wrestle with fellow street racers and the police. Light shimmers off damp roads, and the lens flares from the headlights of oncoming traffic and the sudden flash of brake lights as you reach a tight apex. The cinematic camera that's used to show crashes or when you complete a takedown on a chasing police car show off all these effects, with debris flying from vehicles and some epic smashes to keep the adrenaline

pumping. *Need for Speed* has always been a more high-octane, arcade-style racer compared to console titles like *Gran Turismo* and their ilk, and for the first time on mobile, you can see and feel that same sense of fun and carnage that comes across on consoles.

To go with this visual feast there has clearly been a lot of time spent on the audio, but not just the soundtrack, which as usual with *Most Wanted* is pretty fast and furious. There have been obvious attempts to make engine and more general impact noise more realistic.

As you earn more cash and points and start moving up into supercar territory, you'll hear the petrolhead symphony become more and more prominent and noticeable. Jump landings are also accompanied by the sounds of jolting metal and suspensions, and each scrape and crash is accompanied by much more realistic audio. It is these little aural touches that can make all the difference to how a game is enjoyed.



"FOR THE FIRST TIME ON MOBILE, YOU CAN SEE AND FEEL THAT SAME SENSE OF FUN AND CARNAGE THAT COMES ACROSS ON CONSOLE"



ABOVE: You will get in some pretty epic battles with the police as you try to outrun them



EA have also made some adjustments to the control setup, with some nice touchscreen additions to go with the already established tilt controls.

Now, a swipe upwards on the right-hand side of the screen unleashes your nitrous, while you tap on the left to operate the break as well to instigate drift manoeuvres. While this may sound a little overcomplicated it is anything but, with the placement of your hands on the side of your device allowing for quick and easy gestures when you need them.

There is one glaring issue with *Most Wanted*, however, and that is the complete omission of a multiplayer system, something that its biggest rivals, *Real Racing* in particular, have had huge success with. EA instead have opted to link up *Most Wanted* with *Origin*, so that if you sign in with your *Origin* ID you can compare your scores and times with your friends - and yes, that includes those on consoles. It's a nice way to get into the

spirit of the game cross-platform, as you can establish who in your circle of friends is the most wanted.

We also are mildly disappointed in the lack of open-world play that is a big part of *NFS* life, instead there are areas of the map you keep revisiting for new challenges, and while the visuals are stunning, its not long before the race environments start to look very similar.

Having said that, there is a wonderful range of real cars on offer, and while the impatient will be tempted by in-app purchases, they can be avoided.

Most Wanted is undoubtedly another step forward for mobile gaming, with the graphics and cinematic crashes to thrill any user, and the gameplay to keep you coming back for some time.

It's got the looks, controls and the name to be big, controls on iOS, even if it's not quite the whole package.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 4.0 | £4.99/\$6.99 | v1.0.0

HOW TO...

Become the most wanted



01 SPEED

The clue is in the name - speed is a huge part of your success, so make sure to get that steering right and you won't need to use the brake, or have to ever look behind you.

02 NOS

One of the biggest weapons in your arsenal is the nitrous boost. These recharge through races so using it is all about timing - the straight stretches are the best place.



03 DRIFT

A good way to avoid slamming from wall to wall in the tighter turns, drifting is a great technique to use to get out of the corners faster. Get your technique down.

04 SEARCH AND DESTROY

Take down chasing police cars and you will get an automatic recharge of your nitrous, which is great. Just be careful not to cause yourself too much damage.



05 CASH

When it comes to getting the money and points to help you improve your car and buy new ones, all you need to do is win. So, ignore the distractions and crush the competition.

SHOWCASE

The best features of Need For Speed Most Wanted



01 VISUALS

This game is quite simply stunning to look at, from the shimmer of the wet roads to the street light reflections bouncing off your souped-up bonnet.



02 CRASHES

When you complete a takedown the camera switches to a cinematic angle for a damage report, showing you just what the game engine can do.



03 CHASES

As you continue to elude the authorities, they'll step up their game - so watch out for roadblocks, tyre spikes and bigger, faster patrol cars on your tail.



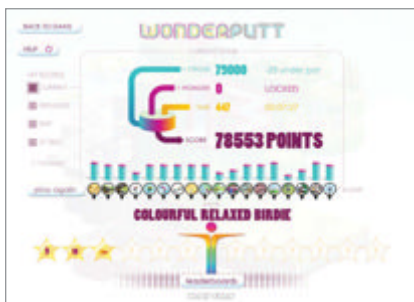
04 CARS

There are some of the most desirable cars on offer in the Most Wanted section, from the latest models to the iconic classics of automotive history.



05 UPGRADES

In order to give yourself the best chance in each race, you can add two modifications to your car per time, provided you can afford them of course.



ABOVE: The stats screen shows how you got on and allows you to choose practice holes



ABOVE: The screen evolves and various animations take place to form the course



WONDERPUTT

18 HOLES OF CRAZY GOLF ON A SINGLE CRAZY SCREEN



There are no two ways about it: *Wonderputt* is brilliant. This single-control game is unlike anything else you will see in the genre. The entire course is played on one screen, the different parts evolving and reshaping to create 18 different holes.

All you have to do is hold and drag on your ball to determine direction and power, with the physics and the objects within each hole doing the rest. It is quite extraordinary that you can go from playing in a submarine, to Stonehenge. It's wacky but utterly compelling to watch the course evolve after the ball drops. If we were to be

really critical we might say that only one course hinders longevity, but on the other side of this argument, there is enough difficulty here to find yourself constantly coming back.

The only time you leave the main screen is to play two holes in the missile chamber of a submarine. This sounds strange, but once you've entered *Wonderputt* you'll realise that this is completely normal. The already mentioned difficulty is definitely one of the key parts of this game's appeal, with quite a distant camera angle and some real subtlety needed at times, some steady and nimble harnessing of the touchscreen controls are required

in order to succeed. Don't be surprised to find yourself leaning in as you try to read the angle of the hole.

For added difficulty there are the rainbow pieces to collect in each hole. Grabbing them earns you extra points, but this is balanced out by the risk that it may cost you a few shots collecting them all.

This is a game that you will keep coming back again and again; we dare you to play it and not be charmed.



One of the best games we've played this year - wonderfully simple.

★★★★★
● iPad | iOS 4.0 | £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.0.1

Pros/Cons

- ▲ Fantastic animation to create the various holes
- ▲ Charming visuals and challenging controls
- ▼ Just the one course to play
- ▼ Could have more multiplayer functionality



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SHOWCASE

The five best holes on the Wonderputt course



01 THE SKI SLOPE

Having been a cow field just moments before, this slippery hole combines some difficult icy hills with a ski lift to help you keep par - or better. Watch your step.



02 THE TORPEDO PART 2

It is possible to get a hole in one here (we did it once, honest) but there are some tight angles and slopes that you have to read before you get there.



03 THE LILY PAD PART 2

One of the most difficult holes in the game. Here you must use enough power to skip over the water but not too much that you fall off the pads.



04 THE TRAVELATOR

For our money the toughest hole because of its small margin of error. Too hard and you'll get pushed away, too soft and your ball just comes back.



05 THE APARTMENT BLOCK

Not a particularly difficult hole, but a lot of fun to take on, with the crane section requiring a deft touch so as not to canon right back to where you started.

LILI THE LIGHTER, SOFTER SIDE OF RPG



When a game has taken advantage of Unreal Engine technology, there is likely to be a certain amount of expectation around it. Visually, *Lili* lives up to this quite comfortably, with a stunning open world for you to explore as the eponymous hero, and budding (pardon the pun) botanist. Lili has travelled to the island of Geos to explore the unusual plant life that resides there. Playing as Lili, you are then caught up in the middle of a civil war between the island's charming, if a little silly,

wooden inhabitants, and the evil spirits that torment them.

In truth, 'war' might be too strong a word for what is really occurring, as there is very little actual battling taking place - the closest to combat being the clashes you have with various spirits where Lili jumps on their backs and plucks wild flowers from them. In terms of gameplay *Lili* is quite light-hearted, with a lot of emphasis placed on the whimsical and amusing characters; this isn't the place to come if you're looking for a deep and immersive story. Everything within the game feels as if it has been designed with simplicity in mind, from the control system upwards. In general this is a success with a touch control set-up that takes little time to get the hang of, and no area-specific controls when it comes to movement, you can tap anywhere to start and stop Lili's movements. A large part of the game is spent collecting various flowers from around the

island, and there's a nice tap and drag movement required to successfully pluck them from the ground. You can then use these collected flowers in exchange for various upgrades and tools to help you defeat spirits. The difficulty of obtaining the flowers from spirits increases with each new area of the island you unlock, and so the need for flowers and therefore upgrades increases. This brings a more competitive edge to *Lili*, but it still doesn't quite shake the casual feeling you get when you pick up the game.

Lili feels like it would be best in the hands of your kids, as a way of introducing them to gaming and using an iPad's touchscreen. This is no bad thing; the visuals are good enough to draw everyone in, but maybe not enough alone to keep the serious gamers interested.

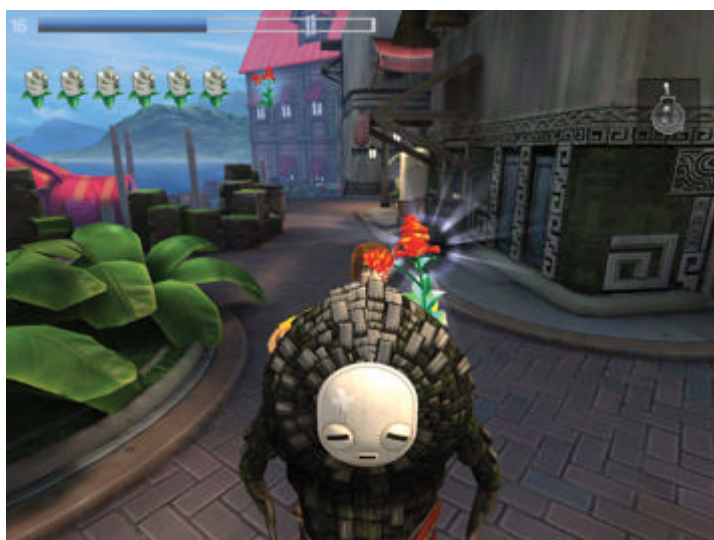
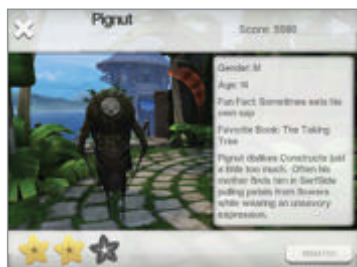
A great-looking game that may suit younger gamers better.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 5.0 | £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.1

Pros/Cons

- ▲ Incredibly impressive visually
- ▲ Uses a quick-to-grasp control setup
- ▼ The light-hearted nature won't be to everyone's taste
- ▼ Difficulty curve is alarmingly steep



LEFT: You do battle with spirits by jumping on their backs and pulling flowers out

ABOVE: The graphics make for impressive gameplay

SHOWCASE

The five most undisputable highlights of *Lili*



01 THE WORLD

From the sun gleaming in the water to the abundant flora and fauna, *Lili* is set in one of the most gorgeous worlds we've had the pleasure of exploring.



02 CONTROLS

There are simple touchscreen controls to help you navigate, and you don't even need to be touching the screen at all times, which can save the fingers a bit.



03 CHARACTERS

They come in all manner of shapes and sizes, and their dialogue has a fair dose of humour thrown in to keep you entertained. Watch out for the evil spirits...



04 BATTLES

It might not be the conventional combat you'd expect from an RPG, but the flower-grabbing madness is quite good fun and keeps you involved.



05 UPGRADES

The flowers and coins you collect can be turned into upgrades from the in-game store. Once equipped with the upgrades, it is easier to defeat the evil spirits.

FIFA 13

SCOUTING FOR GOALS, OR MURDER ON ZIDANE'S FLOOR?



There is one element it's difficult to get beyond with the *FIFA* games ported onto iOS devices, and that's the controls. They need to be slick and responsive, able to react accurately and quickly to the player's inputs. What they *don't* need to be is lethargic and vague. Touchscreens often err on the side of the latter, and *FIFA 13* is no exception to the rule.

Another element that harms this, the latest in EA's yearly footballing franchise, is a collection of technical hitches. This is a game that demands a lot from its iOS device and as such is often riddled with fun-busting slowdown, sometimes to the genuine detriment of the experience, like when it causes you to mess up your timing and the AI bags a goal out of it.

But that's a lot of negativity out of the way: *FIFA 13* is still a lot of fun – though admittedly not all the time. You will still punch the air in joy when you spank in a 35-yard screamer; mazy dribbles and fine skills are possible even on the clunky controls and – thanks to the good amount of content on show – you can keep on playing for... well, probably for another year, until the time *FIFA 14* comes out.



ABOVE: On easier difficulties it's too easy, but on harder you're let down by the controls

If you want something that's a little bit more hands-on and serious than your *Flick Kicks* and *New Stars*, this is a decent enough football option; just expect it to have some faults that need to be gotten past.

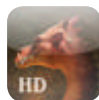
Content-rich and sometimes brilliant fun, let down somewhat by technical hitches and dodgy controls.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 4.0 | £2.99/\$4.99 | v1.0.3

AVERNUM 6 HD

TAKING YOU BACK TO (THE OLD) SCHOOL



Avernum 6 HD is a port of a three-year-old traditional turn-based RPG for the Mac and PC. It is a game heavy on lore, on reading thick walls of text, a game with vast areas to explore, tough combat and dozens of hours in which to soak it all in. In the world of quick-fix iOS games, it really doesn't seem to fit. All the same, it's fantastic and well worth the price for the massive amount of entertainment you get from it.

Avernum sees the player take on the role of a group of soldiers – all created by the player (or the game, if you so choose) – as they try to save the titular realm from invasion, poisoning and starvation. It looks and sounds as basic as they come when you're playing it, but the story can get quite involving as things progress, and the personal touch of creating your characters just adds to the attachment you end up feeling. It really does bring back great memories of those well written early-to-mid-nineties role-playing games on the PC.



We do have a couple of reservations about the game, however. The controls can be fiddly – and in some cases haven't translated well from the PC version. Also, it won't have mass appeal. But then, that's not really an issue with the game – more just one with those who do or don't play it.

An excellent, traditional-looking RPG that really involves you in the story. However, it does have some annoying fiddly control issues owing to the port.

★★★★★

● iPad | iOS 5.0 | £4.99/\$6.99 | v1.0.1



KUMO LUMO

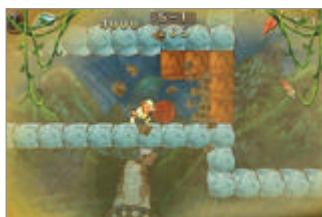


We applaud apps that surprise us – and in coining a whole new genre (the ‘soak-em-up’), *Kumo Lumo* definitely does that. You play as a cloud that you tap to generate rain to grow trees, extinguish fires and rid your world of pests. You can rotate your circular world to patrol the terrain and move independently to collect water-replenishing clouds and other bonuses. It's compelling stuff, and within a level or two you will be hopelessly hooked, helped also by the graphics that are reminiscent of *LittleBigPlanet*, and the option to spend gold on additional power-ups.

Great fun and massively original, *Kumo Lumo* is another quality addition to Chillingo's stable.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 5.0 | Free | v1.2



IVY THE KIWI?



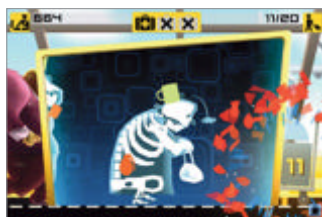
Some of you may remember this game from the Wii, but if not, the aim is to

guide a helpless kiwi bird through increasingly difficult levels by drawing and twanging vines. It really doesn't endear itself to you early on by hardly explaining the mechanics of the game, before sending your feathery charge off towards danger. But, if you make it through the initial stages then it improves dramatically with more perils to avoid and well-designed levels to negotiate. There are 50 levels in total and plenty of collectibles to find, but we're still not convinced that it's worth the money.

The action gets repetitive quickly, but you can try the free version.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 4.3
| £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.0.2



FUNKY SMUGGLERS



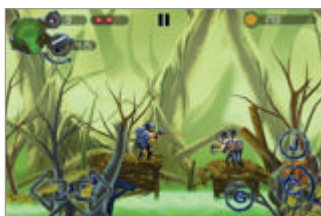
This game is devilishly addictive, such is its basic concept and simple control system.

You play the role of a customs officer casting their beady eye over endless parades of passengers boarding flights. As the passengers pass the X-ray machine, you have to remove any red offensive objects on their person while leaving the safe green items alone. You can rack up monster combo scores by holding on a red item and drawing a line through subsequent items, and there are loads of bonus items to use.

Simple and engaging fun. Join a global faction to share your points.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3
| £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.01



APOCALYPSE MAX



Apocalypse Max is a side-scrolling shoot-'em-up that is reminiscent of the classic *Metal*

Slug series, both graphically and gameplay-wise. You play a heavily-armed zombie slayer who must get from one side of the level to the next while killing as many enemies and collecting as many items as possible. The control system – which involves shooting, hurling grenades, and slashing your knife – works surprisingly well, and you can use coins earned to buy meatier firepower with which to rip through the shambling hordes. Shame there aren't any achievements, though...

A solid side-scrolling shoot-'em-up that provides intense action.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3
| £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.2



CASTLE RAID



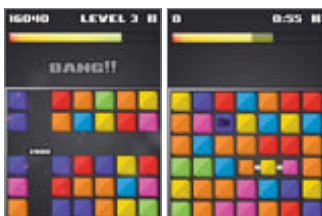
Mobile, touch-screen devices lend themselves very well to strategic war games, and *Castle*

Raid is a cracking little medieval battler in which two opposing armies try to smash each other's castle to bits. You have armies of foot soldiers, riders, archers and mages to take care of battlefield skirmishes and long-range attacks, and you can train your soldiers up to be more efficient in combat. It's easy to play and mildly addictive, but it would have definitely benefitted from a zoom feature so that you can get a little closer in on the action.

A moderately distracting two-player battle game, but don't expect to be wowed.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.02



REVERSION



Tile-switching puzzlers are commonplace on the App Store and, as such, we wouldn't have

given *Reversion* a second glance (let alone 69p) had we not been reviewing it. Big mistake. Beyond the simplistic visuals is a sophisticated puzzle game in which you can draw lines through any number of blocks to reverse the sequence in order to create lines and groups, which then vanish into points. A few power blocks come into play that batter and re-arrange the tile formations, and the action is timed so the ultimate aim is to score quickly to rack up the points and make the leaderboards.

By adding a neat new twist, the action feels fresh and exciting.

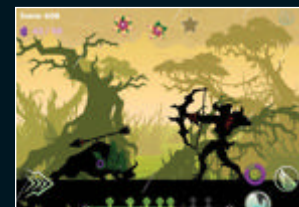
★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3
| £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.1



TOP 05
apps to...

RUN FOR YOUR LIFE



01 TOTEM RUNNER



Run, fly and rampage as a shape-shifting, mystical warrior headed for battle.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 4.3
| £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.3

02 AGENT DASH



Run for Queen and Country in this spoof spy thriller platformer.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.1 | Free | v1.3
● Android | OS 2.3.3
| Free | v1.0.6

03 RAYMAN JUNGLE RUN



Race through the whacky world of *Rayman*, punching obstacles out of the way.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0
| £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.0.3
● Android | OS 2.3.3
| £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.1.8

04 GRIM JOGGERS



Lead a group of joggers through hazardous terrain and try to stop them getting killed in this *Lemmings*-style game.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 3.0
| £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.2.0

05 CANABALT



Flee across the rooftops of a ransacked city in this highly addictive game.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 3.1.3
| £1.99/\$2.99 | v1.7

GAMES FOR ALL THE FAMILY

DITCH YOUR DUSTY BOARDS IN FAVOUR OF DIGITAL FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

SONGPOP



This Facebook fave soon graduated to 'full app' status, and it's a great crowd pleaser.

You pick a category of music and can challenge anyone - via email or Facebook - to a quick-fire, five-question challenge in which you have to identify the snippets of music quickly to earn points. There are categories to suit all tastes, so if you get owned on rap then you can claw back some respect with classic rock, and so on.

Not as sociable as other games here, but it's good fun. Also available as a free download (with ads).

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.0
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.3.54

COUNTDOWN HD - OFFICIAL TV SHOW APP



Though somewhat shorn of rounds compared to the TV show, *Countdown* lends itself perfectly to the iPad. Two players compete via pass and play or Bluetooth, and there is a mix of word and number rounds. The control system takes some getting used to, but it's still a very enjoyable game.

A decent attempt at the mind-grinding TV show - worth downloading at this knockdown price.

★★★★★

● iPad | iOS 3.2
| £0.69/£0.99 | v1.01

TRIVIAL PURSUIT MASTER EDITION



Up to four players can take it in turns rolling the dice and answering questions based on six categories, and the classic format works perfectly on the iPad. However, first-generation owners should brace themselves for bouts of crashing, which can spoil the enjoyment somewhat.



Great fun to play, and you can set the difficulty.

★★★★★

● iPad | iOS 3.2
| £2.99/\$4.99 | v1.2.62

JENGA



For every classic family game that works on your device, there are plenty that don't and a few that shouldn't. This is definitely the latter, as few could have believed that the tension and required hand-control of the physical game would carry over to the digital version. But it does - and you've got a multiplayer experience that is always poised to shred your nerves as you wait for the tumble.

A tense pass and play game that manages to generate the excitement of the original.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 2.0
| £2.22/\$3.99 | v1.83

HANGMAN FREE HD



Even the most simplistic of games are available from the App Store, and this pen and paper classic works fine for quick-fire, two-player word-play. You can play on your own with the app randomly generating words for you or, best of all, against another human opponent with you taking it in turns inputting words for each other to guess.

Simple yet effective.

There is no policing of the words by the app either, so you can let your imagination run riot!

★★★★★

● iPad | iOS 4.0 | Free | v1.25

DON'T LOOK BACK

YOU WON'T STOP PLAYING – EVER



Terry Cavanagh clearly knows how the human mind works. The developer of *Don't Look Back* is also responsible for the painfully addictive *Super Hexagon*. *Don't Look Back* started out life as a Flash game, but its minimalist nature, extending to the controls, means that it's perfect for the touchscreen arena. One of the most endearing features of *Don't Look Back* is that it doesn't seem to make any effort to grab or hold your attention. The 2D pixel graphics are two-tone and there are only three controls master. But despite this almost lack of interest you can't help but be sucked in from the very start as you try to solve each puzzle put before you. Without wanting to get too deep the story is loosely based on the mythical Greek tale of Orpheus, who travels to the underworld to try and retrieve his wife Eurydice. The original story tells of how Orpheus would only be able to save his wife if he didn't look back at her as he led her out of the underworld. This is a feature carried into the game that makes the return journey much more



difficult, in that you must not look back at any point, or you suffer the consequences.

There is a poignant finale to the game where the developer's interpretation of the ancient story is revealed, and this is not something we will give away. *Don't Look Back* may not look much, but the depth to it on a gameplay

and indeed message level might be one of the biggest surprises you get from an iOS game.



So much more to this game than you could ever expect - one of the best surprises you'll get on iOS.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 4.3 | Free | v1.0

TOPIA WORLD BUILDER

A MOULDALE WORLD AT YOUR FINGERTIPS – PLAYING GOD NEVER LOOKED SO GOOD



There is no shortage of sandbox games, though *Topia World Builder* is probably the best looking, with engaging 3D landscapes across various worlds. The game is a top-down world creator of sorts, with taps and drags letting you create mountain ranges and valleys in which you add various life forms, ranging from the friendly Tapi to predators like the Wyko and Tike - natural selection is essentially placed in your hands.

The initial creation process is a lot of fun. You can choose to begin with one of the pre-installed planets, or build one for yourself. Then you add fauna from the six animal types with swipes across your terrain, although their numbers will swell though procreation.

Up to this point *Topia* is wonderful, creative fun, but it does start to run out of steam as there are no tasks to complete. All you are required to do is watch your creation and make adjustments. There is a huge amount of potential in this game, it just hasn't all been realised yet.

A game with great visuals and initial set-up that then starts to run out of ideas.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 5.0 | £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.1

ABOVE: You can use the on-screen menu to change the major factors within your world, including animals and the terrain





ABOVE: If you have a 'wacky' sense of humour, you might like this

BREAKING NEWS!

NEVER HAS NEWS BEEN THIS LITTLE FUN



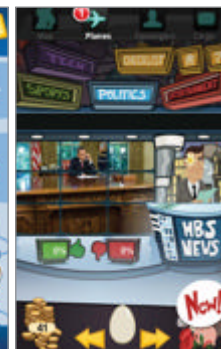
Breaking News! tries to do something commendable: it attempts to make the news more entertaining. While most of us might balk at this suggestion, pointing out that the exciting ties of Channel 4's Jon Snow Or John Stewart's wit make the news as exciting as it would ever need to be, there are people around who need to be coaxed into finding out what's going on in the world.

Apparently the way to do this is an entertainment/game app where you flick 'likes' and 'dislikes' at the day's news, lob eggs, rocks and other such items at a selection of newsreaders, and complete random challenges – like hitting news screens with items in order.

If you are lured into tapping and swiping about on *Breaking News!* for longer than a few minutes, you will see the coins. You complete challenges to earn more, which can then be spent on unlockable items. So you have a new arsenal of things to throw... in between reading news stories. To say this app is pointless is to do a disservice to pointless apps the world over. It's not necessarily bad, but we honestly can't see how it would encourage non-news readers to get involved with current affairs.



ABOVE: The app tries to cajole you into buying things quite often



ABOVE: The news stories on offer are all American, so have limited appeal

And just to compound that awfulness a bit more, the only news available on the app is North American, which dilutes its usefulness more – though hopefully that's something that can be quickly and easily updated.

An honourable goal, to make news more accessible. Shame about the poor app.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v1.1.2g

PLAGUE INC.

KILLING EVERYONE, ONE SNIFFLE AT A TIME



Have you ever wanted to be able to kill absolutely everyone in the world by engineering a disease to spread through the planet's populace, ever increasing in virulence until there's nobody left to kill? If you answered yes, you're a frightening person. Also, *Plague Inc.* is the game for you.

You invent and cultivate a disease and spread it around the world for maximum carnage. While you can pick a starting country and simply sit back, that won't take out nearly seven billion people – it needs to become deadlier, more infectious, harder, and more serious.

This is accomplished by effectively levelling-up the disease – named whatever you want it to be – making it harder in arid climates, for example, or an infection that can be waterborne. Many different variables can be selected meaning no two games are alike.

Plague Inc. is one of the better examples of a smartphone game, perfectly filling the gap while you want to pass the time. And who doesn't want to spend a spare 20 minutes killing billions?

The main issue we have with *Plague Inc.* is how it tries to push microtransactions on the player. But seeing as most elements can be unlocked



just by playing for free, it's not a huge issue. It's dark, oddly disturbing at times, and could be seen as tasteless – but it doesn't stop *Plague Inc.* from being fantastic, addictive fun.

Mass murder with various diseases has never been so much fun.

★★★★★

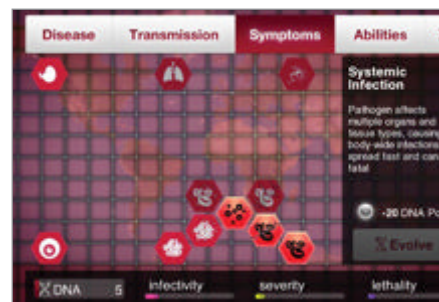
● Android | OS 2.1 | Free | v1.0.8



ABOVE: It doesn't look much, but things can get surprisingly tense



ABOVE: Seeing how the world's transport shuts down as the planet dies is fantastic

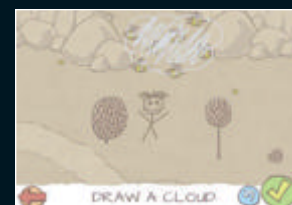


ABOVE: Working on newer, more deadly diseases is darkly satisfying



TOP 05 apps to...

DRAW A STICKMAN



01 DRAW A STICKMAN: EPIC

Draw a stick figure and lead it on a puzzle-solving adventure.

★★★★★
● iPhone | iOS 4.3
| £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.1
● Android | OS 2.3 | Free | v1.0.1

02 LINE RUNNER

Quickly jump and roll your stickman to avoid obstacles in this addictive side-scroller.

★★★★★
● iPad | iOS 4.3
| £0.69/\$0.99 | v2.3
● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v3.3

03 DOODLE JUMP

Not strictly a stickman game, but we couldn't resist including this cult game.

★★★★★
● iPhone | iOS 3.1
| £0.69/\$0.99 | v3.2
● Android | Varies
| £0.62/\$0.99 | Varies

04 STICK STUNT BIKER

Jump through fire and off high ledges in this agile bike-based game.

★★★★★
● iPhone | iOS 4.3
| £0.69/\$0.99 | v6.1
● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v4.1

05 HANGMAN FREE

With a chalkboard effect, put your stickman to the gallows in this classic game.

★★★★★
● iPhone | iOS 4.0 | Free | v1.52



ENCHANT U



Enchant U is a gorgeous looking game in which you play the part of a beautiful woman on a university campus – but all may not be what it seems at first. It's less an adventure and more a chance of chasing guys, trying new fashion and creating a fab hairstyle – this game is difficult to progress through if you don't whip out your real life credit card. And yet, there is more than enough to satisfy if you decide the in-app purchases are not for you. A great life/girlie sim with some wonderful rewarding quests, *Enchant U* is bewitching, and dressed to impress.

A game for the girls and a great one at that. It may pander to stereotypes, but it does it so well.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 2.1 | Free | v1.2.2



MONSTER SHOOTER



Shoot-em-ups are a great staple game, and when done well they provide a stonking gaming experience. This game recreates the dual-stick feel of a shooter, pitting the player against an isometric world strewn with monsters to see off with a few well-aimed shots. The range of weapons is impressive, as you get to grips with plasma rifles, rocket launchers, shotguns, and even a nuke that sends blood splattering across the land. It's fast, furious, and slick all at the same time, and you can even battle to be top of the leaderboard for the ultimate challenge.

Earning in-game cash for weapons is not an easy thing to do but stick with it. It's a blast.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v1.23



GRABLOX PUZZLE GAME



Match-3 puzzle games seldom seem to bore, and when they are as sublime and charming as this gem, you cannot fail to fall under their spell. The visual style is kooky and looks hand-drawn, while the music is jovial and smile-inducing. The magic is in the game itself, however, which sees boxes placed around the screen. Tapping on each one extends arms in all four directions, grabbing nearby boxes. When three or more are brought together, they disappear, and you do this until the screen is clear.

It gets harder as you go along but it's difficult to tire of it. A unique and fun challenge.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 2.1 | Free | v2.1



TURBO KIDS



Like an excellent retro game of the Eighties but with far better graphics, this platformer shows much thought and even better promise. You control a be-hatted kid on a speedrun, and as you try and get from A to B in the fastest time possible, you can jump and shoot bullets, or get opponents to freeze them. The characters dash right on their own so you only have two controls (jump and shoot) and yet it makes for an exhilarating and heart-in-mouth slice of fun. The game is boosted by points to collect and aims for each level. Cute and addictive, just how we like 'em.

Looking like a polished modern game with a retro underbelly, *Turbo Kids* is a delightful blast.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 2.0 | Free | v1.0.7



GRANNY SMITH



A game that is easy to get into and yet difficult to truly master, you play as Granny Smith, a nan on a mission to stop a thief from stealing apples in her garden. Help her to gather as many of them as possible and beat the thief to it, zooming through beautifully drawn scenes that range from cities to fields and have you tapping, jumping and leaping through the air while trying to remain on your feet and unhindered by the numerous items you will crash into. Updates bring fresh levels and this will keep you going for ages.



One of the best games on Android and perfect for pick-up-and-play.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 2.3
| £0.79/\$0.99 | v1.1.1



WILD BLOOD



Before you even think about installing this game, consider the space you have. You need 2GB of free storage. Yes, this is huge. It is also blisteringly effective and epic. The 3D graphics sear through your eyeballs and put Android in the same league as the PlayStation Vita. The fights wow you in their stunning ability to overwhelm the senses in a game so fluid that it runs like water, smashing all expectations of what an Android game should be. You can connect to friends, battle against 20 enemies, and enjoy ten levels.



The graphics and gameplay combine to mesmerising effect.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 2.3
| £4.99/\$6.99 | v1.0.9

TOP 05 apps to...

RIDE A ROLLERCOASTER



01 COASTER CRAZY



Make your theme park a soaring success and earn weird and wonderful rides.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v1.0

02 MADCOASTER



Take a wild ride on the back of a rollercoaster collecting gold coins as you go.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 3.13
| £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.6

03 THEME PARK



Classic PC game port, manage every aspect of your theme park from building the rides to hiring staff.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3
| Free | v1.4.80
● Android | Varies | Free | Varies

04 NEW YORK 3D ROLLERCOASTER RUSH



Steer a collapsing rollercoaster to safety as it loop-the-loops through the Manhattan skyline.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 2.2
| £0.62/\$0.99 | v1.5
● iPad | iOS 3.2 | Free | v1.0.21

05 COASTERRIDERLITE



Use your device's GPS to create an animated map of your ride on a real life rollercoaster and measure your speed and elevation.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.1 | Free | v2.0



THE BARD'S TALE



If there was ever a frustrating start to a game, it is this. Not only does it take ages for the game to download (and we were using a Nexus 7), the title then proceeds to download more data, which takes more than 15 minutes. It's easy to see why though when you start to play - the 3D graphics and the use of the Unreal Engine place this into console territory and show just what Android can achieve. It's an RPG worth waiting for - you can have our word on that one. Hilarious, charming and satirical, There's depth to this game.



A star of a game with great voices, sound, and graphics.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 2.3
| £1.85/\$2.99 | v1.3.1a



ROPE RESCUE



There are so many puzzle games bobbing around Google Play, with lots of them of a high standard, that it can be hard for some titles to make their mark. *Rope Rescue* achieves excellence, however, with a game that is not only pretty - as so many are - but also challenging. The idea is that you attach rope between the right gears in order to release your friends. The graphics are amazing and so atmospheric, and the gameplay certainly has that one-more-go factor. What's even better, there is a free version available if you would like to try before you buy.

Smooth gameplay in a puzzle-tastic blast that will keep you enthralled for hours.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 2.2 | £1.87/\$2.99 | v1.248



GYRO



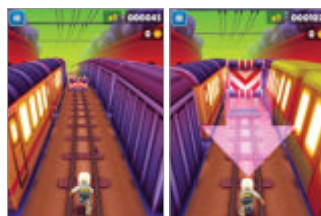
Looking like the Google Chrome logo, this game revolves around a disc that you can spin.

There are three colours on this disc, and the idea is that coloured balls fly your way and you have to spin the wheel fast enough to absorb them according to the colour. It gets frantic very fast and you will find yourself furiously spinning the wheel, concentrating hard. When powerballs appear and skull balls, causing all sorts of random effects, you really do begin to get absorbed into the action. The graphics are minimalist and the sound effects are simple, but that's part of the charm.

Sometimes the best ideas as the simple, ones and this indie game certainly proves that.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 1.6 | Free | v1.42



SUBWAY SURFERS



Although this sort of game has been done a million times before, the twist of being able to race down a subway track while dodging oncoming trains and avoiding other annoying obstacles gives it some freshness. The graphics are certainly inspiring, being bright and colourful, splitting the screen with a look that shows smartphone gaming is coming of age. It can get boring quite rapidly, however, and the power-ups and variety of challenges are not enough to see it through properly. That said, it's a free app, so what do you stand to lose by giving it a go?

Some users report lagging on certain handsets, but that's more the device. Worth a download.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 2.3.3 | Free | v1.4.2



MAJESTY: FANTASY KINGDOM SIM



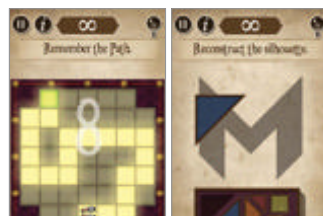
There is no doubt this is a lavish production and a very fun game, yet the premise should have

killed it. This is a game in which you have no control over your heroes other than the ability to order commands - but it works so well. We were irked that our first finger press on the map tried to make us buy an expansion pack, but that aside, this became an absorbing and charming world of cartoon-style battles that you oversee in a god-like manner, getting them to pester monsters on your behalf and healing them at will.

A lush-looking game that shows just what devices can achieve.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 1.6
| £1.27/\$1.99 | v1.13.30



THE CURSE



The premise of the game - the whole spooky thing about curses - is more of an aesthetic backdrop for a collection of fiendishly difficult puzzles that, in the main, will tax your brain to the point of it overheating. There are a hundred in all, with a mix of memory, reflex and logic, and more than a few 'ah, I get it' moments that come after many, many minutes of pondering. These are puzzles that draw on your experience of life and gaming in a lot of respects, and the frightening thing is that the developers are clever enough to come up with this stuff.

An inventive selection of puzzles that draw on a variety of skills and produce an engaging offering.

★★★★★

● Android | OS 2.2 | £1.85/\$2.99 | v1.0.4

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• iPhone+

DISCOVER iBOOKS' NEW FEATURES

» The updated iBooks is wired to the iCloud and has new sharing capabilities

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Apple's *iBooks* was already the premium way to get your hands on books for your iOS devices. A store loaded with a great variety of content and Apple's easy-to-purchase functionality, an aesthetically pleasing storage system, and simple navigation made it one of Apple's most popular downloads. Now in its third iteration, the app has got even better.

So what's changed? Well, iCloud compatibility makes a welcome entrance. Now you can read your books across multiple devices. Ideal if you want to read on your commute to work via an iPhone, but want to make use of your iPad's bigger screen at home. iCloud syncs your reading history across all your compatible devices, even keeping track of what page you're up to. It helps provide a seamless experience. For those users who have used the iCloud system before, you'll know how

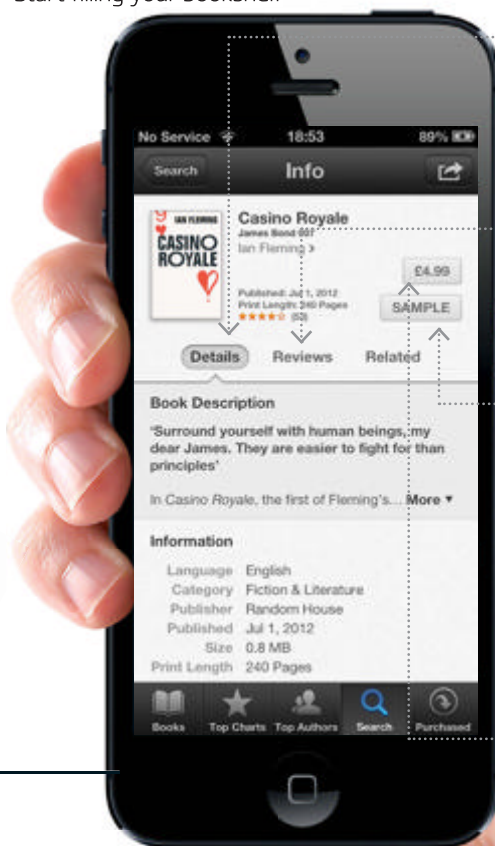
simple a process it is. The tutorial below will focus on setting this up.

Other new features include the ability to scroll vertically through pages. Previously, you had to swipe left and right to navigate (this still exists incidentally). Now reading becomes even more intuitive, changing the eReading dynamic for the better. Sharing features have also been improved and mimic those implemented in the iOS 6 update, including the ability to share to Facebook. Let's have a closer look...

"READING BECOMES EVEN MORE INTUITIVE, CHANGING THE eREADING DYNAMIC"

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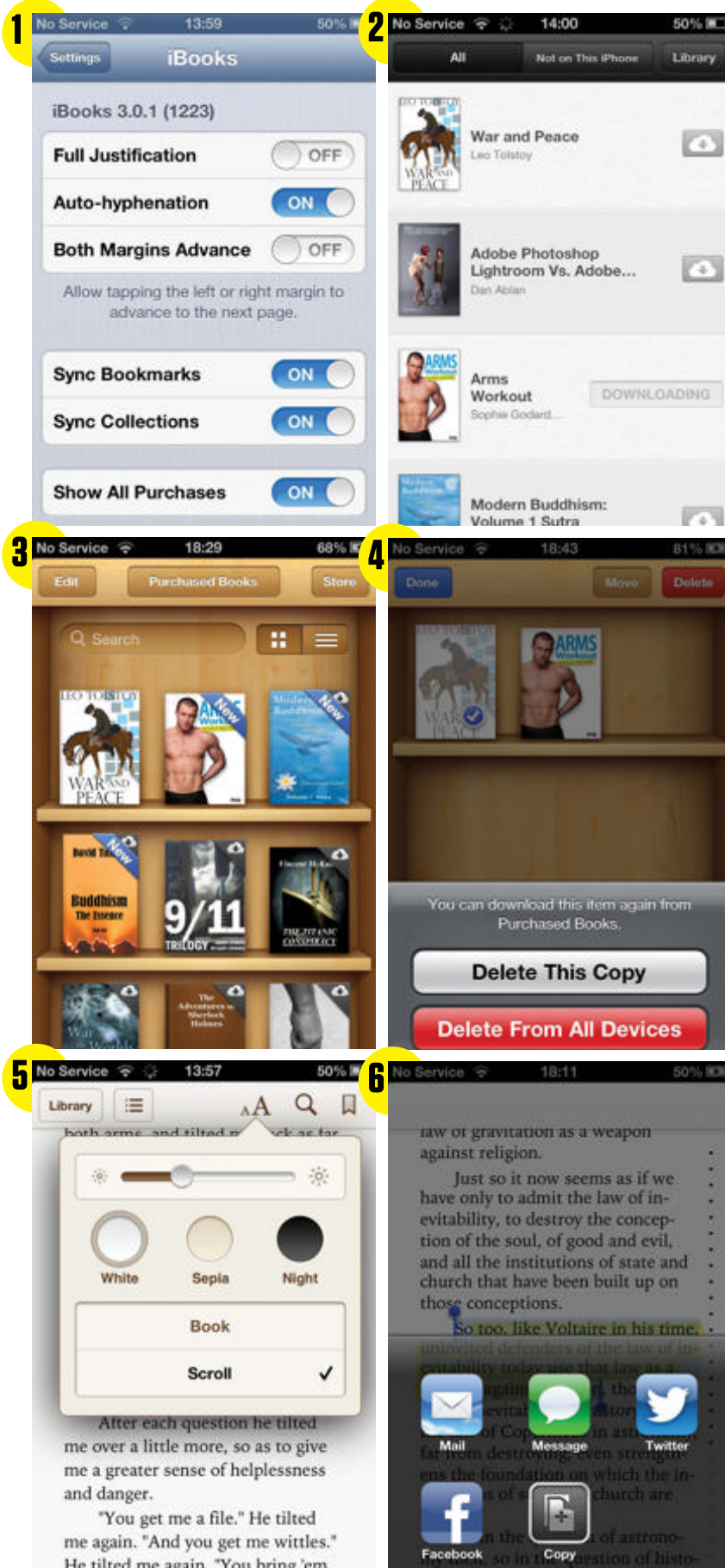
Once you're convinced about making a purchase, hit the price tag and then the green Buy Book option. Your new purchase will instantly appear in your Library. Happy reading!

TIP

Check for updates

Make sure you get into this habit. Even in the first week Apple rolled out a v3.0.1 update to cure a crashing issue. It's the best way to keep your apps fresh.

iBOOKS 3



MASTER THE NEW FEATURES

>A new way to read

1 ENABLE iCloud

To make sure your new version of *iBooks* is iCloud-enabled, head to your phone's Settings app and find the *iBooks* tab. Make sure to have Sync Bookmarks, Sync Collections and Show All Purchases flicked to On.

2 ACCESS PREVIOUS BUYS

iCloud gives you access to all the previous downloads linked to the Apple ID you're using. Tap the Purchased tab in the Store and select the small cloud icon to download.

3 PURCHASED BOOKS

All your purchased books (regardless of which device they were downloaded to) will now appear in your beautifully-designed Library. To view one, tap its cover.

4 DELETE THIS COPY

You now have the ability to remove *iBooks* from the local device. Selecting Delete This Copy does this. You can re-download via iCloud, but Delete From All Devices is permanent.

5 SET UP SCROLLING

Vertical scrolling is a great new feature. To set it up, open your favourite book and select the text menu. Then you need to hit Themes and make sure the Scroll option is ticked.

6 SHARE TEXT

You can share to all the usual suspects, and now your favourite social networks. Simply highlight text, hit the right arrow to access the share menu and choose from this screen.

About the app...

iBOOKS 3

The perfect way to buy, store and read eBooks on your iOS devices

• iPhone+ • iOS 5.0 | Free | v3.0.1

We've been mightily impressed by the updates made to *iBooks*. iCloud functionality adds another dimension to the app – flicking between different devices is seamless once it's set up. The scrolling feature is also an excellent addition and we encountered no lag when using an iPhone 5 or the new iPad. However, social sharing was a bit hit and miss due to strict copyright regulations. Still, *iBooks 3* proves itself a worthy contender to the eReading crown.

A must-have app made even better

★★★★★

• iPad

CREATE A REMINDER BOARD IN CONCEPT FOR iPad

About the app...

CONCEPT

Design and share boards in this intuitive app

• iPad | OS 5.0 | £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.2.1



Concept for iPad is an amazing app with which you can create, edit, and share boards. What kind of boards do you say? They can range from collages of imported images to lists of reminders – be they about the shopping or a workflow for your day's toil at the office. It's simple and easy to grasp, but you'll need to use your creative brain to make the most of it. A host of gestures such as pinching, tapping and panning will help you create exactly what you're after. Some of the features might be slightly limited, and it can be a little fiddly to use at times, but mostly it does what it's supposed to do brilliantly. Drop the pen and paper, scrap the whiteboard, and download *Concept* today.

Making reminder lists shouldn't be this much fun.

★★★★★

» Making to-do lists can be mundane, but *Concept* livens it up and leaves you wanting to do more

Sometimes a pen and paper just isn't enough. You've got a list of things you want to do, and a way in which you want to do them, but you just can't bring yourself to the boring task of writing a step-by-step list. Worst of all, the finished product normally gets stuck to a fridge or left on a table to be forgotten as soon as possible. Several weeks later you'll find the list, scrap it, make a new one, and repeat the process.

So, we're thankful that there's an app like *Concept* that really puts the fun into what most of us never thought could be fun. Using *Concept's* intuitive features – from colourful sticky notes to arrows to captioned photos – you'll be a master of the to-do list in no time.

Suddenly those chores won't seem so daunting, those bills won't seem so menacing, and that party planning won't seem so impossible.

Of course, if you've made a reminder board you're particularly proud of, or other people also need to see it, *Concept* lets you share it as an image or a PDF to email to others so they can dissect your weekly shopping list or remind you that your party probably won't be much fun without music. Read on to find out how to master *Concept* in minutes.

"YOU'LL BE MASTER OF THE LIST IN NO TIME"

» EDITING YOUR BOARD >How to keep your board looking practical and tidy

1 Take note

Sticky notes have five colours. Photo notes let you use or take a photo, while Bloc notes are more like regular lists.

2 Explain yourself

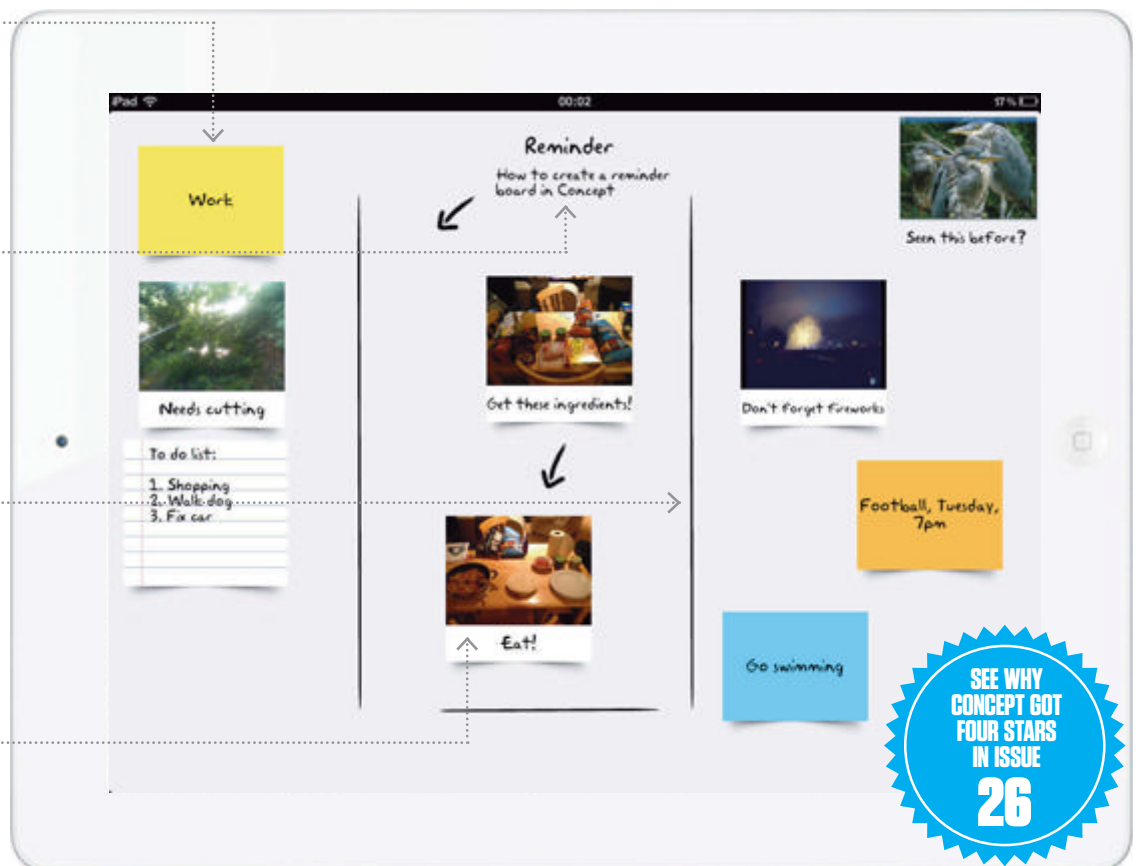
Marker text and written descriptions let you create small text boxes for your boards. The former are shorter, while the latter let you elaborate more.

3 Keep it clean

Use arrows, dividers and sections to keep your boards ordered. There are different styles of rotatable arrows, so use them to your advantage.

4 Looking good

Dots and magnet photos let you add some more order and decoration to your board, ensuring it'll both read well and look great.



TIP

Rotation, rotation, rotation

Remember, it's not just your arrows that can be rotated. You can rotate the marker text as well to make it easier to read, or to label some of your arrows, making the board that little bit better.

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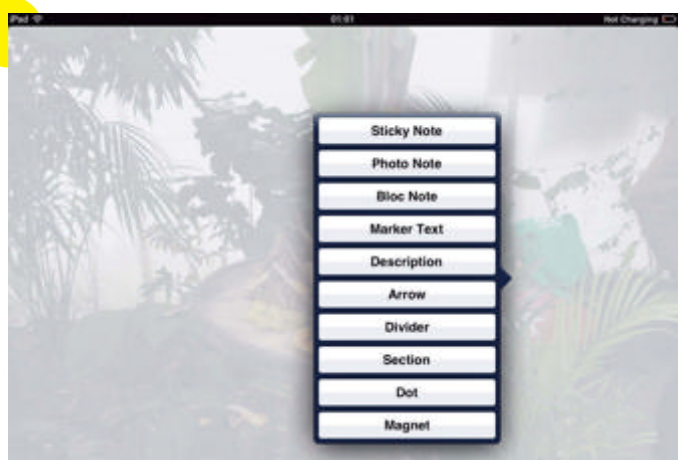
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1 MENU

This is where your boards are stored. From here you can edit, share, and also pick individual backgrounds from your photos by clicking the *i* underneath. You can get back here anytime by pinching.

2



2 GETTING STARTED

Pick a name for your board, tap it, and you're good to go. From here a tap of the screen will bring up a list of options. These are what you'll use to make your board.

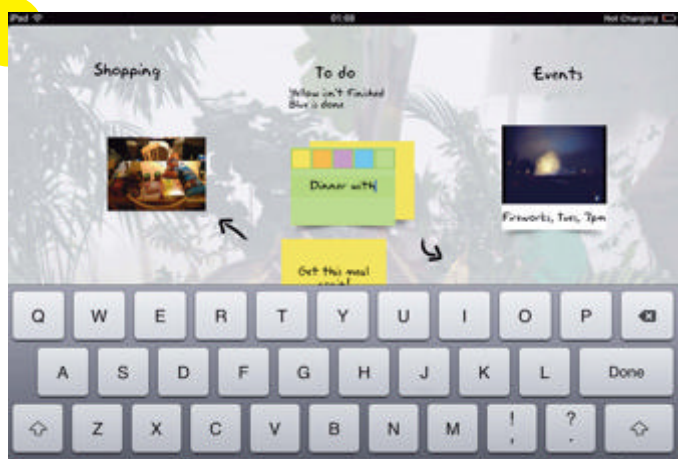
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3 ORGANISATION

You can use marker text and dividers to keep your reminder board clear and ordered. Try playing around with the other tools like dots, arrows and description text to keep everything flowing

4



4 ADD SOME COLOUR

Using photos and sticky notes can be a great way to keep your board looking sharp. There are five colours for sticky notes, and you can caption images or just leave them blank.

5



5 A FEW TWEAKS

Use the divider and section lines to keep things ordered. Arrows are also useful, as you can change their style or rotate them to point a certain direction. If you need another page, swipe down.

6



6 FINISH AND SHARE

Once your board is complete, pinch the screen to go back to the menu. From here you can make new ones or share your current one as an image or PDF via email for others to see.

• Android

AUGMENT YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS WITH PHOTOVIVA FOR ANDROID

» With a huge number of features buried in its interface, some time is required to get to know them all. We've done the work for you



There are many apps available for Android that can be used to add effects to photos and to fix problems. Many of these are highly advanced and are excellent value, but few offer the unique feature set of *PhotoViva*. This is not just an app that will let you touch up your photos, but one to summon your inner Warhol and spend some time altering your photos with a multitude of embellishments to make them truly unique. You don't need a great deal of talent to create impressive results, and in this tutorial we will show you how to decide which photos are the best to use, how to add your own unique effects, and how to then share the results with others.

The app has been designed to be easy to use, but you will need to spend time experimenting with all of the tools, and the changes they are capable of delivering, to truly get the most out of it. When you do, you will find the experience engaging, entertaining and fulfilling as you manage to create mini masterpieces that you may have previously thought impossible on a phone or tablet.

» WHAT CAN PHOTOVIVA DO?

» A look at its features

1 Unbelievable results

What you see is what you get. Your creations are shown in the main screen and it really is easy to create some amazing works of art.

2 Cleansing mistakes

The arrows at the top let you undo mistakes at any time. You can also put detail back in if you accidentally undo a change.

3 Clever brushes

The brushes are the heart of the app and you can choose from a wide variety and make as many subtle changes as you want.

4 Quick changes

You can adjust a whole photo or crop it using the various tools available under this icon. They are useful for quick changes.

About the app...

PHOTOVIVA

Turn your photos into works of art in minutes

• Android OS 2.3.3 £1.25/\$1.99 v2.10
• iPhone+ OS 3.0 £1.49/\$1.99 v2.08



PhotoViva is designed to let you indulge in the art of photo manipulation, using your own or found photos as the base for your work. The clever tools are responsive, and can blend into the background – the interface ensures the maximum amount of real estate is given to the image. Some time is required to get used to the way the tools work, but don't be put off by the learning curve. Just like traditional painting, the effort you put in will bring its own rewards.

Innovative and functional – the kind of app we like.

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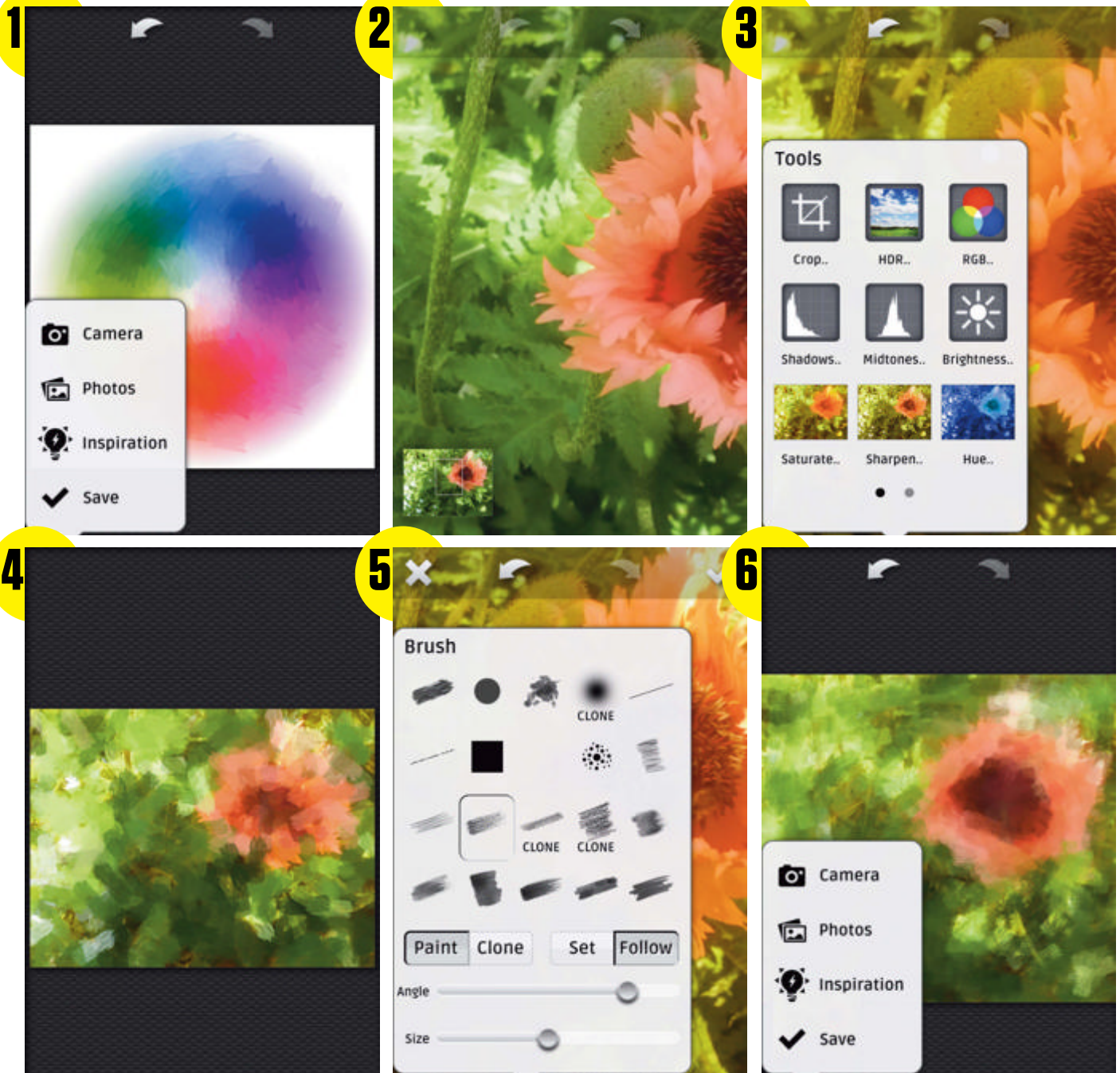
“THIS IS NOT JUST AN APP THAT WILL LET YOU TOUCH UP YOUR PHOTOS, BUT ONE TO SUMMON YOUR INNER WARHOL”

TIP

The palette

Selecting the palette in the Brush mode will let you paint over the top of a photo and not have it blend at all. You can choose the colour you want to use, which could be useful for annotating shots.

PHOTOVIVA



» TRANSFORM YOUR PHOTOS >Embellish to perfection

1 CHOOSE A PHOTO

Tap the camera icon in the bottom-left strip and a pop-up window will appear. Select Camera to take a new photo or Photos to use one from your device's Gallery.

4 AUTOMATIC PAINTING

Tap the roller at the bottom, and then the paint pot. You can now choose Auto Paint and the image will start changing. Press the tick to stop the process when you are happy.

2 USE THE DETAIL

The selected photo will now appear on screen. You can use pinch to zoom to see the fine detail of the photo - this will be useful for adding effects to specific areas.

5 BE ARTISTIC

Select the paint roller and then the brush icon and a new window will pop up. Select a brush and you can now paint over the photo with your finger in fine detail. The results are stunning.

3 QUICK TOOLS

If you tap the icon to the right of the camera icon, you will be presented with a selection of tools that can alter the look of a photo with just a couple of taps.

6 TIME TO SHARE

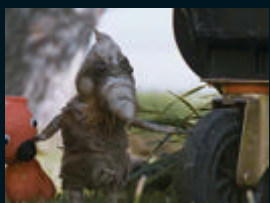
When complete, tap the camera icon and select Save. Go to Gallery and look for the Image folder. Select your finished creation and share using the icons at the top of the screen.

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WHY WE LOVE... GOJEE



With glorious fullscreen images of delicious dishes, the photography on *Gojee* inspires you to

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A mesmerising puzzle game that has you cutting ropes to feed candy to a gremlin. So addictive it hurts.

• iOS 3.2 | £2.49/\$3.99

iPhone/iPad WORLD OF GOO HD

It looks brilliant, has a wonderful online community to compete with, and is a great showcase for your device.

• iOS 3.2 | £2.99/\$4.99

iPhone ANGRY BIRDS SPACE

A revolution in physics gaming is born. Angry Birds Space builds upon the original and breathes new life into it.

• iOS 4.0 | £0.69/\$0.99

iPhone/iPad SUPER HEXAGON

Devilish difficulty and a simple design combine in this minimal action game that will have you addicted instantly.

• iOS 4.3 | £1.99/\$2.99

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A turn-based, multi-player battle of wits as you have to decide whether to defend your base or destroy your enemy.

• iOS 4.3 | Free

iPhone/iPad BEAT SNEAK BANDIT

Part puzzle, part stealth, all rhythm action. Tap your screen to the beat of the music to navigate levels.

• iOS 3.1.3 | £1.99/\$2.99

iPad TEMPLE RUN

Treasure hunting platformer where you must dodge booby traps and collect coins to escape a lost temple.

• iOS 4.3 | Free

iPhone/iPad HORN

Third-person epic fantasy action adventure in which you must fight to free your people from a terrible curse.

• iOS 4.0 | £4.99/\$6.99

HEALTH

iPhone ENDOMONDO SPORTS TRACKER

When it comes to fitness, Endomondo is the most social experience you'll get.

• iOS 4.0 | Free

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Zombies, Run! places you in the middle of a zombie infested world where you must run to stay alive. A great fitness app.

• iOS 5.0 | £5.49/\$7.99

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• iOS 4.3 | Free

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This app is not only great to keep up with your shopping, but also a wonderful place to browse for bargains.

• iOS 4.0 | Free

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• iOS 4.2 | Free

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Choose from around 700,000 design ideas to create a scrapbook ahead of your next Grand Designs-esque home remodel.

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• iOS 4.0 | Free

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• iOS 4.0 | Free

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• iOS 4.3 | £10.49/\$14.99

iPhone uHEAR

As hearing loss usually happens over a period of time, uHear is a good app for monitoring your hearing.

• iOS 2.2.1 | Free

iPhone IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

An app worth having, but one you hope you never have to use. It stores your emergency contacts in one place.

• iOS 3.1 | £0.69/\$0.99

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Look up causes of symptoms, where to find treatment nearby, and store all your medical information.

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iPad MUSCLE & BONE ANATOMY 3D

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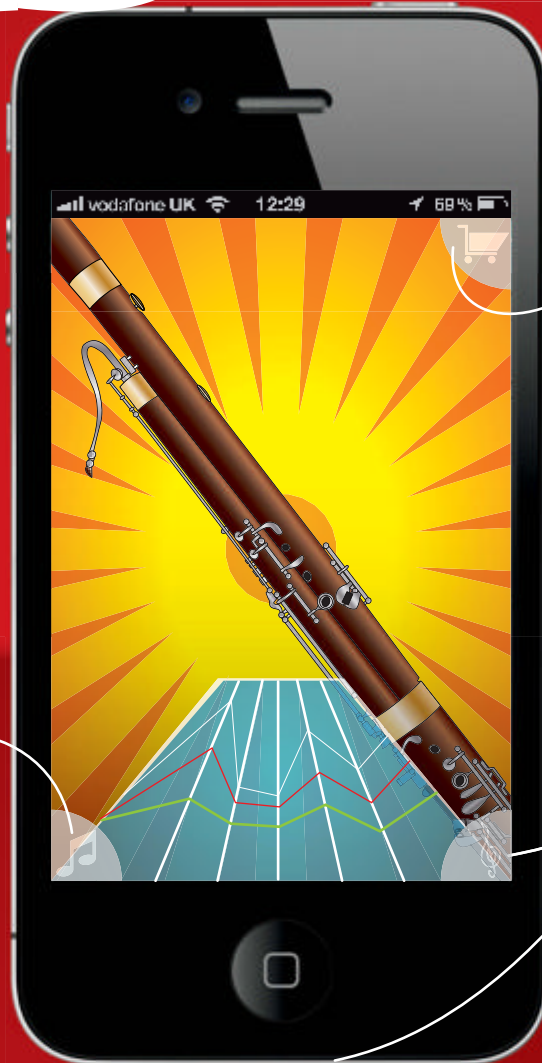
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MICROPHONE

Just blow into your smartphone microphone and you'll start to hear the smooth bassy sound of the bassoon firing up. The harder you puff into your device the more abrupt a note you'll get back.

MUSIC

While you can play freestyle if you want, the app also contains a selection of bassoon-friendly music that you can try and keep up with as they play out. Get it note perfect and you earn points to spend in the Bassoon Store.

iBassoon

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