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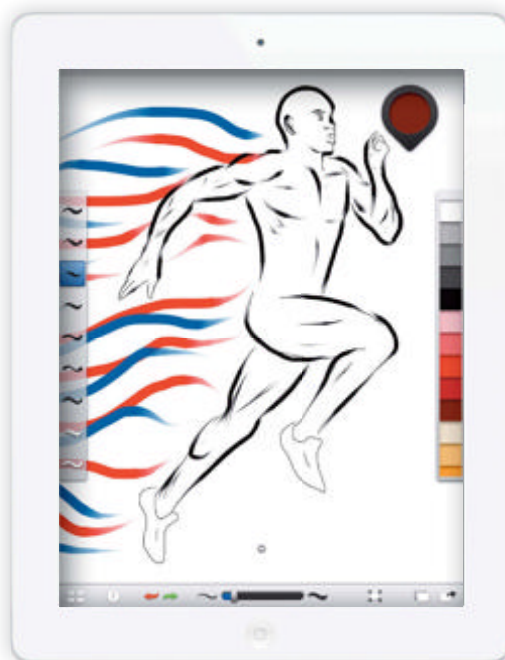
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Welcome to iPad App Directory™

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The iPad 2 and new iPad are undoubtedly phenomenal devices, but they get even better when you factor in the life-enhancing apps that run on them. Apple's App Store is now home to well over 650,000 apps, and in March 2012 Apple celebrated its 25 billionth app downloaded, which shows just how important these apps are to iPad owners across the world. Naturally, they're not all winners, which is why we've done most of the hard work and provided guidance on the ones that might appeal to you – as well as the ones you'll want to avoid. From games and books to pass the time away to health and medical apps that could actually save your life, the **iPad App Directory Volume 5** shows you the latest and greatest apps for your iPad 2 and new iPad.



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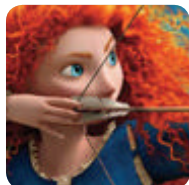


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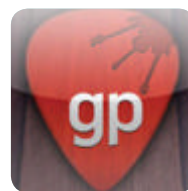
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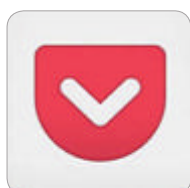
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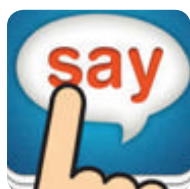
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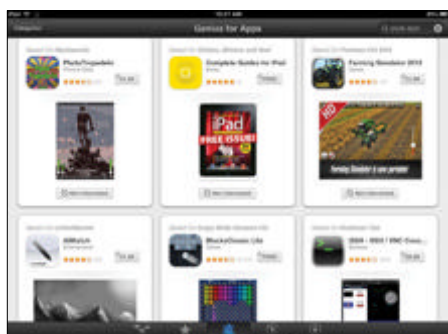


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Use it to:

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Find exactly what you want by filtering
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Send someone the gift of an app
- **Utilise Genius**
Get recommendations based on your other apps
- **Make use of iCloud**
Re-download your past purchases



Shopping for apps

The App Store app is packed full of features to help you find the latest and greatest apps for your iPad

Navigating the App Store

The first thing that you'll notice when you initially launch the App Store is how exciting it looks. You will be directed to the Featured section by default and this is the vibrant shop window that regularly showcases the most exciting apps released in recent weeks. Within this section of the App Store are further places to delve into and explore, such as What's Hot and Release Date (Fig 3, above). The latter lets you view the most up-to-date additions, and you can visit these sections by tapping the corresponding button at the top of the

window. You can also navigate to other sections using the labelled buttons at the bottom of the screen. These include Genius (Fig 1), which, when activated, will source and recommend apps based on what's currently on your iPad, and Top Charts, that allows you to see the 200 most popular apps of the hour.

If you are looking for something specific then you can enter key words into the Search field or browse via category (Fig 2). The latter allows you to jump to the type of apps that interest you, like Entertainment or Sports, and see all of the apps that fit into that category.

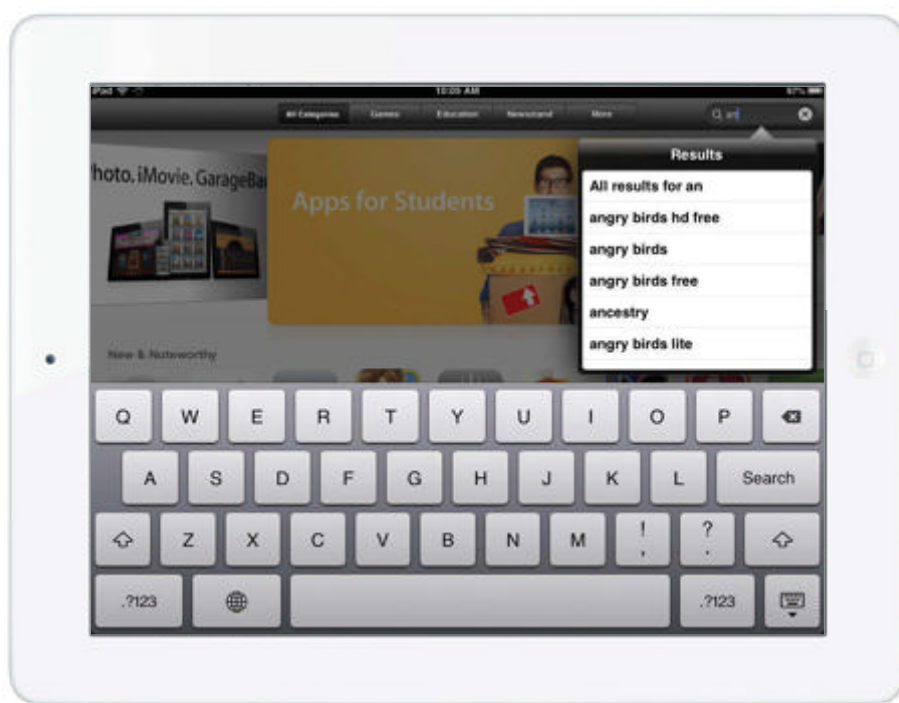


Fig 1: Start typing words into the Search field and suggestions will start coming thick and fast

“It may seem like an overly populated interface, but it’s easy to master”

Searching the App Store

Considering that the shelves of the App Store have swelled to over half a million products, being able to find what you need quickly is of the utmost importance, so it’s just as well that there is an intuitive search engine on hand to help. If you know the name of the app you’re looking for then enter it into the Search field. As you type the letters, matches will instantly start being made with what you’re typing (Fig 1). If you see what you want in the list of suggestions, then just tap on it to instantly go to that page. If you’re not totally sure of what you’re looking for,

then there are plenty of handy points to steer you in the right direction. The Featured section is a good starting point as it showcases the latest eye-catching apps (Fig 2). From there you can use the Top Charts and Categories buttons at the bottom of the screen to see what’s currently popular, or begin searching in an area of interest.

You can also browse by the What’s Hot and Release Date categories that are accessible from the top of the page (Fig 3). The latter presents one long list of the very latest apps to appear in the App Store. It may seem like an overly populated interface, but it is very easy to master.



Fig 2: The Featured section is a great starting point to go in search of new apps for your iPad



Fig 3: Searching by category is a good way to discover apps when you don't have a particular product in mind

Redeem a gift card

How to top up your Store credit with codes



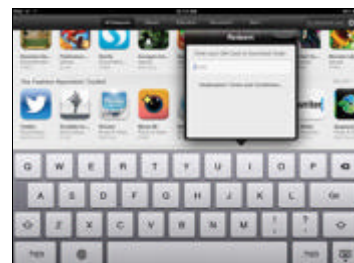
1: Go to Featured

Tap on the Featured icon at the bottom of the screen.



2: Scroll down

Scroll down to the bottom of the page and tap Redeem.



3: Enter code

Enter the redeem code you have been given into the text box.



4: Download product

Your app will now be downloaded or your credit will be topped up.



Buying

Tap on the price of a product to start the purchase and download process. Ensure you are logged in and have funding set up

Search

Enter key words into the Search field to help you find apps featured within the Store

Featured apps

All the latest significant new additions to the App Store will be showcased in the main shop window

Sections

You will be able to access specific stores for Top Charts, Categories, Genius recommendations and more at the bottom of the screen



Purchasing apps

Being the only source of gaining apps for your iPad, the App Store is, as you would expect, a quick and easy way to shop for new apps – and purchasing them really couldn't be simpler. You will already be logged in to the App Store with your registered Apple ID, which should have your billing details attached. If you haven't already added the details of a valid

credit or debit card for your app funding to be taken from, then tap on the Featured page at the App Store, scroll down to the bottom and tap on your Apple ID.

Select View Apple ID from the menu and then tap on the Payment Information option (Fig 1, bottom-left). You can now select a card type and enter all of the required information so that all app purchases will be made using

that card. Now you can tap on the price of any app that you would like (Fig 2, bottom-centre), and then complete the purchase by simply inputting your Apple ID password.

You will still need to enter your Apple ID password when downloading free apps (Fig 3, bottom-right), but you don't have to assign a credit or debit card to do so. You can just sign in and the app will be downloaded directly.



Fig 1: Tap your Apple ID, then Payment Information to assign a credit/debit card to your account

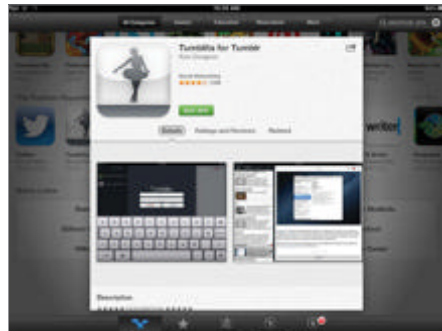


Fig 2: Tap on the price of an app to begin the purchasing process

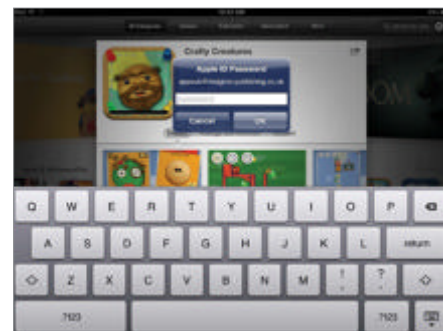


Fig 3: You will need to sign in using your Apple ID before you can confirm transactions



Fig 1: Find the app you want to send and then open up its main info page. The gift link is in the top-right corner

"This process is quick and simple"

Gift an app

Everyone loves a good app, and iTunes cards do a roaring trade as they allow you to gift someone credit to spend in all of Apple's online stores, including iTunes and the App Store. As well as avoiding wrapping presents, this process is quick and simple, wasting no time at all.

While in the App Store, search for the app that you would like to send as a gift and then tap on the title to open up its info page (Fig 1). In the top-right corner you will now see various links, including one to direct you to the Developer

Page, one to tell a friend about the app and one to Gift This App. Tap on the latter link and a floating box will appear, telling you to sign in to your Apple ID if you haven't done so yet (Fig 2).

Tap on Next and then fill in the recipient's name and email address, along with a personal message (Fig 3). Ensure that you have sufficient funds to purchase the app and then tap on Next again to purchase it and send a notification to the recipient's email address. They will then receive an email with a link that will allow them to download the app for free from the App Store.

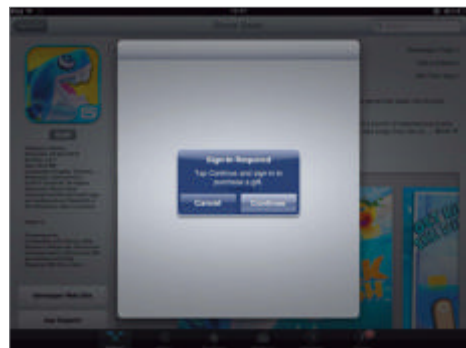


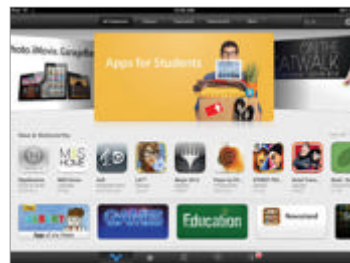
Fig 2: Tap on the Gift This App link and you will have to sign in with your Apple ID, if you haven't already



Fig 3: Enter the required information, such as recipient's email address, and then complete the process

Update an app

Ensure you have the latest version of your top apps



1: Go to the App Store

First of all, launch the App Store app on your iPad.



2: Tap on Updates

Tap on the Updates tab at the bottom of the screen.



3: Find an app

Scroll the list for an app to update or tap Update All.



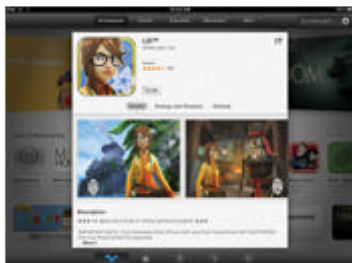
4: Tap Update

Tap on the Update button and the new version will begin installing.



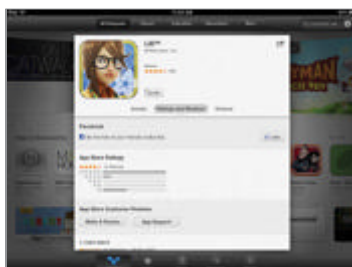
Review & rate apps

Provide a critique for other users



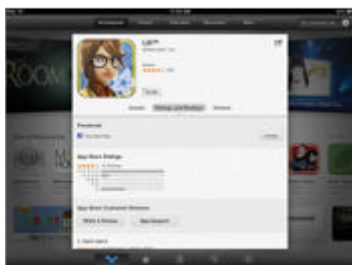
1: Go to app page

Go to the info page of the app that you wish to review and rate.



2: Tap to rate

Tap Ratings and Review at top of the info page.



3: Like the app

Tap Like to support the app on Facebook - or Unlike to undo this



4: Write a review

Tap the Write a Review link to rate app with stars and/or submit a review.

Update apps

Apps are regularly updated by developers to remove bugs and add new features. When your downloaded apps need updating, this red icon will appear

Editor's Choice

In this relative new feature, Apple recommend innovative apps and entertaining games that might be of interest to you



Tell a friend about an app

The App Store has a built-in sharing interface that lets you share great apps with your friends so that they too can experience them and even compete against you via Game Center. To tell a friend about an app, all you have to do is go to the app's info page, which you do by tapping on the name of the app in the App Store (Fig 1) and then, in the top-right corner, you will see an icon that looks like an arrow leaping out of a square. Tap this and then you will be able to give the option to send a link to access the information page of the app in question via your personal

email or social networking websites, including Facebook and Twitter (Fig 2).

It's a good way to spread instant app awareness and ensure that your friends are stocking up with the apps that you're playing so that you can enjoy online multiplayer and compete for the highest score in the online leaderboards – all of which can be accessed via Game Center.

We're hoping that in future updates you will be able to tweet about particular apps directly from the App Store app, but for now the system is quick and easy to use and it really works a treat.

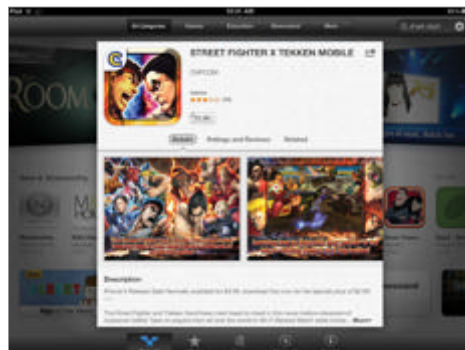


Fig 1: Go to the App Store and tap on an individual app to access its information page



Fig 2: Select icon in the top-right corner to share a link to the app via email and social network

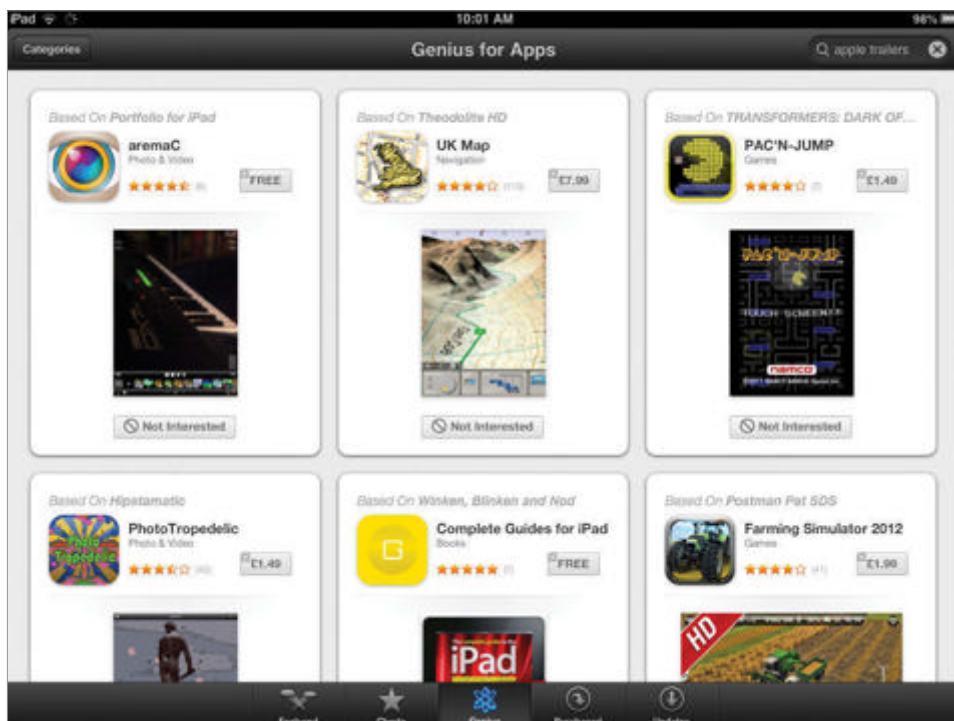


Fig 1: Tap the Genius button at the bottom of the App Store screen to access recommendations based on the apps you own

Discover your inner Genius

Like with iTunes, in which the Genius feature can be utilised to get song recommendations based on the music in your library and create playlists that group together similar-sounding songs, the App Store too has its own little Genius at work.

While in the App Store, tap the Genius button at the bottom of the window and you'll be taken to a screen full of Genius recommendations based on the apps that are currently installed on your iPad (Fig 1).

The layout of this page is simple to digest as you can clearly see the app that inspired the recommendation, purchase the recommended

app straight from the Genius page or register that you are not interested by tapping the button underneath the recommendation. If you then scroll down the page, you will be shown even more recommended apps (Fig 2).

If you think any of the apps Genius recommends to you are not suited to your needs, tap the Not Interested button, which can be found underneath the image of every recommended app. This button will not remove the unwanted app from your screen immediately, but will not appear in future Genius searches and will help the App Store learn more about you in the long-term.

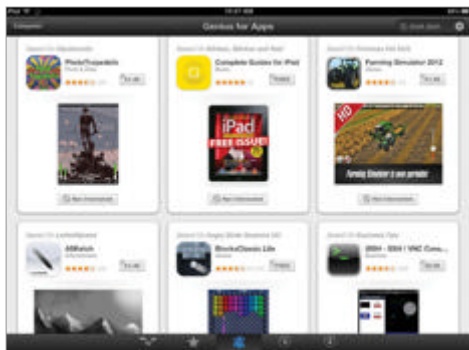


Fig 2: Scroll down the page to view more recommended apps



Fig 3: Tap Not Interested on apps you don't like so Genius can refine its recommendations in future

Removing an app

How to delete an app from your iPad



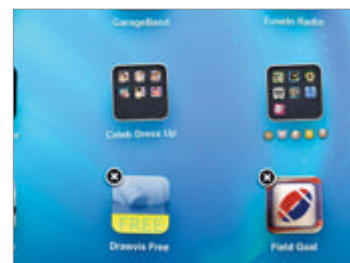
1: Go to the page

Go to the home screen page where the app is situated.



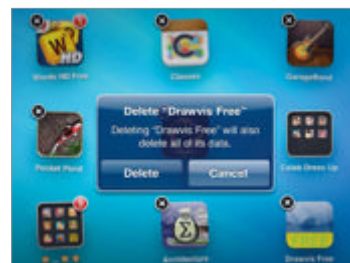
2: Press and hold

Press and hold down on the app icon until it shakes.



3: Tap the cross

Tap on the 'X' next to the app you wish to remove.



4: Confirm choice

When the confirmation message appears, tap on Delete.



Re-download an app

Ensure past purchases are always close at hand



1: Go to Purchased

Once in the App Store, tap Purchased at the bottom of the screen.



2: Tap Not On This iPad

Now tap on the Not On This iPad tab at the top of the page.



3: Tap cloud icon

An iCloud icon will be visible next to your previous purchases. Tap on it.



4: Sign in and download

Enter your Apple ID password and the app will start downloading to your iPad.

Re-download apps

To re-download past purchases from other devices, tap the tab at the top of the Purchased section



iCloud at work

Your purchases are backed up to your iCloud, so tap on the cloud icon to re-download the apps

Automatic downloads

With iCloud, every purchase you make through iTunes and the App Store (including the iBooks Store) will be included in your own cloud, so a record is also kept up to date and you'll always be able to re-download any purchase you have ever made. With iCloud, you can also get your downloads pushed to all of your other iOS devices wirelessly, too.

This feature, known as Automatic Downloads has to be activated in Settings before it kicks in, so launch your Settings app and then tap on the Store category in the left-hand list (Fig 1). At the top is a section called Automatic Downloads



Fig 1: Go to Settings and tap the Store section to activate the Automatic Downloads feature

with sliders next to the Music, Apps and Books categories. Move the slider of the Apps category to the On position and this will mean that any purchases (including free downloads) that you have made on other devices will automatically be downloaded to your iPad.

Obviously non-iPad-compatible apps won't be downloaded, but if you have purchased and downloaded universal apps on your iPhone, then this system ensures that they will be pushed to your iPad too, saving you the hassle of going back to the App Store on your iPad and downloading the same app again (Fig 2). See the tutorial to the left for a clever step-by-step guide.



Fig 2: You can now get all content purchased on other devices pushed to your iPad

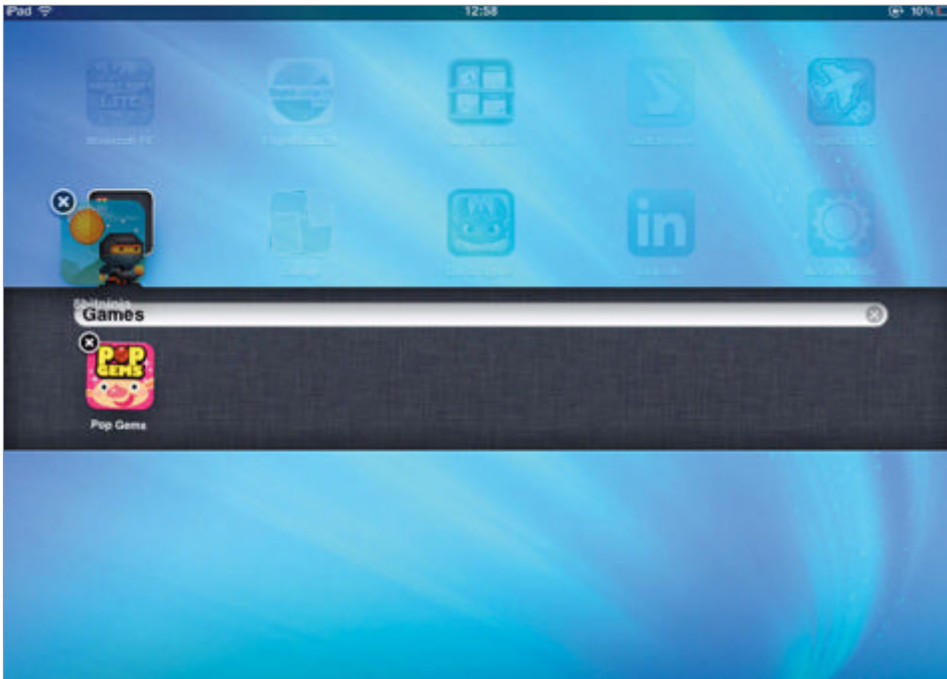


Fig 1: Press and hold on an app then drag it over another app to create a folder

Manage your apps

With so many apps available from the App Store, thousands of which are free to download, it's inevitable that the multiple home screens of your iPad will become congested with icons. Thankfully, there is a system in place that allows you to easily manage them and move them into neat little folders.

To create a folder, press and hold on an app icon until the screen shakes and small 'X' icons appear next to each app. Press and hold on an app and then drag it on top of another app icon to create a folder (Fig 1). The app you move and the app you drag the other icon on to will then be placed into the folder and you can repeat the process to drag more apps into the same folder



Fig 2: You can easily rename the folders by tapping the 'X' to the right of the default title

or create different ones. The folder will be titled in accordance with the apps that you place in it, but you can rename the folders and call them what you want by tapping the 'X' next to the title bar and then using the keyboard to type in the new name (Fig 2). When you have finished organising your apps, press the Home button and the apps will be locked into place. Up to 20 apps can be stored in folders, which is great for keeping your home screens neat and tidy (Fig 3).

"Keep your home screens neat and tidy"



Fig 3: Creating folders can help to keep your home screens neat and tidy

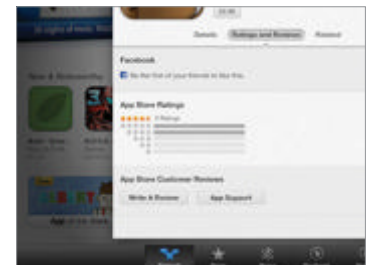
Customer services

What to do if you have an app problem



1: Go to info page

Tap the name of the app in the App Store to access its info page.



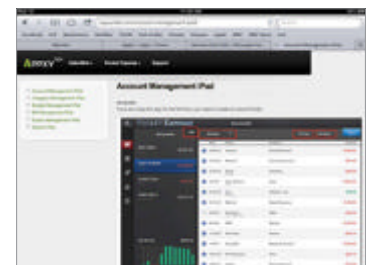
2: Tap App Support

Tap Ratings and Reviews, then select App Support from bottom of the page.



3: Get support

You will be taken to the developer site where you can email your queries.



4: Send an email

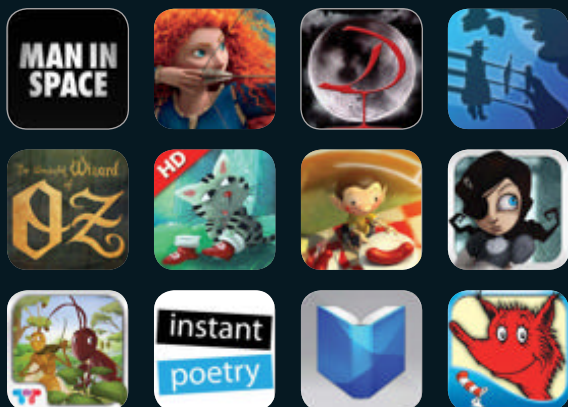
On website, you can check support options or email developer directly.



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With its incredible display and potential for multimedia storytelling, the iPad gives you a reading experience like no other. Of course, this wouldn't matter if you didn't have anything to read, so check out the latest and greatest iPad apps to read on the App Store

Top Paid Apps	Top Free Apps
 Frankenstein ★★★★★	 Winter Forest - Chapter 1 ★★★★★
 Man in Space ★★★★★	 McSweeney's ★★★★★
 Brave: Storybook Deluxe ★★★★★	 DC Nation ★★★★★
Staff pick of the section	
 Dracula: The Official Stoker Family Edition ★★★★★	 The Underground Book Club ★★★★★

Price: £2.49/\$3.99 Developer: Square Igloo

Mademoiselle Daisy's New Friends

An animated story about trying to fit in



As children's storybook apps go, Mademoiselle Daisy is very memorable, with professional narrations in English and French alongside the impressively crisp animation.

The app tells the story of Mademoiselle Daisy, who is searching for new friends in a new town. It also comes with two mini-games: a nine-piece puzzle as well as a memory card game. There is a strong learning experience available in this app – the French version is ideal for children who have just started learning the language.

The only minor disappointment with the app is the lack of interactivity within the animations. This isn't something your youngsters will dwell on, though, as the artful animation and sweet nature of the story will keep them occupied.

Rating ★★★★★



■ The animation in Mademoiselle Daisy's New Friends has a crisp and kitsch feel to it



Price: Free Developer: Carrousmile Inc

Winter Forest – Chapter I

Take your child by the hand and explore Milley's mystery forest



As interactive storybooks go, Winter Forest is one of the better examples. The story stars Milley, a 12-year-old girl who is allowed to explore the forest behind her house for the first time alone. There, the reader must help pick flowers, catch frogs and navigate a hedge maze.

The level of English is slightly advanced in places, and along with the mini-games, offers a brilliant challenge for young minds. Puzzles aside, each of the lavishly drawn pages is full of interactive objects that respond to taps with sound and movement.

The first chapter seems short, but as it's free there is little room for complaint. What you do get is a well-presented storybook that doesn't get bogged down in text, with many fun things for you and your child to do. The app ends with a stylish cartoon that will keep your kids hooked until the second chapter is released.

■ You have a say in how the story progresses at key points

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: Profile Books Ltd

Frankenstein

The classic tale resurrected and remastered



One of the world's most well-known horror stories has been given a 21st Century reworking. The basic mechanics of this eBook reimaging of Mary

Shelley's novel sees you play the roll of companion to Dr Frankenstein, taking part in a running conversation with him as the story unfolds. The user then affects the direction the text takes by choosing from the many questions or statements that appear at certain intervals.

Throughout the text you are also confronted by anatomical sketches, as well as other dark, Gothic images, which adds to the gruesome atmosphere of the story. The multiple-choice feature can be reset at any time, allowing you a chance to restart and see what path choosing a different response leads you down, learning more about the iconic characters each time.



■ The text is interspersed with eerie anatomical drawings

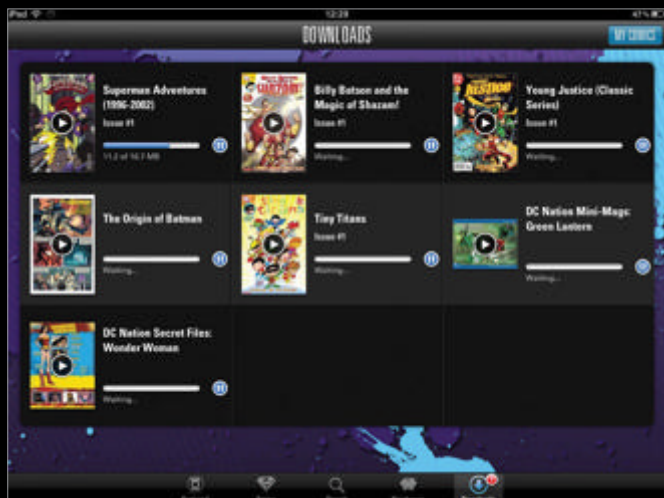
■ The statements you choose alter the path the story takes

Rating ★★★★★



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Books/Newsstand



■ The download manager is both clear and efficient

Price: Free Developer: DC Comics

DC Nation

Kids get their very own comic app from DC



Aimed squarely at younger superhero fans, DC Nation is the latest all-in-one digital comic book from the publishing house that brought us Superman, Batman, and the Green Lantern. Many of

DC's super-powered favourites are represented with their own comic renditions aimed at preteens, which take the form of colourful spin-off versions in the vein of Warner Bros' popular Batman and Superman animated shows, sharing shelf space on the app's digital storefront with team titles such as Super Friends, Justice League Beyond and Teen Titans Go!

DC Nation is essentially a clone of DC Comics other app, but geared towards younger readers, meaning it offers a more suitable selection of content to users. Saying that, everything here is also available on the DC Comics store, making it pretty much redundant for those already using the original app. DC Nation offers identical features: the majority of single issues comprise around 20 pages, retail in-app for £0.69/\$0.99, and can be previewed via three sample pages. There are also some free issues available for the cash-strapped comic book fan. The reader itself offers users a few standard eReader options while keeping track of your comic collection with efficiency and accessibility.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: Space Dog Books Inc

Treasure Island - A Space Dog Book

Don your iPatch for this new-look literary great



Treasure Island – A Space Dog Book is a lovingly-crafted digital repackaging of the original novel. Comprising all 34 chapters of the original text, Space Dog has given Treasure Island a graphical makeover, with beautiful artwork across 137 pages. Locked into landscape, the book's cover introduces its style, followed by a quirky animated intro.

Users are treated every so often to charming half or full-page images – most are animated, and some are interactive, with readers able to watch rum slosh around in a bottle as you rotate your iPad. Underneath it all though, this is still Stevenson's timeless story, full of colourful characters and buccaneering tropes, as young Jim Hawkins gets mixed up with one-legged seaman Long John Silver. If you're yet to read Treasure Island, this app is a good place to start.

Rating ★★★★★



■ The chapter selection menu is just as polished as everything else



■ Each classic song comes with its own unique setting and characters to interact with through a single tap



■ The world of Old MacDonald extends outwards so be sure to pan the landscape

Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Shape Minds and Moving Images

Little Fox Music Box

Children's sing-a-long brought to life on the iPad



The number of apps aiming to get your children interacting with the iPad is growing by the day, with all kinds of new stories being created to entice them in and entertain them.

Little Fox Music Box has taken a slightly different route by trying to recreate some classic children's songs with added interactivity. Of the three songs currently available in the app, each one comes with its own unique setting related to the song, and fills your iPad screen with colourful characters that you can bring to life with a single tap. The sights and sounds will appeal to any youngster, and the app feels like it could be a very useful tool for parents looking to provide their children with a new bedtime reading experience.

Open the app and you will be given the choice of three songs to listen to and interact with. These are London Bridge, Evening Song and Old MacDonald, all classic children's sing-a-longs that your own kids should be able to join in with. The words to each song appear along the top of the screen like karaoke, so even if they don't know all the words they will soon learn them. There is even an option on the menu screen to turn on a karaoke-style set-up, which removes the in-app singing and lets the user provide that instead, though unfortunately you can't record this.

Choose a song and you'll be transported to its associated world, full of interactivity in the environment and the on-screen

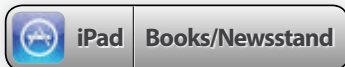
characters. It might be a good idea to start with Evening Song, as this sing-a-long comes with a loose tutorial on how to bring different aspects of the world to life. The basic principle is that every character you see on screen will do something if tapped, but also keep an eye out for parts of the landscape that look unusually shaded or highlighted, as these may also be hiding some animation. In this sense Little Fox Music Box is perfect for children, in that it encourages curiosity and interaction with the iPad as you seek out hidden animations and characters.

Visually then this app is very appealing, and having been put together by Oscar nominated designer Heidi Wittlinger, it's no surprise that the characters and landscapes look so good.

The audio within the app is also a big plus, with Old MacDonald and London Bridge being sung by kids it will hopefully encourage your own youngsters to join in. If they feel like going solo they can use the previously mentioned Karaoke feature to provide the audio themselves.

Little Fox Music Box is aimed at children between the ages of two and six, and it has the perfect sense of humour that allows for both parents and children to enjoy the app. This has the opportunity to change bedtime in your house forever.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Small Planet Digital

Dragon Brush

Read and paint along with Bing-Wen in this interactive book



The iPad has become an entire entertainment centre for both adults and kids, allowing you to watch TV and movies, play games, and more recently, read books on its touchscreen. While many books are available through Apple's own iBooks store, some of the best storytelling apps come in standalone form and make the most of iPad's many input systems.

This app follows the story of a young rabbit called Bing-Wen who loves to draw and paint, but has no money for food, let alone paper, paints and tools.

One day, he helps an old lady and in return she gives him a paintbrush she claims has magical powers. When he next tries to

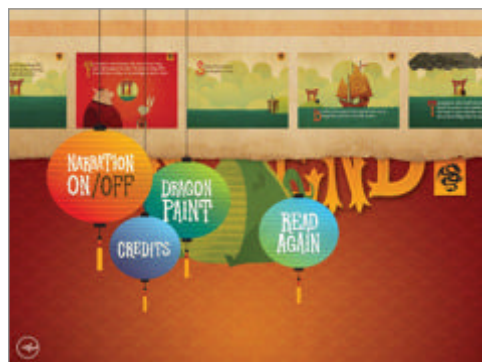
paint something, it comes alive, and Bing-Wen uses it to help his family and friends with fresh food and other things that brighten up the village. We won't ruin the end for you or your kids, but it offers some nice twists and a great moral at the end.

The app uses the iPad extremely well, too; each page contains text, as well as an animated drawing that usually slides in and plays like a mini movie. There are interactive elements on most pages too, allowing you to tap and swipe to activate extra animations. On some pages you will be tasked with rubbing a finger on the screen to reveal the painting that Bing-Wen has created, before it animates.

The art style is beautiful, and gentle music accompanies the story. There is also a quite brilliant painting section where you can let your imagination run wild and add a little of your own work to the selection of artwork on offer in the app. The painting aspect is genuinely impressive, too, thanks to the varied brush strokes and great designs.

The book is relatively short, which is a real shame when the rest of the app does so many things right. That said, it's probably a good length for a bed-time story, and the painting aspect adds value to it. Ultimately, it's certainly worth the asking price.

Rating ★★★★★



■ Navigate through the pages by tapping the bookmark on screen



■ The interactivity is great. Tap areas to make them burst into flower



■ Find hidden pots in the storybook and you can use extra paints in the drawing section



Price: £3.99/\$5.99 Developer: Immediate Media Company Bristol Ltd

Man in Space

A giant leap for digital magazines?

MAN IN SPACE

With the Curiosity Mars rover blasting space exploration back into the public consciousness, there's never been a better time to reflect on the history of one of science's most exciting fields. The brilliant Man in Space e-book manages to both capture the sense of wonder surrounding space exploration while documenting the stories, science and people that have pioneered off-world travel for over 50 years.

A rousing foreword from Patrick Moore gives way to a solid chronological account of the space race from Yuri Gagarin and NASA's Apollo missions, to space stations and what the future holds. The text features some stunning photography, videos, interactive 360-degree models, and infographics, all accessible via the stylish interface which makes Man in Space a joy to use.

Rating ★★★★★



■ Man in Space combines famous names with less well-known figures



■ The outstanding design and gesture-based presentation is bespoke to tablets.

Price: Free Developer: McSweeney's and Russell Quinn

McSweeney's

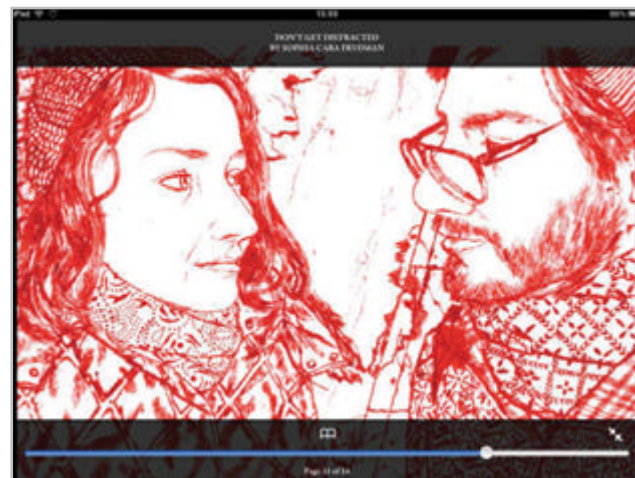
Perfectly presented content



McSweeney's is a well-known name in the world of literature and this app is designed to extend its reach to the smartphone form factor. There are two highly impressive parts of this app. Firstly, the design is exceptional and it presents the content in a style that is perfectly in tune with the content. The use of fonts, folder colours and subtle imagery make it stand out from the competition.

Secondly, the content itself is interesting from the minute you start reading, with a varied mix of fiction and non-fiction, with stories, interviews, comics, advice columns and even some short films for your viewing pleasure. Extra content is also available via in-app purchase.

Rating ★★★★★



■ The content is extremely varied including fact, fiction, prose and video

■ Even the text matches the content and overall style

Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: Marvel Characters Inc

Avengers Origins: Assemble!

Part interaction, part comic and all



Comics are growing in popularity very quickly on the iPad and being able to present legendary characters makes the experience even more enticing for potential purchasers. Captain America, Iron Man, Thor, Black Widow and the Hulk are all integral to the story here and this makes it feel familiar from the very first read. It isn't merely a comic, however, because you get to spend time interacting with each character and you can even choose to play as your favourite.

The interaction that is built-in may not be wholly suitable for serious fans of the genre, but it does open up the story and the characters to a wider audience. Serious comic fans can enjoy the narration and superb imagery while younger children can simply enjoy playing the games. The developer has cleverly mixed the two together, but also managed to allow the reader to only take part in the sections that they enjoy.

The sound effects add atmosphere to the story and at times almost make the experience feel like a moving cartoon. Once again this highlights the care and attention that has gone into producing every aspect of this app.

We tend to view it as a title more suited to children because of the way it has been built and potentially serious fans of these characters may be disappointed by the way they have been presented at times. However, this makes sense because the owners of the characters will want to widen the appeal of the brand and this is a clever way of doing this.

Increasingly tablets present comics in a way that makes them easily readable and enjoyable whenever you have a few spare minutes. This app is proof of these capabilities and succeeds in almost every area. Only the price may be queried by some who expect comics to be priced lower just because they are digital.

Rating ★★★★★



■ You can customise various aspects of the experience



■ There is lots of user interaction included



Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: PadWorx Digital Media Inc

Dracula: The Official Stoker Family Edition

This doesn't suck (your blood)



There's a reason this version of Dracula is the only one officially endorsed by the Stoker family: it's absolutely brilliant. Not just the original 1897 Bram Stoker novel, this edition brings hundreds of illustrations, a selection of musical tracks and interactive elements to pages that – unlike the Count himself – brings the whole thing alive.

You'll be reading along when suddenly you encounter a letter, which will have to be tapped to open it. Or a map to read. Or a crucifix to study. Maybe you'll need to use your own blood to see hidden messages. There's even bonus extras – film clips, audio and so on – hidden for the intrepid reader to discover. It's brilliant.

The only real issue we found was the fact it is abridged, meaning you aren't getting 100 per cent of the original text. This doesn't detract much from the overall experience, though.

Rating ★★★★★



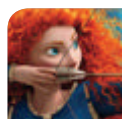
■ Hardly any pages come without at least one extra element to fiddle with



Price: £499/\$6.99 Developer: Disney Publishing Worldwide

Brave: Storybook Deluxe

A Brave new world of storytelling



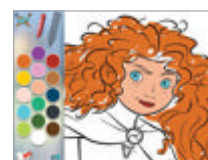
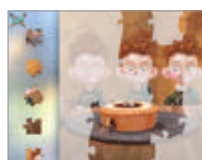
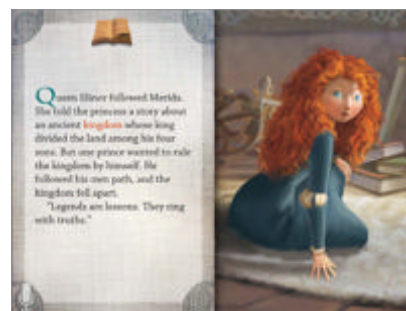
While it might initially put you off with its price, Disney's Brave: Storybook Deluxe is a brilliant purchase for any fan of the Pixar movie. Not only is it a story perfect for those following the adventures of Princess Merida, it has numerous extras like audiobook functions, the ability to record your own narration, clips from the film, interactive illustrations and a collection of games and activities.

Once you're finished with the central story, you can occupy time with colouring in, puzzles and a couple of games. The horse riding/archery game is surprisingly addictive, actually. It's all complementary to the subject matter and fun to play about with.

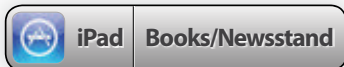
All in all, the story feels like the least important factor in this impressive app. It's a real lesson to other companies on how to approach children's books, though admittedly not everyone has the assets Disney has to work with.

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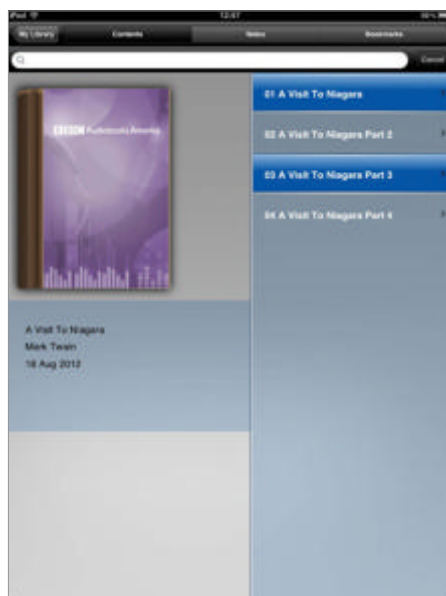
■ The story itself is a companion piece to the movie – interesting, but unremarkable



■ Activities such as colouring in and puzzle solving, really enhance this app



■ You are able to read along with the narration



■ There's no glamour to proceedings, and it does feel a little stale as a result

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Appsessions, LLC

A Visit To Niagara presented by BBC Audiobooks America

Read along or listen to Mark Twain



One of the lesser known works of great American humourist, Mark Twain, this story covers the exploits of a visit to the eponymous Falls and the misdeeds that result from some flagrant misunderstandings.

As a story, it's witty, clever and (as with most of Twain's work) incredibly funny. While ever-so-brief at four short chapters, the richness of character held throughout is enough to keep you captivated over countless re-reads and it's always surprising just how well the humour stands up more than 100 years later.

The actual app is presented as an offshoot of the iScroll system, and we should point out we had issues with numerous crashes from the standalone version. Making an in-app purchase through the iScroll app, however, solved any issues.

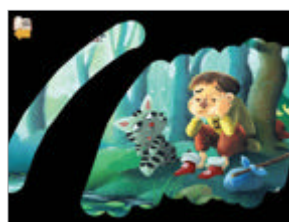


■ Bookmark any point of the story you like and come back to it later

The framework provides a read-along audiobook experience as well as some other search and highlight functionality. You are able to opt to just listen, just read or both read and listen (said to increase retention, apparently), with narration handled by one Patrick Fraley. His voicework is warm and suits the story well, though there are a couple of mispronunciations of words ('begin' instead of 'began', 'cobbler' instead of 'gobbler') which is a bit strange, but doesn't exactly ruin things. Similarly there are a couple of editing mistakes, like a missing speechmark – it's not a huge deal, but with a story so short you would expect more care to be taken with the material.

Nevertheless, it's a small price to pay for some decent extras on a genuinely fantastic short story. The ability to highlight any section of text and subsequently save it as a bookmark is a really great touch, while being able to look up any word with just a couple of taps is fantastic for anyone who might be struggling – or just interested – by the language used.

Rating ★★★★★



■ The magic ink feature is pretty much pointless, truth be told

Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: S-Mobile Co. Ltd

Puss In Boots HD

Sequel to Kitten Mittens



It has to be easy to keep the attention of the younger reader with apps such as Puss In Boots HD popping up. While the initial cost might be off-putting to some for what is just a short children's story with a couple of forgettable extras, there's a lot of talent and some fun animations that have gone into making this something that will likely captivate the younger reader.

As an audiobook it can be left to its own devices, playing through the story and running the animations made up from the fine pastel illustrations, or you can just read it as normal of course. It's fairly basic for an app, but it does the job well and is engaging for both readers and listeners.

There are a couple of extras – a few jigsaw puzzles that even younger users won't have much trouble completing, and a pretty pointless 'magic ink' feature that, well, is pretty pointless. It doesn't Stop Puss In Boots HD from being a good, solid app though.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: podotree, inc

Oz for iPad

With animations and tilting



The iPad is seeing more and more classic tales revived on the format, with developers very keen to take advantage of the extra features that they can cram in to liven up the stories we have all seen, heard and read dozens of times before. Oz for iPad fits this description perfectly.

It's the classic Wonderful Wizard Of Oz story retold with interactive and read-along elements in order to give it broader appeal than it might normally have. What this means is that you are able to sit back and enjoy the story being read aloud to you, read along with the narration or just turn it off and take things at your own pace. Along the way there are numerous fantastic illustrations, all animated and interactive through tapping – while they do not add anything to the story per se, they're a fine touch. There's also a hidden story covering the flying monkeys for those who can find it.

Basically, in short, this is a near-masterclass in reviving a classic property for a modern delivery method. And it's a good price, too, so well worth downloading.

Rating ★★★★★

■ Read alone or with audiobook voiceover



■ Some animations in the app are tilt-enabled, which is a very nice touch



iPad

Books/Newsstand



■ It's only a short book and there isn't much to keep readers coming back after the first read

Price: £2.49/\$3.99 Developer: Grant Adam

Food Fight! - An Interactive Book by Glenn Melenhorst

Little boys versus space sausages



Little boys don't like vegetables, they like sausages. Similarly, alien sausages don't like vegetables, but like little boys. Such is the amusing dilemma that sets up this children's tale by Glenn Melenhorst.

It's a rather straightforward presentation for the book, with an audiobook element allowing the story to be read aloud to a listener, or individual words tapped on for those reading themselves and in need of a bit of help. Stylish animations and sounds back up the nice illustrations, but compared to some other storybooks it might feel a bit light on content for the price.

Rating ★★★★★



■ It is a funny, witty story that will appeal to many youngsters

Price: £2.49/\$3.99 Developer: Play Creatividad

Forgotten Colours

Almost lost in translation



What's better than one story? 15, obviously – and that's just what you get with Forgotten Colours, a collection of short stories covering themes of love, life, loss, happiness and much more.

It's a simple enough app with a few interactive elements, like the ability to look at sketchbook drawings and animated illustrations. But generally speaking it's just a straightforward collection of stories to be swiped through and enjoyed.

The translation from Spanish to English has been handled to a decent level, but it's left a fair bit of the language overly complex and repetitive. While we can't comment on the original language text, it leaves this translation feeling a bit clumsier than it needs to be and takes away somewhat from a fun reading experience. You can look past this issue and take something away from Forgotten Colours, but just a little more editing would have made this app a lot better.

Rating ★★★★★



■ It's difficult to figure out just what audience Forgotten Colours is aimed at

■ The stories are accessible, covering universal themes



Price: £2.49/\$3.99 Developer: Oceanhouse Media, Inc

Fox In Socks – Dr. Seuss

Fox In Socks mocks Knox in box



Although this is certainly not the most famous of Dr. Seuss' stories, Fox In Socks is definitely up there with the best of his tongue-tying tales of silly rhymes. A straightforward storybook app with some nice readalong features and amusing interactive illustrations, this app is



a bit basic, however, that does not matter at all with thanks to the incredibly high quality of the story and illustrations. We recommend this if you're a Dr. Seuss fan.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Google

Google Play Books

Read books, but don't buy them



Simply put, this is an app that gathers together your book purchases and allows you to read, resize text, manage your library and download books for offline reading. It ties in with your Google Play account and, for the most part, works exactly as you would expect it to.



Sadly, there is no ability to make in-app purchases of books, however, which is a massive downer on the app. Those bought through Google Play on the iPad browser will sync very easily, but it is still a bit of an irritation that detracts from the usefulness of Google Play Books somewhat.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: Razeware LLC

Instant Poetry HD

Sixth-form poetry at its questionable finest



A more honest name for Instant Poetry would be 'random word generator', because that's what it is. You pick a theme – default, love, sadness or passionate – and

with each tap of a button are presented with a selection of related words. Move them around the screen, change their colour and font, and alter the background. It's good for those with an inability to produce their own poetry, true, but it feels a bit pointless and cheap – ironic considering its cost – what's wrong with just writing things down?



Rating ★★★★★

Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: Loud Crow Interactive

PopOut! The Night Before Christmas

Another classic updated for the modern era

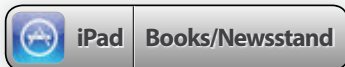


You miss the tactile joy of pop-up books when read on iPad, but developer Loud Crow is attempting to bring some of that magic to children in the modern era. There's little beyond the main story in this version



of The Night Before Christmas, but it's incredibly well-presented and has dozens of interactive elements (you will be tapping everything on every page just to see), so is very much recommended by us.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £2.49/\$3.99 Developer: Play Creatividad SL

iPoe



This app adds great atmosphere to the stories of Edgar Allan Poe, with three available to read within the app. Each features a chilling soundtrack and well-placed sound effects, plus fantastic illustrations, and several brilliant interactive pages. Use headphones to be drawn right in. A brilliant example of how books can be enhanced using the tablet's features.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: Flammarion SA

Volcano Boy



Volcano Boy is an excellent app however you look at it. The story is a dark take on classic fairy tales told with wit, emotion and translated very well indeed. The developers take advantage of the format by having musical numbers backing up the text, and some fantastic, evocative illustrations to top it off. Volcano Boy is, basically, very good indeed.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Magic Ink Books

The Little Mermaid's Surprise

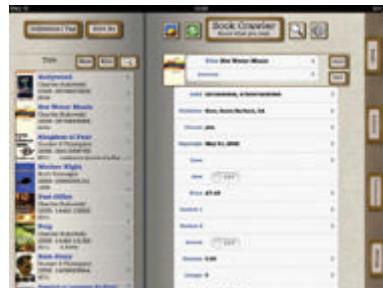


A brief story for young children to read along with or have read to them, and a well-made package considering it's free. The real hook is the 'magic ink' system of revealing another picture behind the first one to continue the story.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: Chiisai App Solutions LLC

Book Crawler



Book Crawler offers a book cataloguing system for you to keep track of titles. Ideal to help keep track of what you've read and what you need to read, it's a great way to compare loans and identify ways in which you can cut costs by consolidating.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: Sanoma Media Netherlands B.V.

Miffy's Garden

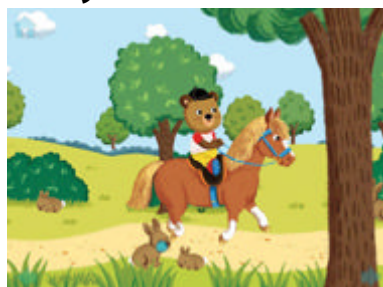


Aimed at pre-school children, Miffy's Garden offers a narrated version of the story, plus the option to record three other audio readings. The app also offers educational minigames involving counting and shapes.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £2.49/\$3.99 Developer: Nosy Crow Ltd

Bizzy Bear on the Farm



Nosy Crow has crafted an involving experience for young readers that takes them well beyond merely reading a book. Interactions galore, games, lovely animations and voice work by children come together to make a bright, sparky package.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: Penguin Books

The Original Tale of Peter Rabbit

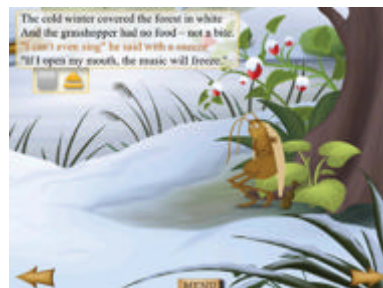


The classic children's tale from Beatrix Potter brought to life through the modern iPad and handled with all the care and attention you'd hope for such a beloved story as this. Animations, games, a brilliant voiceover – it's nigh-on perfect.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: TabTale LTD

The Ant and the Grasshopper



A straightforward children's storybook with the ability to read yourself or with narration and interactive animations. It's a cute, classic story, though obviously quite brief. The additional counting game is throwaway but it's a solid package.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Hearst Magazines UK

Harper's Bazaar

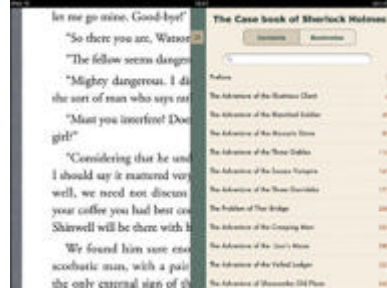


Running through the PixelMags framework, Harper's Bazaar is a barebones presentation of the magazine on your iPad. A PDF reader with swiping and pinch zooming, it's very basic with no interactive or special features.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Feetan

The Sherlock Holmes Collection



A selection of the classic Sherlock Holmes works brought together for a low price, in an e-reader app that has a few neat features. The collection works well but lacks some fancier features. It's a low cost for numerous classic books.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: MAZ Digital LLC

New Criterion



New Criterion offers numerous, straightforwardly-presented, essay-length features on a host of topics, and this functional, barebones app supports the journal perfectly. A few tap/gesture commands allow clippings to be quickly taken too.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Underground Book Club Ltd

The Underground Book Club

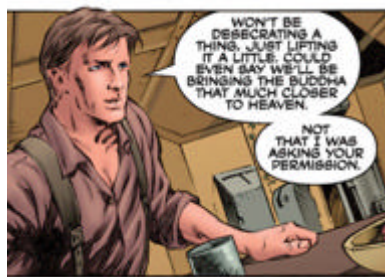


The Underground Book Club is a free London magazine full of long-form features and book excerpts. Its app is purpose-built for task, offering features beyond just pinch-zooming, like directly accessible weblinks in text. Very good indeed.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: Dark Horse Comics Inc

Serenity: Better Days #1



Firefly died and Serenity isn't getting a sequel, so it's up to comics like Better Days to keep the adventures of Mal Reynolds and his crew going. The stories are good and the features of the app suit the format perfectly. It's a bit pricey, though.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Brandon Jue

Pocket Fiction



It would be unfair to cast aspersions on fan fiction, so instead we'll just say: if you're a fanfic reader, Pocket Fiction is a good app to help you sort through your favourites and search for new pieces you might like. It's a bit cumbersome, however.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Unity Media Plc

Retro Cars



A straightforward magazine app covering retro cars. The app handles things well and allows pinch zooming, bookmarking and chapter/feature selection, but it doesn't really take full advantage of the format. Solid, though.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Readmill Network Ltd

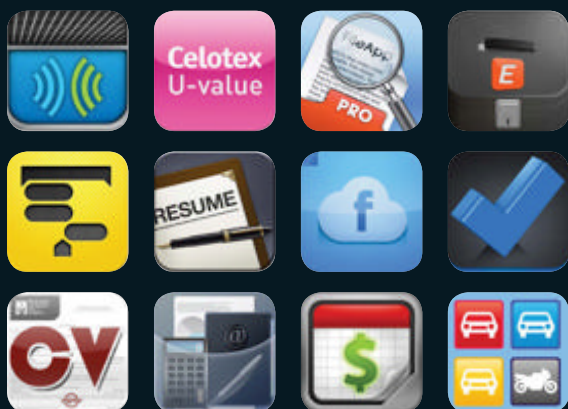
Readmill



There are so many standard e-readers out there, it's good to see developers try something different with Readmill. This reader boasts a social aspect, allowing users to share and be shared with when it comes to reading habits.

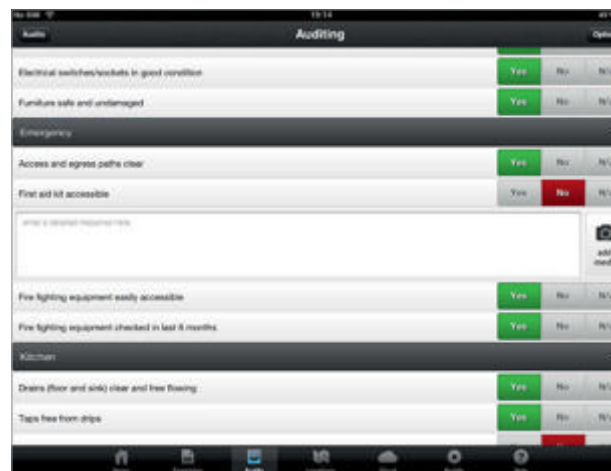
Rating ★★★★★

Business/Finance



The iPad's potential for helping out at the office is tremendous. Read on through the following pages to find out how you can track your accounts, manage your clients, and keep up with the market trends using only your trusty tablet and these handy money, time and energy-saving apps

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The in-app Cloud allows you to access a range of templates

Completing an audit is simple, with none of the usual paperwork

Price: [Free](#) Developer: [SafetyCulture Ltd](#)

iAuditor

Professional-standard audits direct from your iPad



Performing audits can often be depressing due to the level of paperwork required as part of the process. Apps like iAuditor provide the ideal solution to such an issue, not only reducing paperwork but also allowing for a more seamless way of carrying out checks. This is due to the app's various functions, for example, the ability to instantly add explanations to checklists should something not be present, as well as a one-tap option to add a photo as evidence. To this end, the app also allows you to add locations to your audits.

There is also a link to the cloud server, which contains templates for business-specific audits should you ever require them. These have all been rated by other users and come with a description of the nature of each. As well as following set templates in the app, you can also create your own to fulfil specific needs. In short, this is an app with a very niche market, but those who need it will find it very useful.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Ovatu Pty Ltd

Ovatu Manager

Streamline your business appointments and staff rotas



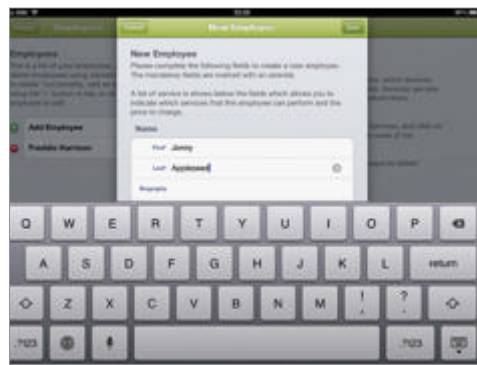
Whether you're a small business owner or an independent trader, you'll undoubtedly find yourself needing a simple way to manage appointments with clients. If you're lucky enough to have people do it for you, you may also find yourself in need of a way to quickly organise their hours. Ovatu Manager aims to take on all of these admin tasks and more with its iOS and web-based service that makes it easy for anyone to manage employee hours and service appointments in just a few simple steps.

Ovatu Manager's iOS app is free, but there are a few different account types (both paid and free) to choose from once you fire it up and start the setup process. The free account only allows usage

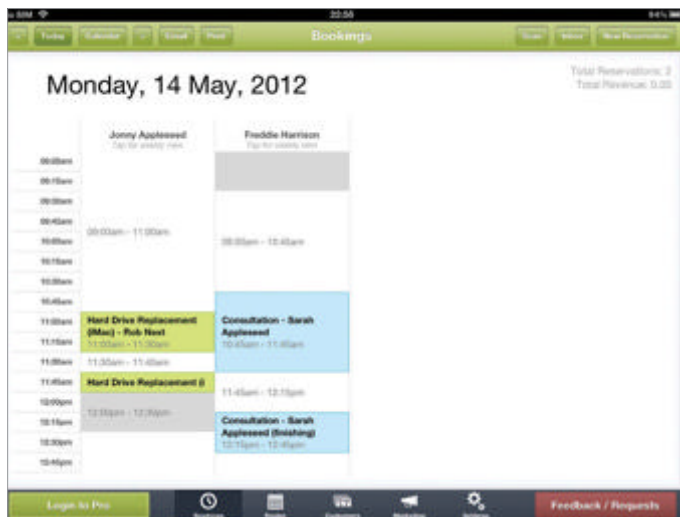
on one device without any of the advantages of cloud-based syncing, whereas the paid accounts (ranging from \$10-\$50 per month) offer a whole host of professional features such as SMS reminders of appointments for customers. Once you've set up an account, the app guides you through the basics of getting an employee's rota set up, and the first service type. Everything about this is straightforward, and it seems like Ovatu Manager has every base covered in terms of the details that businesses may need for an appointment booking system.

Once you're through the setup process, it's easy to see how scalable this app really can be to suit almost every type of business; it's easy to add new services to the system, split them over two periods of time, add more employees and build up a database of customers. Everything in the app is fully integrated; create an appointment with a new customer and they'll be added to your customer database, for example, and there are plenty of ways to take advantage of such databases, such as mass-emailing or social media posting.

Ovatu Manager clearly lends itself best to specific situations, but it's fair to say it's an ideal solution for any company where appointments are the bedrock of the business.

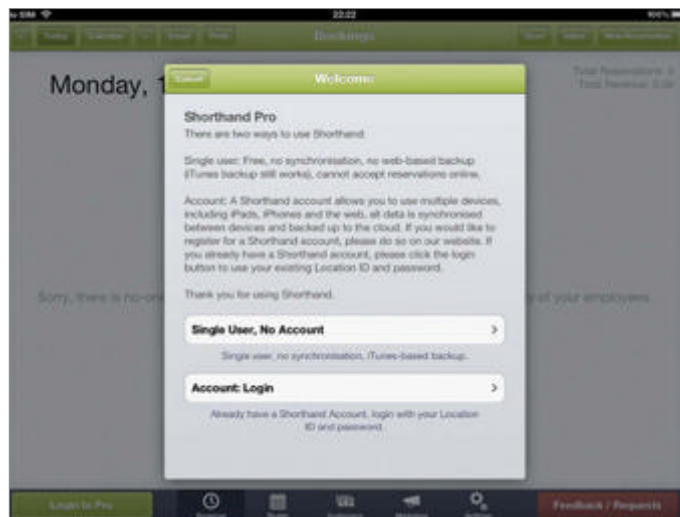


■ New employees are added from the Employees tab of the Settings menu



■ Different appointments are colour-coded in the bookings view for easy identification

Rating ★★★★★



■ The setup process launches on the first use of the app



■ This app boasts a wide selection of language options

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: SayHi LLC

SayHi Translate

Your own personal translator in your pocket



Perhaps one of the best translator apps on iTunes today, SayHi Translate is a smart tool that is both easy to use and genuinely helpful. From the top menu, you can enter the Options tab and select which two languages you wish to translate between.

Once you have your languages set, you can select your starting language and speak into your device. You will then get an accurate readout of how it should be written in the other language, as well as an audio reading of how to say it. The accuracy here is key, and thankfully, it doesn't disappoint. You can create whole conversation strings using this method and save them for use later. Alternatively, you can type your required sentences or phrases rather than speaking them.

Saved conversations and phrases are stored in a playlist for quick referral, and you can even share them via email. SayHi Translate is a well-presented, intuitive app that undercuts the competition by offering a wide range of languages at low cost. The fact that it works accurately across so many dialects is impressive, and as such, it comes highly recommended.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Scribe Inc

Convo

A Convo a day helps you work – not rest or play



Social media doesn't have to be about posting up pictures of yourself in strange locations and nor does it have to be about networking on sites like LinkedIn. With Convo, you can keep colleagues connected from the same workplace. It calls itself a private social network and that is, in a sense, the gist of it.

To get started you must use a work address. You can then invite other people from your network to join. You do all of this from the convo.com website. When you sign in to the app, you can do all manner of things from writing messages to individual colleagues to viewing the news feed to see what others in your group are up to. You can also view files and images that are being shared by colleagues.

The instant notifications aspect of the app is what makes it most useful, however, because it means you have live communication with people and no excruciating delays. With a great interface that doesn't overwhelm you with options, it's an important app for business.

Rating ★★★★★



■ You can send messages to a group of colleagues or to specific individuals

■ Select the type of view you wish to see, from news feeds to direct messages to discussions



Price: Free Developer: Rapid Consulting Services

Executive Suite

A specialist business app that really is special



■ Complex data can be presented clearly with ease through a variety of infographics



The SAP (single assessment process) solution is designed to allow companies and employees to work collaboratively and to communicate and complete tasks in a much more efficient way. This app leverages these ideals and brings them to the iPad. It includes features that will deal with every aspect of day-to-day business, from purchase orders to warehouse management, and houses all of this in a professional yet simple interface.

An account needs to be set up to use the app, but this is a straightforward process and, with the right usage pattern, it could save a fortune in both time and admin costs. The real beauty of the service, however, is its flexibility, as users can tailor it to suit. A series of subtle graphics lets even complex data shine on the smallest of mobile screens, and at no point did we witness any glitches. For medium-sized enterprises this app can make a huge impact, and enable their workforces to keep in the loop with great ease.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Youxel Technology SAE

Meeting Minutes

Recording meetings in style



Taking minutes is easy, but using them constructively is not. If you attend a lot of meetings, they tend to blur into one another, and thus having a detailed record of what has been said and decided is crucial. Fortunately, Meeting Minutes does all of this and more.

The entire app is defined by the way it is presented, with a virtual desk showing each attendee and what they have said, attachments that are relevant to them and so much more; you can even schedule meetings and share all the notes with each attendee afterwards. The minutes can be taken by text, drawing and even using audio recordings, and a few taps of the screen will let you share the whole meeting. Action points can also be assigned to each attendee, which lifts this app to the 'project manager' category as well, but ultimately it is the way every feature works together that makes this such a success.



■ Add handwritten notes and drawings as well as recordings to your minutes

■ The customisable apps board room interface allows you to seat up to 20 attendee avatars

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Appnotie

kyCVwy – Résumé, CV & Cover Letter in PDF

An outlet for editing and managing your CV



This editing and managing app allows you to use the information currently displayed on your LinkedIn or Viadeo profile, and convert it into a document version of your CV. This is saved as a PDF



and then ready to be exported to other apps such as iBooks for viewing, or sent to a printer via AirPrint. The multinational development of this app means you can translate your CV or Résumé into different languages within the app, should your job-hunting be a global pursuit. The main sticking point is the price, for the limited range of functionality.

Rating ★★★★★

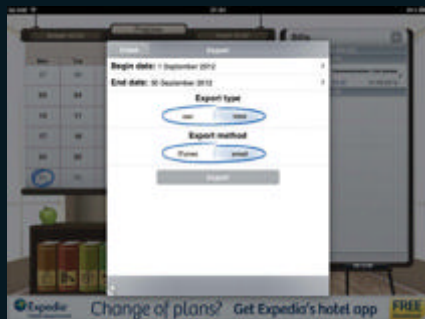
Price: Free Developer: iBear LLC

Bills for iPad Free

Keep your house in order with this bill tracker



With an eye-catching and engaging interface, Bills for iPad is a specialised calendar app, focusing on the due dates for various bills. You can set the repeat function for bills should they recur each month, as well as tick them off as you pay them. The app asks that you categorise each



bill and it will colour code them depending on their stage of payment, with alerts sent should you miss a payment. You can set up a password lock to protect your info and give peace of mind.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Blue Tags

Debt Tracker HD Free

A single stop off to keep track of your outgoings



In this time of belt-tightening and financial strife, more and more of us are turning to money tracking software and apps in order to get a better hold of our outgoings and general financial situation. Debt Tracker is one such app, that focuses on the repeated outgoings and debt to help you manage repayments and get yourself free



of debt quicker. Simply upload all the necessary details and dates into the app and it converts them into progress bars to show you how you're doing. It's simple, but effective for a free app.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: Sergey Skorohod

Orders – Sales Manager

Manage your stock and sales from one place



This app is aimed at small business owners, and allows them to keep track of all their various orders and sales from one place to prevent confusion and keep the business running smoothly. The data



input is detailed yet straightforward allowing users to be very specific in their details if necessary. For example you can input a logo or image to go with an order to help specify each order. One of the best aspects of the app is that it supports iCloud, meaning you can synchronize your various data across devices, making for a smoother business.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: Kiwi Objects

Car Manager

All your vehicle paperwork in one place



The Car Manager app has two key functions – to serve as a storage area for all the key information associated with your car, and also as a way of monitoring the performance of your vehicle.



The app is a digital filing cabinet for administrative details such as insurance documents and service logs, allowing users to have all these files available quickly and wherever you and your device may be. The app also uses the data input in order to give you updates on performance, for example fuel economy, displaying this in useful graphs.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: IBM Corp

IBM Connections

Twitter and LinkedIn fused together



The content of this app is similar to that of LinkedIn in that it is full of the various business connections that you make during your working life. In terms of interface the app looks a lot like the official Twitter app for the iPad, and so frequent users of both should not have too much trouble getting to grips with

it. There is of course a wider business depth to this app, with a menu tab for you to quickly share files if necessary. Users can also create 'report to' chains so you can see rough employee models.



Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Citibank NA

Citi Velocity

Market analysis exclusive to Citibank clients



This is as serious and as detailed as they come in terms of financial market apps. Citi Velocity is exclusive to certain customers and users of Citibank services, and the app comprises of not

only detailed analysis in the form of text, but also through video and other types of media. Users can stay abreast of all the latest movement and what it means, as well as being able to search for specific analysis from specific sources. This is the app that you need if you're with Citibank and have a vested interest in the movement of the global markets.



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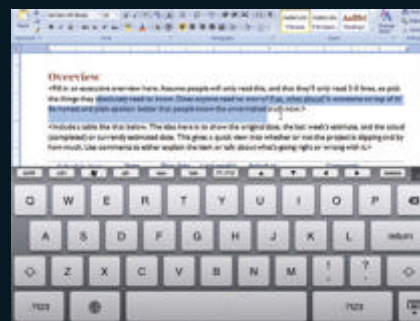
Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Splashtop Inc

Splashtop 2 – Remote Desktop

Make your desktop accessible anywhere

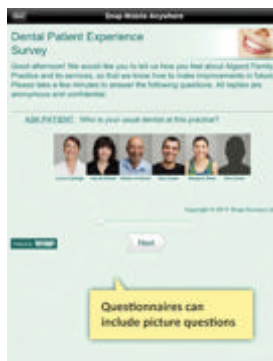


All of us have been in a situation where we wish we could get access to our desktop computer when out and about. Apps like Splashtop offers this service, making it possible to not only edit documents and



quickly retrieve necessary info remotely. You can license access to up to five computers that are also running Splashtop, which means you can add your work computer to your mini network.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: [Free](#) Developer: [Snap Surveys Limited](#)

Snap Mobile

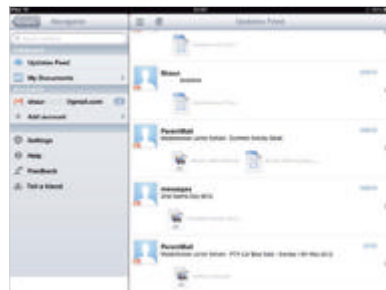


Conduct a survey and store the answers on your iPad with this application. Templates are provided, but it is not immediately apparent what you have to do from that point as there is no step-by-step tutorial. However, once you've got to grips with the settings, you'll find you are able to produce great surveys that can be a mix of images, videos and text.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: [Free](#) Developer: [Fileboard Inc](#)

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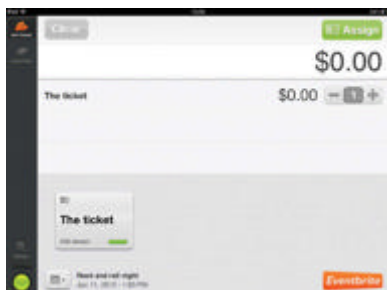


Fileboard integrates with Dropbox, Gmail and other services to give you immediate access to all of your sent and received files. These can then be accessed whenever you like, potentially offering you gigabytes of extra data stored in the cloud.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: [Free](#) Developer: [Eventbrite](#)

At The Door



This app allows you to set up shop and sell tickets on the door of any event. However, to use it you must set up a Eventbrite account, which can suffer from functionality issues. However, this is one bad mark for an otherwise very useful app.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: [Free](#) Developer: [Silverleaf Software Limited](#)

Celotex U-value Calculator



Aimed at trades people, this app calculates the U-Values (rate at which heat is lost from a surface) for most parts of building when installing insulation. You can also compare loans and identify ways to cut costs by consolidating.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: [£1.99/\\$2.99](#) Developer: [Mani Ghasemlou](#)

Pocket Resume



Create and maintain a very professional-looking CV with ease with this app, and then email it out to prospective employers. You can also export as a PDF or RTF file – so you can create your basic CV on your device and then send it to your PC to finish.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: [Free](#) Developer: [Ziga Kranjec](#)

NewPad

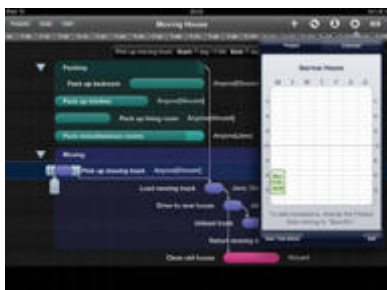


NewPad is a rich-text editor best suited for casual writing. It's very versatile in that it creates documents compatible with HTML supporting software, allows you to export docs as email attachments, and copy and paste text in and out of other apps. But it only allows basic text editing and formatting, such as adding bold, italics and bullet points.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: [£34.99/\\$49.99](#) Developer: [The Omni Group](#)

OmniPlan



This project-management software maybe expensive, but it rewards users with unlimited ways to track complex plans. Tools such as task completion, change-tracking, cost, duration and violations are all on offer.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: [£2.99 / \\$4.99](#) Developer: [DigiDNA SARL](#)

FileApp Pro



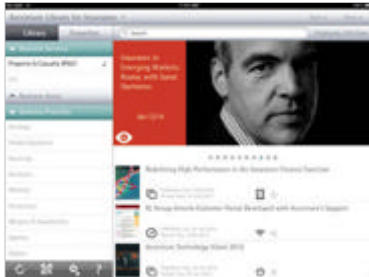
This app provides an excellent way to quickly and easily manage traditional computing documents on your iPad. You can view email attachments including images, PDFs and Excel spreadsheets and organise them on your device.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Accenture LLP

Accenture Library for Financial Services



A surprisingly multimedia experience, the Accenture app is full of content on the business and financial sectors, even including podcasts and videos. However, though the content is very good, unless you are work in finance you may find the app a little dry.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: FizApp

Easy Record



Easy Record is a voice memo app that takes away restrictions like the amount of time a single memo can be, while also promising the smallest file size of recording. In addition, the app allows for pausing and background recording as well as iTunes export, WAV format converting and iCloud sync. For added security, a password can also be set to encrypt the app.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Aviva PLC

Aviva Investor and Media App



The app serves almost as a profile to Aviva, with share price info as well as a calendar of financial events that can be synced to your own calendar. This app is useful if you're a customer, but not really worth your time if not.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Facebook Inc

Facebook Pages Manager



Designed to be a multitasking tool for those with Pages on Facebook that need managing. The app allows users to post new updates and interact in general as the Page you are managing. You can also deal with private messages and monitor check ins.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Rocket Splash Games Inc

Currency Converter Universal

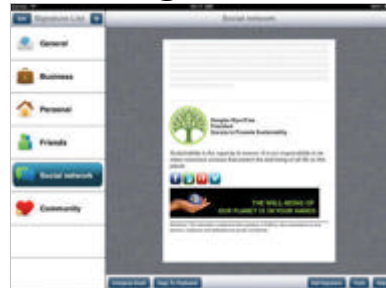


A very simple and useful app, the Currency Converter Universal uses the scroll wheel interface usually seen on the iPhone to allow you to select the currencies you would like to use for your transaction. The app also shows instant exchange rates for your reference, which are easily refreshed for regular updates.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: TheGoodBlogs Inc

Email Signature iPad Edition

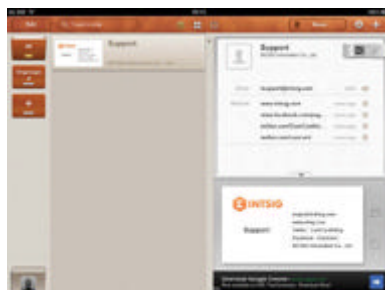


Takes the usually desktop feature of detailed and logo-laden email signatures and allows you to apply them while using your iPad. The app supports images from your photo library, and allows you to back up to multiple devices.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £5.49/\$7.99 Developer: IntSig Information Co. Ltd

CamCard HD

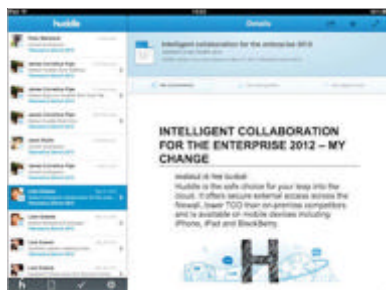


A streamlined way of organising your business cards, CamCard snaps a picture of a card, recognises the print and then stores the data in your contacts. You can then go back to it any time, complete with the original image. The app does seem expensive however.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Ninian Solutions

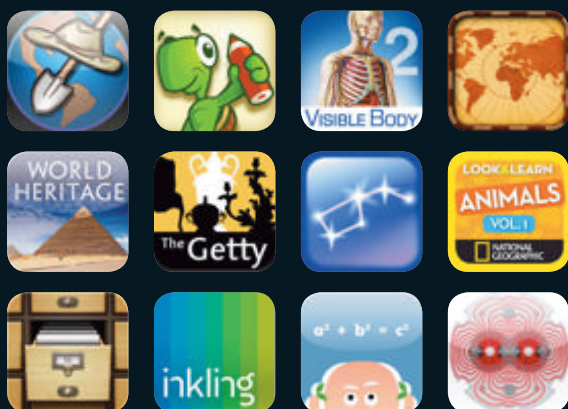
Huddle



Huddle is an interesting combination of business contact network and team organiser. The app allows you to download relevant business files for offline reading so you can stay productive, as well as manage you and your team's tasks.

Rating ★★★★★

Education/ Reference



An iPad, complete with the finest educational apps from the Apps Store, is the best way to learn something new in a fun and exciting fashion. Apps that range from quick frames of reference to in-depth encyclopedias mean you will never be caught struggling for a vital piece of knowledge ever again

Top Paid Apps	Top Free Apps
 Brian Cox's Wonders of the Universe ★★★★★	 Minds of Modern Mathematics ★★★★★
 Move the Turtle ★★★★★	 How to Draw ★★★★★
 Dino Discovery! ★★★★★	 The Life of Art ★★★★★
Staff pick of the section	
 The Sonnets by William Shakespeare ★★★★★	 The Thrill Electric ★★★★★



■ The app includes a range of realistic period art which looks great on your tablet screen

Price: Free Developer: Bluecadet LLC

American Revolution Interactive Timeline

An interactive learning tool



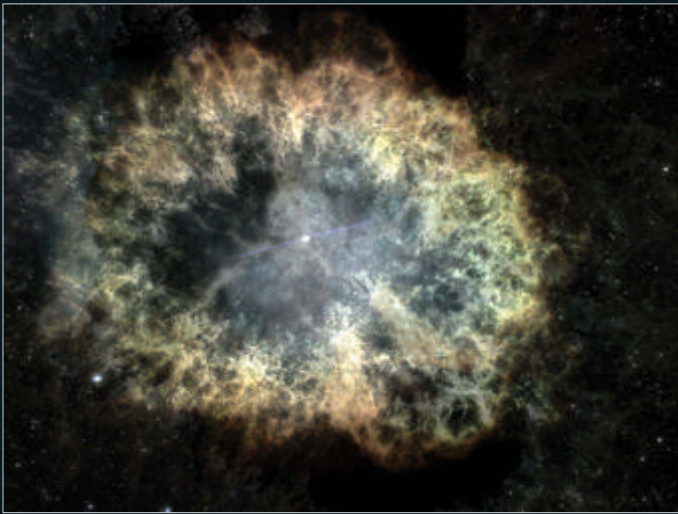
While you can learn all sorts from books and the web, the iPad allows people to share information in a much more engaging way.

This app presents a full history in the form of a scrollable timeline. Images and text are mixed together, with historical artefacts and landmark events marked out.

Tapping an image will make it full-screen for easier viewing, and each photograph is annotated. We were a little disappointed that the images and artefacts weren't interactive, and we would have liked a little more information.

That said, the design is fantastic, and everything is slick and smooth. We see this more as a starting point or revision tool than a way to learn about the revolution, as the information offered is sometimes a little limited.

Rating ★★★★★



■ View different aspects of the universe, from the tiny to the supermassive

Price: £4.99/\$6.99 Developer: HarperCollins Publishers Ltd

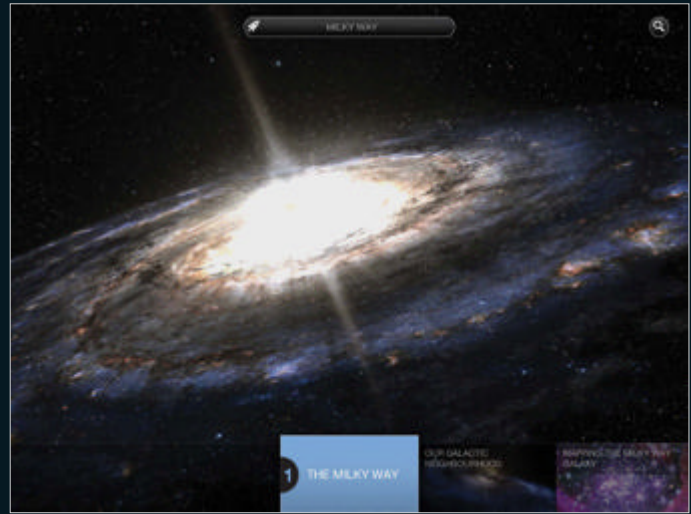
Brian Cox's Wonders of the Universe

Explore the furthest reaches of our universe with this standout app



There is no doubt that Professor Brian Cox and his BBC series *Wonders Of The Universe* have made space and physics mainstream. And now, the series has made the jump to iOS, with a dedicated app that places the show at your fingertips. There are video clips, image galleries and masses of text to scroll through. The manner in which it's presented is the most impressive feature of this app, however, with an interactive universe that you can pinch-zoom and swipe across to find different topics.

When opening the app for the first time you're presented with a short introduction on how to navigate. You can select a topic from the top menu tab, and then scroll through the chapters along the bottom. From this point on, things become impressively seamless, with images expanding to full-screen as you scroll down through the text. There is no doubting this is an educational app, but the layout means you never feel bombarded by information. It is all there, but you can search it out as you wish.



■ The Retina display on the new iPad really makes the visuals come to life



The amount of content here is truly impressive, with more than 200 articles and over two hours of video. As previously mentioned, a large amount of it deals with complex facts and theories, although having it on your iPad to be manipulated by you makes it feel much more accessible. As the different chapters work upwards in terms of size, from subatomic particles to the universe itself, you can pinch to zoom in and out between these sections, taking yourself on a breathtaking visual tour through space.

Perhaps the biggest compliment we can pay is that it will excite and captivate anyone who encounters it, whether you're a cosmos fan or a curious iPad owner. There is a structure here that is inviting to all, with a clever fusion of video clips and engaging images that tell enough of a story before you've even glanced at the text. This is what an educational app should look and feel like.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Next is Great

Move the Turtle

Teach kids the basics of programming with this great app



Trying to explain the basics of command-based programming to children isn't easy. Fortunately, Next is Great's Move the Turtle is a fun, interactive app that combines basic and advanced programming techniques with engaging challenges and a simple interface.

Move the Turtle centres around a chalkboard and a cartoon turtle, which can be programmed by a variety of commands. For beginners it's worth hitting Play in the app's menu and following the tutorials to get used to the basics, but as kids progress they'll naturally want to experiment with their own commands, and that's where the 'compose' function comes in. They can even save them as projects that they can work on at a later date.

The beauty of this app is that it's inspiring; simple to pick up, but challenging enough to learn from, and the preloaded projects give useful tips for what can be done with practice and some experience with command-based programming.

■ The app's interface is perfectly suited to the iPad, where there's plenty of room to see exactly what's going on

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Robot Super Brain

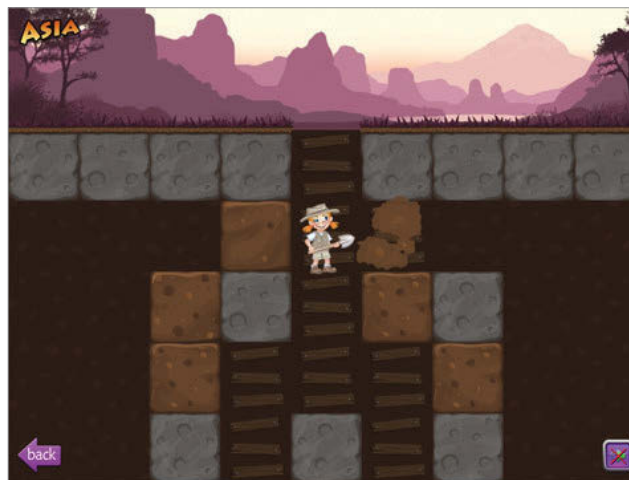
Dino Discovery!

Let your kids explore through the iPad



A colourful animated app that allows younger users to travel the world, discovering dinosaur fossils to add to their digital collections. This is done through a mini-game where you guide Team K.I.D. through dig sites, looking to unearth fossils by tapping on the various dirt grids on the screen. Each time a fossil is found it is added to your collection, and you can find out more about the related dinosaur.

In much the same way that younger users will uncover fossils, there are plenty of educational facts to be found within the app, but these are cleverly worded and placed so as not to detract from the fun that kids will gain from interacting with this app. The interface is bright and colourful and the functionality backs this up by keeping things simple, and not expecting huge amounts of interaction in order to complete tasks.



■ There are areas of the app dedicated to 'dig sites' all around the world

■ The main mini-game of the app sees users looking to uncover fossils by finding them from within the grid

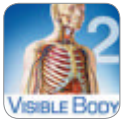
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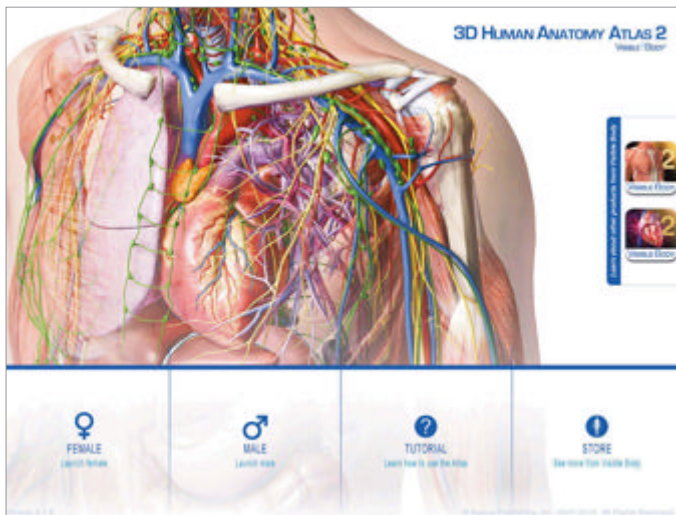
Price: £20.99/\$29.99 Developer: Argosy Publishing Inc

Visible Body 3D Human Anatomy Atlas 2

One of the best medical apps available



Visible Body 3D Human Anatomy Atlas 2 is a quite outstanding medical app with an absolutely huge array of content. Boasting more than 1,000 human structures and some incredibly well rendered models, this app is certainly not one to miss if you're a medical student or otherwise affiliated.

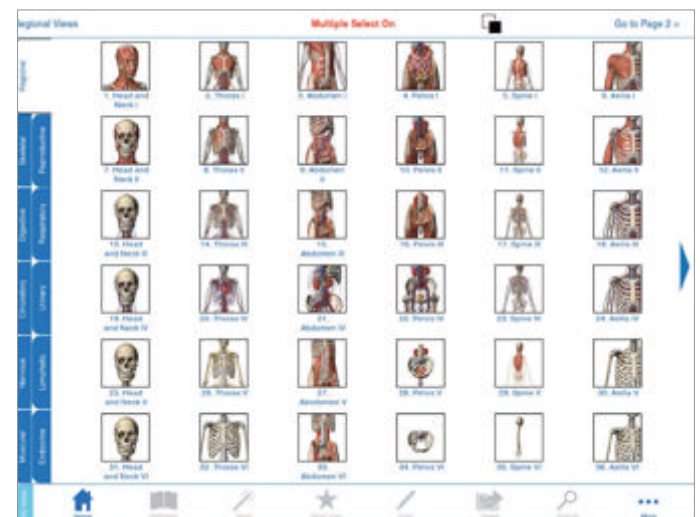


The app boasts a mammoth variety of categories and sections for you to delve in to, with each model fully interactive. Pinch, drag and tap your way around the human body, selecting features for further information or editing the model to focus on certain areas. The 3D layout also allows you to more easily appreciate and understand some of the more complicated structures, and the ability to hide, fade or highlight certain areas will make navigation just that little bit easier.

The anatomical models are accurately and intricately detailed, with the ability to save views for later also a welcome addition. As a reference tool for medical professionals there's really nothing better out there on the app store, and we doubt there will be in the foreseeable future. Be warned, though. If you're not within the target market you'll quickly be overwhelmed by the advanced language and information on offer.

Aside from the rather steep price tag, our only grievances with the app were some of the load times. It's a hefty download at over 100Mb, and even once you've got it on your second or third-generation iPad (sorry, iPad 1s are not compatible) there's a load time of ten seconds or more when you first load up the app.

Rating ★★★★★



■ Highlight key features on the human body to edit or hide them

■ The amount of content on offer is simply remarkable



■ You can track the motion of satellites like the International Space Station

■ Just a tap on a star, any star, to get additional information

Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: Vito Technology Inc

Star Walk for iPad

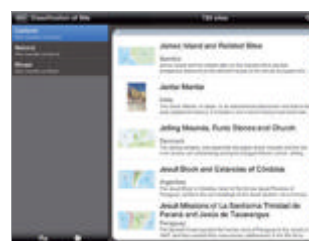
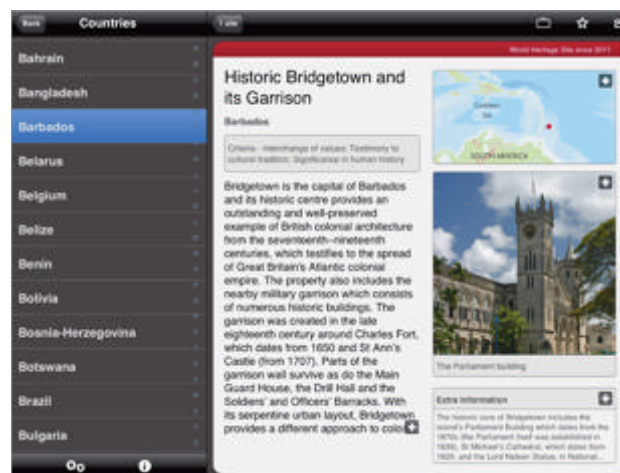
A brilliant resource for stargazers



Whether you're an experienced astronomer or just a casual space enthusiast you'll get more than a kick out of this wonderful app that lets you sweep through the Solar System, galaxy and beyond with some clever interactivity and fantastic graphics.

One of the best planetarium apps on iOS, Star Walk has a ton of features including the ability to zoom right up to near or distant objects for additional information. Its greatest feature, though, is the augmented reality. If you've got a camera-ready device then simply point your lens at the night sky and, on screen, the app will show you what you're looking at. It's so much fun to use that, after spending several hours browsing through constellations and watching satellites move across the night sky, you'll wonder how you ever coped without it.

Rating ★★★★★



■ There's a decent array of information on offer about a variety of sites

■ You can browse or search through every single site to find the one you're looking for

Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: Harper Collins Publishers Ltd

UNESCO World Heritage

Explore World Heritage sites



The UNESCO World Heritage Sites are widespread and varied, from the Great Barrier Reef in Australia to Machu Picchu in Peru.

Inside this app you'll find information on all 936 World Heritage sites and hundreds of stunning photos. Each site carries interesting, if somewhat limited, information and a map showing its location.

It's a shame, however, that most sites are only given one photo, as most of them are simply stunning locations that would benefit from even more fantastic imagery. Otherwise, this an excellent resource for people thinking of travelling the world, or just a fun way to learn about World Heritage sites.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: byss mobile

Discovery and Exploration Maps

Learn about global history with this app



From the year 84AD until 1854, this app illustrates some of the key moments in history through information-packed maps of the world. Each detailed map is up to 400 megapixels in resolution, allowing you to explore periods of time including the roads of the Roman



Empire and the first maps of the USA in detail. The colourful maps are supplemented with interesting biographies that will keep you coming back for more.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £8.99/\$12.99 Developer: Vcom3D Inc

Sign 4 Me for iPad

Learn sign language with this excellent app



If you are looking to learn sign language, then you'll find this brilliant teaching tool an absolute joy to use. It's simple but very effective in illustrating how to say different things in sign language. Simply type in the phrase or word you want to learn and the on-screen character will



act it out. To aid learning, you can also slow the character down and zoom in on his hand gestures. While it would benefit from some instructional lessons, this is a very good app.

Rating ★★★★★

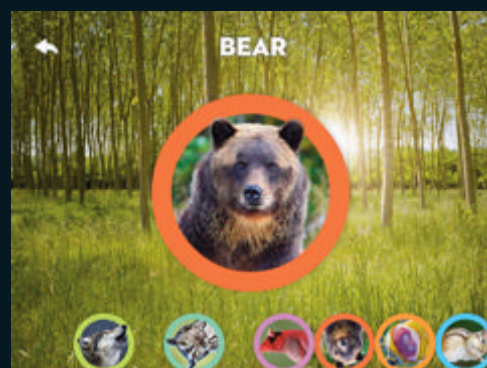
Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: National Geographic Society

Look & Learn: Animals Vol. 1

An fun and educational app for kids



This quirky little app is great for young children to learn about various creatures, from farmyard animals to jungle dwellers. A variety of fun-filled games, including noise association and word games, will help teach kids to identify certain animals. The app could probably do



with a bit more content in places but, overall, what's on offer is presented well with charming music, bright imagery and large buttons for kids to press.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: J. Paul Getty Trust

The Life of Art

Find out what makes objects museum worthy



This app is perfect for the casual art-enthusiast who has often wondered how particular items make their way into museums. Created by the exhibition 'The Life of Art' at the Getty Center, in Los Angeles, this interactive app will show you some key features from various



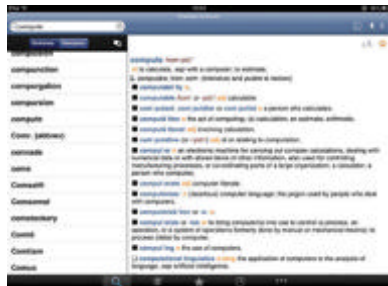
works of art and outline why the particular work is of such interest. Detailed imagery helps convey the information and, while the content is a little limited, there's enough to satisfy art lovers.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £4.99/\$6.99 Developer: WordWeb Software

Chambers Dictionary



Although we had a few issues opening the app of this highly respected dictionary, searching for words was simple and effective. There is also a range of other excellent features, such as a ¥anagram solver, filter options and external reference services.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Yumcha Studios LLC

Dim Sum Warriors



This comic book series aims to teach English speakers Mandarin. Holding a finger on any text balloon displays the translation, while tapping plays voice-overs in both languages. The first two issues are free, while a six-issue subscription costs \$10.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Channel 4 Television Corporation

The Thrill Electric



Set in Victorian times, this comic book tackles issues such as cyber-bullying, gang culture and sexuality through the newly invented telegraph network. Spanning ten chapters, this epic will eat up 3.6GB of your memory, but is well worth the read.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: IBM Corporation

Minds of Modern Mathematics



If you have ever wondered how mathematics have shaped the world, then this takes you on an interactive journey that spans nearly 1,000 years, making in-roads into sectors as diverse as architecture to art and music.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £2.49 / \$3.99 Developer: Information Security Centre Ltd

Large Hadron Collider online



Stay up to date with the work being done at the Large Hadron Collider at CERN with this informative app, with details of all the current experiments. However, much of this raw detail is very complicated to understand, so casual scientists need not apply.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.49 / \$1.99 Developer: Sophistication Software

Articles for iPad



Articles is a Wikipedia reader that presents Wiki articles in a clean and simple manner with a variety of nifty features to enhance your reading experience. This includes an integrated maps feature for local information, searchable entries, and more.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.49 / \$1.99 Developer: Manolin

Pythagoras the game

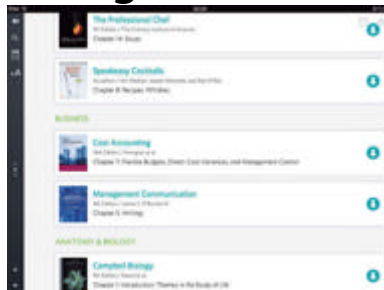


Young students will have good fun with this entertaining and educational app, which teaches you the basics of triangles with a variety of fun and interactive questions. It could do with a bit more content but what's on offer is presented well.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Inking Systems Inc

Inkling



Inkling is a new, interactive way to read books that have been redesigned for the iPad. Added interactivity, from animations to 3D models, brings books to life, and there's a huge range of books from the basics of cooking to business strategy.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Double Dog Studios LLC

Airplane Flying Handbook



This app is based on the Federal Aviation Authority's official flying handbook. Colourful diagrams and informative text will guide you through everything from the cockpit layout to tackling a variety of emergencies while flying.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £9.99/\$13.99 Developer: Touch Press LLP

The Sonnets by William Shakespeare

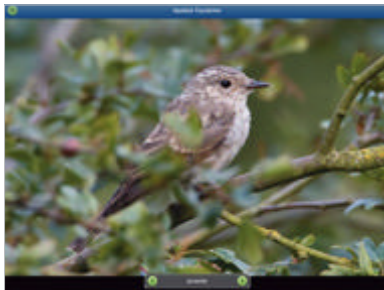


Experience the Bard like never before with this fantastic app. Each love poem is read by one of several celebrities, including Sir Patrick Stewart and Stephen Fry. Interactive text also allows you to tap on words for more info.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: BirdGuides Ltd

Garden Birds of Britain and Ireland



If birds are your thing then this exhaustive guide to 48 species of birds in Britain and Ireland will be perfect for you. There's imagery and information on each featured bird, and there's also audio recordings of their songs and calls for you to listen to.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Virtual Cell Productions

Virtual Cell Animations



This app from North Dakota State University is a great visual learning tool. The use of annotated images, videos and quizzes will help you learn the various modules with ease, including photosynthesis and electron transport.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: Duck Duck Moose

Wheels on the Bus HD

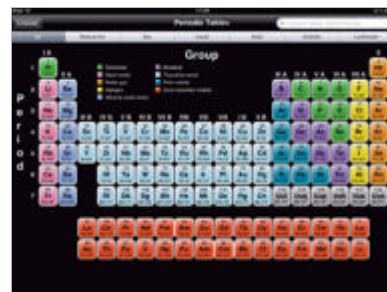


The perfect app for young children (and immature adults!), Wheels on the Bus HD is an enjoyable interactive version of the popular song, with kids able to tap, swipe and sing a long to each verse. Good fun with a variety of languages.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: Jan Dedek

Periodic Table+

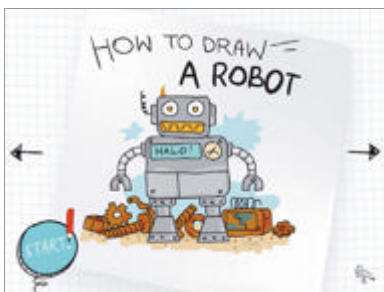


This is a great guide to every element in the periodic table. Each is categorised within their group, from noble gases to halogens, and you can tap on any element for additional information. An excellent reference tool for science students.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Mind the Kids Ltd

How to draw

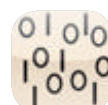


This brilliant drawing app is not only a great way to learn how to draw various animals and objects but it's also a lot of fun. From cats to robots, the step by step instructions will show you how to bring your imaginations to life.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Dave Swift

Programmer App



If you're interested in learning how to write JavaScript programming then give this app a try. Included are a variety of understandably text-heavy tutorials, from basic coding to writing variables and operators to using loops.

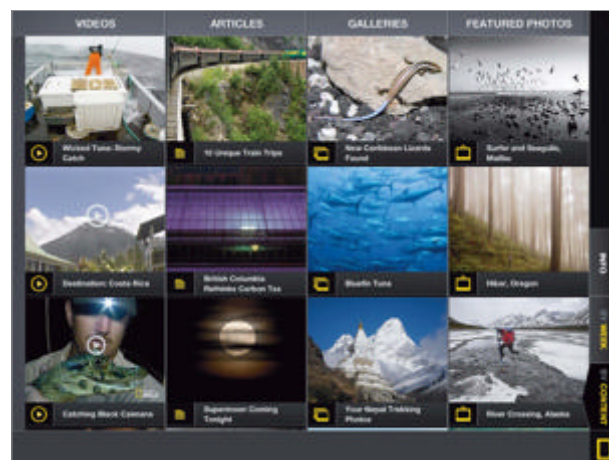
Rating ★★★★★

Entertainment



Although the iPad continues to improve as a work tool, it's still at its best as a fully portable entertainment system. With our featured apps, you can watch and stream movies, paint masterpieces with a few taps, and keep the kids busy with an interactive story

Top Paid Apps	Top Free Apps
Monty Python: The Holy Book of Days ★★★★★	The Land of Me: Story Time ★★★★★
Video Time Machine ★★★★★	zeebox ★★★★★
Sketchbook Ink ★★★★★	Animal Origami ★★★★★
Staff pick of the section	
MixBooth ★★★★★	Funny or Die ★★★★★



■ The main menu is the best way of finding everything that's available. Simply scroll and choose

Price: **Free** Developer: **National Geographic Society**

National Geographic Today

Witness the world's wonders with this great app



This latest app from National Geographic boasts stunning photography, fascinating articles, and videos that typically highlight incoming documentaries on their TV channel.

The app is easy to navigate thanks to some well thought out tabs, and it's possible to either flick through each individual day, or look at the contents of an entire week. You can also view by four categories: Videos, Articles, Galleries and Featured Photos.

It's excellent from a social point of view as well, with the ability to share information via Facebook, Twitter and email. In fact the only real downside is that the content is so good you'll quickly exhaust what's on offer and be eager for more.

It might be light on the in-depth content that National Geographic is known for, but this remains an excellent app for those with busy lives who are still want to learn about the wonders of the world around them.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Made in Me

The Land Of Me: Story Time

Gather round and make up the story as you go along...



iPad owners with children are always on the lookout for new apps that might excite and entertain their little ones. If this sounds like you then The Land of Me could be exactly what you're looking for. As free downloads go this app will take some beating, and the concept behind it makes it perfect for engaging you as well as the kids.

The setup is simple: you enter the world of Granny Olive's cavern, an old tortoise who loves to tell a story. Three of the youngsters of the forest, Buddy Boo the bear, Willow the owl and Eric the raccoon are looking for just that, and so have gathered round to listen to her. This is where the user comes in, as you decide on who will be the hero of the story, what happens, and the type of ending you would like. Your story is then played out before you, through animations that look like chalk drawings or cave paintings, as if Granny Olive is drawing them as she narrates.

Because this app is designed for kids, the functionality and indeed the interface of Land of Me have been kept very simple. There is no main menu for you to work through; when the app launches you are instantly in Granny Olive's cave and she is asking you what you want to hear. Just tap on one of the characters to choose them as the hero of the story, and follow a similar process for choosing the rest of the key facets of your adventure.

The Land of Me places a great amount of emphasis on

engagement and there are extra little touches to help keep up the immersion in the story beyond just listening to it. On the main screen you can search for a fourth character, Leonard the lizard, and there's a clever information box that provides you with little debate starters so children will keep talking about the story after it's finished.

The chances are they will still be talking about it anyway given how enticing this app is visually. Rendered for the iPad 2 and above, Land of Me maintains a wholesome feeling with its hand-drawn graphics, but at the same time there is no escaping the impressive use of the iPad's technology through the animated stories and point-and-touch selection options. The chalk-like etchings that make up each of the stories are very engaging, as they have a playful nature to them that will suit the younger users of this app perfectly.

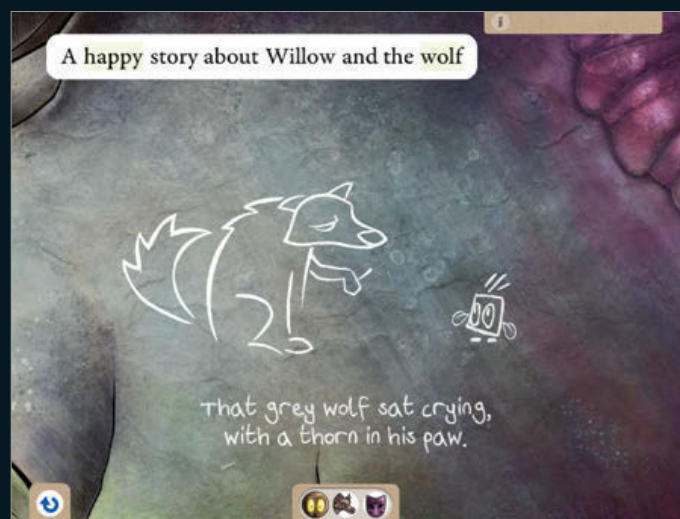
Considering that there are 27 individual stories here, it would have been unsurprising to see some in-app purchases needed in order to get access to all of them. But the fact is that this app is completely free and all the content is at your fingertips from the moment you download.

Just a few minutes with this app are enough to see why it was nominated for a BAFTA, and you might never hear the end of it from your own youngsters once they've seen it.

Rating ★★★★★



■ The Land of Me is narrated by Granny Olive, as three forest youngsters go in search of a story



■ You can choose the flow of the story and the type of ending



■ The art, presentation and interactive animations are excellent throughout.

Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: Python (Monty) Pictures Ltd

Monty Python: The Holy Book of Days

So good the Black Knight
would download it



Despite going their separate ways long ago, the popularity of influential comedy troupe Monty Python has yet to diminish, thanks in part to arguably their finest excursion into feature films: Monty Python

And The Holy Grail. The film's infamous production is laid bare in this lovingly crafted app, which leaves no stone unturned in telling the story of the arduous 28-day Scottish shoot via previously unseen images, script notes, audio, outtakes, diary extracts and an abundance of other content. Beginning with an intro from John Cleese before serving up content chronologically, there is one multimedia-packed page per day of the shoot. The app is also specifically designed for use with The Holy Grail's recently released Blu-ray, enabling fans to sync app with film – as long as your iPad and Blu-ray player are paired on the same wireless network. The app still comes hugely recommended disc or not though.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Out Fit 7 Ltd

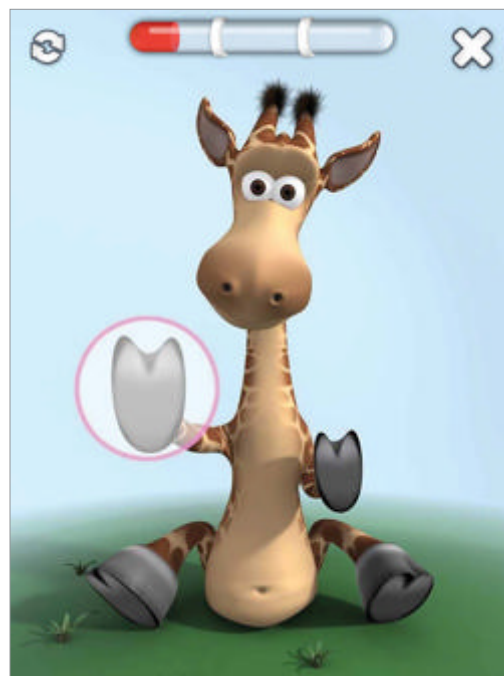
Talking Gina the Giraffe for iPad

Look after your very
own talking Giraffe



In Talking Gina the Giraffe, Gina can repeat anything that is said to her but in her own unique voice. Gina can be cared for via food and treats that can be fed to her. These have to be earned by playing patty-cake. For little ones it's a fun app, but the amount of intrusive advertising is a concern. They either prompt the user to download apps or even go as far as to open other iOS apps. Younger users may select these not fully knowing what they are doing.

Rating ★★★★★



■ The amount and extent of pop-up advertising is a strong concern

■ Whilst Patty-Cake is simple it can get repetitive



Price: £3.99/\$5.99 Developer: MoPix LLC

The Silver Goat Movie

iPad takes on cinemas with this exclusive movie debut



The first feature of Aaron Brookner, a filmmaker with previous form working on productions by directors as prestigious as American auteur Jim Jarmusch, *The Silver Goat* is a black and white, hour and 20-minute indie flick shot in London – and carries the notable distinction of being the first movie ever to make its debut on an iPad.

The *Silver Goat* revolves around the blossoming relationship between stage actress Lydia (Alexa Brown) and struggling playwright Benjamin (Tom Colley). While the film's budgetary restrictions are immediately clear, the dialogue-heavy, character-driven scenes work surprisingly well on a tablet. The story will be a little too art house for most tastes, but as a concept, *The Silver Goat* proves that programmers and designers aren't the only cottage-industry creatives set to find a potential audience via the App Store.

■ Aaron Brookner's debut movie is a niche affair

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Pixofactor LLC

Graphic Elvis

an app that's all shook up



Designed as an all-encompassing celebration of the life and work of Elvis Presley, this app is fun, if a little odd. It's odd in that it has some really strange art and animations that are quirky, but are ultimately throwaway. For example, you can choose to view one of four stages in Elvis's life, and among each section you will find archive footage of his performances and interviews, fan art, photos from his scrapbooks and silly animations.

The real meat comes from the actual graphic novel section, delivering a host of Elvis comic books from big industry names such as Marvel's Stan Lee. The stories are also bizarre, but again, fun and light-hearted. Some have lambasted *Graphic Elvis* for locking out most of its features unless you pay for an upgrade, but in actual fact, developer Pixofactor has made the Lite version a nifty 'try before you buy' package full of content.



■ The statements you choose alter the path the story takes

■ Alongside some of the more surreal art, you will find classic archive footage of the King

Rating ★★★★★



Following Twitter or Facebook while watching a favourite TV show is strangely compelling

Price: Free Developer: zeebox ltd

zeebox

The social TV experience expands to iOS



Zeebox enables users to watch their favourite TV show while tracking Facebook or Twitter to find out what everyone's saying about the programme.

There's more to it than that, though, with zeebox attaching all sorts of information to the current selected TV programme. This could be trending phrases, a Wikipedia entry based on the programme and/or people involved or even links to apps, music or eBooks related to the show. It really does add to your televisual experience.

When a popular programme is on, it can be a bit overwhelming as the tweet stream goes so fast that you start to miss out. You can stop the stream to catch your breath, but then you're always a bit behind. It's an impossible problem for the app, but nonetheless it does impact upon its usefulness.

Meanwhile simpler additions could be made; the ability to reply to comments in the social media feed or an extended TV guide, would really be beneficial to the app. As we say, zeebox isn't for everyone, but watching your regular viewing with social media might be something you've been craving.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Pixle

Bord

Turn your iPad into an authentic chalkboard



Bord is a chalkboard simulator that's suitable for both children and adults. It provides six colours of chalk that can be used in three different sizes. Just like a chalkboard there's a sponge that can

be used to wipe away unwanted sections. The board itself can be cleared entirely by shaking the device. The chalkboard effect has been realised excellently, most notably with the sponge leaving subtle traces of chalk whenever it's wiped away. The app includes a handful of simple pictures to colour in, while users can save their own creations via the menu. Any saved images can be emailed as attachments straight from the app or posted directly to a Facebook account.

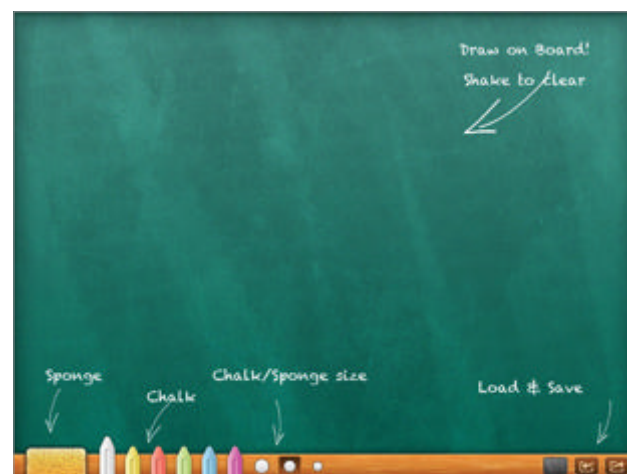
On the downside there is no basic undo function and purists may lament the lack of an authentic chalkboard noise. Bord's lack of colour choices may also seem limiting but arguably it also helps to keep things simple. Either way it's a great app for the youngest of iPad users to enjoy.

Rating ★★★★★



It includes some simple images to get started with

Bord sets things up nice and easy for new users





Price: £7.99/\$11.99 Developer: Serengeti Entertainment Ltd

Kingdom of Plants with David Attenborough

The godfather of natural history brings his latest show to iPad



As with most things in which David Attenborough is involved, Kingdom of Plants is the sort of project that will instantly grab your attention.

The TV show was filmed with 3D in mind, and the time-lapse footage shows behaviour that has never been seen before. The joy for iPad owners is that this feeling of wonderment has been very well transferred to the show's client app so you can appreciate it on its own.

Where it triumphs is the way it introduces interactivity into the already engrossing format that Attenborough creates, through his narration and explanation of the things you see. The app contains more than 45 minutes of video with him, which amounts to nearly a full episode of one of his programmes.

Upon opening the app you are presented with a layered home screen in the form of a tree, with each branch and green leaf representing a subject area or theme within the app. Tap the trunk and the leaves will retreat to the background and a second layer will appear on screen – made up of brown leaves. These represent an individual part of Kew Gardens, where the show was filmed. This is a notable feature of the app, as it doesn't just focus on the plant life, but also where this is all taking place, and how the botanical gardens play a huge part in the human study of the plant world.

Detail is a big part of this app, something that users will quickly discover as they begin visiting the different sections. Each one is defined by a main, full-screen image, flanked by two boxes of text. From here the interactive settings begin to vary, but at least one video will be on offer on the subject at hand, whether it be the unusual beauty of certain plants, or how they capture nutrients from animals. The text boxes can be scrolled through, and any

accompanying videos are clearly indicated by the presence of the play arrow icon. Visit the in-section gallery of high-resolution images, as well as the brilliant Plant Time section. This allows you to take control of a time-lapse camera, and by slowly swiping your finger across the screen you can watch flowers bloom and plants grow in incredible detail.

Visually Kingdom of Plants is impeccable, with crisp imagery and gorgeous HD video. It is here, within the visuals, that the real joy of this app lies. Yes, a fair amount of it is content lifted from the TV show, but there are also hundreds of images for users to scroll through and marvel at, showing the day-to-day work that goes on at Kew as well as the various aspects of the plant cycle.

The simple conclusion is that if you're a natural history enthusiast, and previous programmes like Planet Earth and Blue Planet are part of your DVD collection, then Kingdom of Plants will be right up your street. The detail and interactivity within the app are fantastic additions to material that is already captivating thanks to the presence of the master of factual programming.

Rating ★★★★★

David Attenborough is your tour guide throughout the app



The app also serves as an introduction to Kew Gardens, with dedicated maps and text boxes



■ The instructions are clear and easy to follow

■ There are plenty of different animals to create with more videos available to download by in-app purchase

Price: Free Developer: Asad Shah

Animal Origami

Create paper animals



At first, Origami can appear to be a tricky looking skill to master. In reality it's not too hard to get started as long as you have a little help and a certain level of patience. Animal Origami provides over 30 different videos that illustrate how to fold paper into a variety of animals. The videos appear in a Youtube style video player although these come as part of the app itself. This means that there is no need for an online connection in order to watch the videos. The instructions themselves are simple enough to follow (although trickier models may require the need for the occasional pause) yet they lack any kind of narration which is a slight disappointment. There is also an extra set of origami animals that can be downloaded for an extra cost of 69p / \$0.99, this adds another twenty animals to the original tally.

The app itself is easy to use with a simple menu layout although the appearance can look a little basic.

Rating ★★★★★



■ Re-discover the movie trailers from your youngers days



■ Videos can be shared to Twitter or Facebook

Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Original Victories Inc

Video Time Machine

Stream videos from days gone by



Whilst Youtube is an excellent source of videos sometimes it's hard to know where to start.

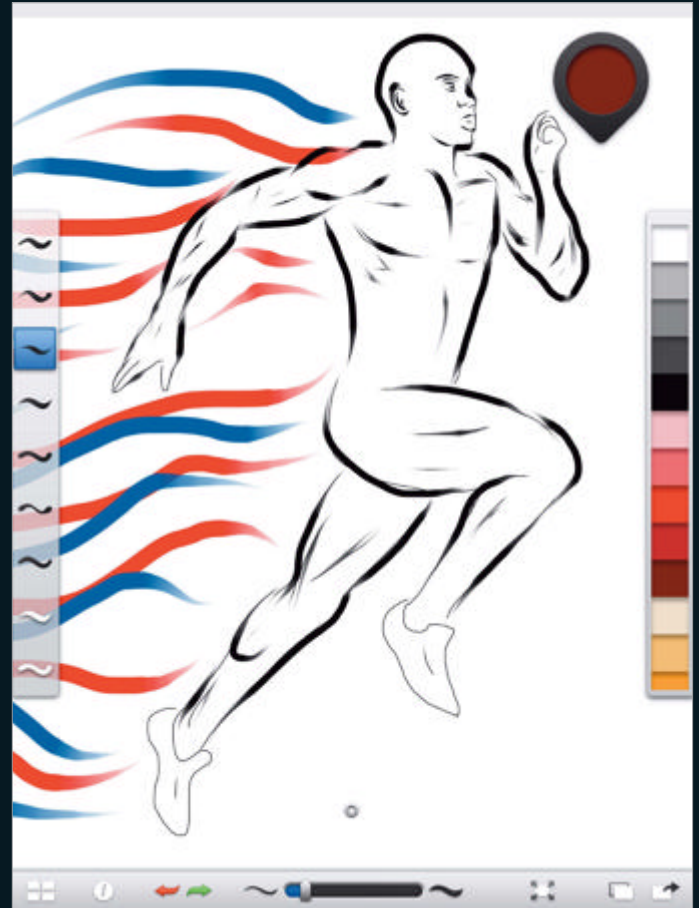
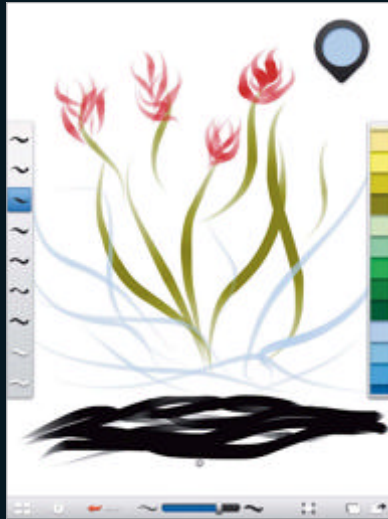
Video Time Machine takes the effort out of searching by providing a simple mechanism that filters videos by date and topic. Simply pick a year and subject and Video Time Machine does the rest. With over 10,000 hand picked videos spanning from 1860 to today there's plenty of nostalgic material to plough through. Clips can also be shared to Facebook or Twitter. Users with Apple TV can also stream clips to their devices via Airplay.

Rating ★★★★★



■ The tapered edges of one of the brushes allows for some really nice, flowing work

■ Far right: The bold, stark lines you get with this app are gorgeous



Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: Autodesk

Sketchbook Ink

The hot new iPad art app has style, but there's much still to improve



Measuring intent against expectation can be a tricky thing for an app like Sketchbook Ink. Having been revealed alongside the new iPad in all its Retina display glory, much was expected. The final app has its limitations, but is that such a bad thing?

What Autodesk has created here is a complimentary app to SketchBook Pro and an app that delivers something a little different with Retina display.

As with all Autodesk's releases, the menu is simple and user-friendly. Every brush is self-explanatory thanks to its little icon on the left of the page and the colour selection is as broad as you need thanks to the traditional palette wheel.

Drawing with the app is also very simple and familiar, using your finger or a stylus to apply brush strokes. The results of this are bold, crisp lines the likes of which it's hard to imagine you could achieve with any other app. Thanks to the Retina display on the new iPad there is no pixelisation of the lines, even at maximum zoom. When used correctly that means you get a final image that really pops off the page with bold, vibrant strokes and colours.

As this magnification would suggest, export sizes are massive, which will please illustrators no end we would think; as will the range of export destinations, from iTunes to your Photos folder and Dropbox. Though files can only be exported as PNG files.

Whether or not higher end users will be willing to look past certain defects is harder to say. While the lines you draw are superbly sharp, there's a slight delay at times in how the ink is applied to your canvas that really demands a confidence in your stroke. A lack of layers for your artwork may also frustrate more experienced digital artists.

Early versions of the app were glitchy. Things such as phantom lines were not uncommon, but appear to have been fixed with an update. Equally frustrating at times is when lines don't appear at all for a few moments. Zooming in and out from the image at times can be similarly problematic as the image reverts back to its original magnification. The tug of war that ensues with you pinching and swiping is an annoyance, but once more this appears to be less of an issue post-update than it was when Sketchbook Ink was released.

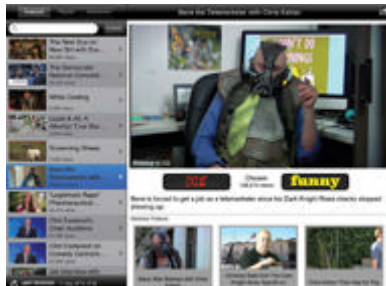
While each of these issues were problematic, none of them were app-breaking and all seem improved upon since release. With some further updates, it can only get better and stronger.

Rating ★★★★★



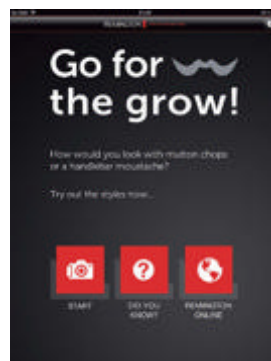
Price: Free Developer: Funny or Die Inc

Funny or Die



There's plenty of good stuff on this humorous app, including early work from Will Ferrell, but it can be lost among the not-so-great material. If you use the filters correctly there's no reason why you can't spend hours enjoying the content here.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Addiction Worldwide Ltd

Go4TheGrow

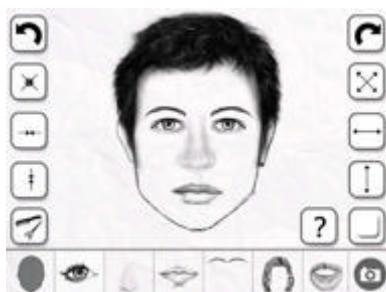


Ever thought about growing facial hair? Well, why not check out what you'll look like before taking the plunge. Go4TheGrow will give you a preview of your face with anything from a goatee to a musketeer beard. Not only that, but the app will also give you handy grooming tips so you'll know how to cultivate your new facial accessory.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Thrillmore Software

Face Sketch Studio



There are plenty of sketching apps for the iPad, but this takes it down a new route, offering a range of facial features with several variations. The sketches are really quite good, but it's just a shame that so few are included with the app.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: Oil Productions Ltd

Mimi Good & Bibi Bad

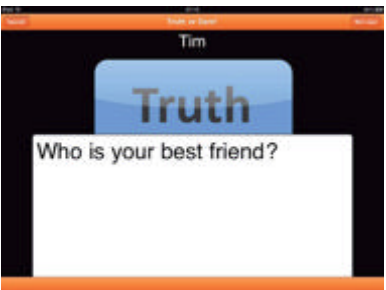


Mimi Good & Bibi Bad is an impressive interactive animated show with a twist; rotating your iPad results in a character switch between the stars of the app, enabling you to change perspectives at any point during the story.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Indigo Penguin Ltd

TRUTH or DARE!!!

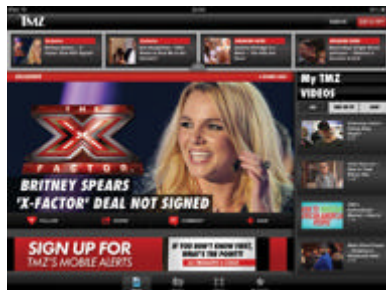


If you want a bit of good clean fun to enjoy with your friends then give this simple app a go. It might be devoid of flashy graphics, but answering a difficult question about yourself or taking on a challenge (if you dare) is enjoyable.

Rating ★★★★★

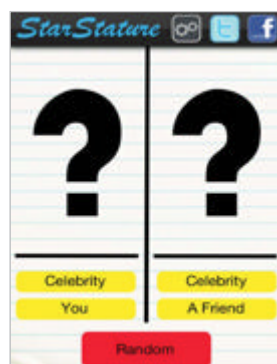
Price: Free Developer: Warner Bros. Entertainment

TMZ for iPad



Tabloid website TMZ has built a reputation in the US for reporting all the gossip and news on America's hottest stars. This new app repackages that for tablets, enabling users to browse the content with minimal effort.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Walczak Media LLC

Star Stature



We hate to admit it, but everyone compares themselves against famous names and historical figures. Star Stature lets you do just that, picking between one of many celebrities to compare their height to either yourself, a friend or another star. It's a fairly budget interface, though, and beyond initial fun, there's no real longevity to an app like this.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Obie Leff

Hamster Holidays



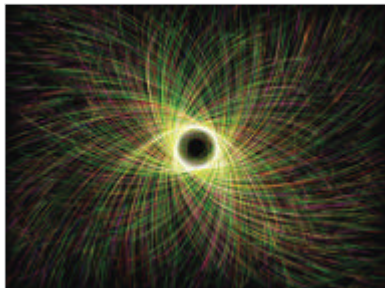
This bizarre app is just quirky enough to be good rather than just plain odd. In it you use eight bell-holding hamsters to play a variety of Christmas songs, or watch them play it for you. It's weird but, who can resist bell-ringing hamsters?

Rating ★★★★★



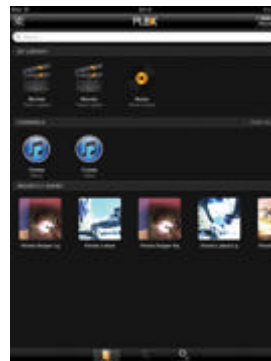
Price: £1.49/£1.99 Developer: PDJ Apps LLC

Atomic Toy



This visual tool allows user manipulates visually impressive patterns. Although the app only includes five visual modes they are rendered brilliantly and respond instantly to touch. It also installs to an iPhone at no extra cost.

Rating ★★★★★



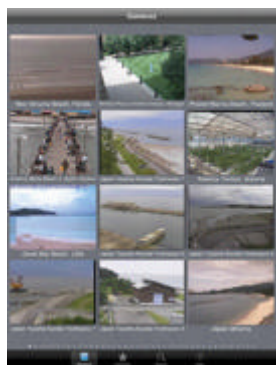
Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: Plex Inc

Plex



Plex removes the limits of iPad storage space by streaming media to your device from a computer. It can convert formats on the fly and provide access to your files wherever you are via the myPlex service. Simply install the Plex Media Server to your computer, point it to your media and away you go. It's an excellent app for users with large media libraries.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £0.69/£0.99 Developer: iDesk Inc

iSpy Camera HD

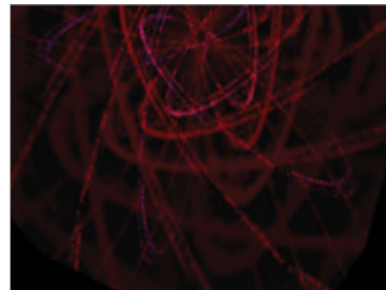


View over 1,000 camera feeds from all over the world with iSpy Camera HD. Select a feed from the gallery, search for locations or 'bookmark' your favourite feeds. Unfortunately the feeds vary wildly in quality, but that's more to do with the source rather than the app itself. Sadly the app can lock up or crash occasionally marring what is otherwise an interesting idea.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: Gedalia Pasternak

Gravilocity

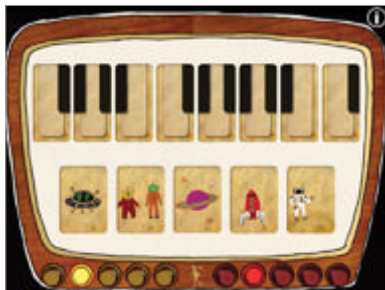


Manipulate complex particle patterns with Gravilocity. Simply touch the screen to move the particles in a variety of ways. Gravilocity's trump card lies in its huge amount of options that also don't overwhelm the user.

Rating ★★★★★

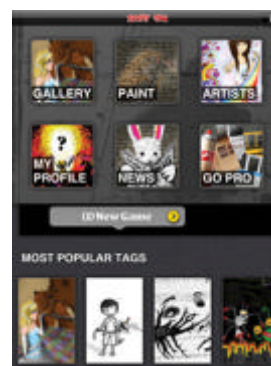
Price: £1.49/£1.99 Developer: The Trustee for the Tokeru Trust

Loopy Tunes



Loopy Tunes is a musical app where hand drawn animations make up the sounds. The interface combines instruments and looping samples. There's a variety of fun sounds to try and users can create their own musical pieces.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: rapidrabbit GbR

Spray Can



Calling all you wannabe Banksys out there! Spray Can is a graffiti app that's also an online art community. Pictures and sketches can be easily created and shared online. Other users can be followed and their pictures rated providing an endless stream of free content. Spray Can is a fun app although the pop-up ads can be slightly intrusive.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £0.69/£0.99 Developer: Pivi & Co

MixBooth

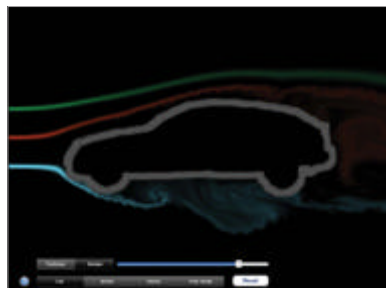


MixBooth aims to seamlessly combine differing photos into a coherent image. Pictures can be pulled either from the photo gallery, the device's camera or from Facebook before being applied to a number of built-in templates. Whilst the results may vary in success, they more often than not get the required laughs. Recommended.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: Algorisk

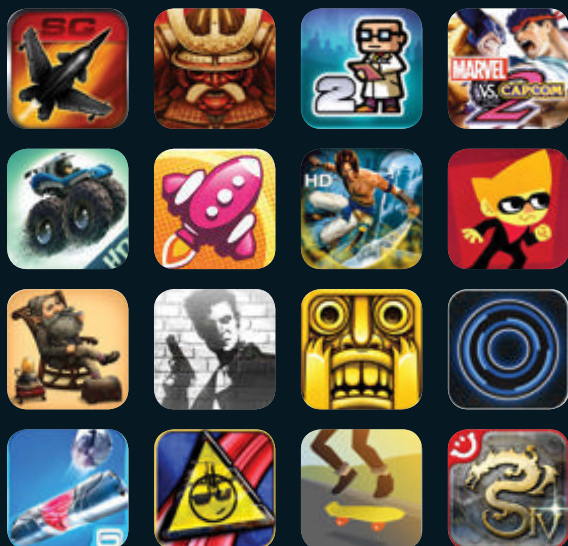
Wind Tunnel



Wind Tunnel allows the users to draw their own shapes before applying a dynamic fluid simulation engine. Particle or smoke patterns can be applied along with two other visualization modes and variable wind tunnel speeds.

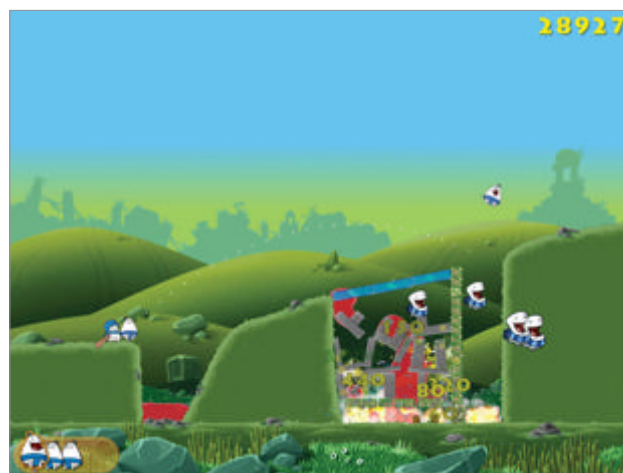
Rating ★★★★★

Games



When it comes to top-quality games, the iPad has you covered - although it didn't in its early days. Now, instead of often sub-standard ports of old arcade games, iOS has its own exclusive franchises, and those titles that do come from another console are often improved beyond belief

Top Paid Apps	Top Free Apps
Total War Battles ★★★★★	Temple Run ★★★★★
Beat Sneak Bandit ★★★★★	The Sims Free Play ★★★★★
Pizza Vs Skeletons ★★★★★	8bit Ninja ★★★★★
Staff pick of the section	
League of Evil 2 ★★★★★	Urban Crime ★★★★★



■ The game looks very similar to Angry Birds, but the differences make it well worth playing

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Chillingo Ltd

Coco Loco

Save the Marshies trapped in the Chocolate Aztec Kingdom



While Angry Birds might have taken the crown as the biggest and arguably the best physics puzzle app around, it only means other games are trying to emulate its success using similar formats with different ideas.

One such title is Coco Loco, which starts with a concept just as ridiculous as Rovio's bestseller. In this game developed by Twitch and published by Chillingo, you must save the Marshies, small marshmallow characters who couldn't resist the hot chocolate in the Aztec temple. You send in the troops to save the Marshies from the evil beans, got it?

From here it starts to look much like Angry Birds – you fling your marshmallows to free other Marshies, and kill the beans dotted around across 90 levels and multiple environments. Some of your marshmallows explode, others travel fast in a certain direction, others zoom straight down. It sounds familiar, but elements such as Jelly (which sticks together until it explodes) and the Hot Chocolate (which sits still unless disturbed) add some great twists on the popular formula.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Rovio Entertainment

Angry Birds Space HD

The Avian app phenomenon takes things to a whole new level



'Bestselling mobile game of all time' doesn't seem enough of an accolade to place upon the original Angry Birds. 'Phenomenon' is more appropriate perhaps, thanks to a combined 500 million downloads. The life span of both Angry Birds and its spin-off Seasons is thanks in part to the continuous stream of new levels, keeping the games fresh and interesting. Thankfully Angry Birds Space brings enough new elements to the table to make it a genuine sequel and expansion to the familiar formula.

The core gameplay to Angry Birds Space remains the same as before. You have a selection of birds in a slingshot and your task is to fire them and destroy all the pigs. Each bird has its own unique power, and the pigs are often protected in some small way by obstacles and structures that you'll have to bust through. What Space does is take the focus away from structural thinking and places it firmly in the field of momentum. This is a much purer physics game than the other Angry Birds outings have been.

The very first challenge pits you against a single pig on a pedestal, but instantly you can see something is different here. The pig is sitting on a moon and rather than simply judging your trajectory into the tower ahead, your bird is being pulled down with increasing intensity by the mass below. The game begins to throw in even more gravitational forces, and in more peculiar

places, forcing you to think on your feet to find a path through the maze. The resultant trick shots make us wish there was a replay function and a way of saving our best attacks.

Angry Birds is no longer a case of what goes up, must come down. It could keep going up, or go sideways, or more than likely just go round and round. At its best, Angry Birds Space turns you into a quick-fire astrophysicist, predicting the trajectory of various bodies in space, estimating the chances of a collision.

Beyond the new physics elements there are also changes to the game structure. The most notable addition is that hidden Golden Eggs now warp you immediately to a bonus stage inspired by classics from gaming's past such as Space Invaders and Super Mario Bros. With an in-app purchase on the iOS versions, you can also try your hand at the Danger Zone planet – a series of extra-hard levels to test expert players.

And then there are the new birds. . . Those that have been added or tweaked have in turn brought new gameplay possibilities to the table. For instance the Bullet bird (now purple rather than yellow) will shoot off in the direction you tap with your finger, making it easy to pinpoint your target. Elsewhere the entirely new Ice bird turns everything it explodes against into ice, making for easy pickings if you have some of those small, blue, cluster birds in your arsenal. These small new elements, mixed with the bigger changes to the way your birds move through the air create combinations and potential for new levels that far exceeds what the previous games could have dreamed of.

So, while there remains something pleasantly familiar about this new chapter in the epic saga that is Angry Birds, their journey into the stars has created an entirely new beast.

Rating ★★★★★



■ Thinking from left to right won't cut it any more. You need to think in more dimensions than that if you want to win



■ Find Golden Eggs and you'll be launched into bonus stages like this one, inspired by classic games of the past



Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: Ravenous Games

League of Evil 2

Time to leap like you've never leapt before



In the first League of Evil, developer Ravenous Games took pride in how precise and fluid the game's jumping mechanic and controls were. Luckily that same ambition and skill has transferred over to the

excellent League of Evil 2, and given the increased difficulty and volume of enemies, you will be thankful those controls are there.

Picking up from the previous game, League of Evil 2 has your character seeking out evil scientists across five expansive

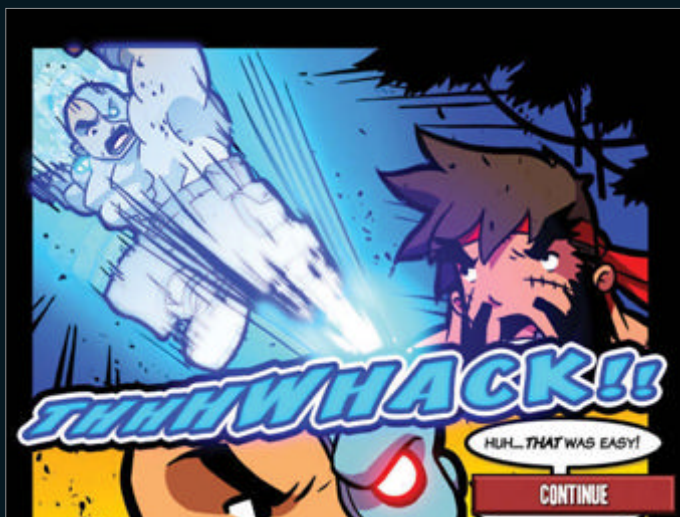
environments. This may sound simple – being a heavily armoured and athletic super-soldier – but you have an army of gun-toting soldiers, Lightsaber-wielding robot ninjas, and a never-ending barrage of spiked pits to contend with.

Fortunately, your soldier can leap high into the air, and even double-jump to help him skirt over the game's many hazards. You can also perform a sliding punch move to attack enemies, but if you perform this move in midair, you will do an air dash, letting you glide for a few moments.

Combining these moves and memory mapping enemy and bullet layouts is the key to earning faster times on each of League of Evil 2's stages. If you're feeling brave you can even take a detour to collect a hidden briefcase stashed somewhere in each level. These briefcases are usually placed in an insanely difficult place, however, meaning you really have to play well to earn them all. It's classic risk-reward gaming at its finest.

Challenging, well-presented and with incredibly precise controls, League of Evil 2 is a real step-up from the original game and will appeal to action and platforming fans everywhere. And with over 100 levels to play through across the game's five environments you can be sure you're getting value for money and a game to come back to time and time again.

Rating ★★★★★



■ Boss battles are tough and might need a few attempts to master



■ Wall jumping is the key to avoiding enemy fire and other hazards



Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: Capcom

Marvel Vs. Capcom 2

They've done the impossible, but was it all worth it?



When Capcom told the world that legendary fighting game Marvel Vs. Capcom 2 was coming to iOS, the reaction wasn't delirious air-punching from hardcore gamers. It was caution. 'Is this real?' pondered fanboys worldwide, clicking further to investigate if the story was true.

The reason for the suspicion is that it's hard to think of a game that's a worse fit for iOS. Capcom's fighting game traded on

its ridiculous speed and high levels of execution, proving hard enough to play when provided with an arcade stick let alone trying to get the controls to co-operate on an iOS screen. You can mash out a few supers with relative ease but anything beyond that turns into a frustrating hit-and-miss affair where characters jump instead of attacking and stand still instead of blocking. Capcom has provided two control solutions which can be tinkered with but neither proves up to the task. The game's just too fast.

Or it's not, as the case may be. Further compromise comes in the form of the laggy frame rate, which combines with choppy animation to give your eyes a painful workout. Elsewhere local Wi-Fi multiplayer has replaced online multiplayer and the majority of the game's 56 characters have been locked – a frustrating move given the entire cast was opened up for the recent Xbox 360 and PS3 re-releases and especially given the controls make it harder to find the enthusiasm to unlock everyone here.

The main selling point is that it's sailed into the App Store off the back of Avengers hype at a low price point of £2.99/\$4.99. It holds together just about well enough for a quick bash, but to use that phrase to describe one of the best fighting games ever made really shows what a poor job Capcom has done here.

Rating ★★★★★



■ Marvel Vs. Capcom 2's artwork is noticeably more pixelated than on previous versions of the game



■ Cactus versus monkey – you could only ever expect to see this match-up in Marvel Vs. Capcom 2



iPad Games

Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: Namco

Sky Gamblers: Air Supremacy

Tear up the skies in incredible clarity



Developer Namco unveiled Sky Gamblers at the new iPad launch, with the game designed to be one of the pioneers of what Retina display gaming can and will look like.

Visually, Air Supremacy is jaw-dropping, with the little details like sunlight bouncing off the ocean really making all the difference alongside the improved sharpness that Retina display brings.



In terms of controls, Air Supremacy uses tilt-based motions to manoeuvre your aircraft, with on-screen icons that are designed to look like a heads-up display for firing weapons and dispatching flares to ward off enemy missiles. The game is very responsive, and once you've got the hang of the sensitivity, then break-neck turns and barrel rolls will soon be part of your aerial repertoire.

It's worth noting that as well as the movement-based controls you can use some touch controls on screen to change the trajectory and speed of your plane. You can even turn on autopilot should you want to focus on the shooting aspect.

For a one-off price you get seven single-player modes, all of which are available instantly and do not require any kind of in-app purchase. It's a satisfying move as far as the consumer is concerned, as in the past you could pay more than you do here, for half the options. The game modes range from the main story in Campaign mode, to a selection of team-related combat setups. You've also got an expansive multiplayer mode, which gives you the opportunity to take part in huge online dogfights with other players, or have a one-on-one locally against a friend.

Sky Gamblers then might be the first of a new generation of iOS games, but it won't be easily left behind by the competition.

Rating ★★★★★



■ At the end of each Campaign level or game mode, find out how you performed



■ The Campaign mode is made up of ten unique levels set across stunning landscapes



Price: £4.99/\$6.99 Developer: Sega

Total War Battles

After a long wait, the much-loved series brings its strategy to iOS



The Total War series has been exciting and frustrating power-hungry strategy fans for years, and now those with an iOS device can rejoice as a mobile version of the series has finally arrived.

The opening sequence of the game sees you having to defend your clan from a surprise attack. It introduces the story, but also serves as a tutorial for the mechanics of the game. Each battlefield

is made up of hexagonal grids, and you must position and deploy your various unit types onto the battlefield, always staying aware that you cannot move them backwards once placed, and they can only attack enemies in front or next to them.

The visuals have a more animated edge than the desktop version, but this is actually one of the game's best selling points. Having such a diverse setting as Japan means Sega has been able to include stark contrasts to the battle arenas, from lush meadows to snowy mountain villages.

Of course, Total War has never been about just fighting, despite what the title suggests. As you move through the game, you are given more control of the construction of your village and the resources within it. And although the tap-and-drag functionality has been well integrated into the game, it's not as simple as just dropping buildings everywhere. For example, your barracks need to be linked to the blacksmith so your soldiers can get armour.

The local multiplayer is also worth mentioning as it allows two people on the same device to face off on the battlefield.

All in all, Total War Battles is advanced enough to satisfy fans of the series that have been craving a mobile version, but is also simple enough to pick up and put down with minimal fuss.

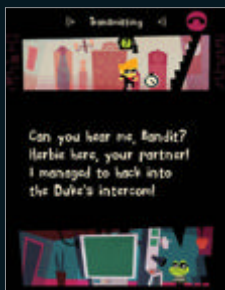
Rating ★★★★★



■ Tap any of your units and direct them across the battlefield, but be aware that they can't go backwards

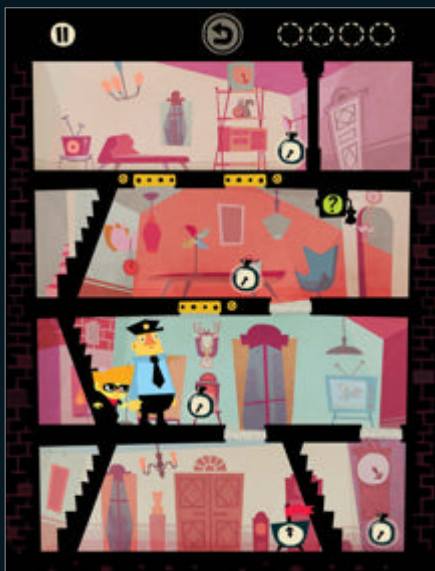


■ The game spans across the major Japanese islands, with side missions to help you earn extra XP and therefore upgrade faster



■ Phone call scenes give you great tips for how to improve your sneaking

■ You can use a guard's back to turn around, but don't let him see you!



■ Vacuum traps guard walkways, but can be tricked into moving out of your way with the right approach



Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Simogo

Beat Sneak Bandit

Stealthy grooves, pulsing puzzles and screen-tapping tunes



Beat Sneak Bandit from developer Simogo is an ingenious rhythm-action game that blends platforming, puzzle, stealth and music into a single concept that works on so many levels. When a nefarious duke steals all of the clocks in Pulsebury and takes them back to Clockwork Mansion, it's up to the Sneak Bandit and his partner Herbie to infiltrate the lair and steal them back in this Independent Games Festival award-winning puzzler.

Each stage takes place in the mansion, and is set to a different tune with a distinct beat, as indicated by the beat counter at the top of the screen. Each time you tap to the rhythm of the beat, the bandit will take a step forward. Miss the timing, however, and he will be rooted to the spot until you can get him to move again, leaving him open to being detected by guards, spotlights and vacuum traps.

The aim of each stage is to grab the big clock, although there are four smaller clocks that can be collected to add to your total, and to unlock bonus stages. Miss a beat on the same floor as a small clock

and it smashes, which means you must restart each time to try to grab it again.

As the bandit can only turn around by walking into a wall, you must plan how and when you move, using moving walls to flip him around the right way. You'll really need to plan ahead on later, trickier levels in order to grab every clock, especially when the hazards start to mount up.

Occasionally, you will sneak under a telephone receiver that triggers one of many cut-scenes that see the bandit and the Duke taunting one another, or Herbie giving you handy tips. The dialogue is snappy and well-written, dispensing plenty of laughs.

The main attraction is the soundtrack, which is a cool blend of lounge jazz and funk, underlining the Ocean's Eleven-style heist vibe that runs throughout the game. Everything works well, as the game can be played entirely by tapping one finger, and the difficulty curve is slow enough that anyone can master it.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Ubisoft Entertainment

Prince of Persia Classic HD

The race is on to save the Sultan's daughter



This modern remake of Jordan Mechner's 1989 classic is faithful and perfectly suited to the iOS format. When the evil vizier Jaffar takes over the kingdom and holds the Sultan's daughter to ransom, it's up to you to

climb many treacherous and trap-laden floors to rescue her before time runs out. With a 60 minute time limit constantly looming, the tension really seeps through as you run the gauntlet.

Careful and precise movements are the key to navigating the hazardous platforms in Prince of Persia Classic HD, and thankfully, the iPad's touch-screen control is more than up to the task.

You must also be wary of spiked platforms – run and you will die, but walk slowly and you're safe. There are also pressure switch puzzles, guillotine traps and guards to fend off with some superb touch-screen sword fighting, which starts off fairly straightforward but gets increasingly difficult as you progress.

This is the thinking gamer's platformer and thanks to Ubisoft's superb visual style and soundtrack, it's the perfect homage.

Rating ★★★★★

■ Sword battles start off easy but soon require a more tactical approach

■ As well as defeating armed adversaries, you must watch out for trap-laden floors



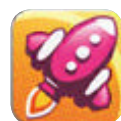
■ This classic platformer is just as good as we remembered



Price: Free Developer: Electronic Arts

Flight Control Rocket

An iOS classic shoots for the stars



This sci-fi-skinned sequel to the super-successful Flight Control makes some nice tweaks to the original formula of directing impatient flying machines by drawing flight paths on the screen.

So what are these tweaks? Well, you get three lives instead of one, there's a larger selection of craft with different characteristics to juggle, adding slightly more strategy to the game. There's also a host of robots that offer special bonuses while you play, and two different play modes: infinity and a survival mode. However, to access most of this content you now have to collect coins. Acting as currency in the game, this is by far the worst new addition.

Coins appear during play but can be purchased in-app, too. The problem is content is steeply priced, and often it feels as if all flight paths are leading you to spending the gold discs (eg robots require costly batteries). So, despite some nice ideas, we suspect this new direction will likely mar many people's enjoyment.

■ The game's new focus on in-app purchasing is disappointing

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Ubisoft

MotoHeroz HD

Rally racing and platforming



MotoHeroz HD is an intriguing blend of platforming and physics-based racing. Each of the 30 tracks on offer are spread across six themed worlds. The aim of each track is to win the race against two ghost cars – which are based on the attempts of two other players online.

A word of warning though, these are far from straightforward race tracks. You must strike a delicate balance between speed and tilting the weight of your vehicle to ride over jumps and bumps, as well as spinning around loop-the-loops and other hazards.

While fundamentally simple, MotoHeroz suffers from a harsh difficulty curve. You will often need to retry stages until you get all three possible stars, and as stars are needed to unlock new tracks, we found that progression often felt a little stunted.

However, the constant challenge of global times and simple controls will be appealing to many; just don't expect an easy ride.



■ Coins can be spent on pimping out your car, or buying upgrades

■ You can build up serious speed on ramps, but be wary of keeping the car steady

Rating ★★★★★



■ The negative effects caused by the red circles vary; too many in a row can lead to big trouble

■ There's a risk/reward element in holding out for longer chains to combine together

Price: Free Developer: Valhalla Studios Bifrost

Photon

An everyday puzzler



A play on familiar puzzle games, Photon takes the score attack nature of matching three colours and amalgamates it with a unique method of connecting them together.

Strings of colours bounce on to the screen, filling the bottom up. Hit the top and it's game over, so your task is to clear as many coloured circles as possible. To do so you must drag from one coloured circle and through three or more connected shapes. It's simple to get to grips with and a great way of interacting with the game, keeping it fast-paced and exciting.

Additional circles appear that have additional negative effects. Some might drop in a large number of circles, others expand to fill the screen or need to be 'wiped' more than once to disappear.

There's a timed arcade mode featuring unique fusion circles that need to be cleared to add to the fusion ability. This turns all circles light blue and gives you the opportunity to add to the overall time. It's a decent puzzle game overall but doesn't really bring anything new to the table.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Imangi Studios LLC

Temple Run

Keep on running



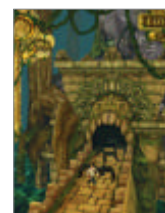
You've probably heard people raving about Temple Run for some time, but what makes it better than all the other running games? In truth, there's nothing very original about this app.

You're an Indiana Jones wannabe whose only objective is to escape the labyrinthine walkways while being chased by a pack of demon monkeys. Possible actions include turning corners, jumping obstacles, sliding under dangers, collecting coins and even picking routes at the last moment.

It sounds more complex than it actually is: swiping in the direction you want to take is all it takes to survive the various pits and traps of the temple, while a responsive tilt control function is used to collect coins on either side of the walkway.

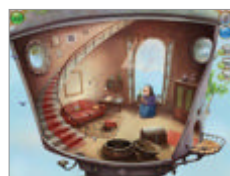
The addition of achievements and purchasable bonuses aren't particularly new either, but they do add some longevity. The reason Temple Run has got so many addicted, however, is largely the overall polish of the game; the 3D graphics really help add to the fast-paced gameplay. It's that one-more-go element that really draws us back time and again.

Rating ★★★★★



■ Trip over too many branches and the monkeys will get you!

■ Collect coins to spend on items and upgrades



■ All the landscapes in Tiny Bang Story are rich in both colour and charming details

■ The Tiny Bang Story will swallow your time without you noticing it

Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Colibri Games

The Tiny Bang Story HD

Are you ready to rebuild the world?



This world has been hit by a meteor, scattering chunks of the planet into many jigsaw pieces, and it's up to you to track them down. Essentially a huge scavenger hunt in a point-'n'-click format, The Tiny Bang Story

has you searching lavish environments in search of jigsaw pieces, plus the tools needed to solve the many puzzles. Your first task is to get your steam train up and running so you can explore the world.

What starts as a simple search for components gets trickier as you must solve puzzles within puzzles to advance. One minute you're searching for cogs in the environment, and the next you're piecing together parts of an old family portrait.

The way these hunts unfold and expand drives progression, and it's easy to lose an hour without realising it, drinking in the whimsical soundtrack and charming art style. Mechanically, the game works well and the puzzle-solving gameplay offers a relaxed pace that anyone can enjoy.

Rating ★★★★★



■ Jumping around and shooting in slow motion is great fun

■ The noir comic-book story scenes are brilliant

Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Rockstar Games

Max Payne

Gun-wielding nostalgia on iPad



To tie in with the launch of Max Payne 3, Rockstar Games decided to revisit the 2001 original on iPad, giving players a chance to become acquainted with downtrodden cop Max and his trail of revenge. While working on busting up a Mafia syndicate and toppling a notorious drug ring, Max's family is killed, and he crosses the line between detective and criminal, waging all-out war on those responsible.

Max's main ability is leaping through the air in slow motion unloading with a variety of firearms. The mechanic works well, although it takes a while to line up your shots on the iPad's touch screen. This means the amount of time you can enter slo-mo is below what you need. Thankfully there is a degree of auto-aim, although this removes a great deal of the skill. Either way this is still a solid shooter even today.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Absolute Distributors Australia

Penny Time

A skating game worth your time



The premise is simple; you're a hip, young skateboarder who must reach the end of the level by pulling off the right tricks at the right time to rack up a score and survive.

With a one-touch mechanism for each trick – up to jump, down to duck and right to leap obstacles – the interface is simple and intuitive to use, while the unique art style makes the game really stand out, but more than anything it helps make it easy to follow as your boarder traverses the objects in his path.

This ties in to the music of each level too, which works in tandem with the swipes of each manoeuvre to make the tracks for each stage play alongside your actions. It makes for a compelling game, and despite its limited originality, it's still well worth playing.

With only five levels, the longevity isn't brilliant with this one – but with increased difficulty and the need to out-score yourself, there's certainly enough appeal to get your money's worth.

■ Penny Time's unique art style is gorgeous to look at

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Com2us Inc

Inotia 4 PLUS

Played one, played them all



There will be some reading this who love the Inotia series. It's made a name for itself on iPhone and, more recently, iPad – and for good reason; it's great. However, the novelty is beginning to fade.

It's a template that has barely been touched with Inotia 4 PLUS – there are now six classes, different abilities and a new party system, but on the whole, it's business as usual. One interesting new element is the inclusion of Mana Orbs, which drop randomly during fights for a quick boost to your Mana store.

What this means is that during the tougher fights you'll have to manoeuvre around each area to top up your Mana and keep you dealing out damage. Mercenaries can be hired now too, enabling you to pick and choose which characters you want alongside your central hero, each of which can be swapped out or manually controlled yourself. You can't pick their abilities, but sensible use of these warriors is key to success.



■ The interface hasn't changed much from previous games

That's pretty much the extent of the changes. If the storyline was in any way compelling then you could understand the carbon-copy nature of gameplay, but it's the usual throwaway nonsense. There's nothing here that you haven't already seen before many times over in other games, which is a real shame.

Rating ★★★★★



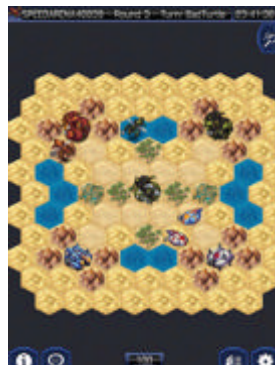
Price: £2.49/\$3.99 Developer: Kyle Poole

Battle For Wesnoth HD



This immense strategy game features 18 huge campaigns, made up of over 300 scenarios. In short, you're getting a tremendous amount of gameplay and that's before you even consider playing online. Recommended.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: TBS Games

UniWar HD



Another Advance Wars tribute, although this time with a distinct sci-fi theme. The absorbing gameplay is backed up by a 21-mission campaign mode, over 1,000 online maps and the ability to play against up to eight players. Another budget gem that manages to make many of its higher-priced peers look distinctly average in comparison.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: Twin Games

Fish Ball



Fish Ball is a simple game where you must prepare fish balls as quickly as possible for waiting customers. There are four types of food available and customers typically want their sticks to contain at least three pieces. While the single player works well due to the online leaderboards, the real fun becomes apparent when you're in a frantic race against a friend.

Rating ★★★★★

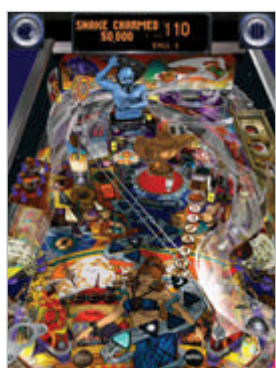
Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Kingly Software Inc

Eden – World Builder



Inspired by Minecraft, Eden plunks you in a randomly generated block world, armed with a pickaxe and a host of building materials. It will take time to get to grips with, but this is a game that rewards persistence and experimentation.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: FarSight Studios

Pinball Arcade



This re-creation of classic pinball machines is not only visually impressive, but every sound and feature of the tables has been re-created perfectly. Input is intuitive, while smart camera angles hone in on the action, so you'll never miss a trick. The dev claims more tables are on the way, and since all this is bundled in for free it's clear this is a work of passion.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: Electronic Arts Inc

Zuma's Revenge! HD



Zuma's Revenge! is an addictive arcade game that sees an intrepid frog repelling a stream of colourful idols by matching up three of the same colour. With countless stages, boss battles and inventive stage design, this is a must-have app.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Ankama

DOFUS: Battles 2 HD



This offshoot of popular MMO DOFUS is a neat mix of tower defence and Pokémon battles. The art style is superb, and the small missions are well suited to mobile play. Put simply, DOFUS: Battles 2 is a great game for RPG fans everywhere.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Cold Beam Games Ltd

Beat Hazard Ultra



Beat Hazard Ultra is a psychedelic twin-stick shooter that creates levels based on your music library, meaning each song delivers a unique level. The controls are slick, the visuals are razor sharp and the colourful explosions light up the screen.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Gameloft SA

Urban Crime



Urban Crime places you as a gangster fresh out of jail and looking to reclaim his turf. The visuals are decent enough for the iPad and the controls work well, but unfortunately the game still falls short of GTA standards.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: First Touch Publishing Inc

Score! Classic Goal



Score! is a neat sports title that tasks you with re-creating iconic goals from the past four decades of international football matches. Each goal sees the kicker preparing to take their shot, and it's then up to you to trace a line from the ball and into the goal, skirting around defenders, or making crucial passes to assist the shot. A must-have for football fans.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Electronic Arts Inc

The Sims FreePlay



The Sims template transfers well to this FarmVille-style game. Eating, sleeping and even socialising all take time – but with the options available it never feels like you're waiting around. A lot of effort has gone into making fun this app's top priority.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Gameloft SA

Block Breaker 3



Block Breaker 3 sees you smacking a ball around with a paddle, smashing it into bricks to advance to the next stage. It's a simple premise that we all know, made more enjoyable by the addition of a raft of powerups. The neon-lit colours and club vibe sit well with the game, and give it a welcome layer of polish, while unlockable extras add longevity.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: Riverman Media LLC

Pizza Vs. Skeletons



Pizza Vs. Skeletons is a silly yet thoroughly enjoyable tilt game that sees a gigantic pizza rolling around and crushing packs of undead bad guys. It's a hilarious game throughout and throws enough variety and laughs your way to keep you entertained.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Dogbyte Games

8bit Ninja



8bit Ninja is a compulsive score-attack game that you'll always want to come back to, although it can grow a bit repetitive over time. Nonetheless, it is a game you will keep installed on your phone for when you have five minutes spare.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: Polarbit AB

Reckless Racing 2



Taking cues from classics like Super-Off Road, this is a superb racing title with a ton of tracks to master. The controls are slick and you can upgrade and buy cars with prize money. Massive and playable, this is a truly generous game for the price.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Dejobaan Games LLC

AaaaaAAaaaAAAaaAAAAaAAAAA!!!



This app sees players free-falling from orbit, weaving around tall buildings and debris while smashing through plates to earn prizes. It's an insane, madcap title that benefits from neat visuals and responsive tilt controls.

Rating ★★★★★



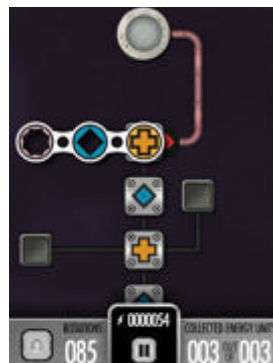
Price: Free Developer: SilverTree Media LLC

Cordy Sky



The original Cordy was a polished platformer with a charming art style. This free sequel retains all the same ingredients but applies them brilliantly to the vertical jumper template. The mission takes the form of a 5,000m climb, divided into five 1,000m worlds, each one distinct but all loaded with a silly number of bumpers and things that rocket Cordy skyward.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Widebeam Digital Ltd

90°



A neat puzzler, 90° tasks you with moving a wrench around a grid until it turns on a generator in as few moves as possible. On each stage, the wrench has three symbols indented into it, and these match up with corresponding shapes on the grid. When shapes line up, you can lock the wrench in place, meaning you can turn it further across the grid.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: Tiger Style Games

Waking Mars

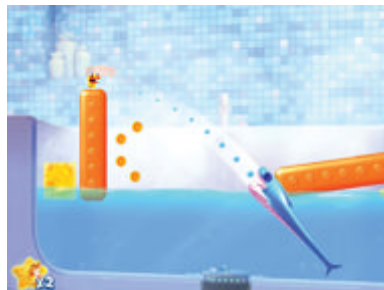


Waking Mars from Tiger Style places you as a researcher navigating a tight labyrinth of cave networks beneath the planet's surface in search of new life. Fluid controls, an eerie aesthetic and solid story make this an interesting prospect.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Gameloft SA

Shark Dash



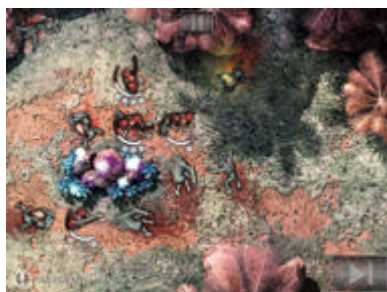
Shark Dash is a new spin on the 'drag and catapult' gameplay of Angry Birds.

You must pull back and release your shark to fire him into the air, grabbing ducks and coins as you go, and knocking over soap bars to remove obstacles like sponges.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: Rodeo Games Ltd

Hunters 2

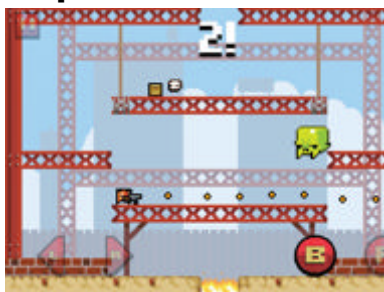


A blend of Space Hulk and Syndicate, you lead a squad of mercenaries through a variety of missions. With a robust levelling-up system, daily mission drops expanding its longevity and a new story mode, Hunters 2 is essential for fans of the original.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: Vlambeer

Super Crate Box

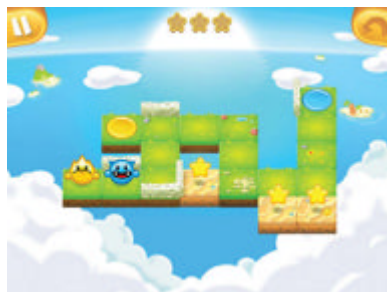


Super Crate Box throws you into an arena full of demonic enemies armed with various firearms. The aim is to grab as many crates as possible while seeing off waves of creatures. The pixel art is great, the challenge is high and the controls are fluid.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Chillingo Ltd

TwinGo!



TwinGo! sees you in command of two sprites that always move in tandem. Moving the sprites by swiping the screen, you must get them to their respective colour spots by using the environment to separate them. A real time killer.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: BBC Worldwide Ltd

Ka-Bloom



Floret is a fledgling 'star flower' that needs your help to grow to light up the cosmos. Your aim is to combo together various gems and feed them to Floret. It's an odd premise, but one that works well once you've got the hang it.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Lions Gate Films Inc

The Hunger Games: Girl On Fire



Girl On Fire is a run-and-gun game that sees lead character Katniss running through forests full of Tracker Jacker bugs, which she must take out with her bow before they kill her. Some control hiccups aside, it's a decent free app.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Fallen Tree Games

Quell Reflect



In Quell Reflect you must navigate one or more raindrops – which are only able to travel in straight lines – across grids to collect pearls. It's not original, but it is a fascinating puzzler that is as compulsive as it is challenging.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: Invictus-Games Ltd

Greed Corp HD



The aim is to build resources and capture enemy troops. Featuring a quirky soundtrack and distinctive visuals, Greed Corp benefits from a strong multiplayer and a lengthy little campaign. It's just a pity that its learning level is so high.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: OrangePixel

Neoteria

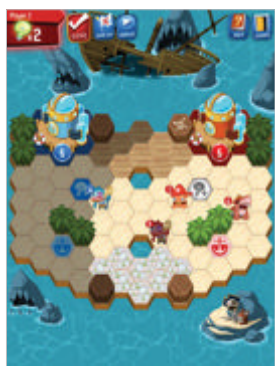


Neoteria features gorgeous pixel art, fantastic sounds and classic gameplay. Collecting diamonds will upgrade your weapon, but die and it'll lose its charge. We found a small issue with the controls, but this is an otherwise fantastic game.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: One Man Left Studios LLC

Outwitters



A polished and well-crafted app, Outwitters is a fast and addictive turn-based strategy game similar to Hero Academy. Played across a tiled map, the aim is to destroy your opponent's base before they level yours. Moves and attacks are made by spending Wits, and strategy comes from deciding on to expend them on growing your army, protecting your base or waging war.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Circle Star Software

Bang Bang BOOM!

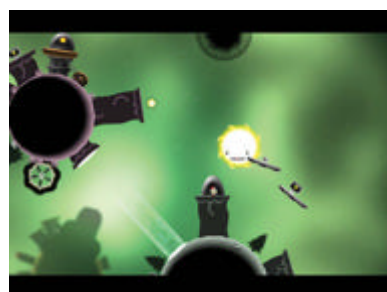


Taking inspiration from the classic Nintendo shooter Duck Hunt, this retro-themed gun game throws waves of ducks at you, and it's your job to blast them by tapping the screen. It's a simple game, but worth a shot if you're a retro fan.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £2.49/\$3.99 Developer: Fluttermind Ltd

Incoboto



Set in a world where the universe is dying, Incoboto is an endearing puzzle-platformer. By completing puzzles and pressing switches, you can find Star Pieces to feed the Sun and help it grow. Despite the fairly high price, this is well worth a look.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Matthew Herz

Carota!

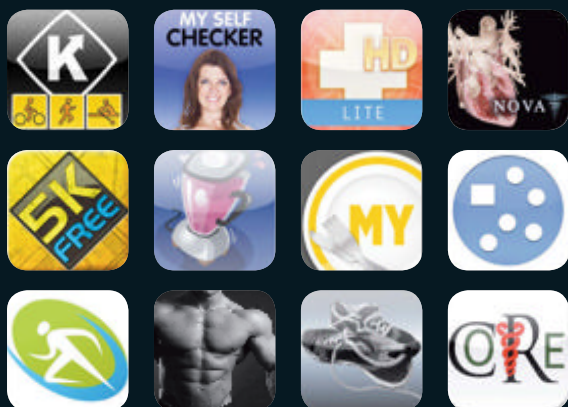


Following a rabbit that has become trapped in a series of floating mazes, your aim is to get it to the exit before each labyrinth sinks by moving pieces of the walkway in order to create a bridge. Be warned, it does get tricky fairly fast.

Rating ★★★★★

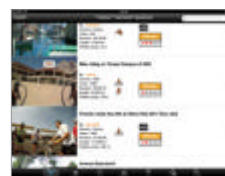


Health & Fitness/Medical



A fit body means a fit mind, and the iPad can help you achieve both with its array of health and fitness applications. Check out our collection of apps designed to help you lose weight, get fit, and maintain a healthy lifestyle. The only downside is that now there really is no excuse not too...

Top Paid Apps	Top Free Apps
Heart Pro III ★★★★★	Everyday Health for iPad ★★★★★
Pocket Yoga ★★★★★	iTriage ★★★★★
Family Illness and Shot Tracker ★★★★★	Abs Workout for iPad ★★★★★
Staff pick of the section	
Sleep Pillow Sounds: White Noise Machine ★★★★★	5K Runner: 0 to 5K run training ★★★★★



There are a wide selection of sporting videos and stats to inspire you

Kinomap Trainer's HUD makes it worth checking out and investing in

Price: Free Developer: ExcellLance

Kinomap Trainer

Get motivated to exercise

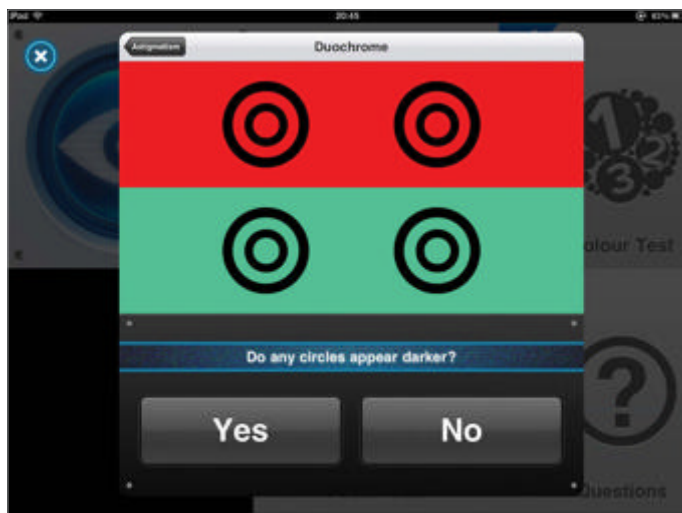


Kinomap Trainer presents perhaps the most practical and immersive use for an iPad when it comes to exercise and training. With a little bit of wireless trickery, a few tracking devices, an exercise bike, rowing machine, or treadmill and a whole host of user-submitted route videos, Kinomap Trainer can take you on a journey across some of the world's most exciting routes without you even having to leave home.

The app itself functions like a bit of a heads-up display, showing you how you're doing in relation to the pace of the video, vital statistics about the route such as elevation and much more. It's all pretty advanced stuff and it's clear that a lot of thought has gone into it.

Using AirPlay mirroring, you can link the app up with your TV to display the video of the route on a larger screen in front of you, leaving your iPad free to display all the stats.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: 3 Sided Cube Design Ltd

Vision Test

A free optician on your iPad

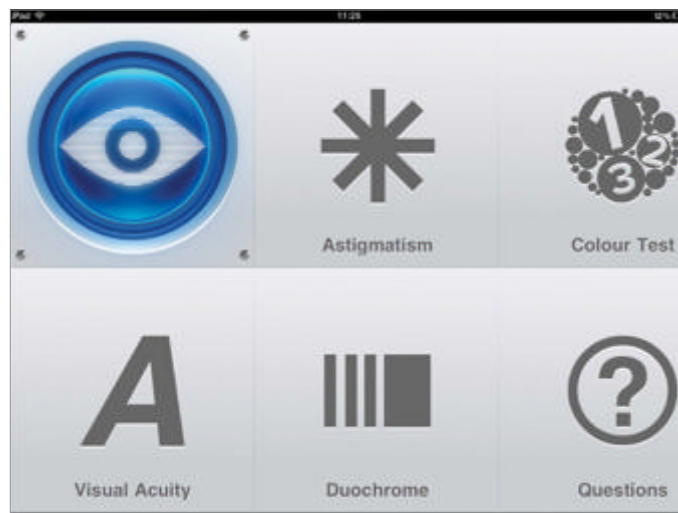


For years, people have been ignoring opticians' letters that tell the recipient they're due for an eye test. After all, what's the point in spending money on an eye test when you don't think that your eyes have changed since your last exam? Well now, thanks to 3 Sided Cube's Vision Test app, there's a free way to see if you need a new set of specs or not, and you can do it all from the comfort of your sofa.

The app does this by testing for four things: visual acuity, astigmatism, duochrome and colour blindness. The visual acuity test is similar to the letter boards used in traditional opticians: you simply cover one eye, hold your iPad at arm's length, and identify which letter is being shown. These letters get progressively smaller, but never small enough to trouble anyone except those that should already know they need glasses. If you're concerned about any deterioration in your eyesight though, this is a fantastic first step before deciding if you need to head to an opticians.

The astigmatism test is a lot less familiar, and asks you to identify if any black lines are darker than the others, again with one eye. We're sure this is a legitimate test, but the app doesn't say how it's testing you. If you fail, you just get the option to find a local optician or watch a video on why you should have an eye test, which is the same after every test failure regardless of which test you have been unsuccessful at. The duochrome test is found in many standard eye tests, and involves darkening lines, but this time set against coloured backgrounds. Again, there's not much information about how the app is assimilating the results.

The colour blindness test is where Vision Test really shines, however. Usually absent from a standard eye test, the colour



The presentation of the options screen is a little sparse, but remember this is a free app



Some of the spot tests will have people concerned – but not this one

test gives you four numbers to identify from different coloured backgrounds. These tests are far more effective than the previous ones, as they even tell you what people with colour deficiencies may see, as opposed to just failing you. Our only criticism is that there could have been more tests, especially as with a multiple choice setup some answers could be guessed.

We were surprised when the optician finder didn't work, even though we had a working Wi-Fi connection. However, this could well have been a one off. Vision Test could be the app to get you to make a sight-saving trip to the opticians before it's too late, and that makes it worth a download alone.

Rating ★★★★★

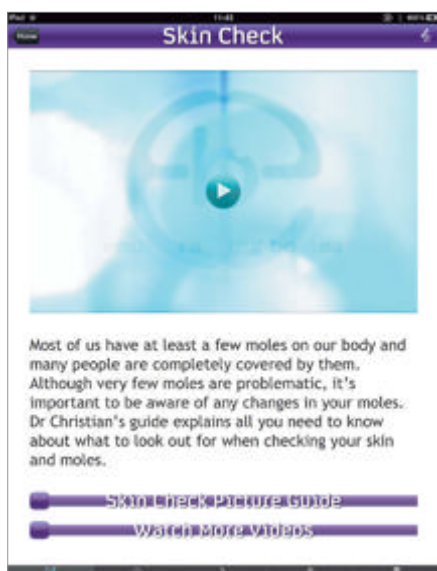


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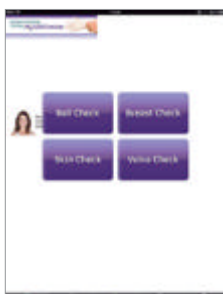
Price: Free Developer: Channel 4 Television Corporation

Embarrassing Bodies My SelfChecker

TV show tie-in offers practical tips



■ The instructional videos are particularly informative



■ It would be nice to see more wide-ranging content included



The TV series which this app is an add-on to has been extremely successful and the goal here is to let anyone quickly check to see if they need to seek further medical attention. There are four videos

included which show you how to check specific areas of your body and these are potentially very useful. You can take notes within the app and the PIN entry setup shows that care has been taken with regards to confidentiality, and you can also search for GP practices, health centres and other specialists within your area.

Finally, there is a link to the 4oD website for you to watch the series on your iPad, but besides these features there really is not much more on offer. What content there is on the app is very good, but we could not help feeling that so much more could be done to make Embarrassing Bodies My SelfChecker a complete resource for a wide range of ailments. It has lots of potential and needs beefing up a little to truly succeed.

Rating ★★★★★

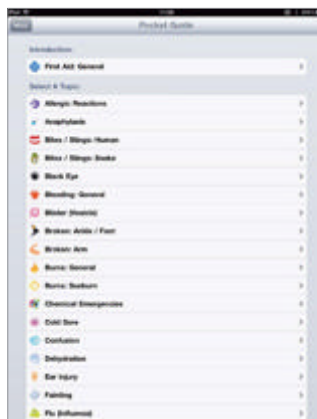
Price: Free Developer: Portable Monster LLC.

Everyday First Aid HD LITE

A complete and accurate symptom checker



This app is designed in such a way that any member of the family can quickly access it to understand what to do when something goes wrong. From insect bites to dehydration, the most common topics are covered and within each one you can read a summary, symptoms, risk factors, causes, prevention and treatment which is more than most people will need. Advice is included on when to seek medical attention and extra facts are there to add some education to the experience. To get the full range of topics you will need to pay extra, but for the potential usefulness the price is low and the app will no doubt come in handy time and time again. There are many apps battling for supremacy in this area, but this one strikes the right tone and offers enough info to make it feel more like a necessity than a safeguard.



■ There are many superb, easy-to-understand routines available



Rating ★★★★★



Price: £5.99/\$8.99 Developer: 3D4Medical.com LLC

Heart Pro III

A stunning and focused medical solution

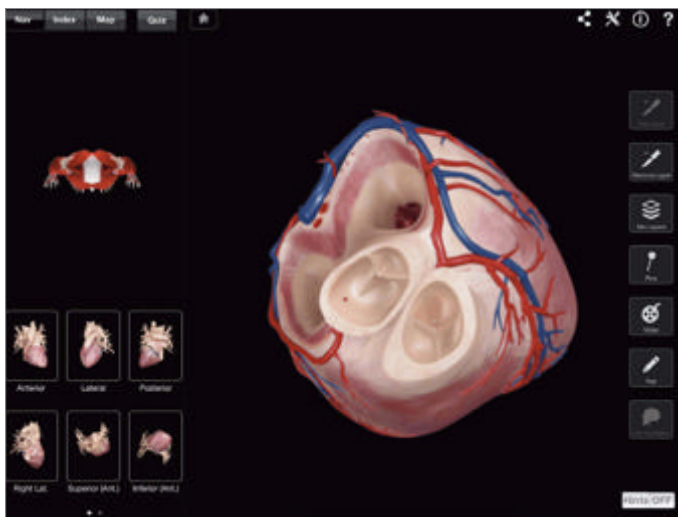


Heart Pro III offers a highly visual experience which will be interesting to the majority, but more importantly exceptionally useful to the specialists who need to use it. The entire presentation is clean and accurate from start to finish and with this comes the potential to use it in a variety of ways. As a learning tool for students, it uses overlays and isolated images to show the different parts of the

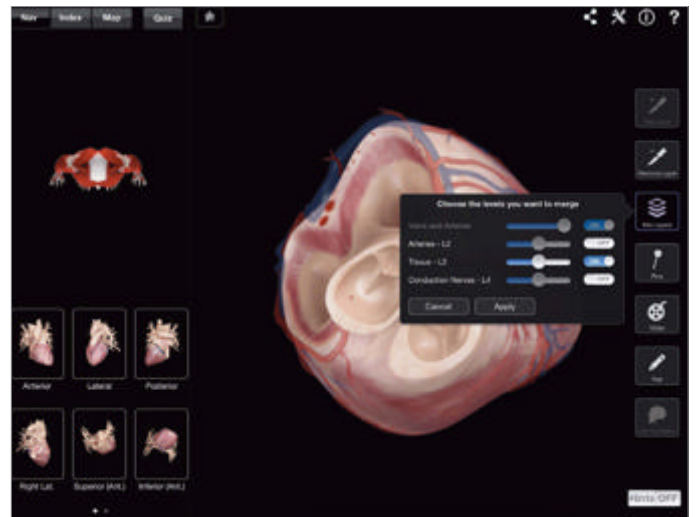
heart and even how specific diseases affect it. For teachers, the same tools will come in handy when trying to explain how the heart works and the various complications that arise. However, the uses become more advanced in day to day medicine. Images can be annotated and sent to other specialists, the heart can be cut into two in either direction and the uses go on and on from there.

There is little doubt that the feature set included will offer benefits for anyone in the medical profession, whether they are teaching or not, and the audio references, quizzes, customised pins and everything else come together to make a complete solution. It is, however, in the presentation and usability that this app shines. It is one of very few apps that offer a natural feel to a complex area and whether you are spinning the heart around, cutting it in two, annotating it for others or anything else, the way the app has been built shows care, a detailed build process and most importantly a deep understanding of the subject matter involved. This app is one of a series of apps looking at different parts of the body, but is an example of what can be done on something as relatively simple as the iPad. It brings the world of medicine to everyone and that can only be a good thing. It really is hard to fault in any area and will benefit anyone who uses it whether they are professional or not.

Rating ★★★★★



■ This app is beautifully illustrated, but also includes detailed audio references, quizzes and customised pins



■ As well as the ability to cut the heart in two to see what's inside, layers can be viewed and merged for educational purposes



Price: Free Developer: Passion4Profession Inc.

Abs Workout for iPad

A near-perfect workout solution



Toning abs is one of the most difficult of all training regimes, but this app is designed to aid you in your quest for the perfect body. With a Calendar feature built in to help you follow a specific program, or to build your own, you can assess your progress as time goes by and the presentation is large enough to make checking your fitness as easy as can be. There are videos included for each exercise and these are comprised of animations that play with a music soundtrack in the background. Spoken guidance is also included and everything from the presentation of the videos to the subtle yet inspiring sounds work perfectly together to create an app that is likely to help you fulfil your goals.

The large icons and simplistic videos let you quickly make changes as you workout and the learning curve is also very short. All you need now is lots of willpower to keep training and the positive results will surely come your way.

■ You can download exercises and choose if you require background music

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: SAFE ASSETS PTY LTD

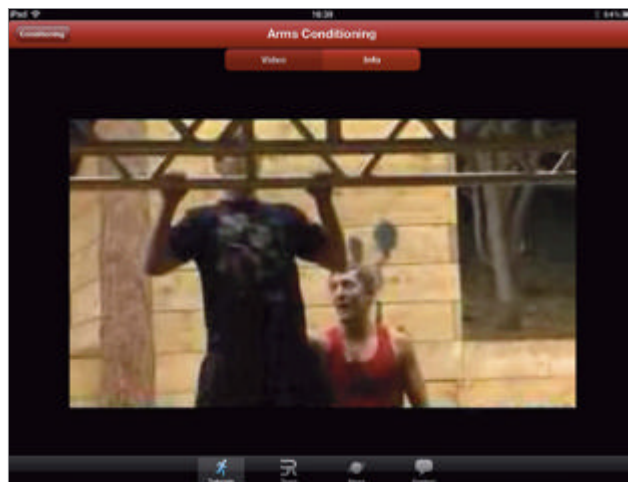
Parkour

A video-centric instruction app



You may be unaware of parkour, but if you are one of those interested in understanding or want to practise the art, this app could be a good place to start. It offers more than 60 tutorials that are presented in video form, and this is by far the best way to learn. They are broken down into sections for beginners, intermediate and advanced, plus an extra section devoted to conditioning.

People familiar with the art will understand the names of the tutorials which include Running Gap Jump, Webster and Butterfly Twist Vault. But for those who want to learn, the simplicity of the interface and the fact that it is completely focused on the videos means that there is no additional learning curve to the app. While parkour might be a gritty urban sport, there is no excuse for grainy footage in the era of Retina display, which this app unfortunately suffers from.



■ A host of different exercises are included for you to view

■ The video quality is very poor and lessens the overall appeal of the app

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Everyday Health, Inc.

Everyday Health for iPad

An excellent health guide for the family



With many subjects covered, including healthy tips, questions and answers, Everyday Health covers all of the potential health problems you may have from time to time. Serious matters are covered should you

have cause for concern and the Health A-Z section is particularly informative for anyone with children who might be worried about a new diagnosis.

It's like having a virtual doctor in your house to offer peace of mind or guidance should you need to act quickly and has practically no failings at all. It offers a novel approach to a serious issue.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: RAINFROG LLC

Pocket Yoga

The perfect introduction to yoga



If you are interested in learning and practising yoga, there are few better ways to get started than with the Pocket Yoga app. A multitude of poses are included alongside vocal and illustrative guides to

ensure that you are getting the poses just right. Add to this a low price and an enticing interface and you will struggle to go wrong with the wealth of content that is included.

AirPlay support is here alongside Retina compatibility for the iPad and this completes an exceptional app that will teach and keep you fit every time you use it.

Rating ★★★★★



Health & Fitness/Medical

iPad



Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: Heavy Duty Apps

Sleep Pillow Sounds: White Noise Machine

An enchanting way to get to sleep

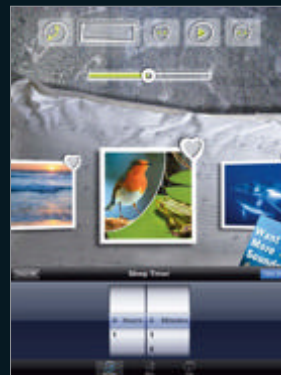


There are many apps designed to help you get to sleep with natural sounds, but few manage to offer such good-quality streams as Sleep Pillow Sounds. The 'lite' version comes with a few sounds for free,

but the paid-for app offers a larger range of melodies, and we found everything as easy as could be to use, especially when tired.

The sleep timer is very useful and will slowly fade out after a pre-set time so that you can sleep in peace when the time is right. After some time the solution becomes a habit that will work every night, ensuring you always doze off relaxed.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Weight Watchers International, Inc.

Weight Watchers Mobile UK

The official Weight Watchers app

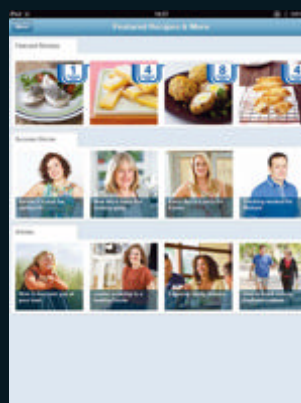


The Weight Watchers app has some useful content included such as recipes, success stories and articles on the subject, but at times it feels more like a promotional tool for the company than an app that is

purposefully aimed at simply helping you lose weight.

Members will gain a lot more from the solution, but there is just enough content included for free to let potential members know if the service is right for them.

Getting the balance right between pure promotion and genuine usefulness can be rather difficult, but this app just about does it.

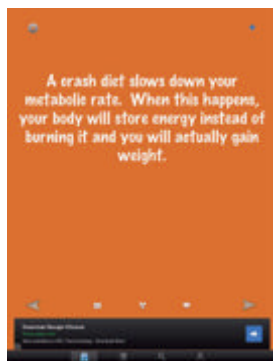


Rating ★★★★★



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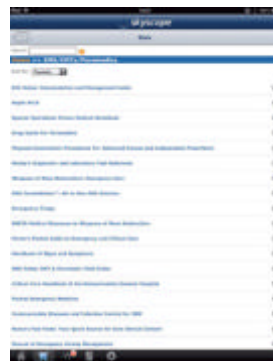
Price: Free Developer: honggang li

Fitness+



The idea behind Fitness+ is good, but the implementation is sadly lacking. We found the presentation to be at times amateurish and even tapping some of the categories often brought back no response at all. The information, when you can get to it, appears to be accurate, but we felt that the app was rushed in its development cycle.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Skyscape

Skyscape Medical Resources

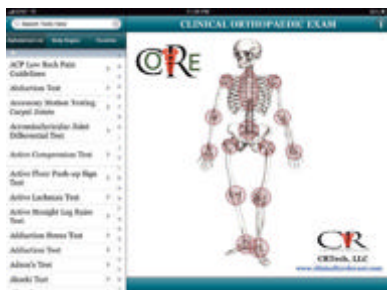


There is little doubting the quality of the resources offered by this app and the initial pricing is competitive in this field. But the fact that most of the titles are subscription-based means that the resources can end up more expensive than usual. This is a shame because the interface is very clever.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £27.99 / \$39.99 Developer: Clinically Relevant Technologies

CORE - Clinical ORthopedic Exam

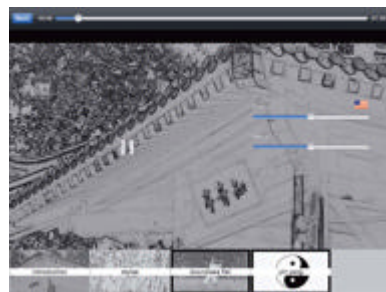


This solution is obviously specialist and obviously comprehensive given the source. It is designed to act as a pocket reference to health professionals and covers many topics that will be useful to those who have recently qualified.

Rating ★★★★★

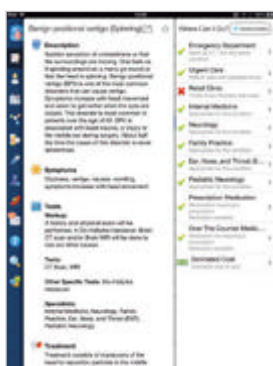
Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Ghat / VersaCom

Tai Chi Lite



This is a demo app designed to offer a glimpse of what the full offering will give you and it does a very good job of presenting fascinating content in a compelling way. Once you start watching, it will be hard not to learn.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Healthagen, LLC

iTriage



Checking symptoms just got a lot easier. With iTriage you can tap a part of a body image and see potential problems or search for the sensations you are feeling. A check of the results proved their accuracy time and time again and everything from the presentation to the detailed information included is first class. One of the best medical apps we have seen.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £0.69 / \$0.99 Developer: Mobile Buffalo, LLC

Blender Large!



How can you not need more than 120 smoothie recipes? This app provides that in an interface that lets you share your favourites that will help you eat more healthily. A new smoothie can bring sheer enjoyment and health benefits.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £2.99 / \$4.99 Developer: F.M. Industries, Inc.

LogMyTraining



Few apps are as able to deal with multiple stream of training data as this one. It can take data from Garmin, Polar and many other devices and also lets you manually add data whenever you need to. It has a clever Sharing option and is ideal for those who undertake demanding sports and who need to keep close track of everything they are doing.

Rating ★★★★★

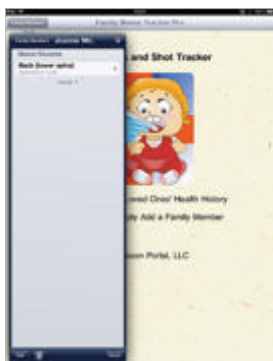
Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Livestrong.com

Calorie Tracker - LIVESTRONG.COM



Watching your calorie intake is important, and we've found Calorie Tracker to be among the best thanks to its clearly laid out interface. Use with an exercise tracker and you should end up with a good indication of your daily calorie intake.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £1.49 / \$1.99 Developer: Lesson Portal, LLC

Family Illness and Shot Tracker



This is a very simple app, but one that could prove crucial when dealing with illnesses in the future, because you can log all of your family members and the illnesses they have suffered. With dates, medication and all sorts of other information, the record you keep will prove useful for those in the medical profession.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Heavy Duty Apps

5K Runner: 0 to 5K run training



5K Runner is designed to help you gradually build up your stamina and speed by offering tips and a visually impressive method of showing you your progress. You can keep records of each run to closely monitor your progress and then record your achievements as you enter events and become more serious.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: toriumi yutaka

How to protect your eyesight



This app is beneficial in that it does offer many tips on keeping your eyesight healthy, but many of them are so basic that common sense will often be preferable. The section on food is, however, particularly useful and so you will learn something new and the overall presentation makes it easy to understand.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £1.49 / \$1.99 Developer: Linda Cobb

Exercise Calculator



Calculating exercise and food intake can be complex at the best of times, but Exercise Calculator lets you do so with a minimum of fuss. Simply scroll up and down the values to enter your records and then check them all in a list or graph whenever you need to. You can then email the data to yourself or anyone else who needs to see your progression.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Department of Health

UK Clinical Trials Gateway



The importance of this app is matched by the simplistic nature of the interface. Simply search for an illness and you will be offered details of the various clinical trials that are active in the UK. For those with serious illnesses this can offer hope, the ability to understand more about the illness and potentially much more.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £0.69 / \$0.99 Developer: iHealth Ventures LLC.

iExercise Journal



iExercise Journal is a basic application designed to let you track various aspects of your exercise routine. It is purely text-based and requires a large amount of manual input to get the most out of it, which is perhaps its major downside. Ultimately many other solutions can perform the same task and the lack of automation is what lessens its value.

Rating ★★★★★

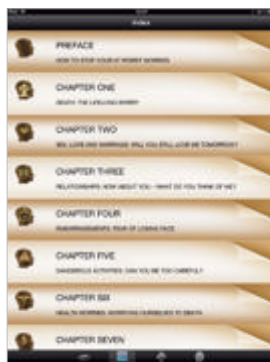
Price: Free Developer: MedicalMe Technologies Inc.

Chemotherapy Lite



Taking control is a vital part of dealing with cancer and this app is designed to let you manage your chemotherapy and the associated changes in great detail. The subject is important and the developers seem to understand this.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £2.99 / \$4.99 Developer: Our 3 Wishes

Worry Fixer



This app attempt to lessen your worries by offering advice in 67 specific areas. It is in effect just a list of sections where simple advice is offered which may be of benefit to some. The problem is the price which seems high compared to other solution and especially given the content that is included, much of which would be available for free online.

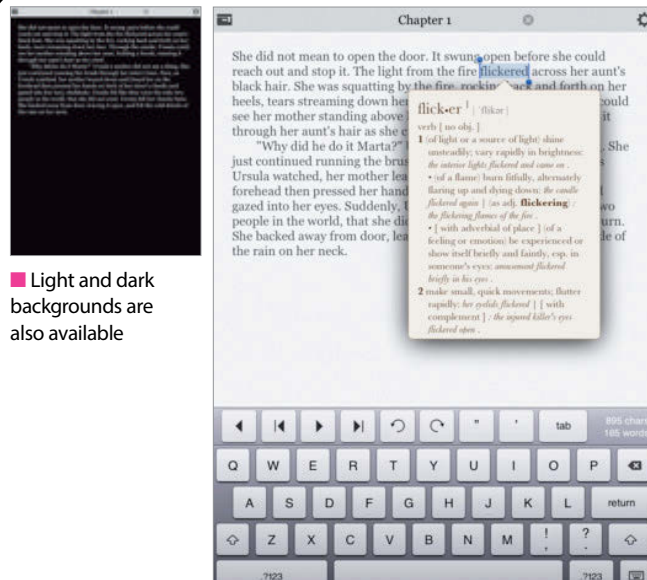
Rating ★★★★★

Lifestyle



The iPad isn't just restricted to helping out your business or whiling away a few hours with its games - you can also use the App Store to seriously enhance your life. Whether you want to cook the finest recipes, decorate your home, or start keeping a diary, our featured lifestyle apps can help

Top Paid Apps	Top Free Apps
 My Writing Desk for iPad ★★★★★	 Giallo Zafferano: Italian Cooking ★★★★★
 Pocket Salsa ★★★★★	 overstockArt ★★★★★
 The Better Bacon Book ★★★★★	 Houzz Interior Design Ideas ★★★★★
Staff pick of the section	
 Woodcraft ★★★	 Action Jackson ★★★



Light and dark backgrounds are also available

In My Writing Desk, you get a clean, uncluttered screen on which to write

Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: Wombat Apps LLC

My Writing Desk for iPad

Write without distractions



Although Pages is a brilliant word processor, some may find it a little expensive, while others may find that there is just too much screen clutter. Last year, an app called iA Writer was launched that de-cluttered the screen and acted as a simple text editor, enabling writers to jot down their thoughts with clarity. My Writing Desk for iPad treads a similar path.

Given its basic looks, it actually packs quite a punch. You can turn on auto-spell checking if you wish and it is also possible to search through your text and save documents into folders, which can be reordered to suit your own preferences.

This pushes My Writing Desk beyond the realm of a simple text editor. Being able to export via email or PDF and print your document would be expected – having documents open in iBooks, Dropbox and Evernote less so. You can even sync with Google Docs. Overall, this is a wonderful offering.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: Nom Nom Paleo LLC

Nom Nom Paleo

A cookbook app full of features



Nom Nom Paleo offers a different diet option, for those wanting to return to a more healthy way to eat. The recipe ideas within the app all stem from what the primitive humans we evolved from would've eaten, and shuns the creations of the modern diet, including non-natural sugars and grain-based food.

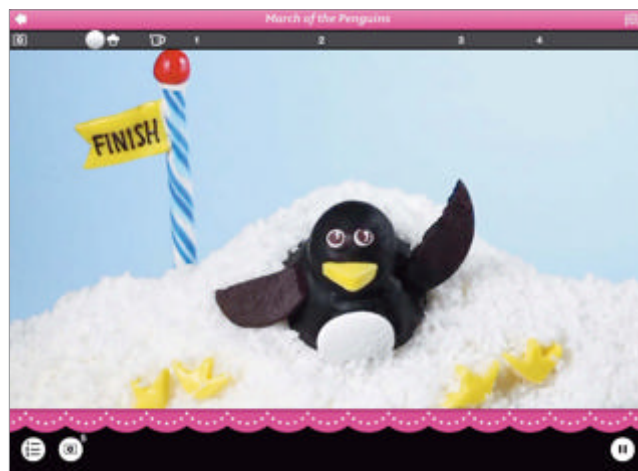
The app itself enables you to view over 50 recipes, with other packs of recipes available for purchase within the app. These are all represented with mouth-watering photos of the finished dishes that you can flick through with a finger. Each recipe has photographs of each step of the cooking process, along with instructions.

You can add individual ingredients to a shopping list that can be emailed to another device or printed to take shopping with you – it's a great and genuinely useful feature. Save favourites to view quickly later and view plenty of information about the Paleo diet for those that aren't familiar with it. Some of the recipes are a little strange, but there's plenty of variation and options to expand into your favourite areas with the in-app purchases.

Rating ★★★★★



■ The app gives you plenty of information about the Paleo diet, including what you can and can't eat



■ Presentation throughout is polished, making it easy to work out what needs to be done

■ The animated videos that begin each tutorial are adorable. You'll be desperate to re-create them

Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Culinate Inc.

Hello Cupcake!

Next-level cake making



Do you enjoy making cupcakes, but want to develop your designs beyond slapping some cream on top? Then you may want to download Hello Cupcake! as this highly useful app gives you a fantastic insight into designing some truly stunning, original, and tasty-as-you-like cakes.

After selecting the cupcake you wish to make, you're shown an amazingly cute stop-motion video that shows the cakes off in all their glory. You're then presented with a number of easy-to-follow tutorials that cover everything from the best way to mix creamy frosting, to creating beaks for your penguins.

The ease of Hello Cupcake!'s tutorials make it a joy to use, while the app itself is slick and well presented. The only slight fly on the fondant fancy is the fact that you're expected to make in-app purchases to get the remaining four tins of cakes that are featured. The quality and the presentation of Hello Cupcake! is so good however, that you're unlikely to care about the additional cost.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £2.49 / \$4.49 Developer: Applied Objects Ltd

Gardening Toolkit HD

Get your green thumbs at the ready



Keeping a garden in excellent shape can be hard work, especially when you don't know the first thing about gardening itself. Gardening Toolkit HD is an app that can track what is in your garden and walk you through the steps of maintaining it.

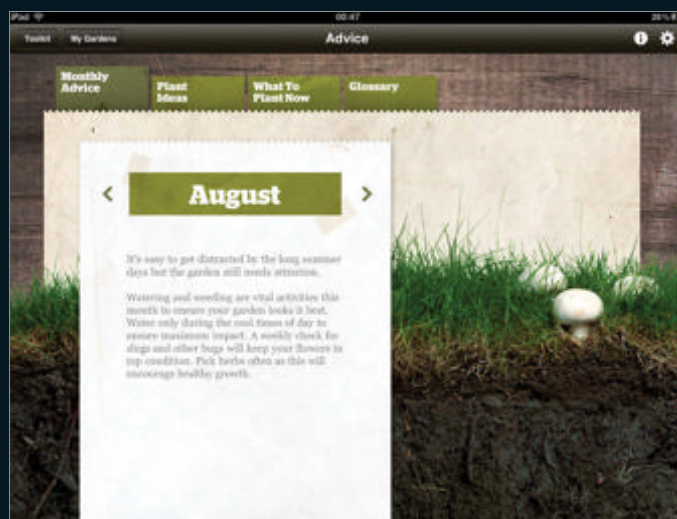
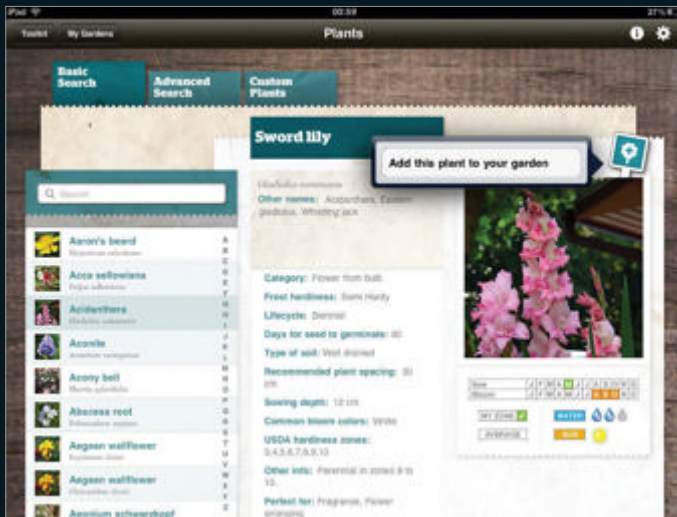
First of all the app needs to know where you live so it can determine your hardiness zone. A hardiness zone is a geographically defined area in which a specific category of plant life is capable

of growing. The app provides a way of finding this information out. Once this data is entered, the app is ready to offer advice on what can be done. This is achieved by telling the app what plants you have in your garden. The app contains a wealthy database of plants, each entry within the database contains images and details on when they should be sown. Once the app has an idea of what plants you have it can advise on the correct times for blooming or harvest. There are also generic monthly tips that advise on general tasks that need to be undertaken to keep your garden at its best.

Once your project is underway it's possible to take photos of your progress so it can be added to the built-in journal. There is also a handy Reminders function and a To-do list to help keep your gardening work organised. If you have more than one garden then Gardening Toolkit also has you covered with the ability to create multiple garden profiles within the one app.

Gardening Toolkit also boasts a community where the users can share tips and ask one another questions. For beginners to gardening, or for those with limited time to peruse textbooks on the subject, Gardening Toolkit provides a useful way of getting to the required information fast and easily. The layout and presentation of the app is also well done, making this well worth a look for the budding gardener.

Rating ★★★★★



■ With each passing month the app advises on what should be happening

■ There's plenty of built-in help that highlights the features



Houzz Interior Design Ideas

Price: Free Developer: Houzz Inc

Browse and collect design ideas



■ Houzz contains plenty of images that work a starting points for inspiration

■ There are also many projects and ideas to get stuck into



Interior design is a serious task to undertake, if you want to do it right you need to find inspiration.

Houzz is a collaborative website where users share pictures, ideas, tips and more. Its self-titled app is essentially the website boiled down into a handy tablet size.

The main screen houses a range of full screen photos designed to inspire any would-be interior designer. These can be scrolled through, shared, or saved to a Ideabook. The Ideabook is a space where users can save multiple ideas, just like a physical scrapbook. Along the side of the display is a vertical bar that links to other sections of the app. There are links that lead to photo galleries, product ideas and features based around interior design. There is a wealth of content to explore all of which is wrapped up in a very slick interface.

The only drawback for international users is that the myriad listings for local architects, designers and contractors are based in the United States. However, even reduced to purely a source of inspiration, rather than a planning tool, this is an impressive app.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: LivingSocial Inc

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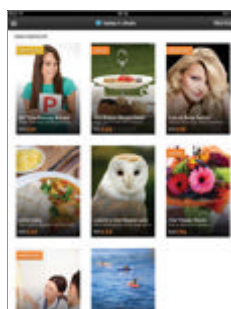
Save money on local deals with LivingSocial



In these tougher economic times, a cheap deal is always welcome. With LivingSocial the deals come to you. LivingSocial can read your current location and supply information on deals that are available locally.

Deals can be redeemed on your device, saving the need to print out vouchers. It's also possible to share deals via Twitter and Facebook, if three other friends should make a purchase from your link you'll get your own purchase for free.

LivingSocial has a clean and intuitive layout, providing all the need to know information -including the all important fine print - in an up-front manner. All of this adds up to a worthwhile download for bargain hunters.

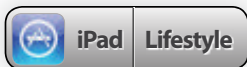


■ LivingSocial's layout is very clean and tidy



■ The all-important fine print is clearly displayed.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £6.99 / \$9.99 Developer: FASTERE

Woodcraft

Design and build real life carpentry projects



The iPad has worked its way into a number of professions as an additional tool to help get the job done. Carpentry can now also be added to that list thanks to Woodcraft, an app designed for crafting carpentry projects in a virtual space. The app works as a tool that combines elements of Computer Aided Design (CAD) and 3D modelling. This approach makes it useful for both professionals and hobbyist carpenters alike.

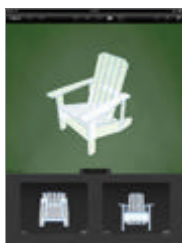
The app makes it easy to create and select different shapes and sizes of wood before placing them into your chosen project. These can then be manipulated and edited as the project requires. To make things easier the app also works in metric and imperial units. Putting these elements together is easy thanks to the availability of 2D and 3D viewpoints. There is also an optional snap-to grid feature that helps to ensure accuracy when placing different components together. The app may seem a little daunting at first, but help is at hand via a quick tutorial and a collection of links to online guides and videos.

Woodcraft comes with a single project installed and additional projects can be created on a single device. These can be saved and transferred to other platforms via email. Using iTunes it's also possible to syncing projects between iOS devices. Projects can be compiled into Booklets that can then be exported as PDF files or sent to AirPrint-compatible devices.

If you're stuck for ideas, Woodcraft also has a burgeoning community of users where projects are uploaded, rated and shared. These projects can be easily downloaded from the main menu to be used either as a starting point or simply as a project to build for yourself. Users with Twitter accounts can also upload their own projects and even rate the creations uploaded by other users of Woodcraft.

Woodcraft is not only a unique iPad app but one that convincingly provides a very practical service for carpenters.

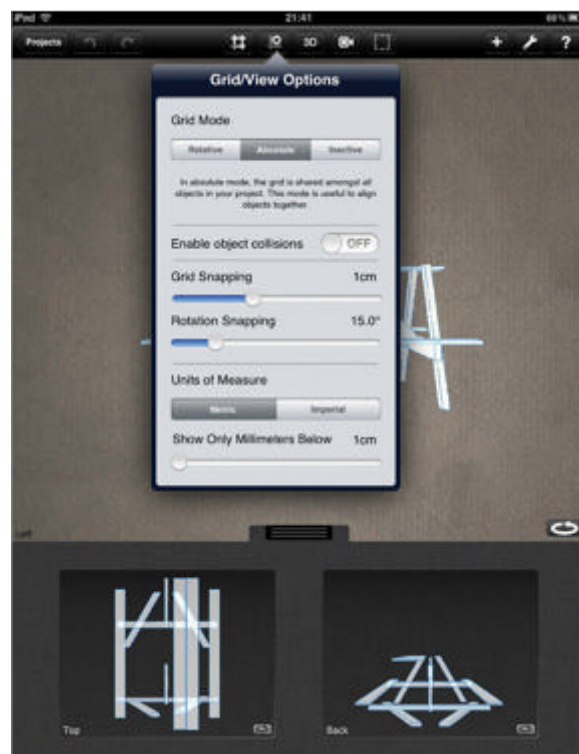
Rating ★★★★★



■ The main workspace is excellently laid out to work with



■ If you're stuck for idea, there's plenty of inspiration to be found here





Price: £2.99 / \$4.99 Developer: Open Air Publishing Inc

The Better Bacon Book

Home-made bacon for cooking

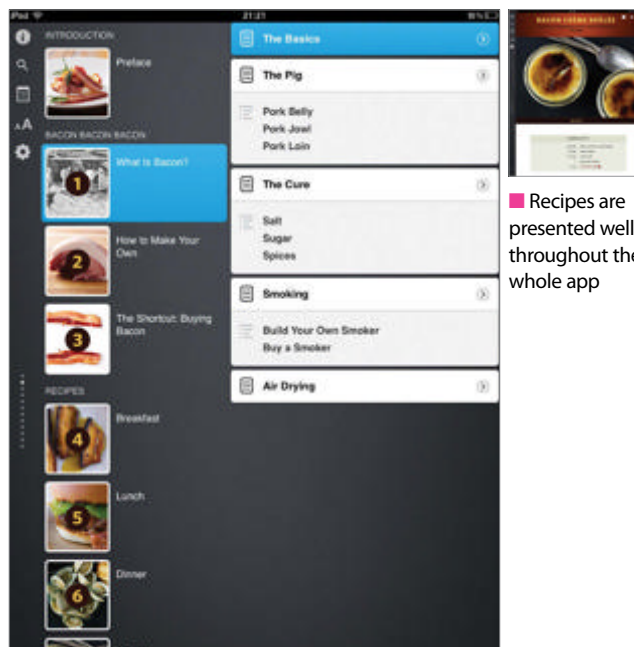


The Better Bacon Cookbook is a complete interactive guide to everything about bacon. Its combination of videos, photos and recipes covers a range of topics from sourcing and slicing your own bacon to the various ways it can be cooked.

The layout of the cookbook is excellent, sections are easy to navigate and the quality of the photography is great throughout. The recipes are clearly explained with highlighted pop-ups that help to explain certain terms.

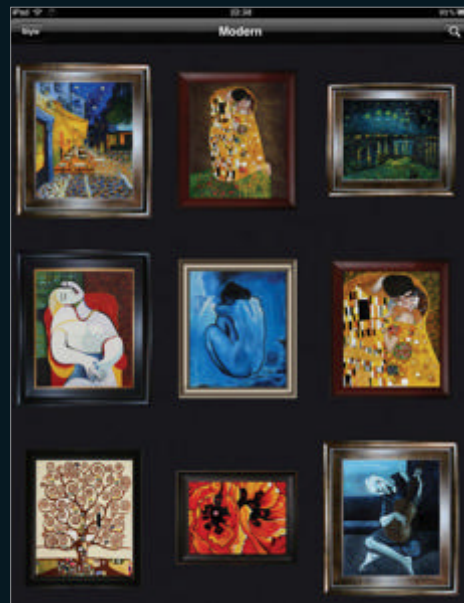
It is worth bearing in mind, the app is very geared towards the American market. Measurements are logged in cup quantities while the interactive links that refer to making purchases connect to American sources. This limits aspects of the app somewhat for users who are based outside of the USA but there is plenty of great content to recommend.

Rating ★★★★★



Recipes are presented well throughout the whole app

Pretty much every aspect of bacon is covered



The galleries themselves are neatly laid out



The virtual living room feature is an effective tool

Price: Free Developer: Overstock Art LLC

overstockArt

Virtually display oil paintings



overstockArt.com Oil Paintings is an app-based version of the www.overstockart.com online store. The app provides a unique way of viewing its online stock as well as being a great way of enjoying its vast collection of oil paintings. There's a plethora of art to peruse, separated into groups of styles, artist, subject and size. Once a picture is selected it can be viewed in fullscreen, added to your own collection or viewed on a virtual wall. The app includes a range of virtual walls to try out while users of iPads with cameras can take a picture of their own wall to add a picture to. Enthusiasts can also zoom in on the artwork to examine brushstrokes, texture and detail.

Any favourite pieces of art can be saved to the gallery within the app. These can then be purchased from the app itself via a built-in link to the overstockart.com website.

For fans of art, overstockArt.com Oil Paintings works great as both a reference tool and for purchasing oil paintings.

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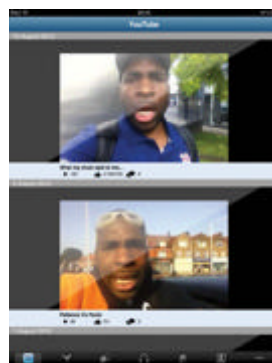


Price: Free Developer: Pocket Cocktails Inc

Top 500 Cocktails for iPad

If you're looking to expand your knowledge of cocktails then Top 500 Cocktails for iPad has you covered. It contains a large collection of popular cocktails complete with illustrations and easy-to-follow instructions. Cocktails can be searched via name of recipe and ingredient, making this a solid free app.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: ANXDigital.com

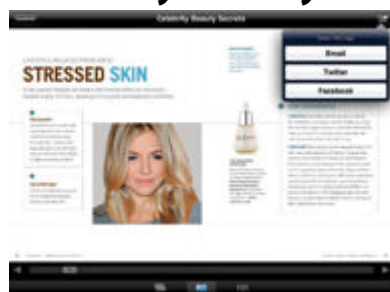
Action Jackson

Action Jackson is a motivational expert. His self-titled app includes a gallery of his inspirational YouTube videos. There are also links to his other online outlets such as Twitter and Soundcloud. Extra features include being able to take notes or leave a voice message for Action Jackson himself. As a free app it's hard to fault it for the amount of self-help info on offer.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £2.99 / \$4.99 Developer: Sandow

Celebrity Beauty Secrets

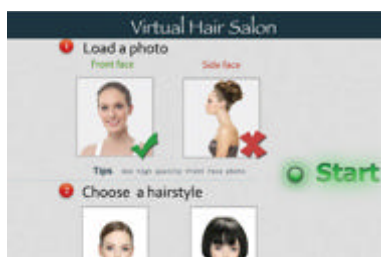


Celebrity Beauty Secrets is a Newsstand-based app consisting of expert tips on how celebrities achieve their looks. The content is broken down into sections while individual pages can be shared via email, Twitter and Facebook.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: SandMobile

Hair Makeover – New Haircut in 1 Minute



Ever wondered how a new hairstyle would suit you? Hair Makeover adds new hairstyles to your photos. Pictures can be taken with the iPad's camera or chosen from the photo gallery. It's a simple yet clever app.

Rating ★★★★★

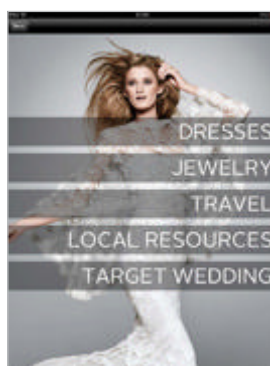


Price: £1.49 / \$1.99 Developer: Kyle Baxter

Basil

Basil is a cooking app where the user searches for recipes from a number of websites before deciding which ones to add to the app's recipe book. The recipes themselves are neatly laid out and are fully editable while interactive timers help to keep things practical. Basil is a great app for pro-active users who enjoy searching for new ideas to try out.

Rating ★★★★★

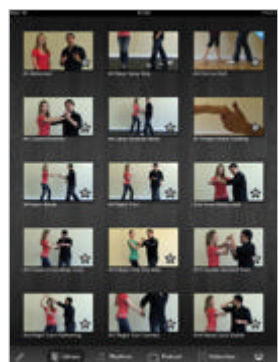


Price: Free Developer: CondeNet

Brides WEDDING GENIUS 2.0

Brides WEDDING GENIUS features an extensive gallery of gowns and jewellery as well as ideas for wedding and honeymoon locations. There's also an option to search for local services but this is limited to U.S. locations. Items can be shared online or bookmarked within the app for future reference.

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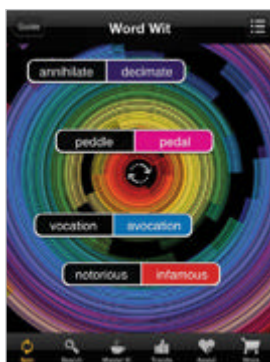


Price: £2.49 / \$4.49 Developer: Addicted2Salsa

Pocket Salsa

Pocket Salsa is a comprehensive guide to Salsa dancing. It's based around a video gallery where clips can be bookmarked or downloaded for offline use. There are also Salsa-based audio loops to help with training sessions. The content is excellently produced and easy to follow, while the app itself is clearly laid out at all times.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £0.69 / \$0.99 Developer: Ballpoint Inc

Word Wit

Word Wit is an educational tool that's designed to help with commonly confused word pairs. It provides a long list of examples and explains their various uses. Word Wit has a light-handed approach that makes learning easy. It's an ideal download for English language learners or for anyone who's looking to improve their writing skills.

Rating ★★★★★



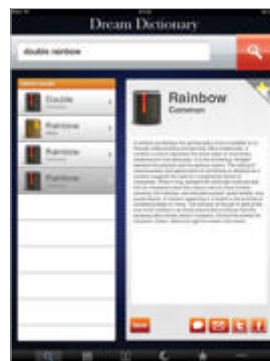
Price: £2.99 / \$4.99 Developer: Callaway Digital Arts Inc

Martha Stewart Cookies



Martha Stewart Cookies contains over 90 cookie recipes complete with instructional videos, tips and shopping lists. The app's sole focus on American units and ingredients make it difficult to use in other regions.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £1.49 / \$1.99 Developer: AppsMania

DreamBook – Your Dream Dictionary



For some people it's believed that our dreams can be interpreted as messages about our current state or read as a sign for what the future holds. DreamBook is a dream journal app that syncs across devices and contains a database covering over 15,000 definitions. It also pulls its information from a variety of sources.

Rating ★★★★★



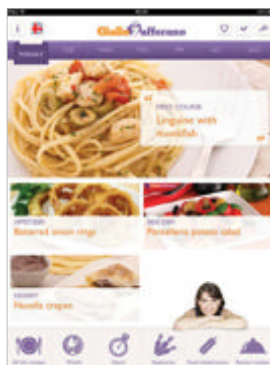
Price: £10.49 / \$15.99 Developer: iBrewMaster Inc

iBrewMaster



iBrewMaster is a combination of recipe book and assistant that's designed for the home brewer. By default it contains over 250 recipes with more available via in-app purchases. Users can add their own recipes for sharing with others. iBrewMaster is an informative app although the content is geared towards experienced users.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Banzai Spa

GialloZafferano: Italian Cooking Recipes



GialloZafferano is Italy's leading cooking portal. Its iOS app is a cookbook stuffed with meals, courses and cooking ideas. The recipes feature clear instructions with high-quality pictures. These can be bookmarked or added to a shopping list.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £0.69 / \$0.99 Developer: SyncApps

GloveBox

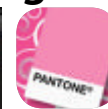


While owning a car can prove to be convenient, it's sometimes difficult to keep on top of the finer details. GloveBox turns your iPad into a handy tool that can remind you when the MOT is due or when the insurance is up for renewal. Owners of multiple cars are also catered for with GloveBox's multi-car capability, making this a highly effective tool.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £2.99 / \$5.99 Developer: X-Rite Inc

myPANTONE Wedding & Events



A colour styleboard is an important tool for co-ordinating a colour scheme when wedding planning. myPANTONE can be used to create styleboards from its included images or with your own photos and styleboards can be shared with others.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £1.49 / \$1.99 Developer: Infoding.com

Q&A Diary – Roller Journal

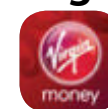


Writing a journal can be a rewarding experience but getting started with writing one can be difficult. Q&A Diary – Roller Journal attempts to remedy this by prompting the user with questions to help them write daily entries. The app records stats of your writing progress and can be locked down via a password.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Virgin Money

Virgin Money: The Lounge



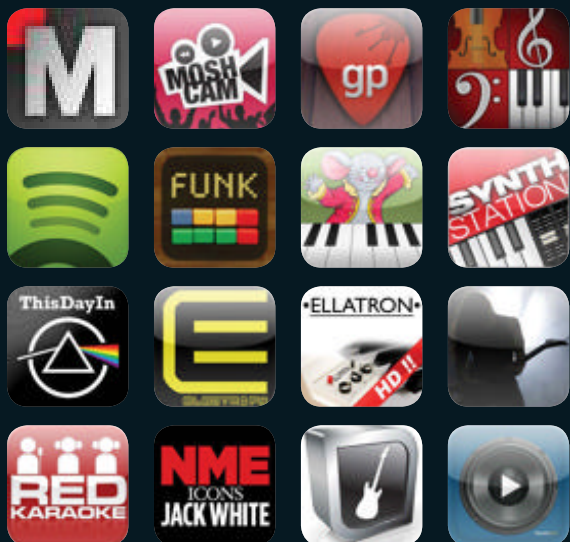
Virgin Money is a lifestyle app that provides a mixture of lifestyle and financial content. The app has a stylish interface where stories can be scrolled through and swiftly opened. There's some genuinely useful advice on offer here.

Rating ★★★★★



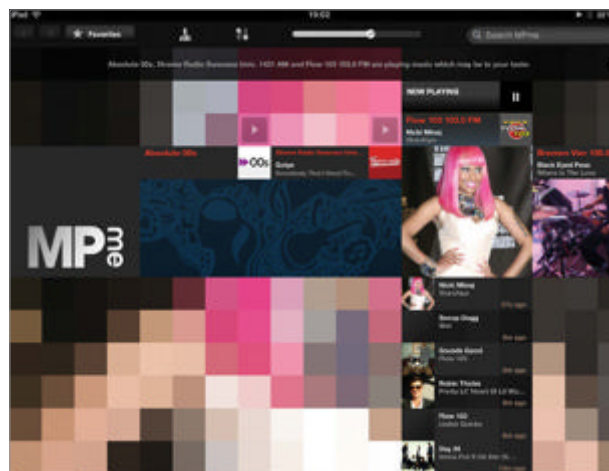
iPad Music

Music



Since its release, the iPad has emerged as a fantastic music-making machine. In fact, entire professional albums have been created using it. But it's the apps that are the real stars of the show, and we showcase some of the latest ones that could help you make you the number one artist on iTunes

Top Paid Apps	Top Free Apps
Guitar Pro ★★★★★	Spotify ★★★★★
SqueezePad ★★★★★	Red Bull Music Academy ★★★★★
Electrify ★★★★★	Touch DJ Evolution ★★★★★
Staff pick of the section	
VinylLove™ ★★★★★	On the Music Path ★★★★★



■ MPme's interface is polished but doesn't really enhance navigation



■ The Artist and Station features have moving panes much like the official Twitter app

Price: Free Developer: MPme Ltd

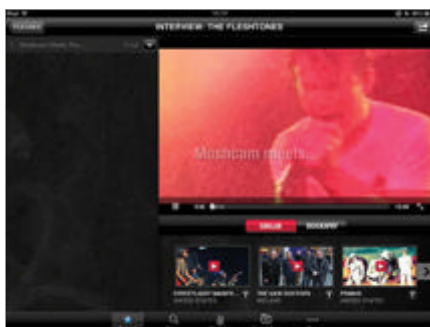
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Can MPme replace the NME?

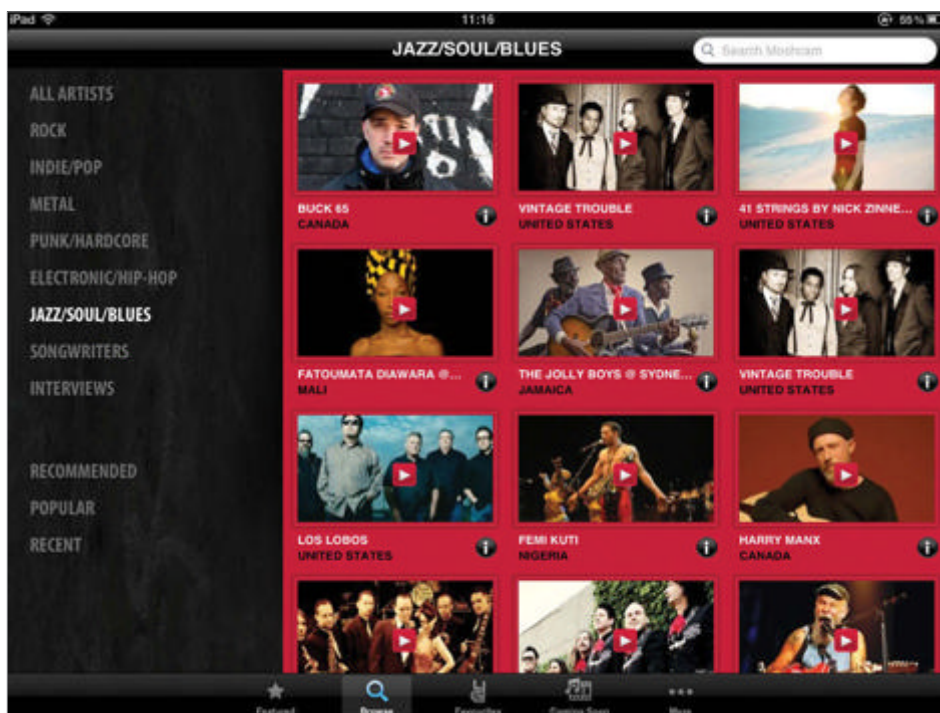


MPme provides users with a 'curated radio' service, suggesting new streams based on iTunes libraries and previously listened-to stations. As has become increasingly popular, MPme also recommends content based on your friends' listening habits, via extensive social media integration. As a way to browse myriad internet stations, MPme is robust, with track list, station and artist information available at a tap of the visually led interface. The UI comes into its own when pulling in artist info like biographies, images and YouTube links from sources such as Last.fm. MPme also features a quick-buy button, which takes you to iTunes when you happen across something you're willing to pay for. That's mostly dependent on what MPme throws at you – in our case it was mildly disappointing, offering up either broadly similar or disparately different content compared to our tastes. Whether you find such eclecticism of interest will depend on your music taste.

Rating ★★★★★



■ Gigs can be shared and tracks purchased from the Artist menu



Price: Free Developer: Moshcam Pty Ltd

Moshcam

Your AAA ticket to live gig circuits



Moshcam is a pretty neat concept, delivering professionally shot footage of live gigs around the world from a variety of artists. After registering with the app or syncing to either Facebook or Twitter, you can use the app's Search function to browse acts by genre or use an Advanced Search to find a specific artist.

At the moment, Moshcam's selection is understandably not that huge, but it is growing rapidly, filming gigs across three continents. It started out in Australia in 2007 before expanding into London, New York, Washington DC and Los Angeles.

You have four gig video unlocks from the outset, essentially giving you four full shows for free, but after that you must pay for additional gigs in-app, which normally work out at £1.49/\$1.99 each, but include unlimited 24/7 access.

While Moshcam is obviously geared towards steering users towards the premium package, they are not stingy about their free content. Their Gig of the Week is free to stream for the first 7 days before it goes behind the paywall. But - as they name of the feature might imply - as soon as this happens, another Gig of the Week is posted up to enjoy free of charge. There is also a free preview track to enjoy for every gig, so you can get a feel for the performing

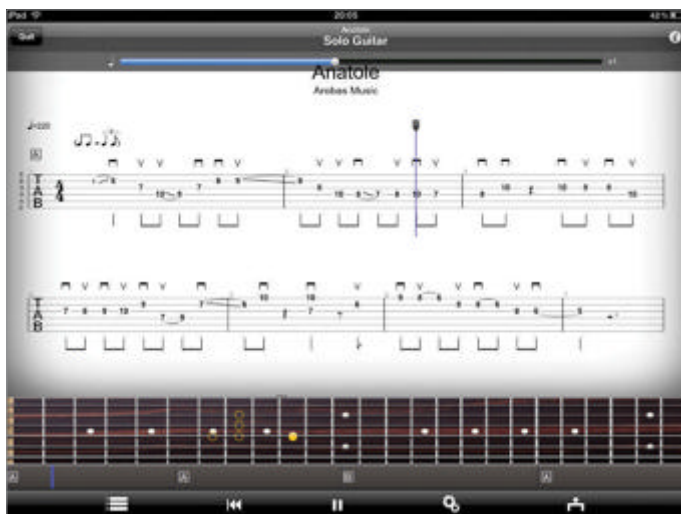
artist(s) before you commit to watching a full show. Best of all, for those amongst you uncomfortable syncing your social networks with third-parties, Moshcam doesn't even require you to log in to enjoy all this wonderful free content.

Once a show is unlocked you can watch the gig in full, or skip to a specific song (complete with running times) and then there is the option to share tracks over social networks, or buy the recorded song direct from iTunes.

The video quality on offer is superb, with full multi-angle footage that really gets in and among the action on the show floor, giving you a pure gig experience bursting forth from your device. However, while the age rating for Moshcam is for ages four and up, expletives are not censored at all, so be wary of younger users who might end up messing around with the app.

Well presented and delivering a slew of live gigs from some of the biggest artists around the world - as well as behind-the-scenes interviews - Moshcam is a neat concept with lots of potential, and lots of free content, however the in-app purchase price may be a tad steep for some music fans.

Rating ★★★★★



■ The display can be changed to tablature or normal notation if you prefer



Price :£5.49/\$8.49 Developer: Arobas Music

Guitar Pro

Only pros need apply



Have you got Guitar Pro 6? If the answer is no, then you needn't bother downloading this app. While it is well-presented, smartly designed and handy to have around, it's little more than a companion app to the big brother version on your PC or Mac.

The idea here is that you follow along with either the tablature or the standard notation (or both, it's your choice). Simple marks on the fretboard highlight current and upcoming notes, while it's simple to slow or speed through a song for ease of use. Skipping is simple too, though it is severely hampered by lacking an option to set particular riffs or sections you want to practise.

But the songs available are fairly generic or limiting – without the Guitar Pro software itself, new songs will be tough to add to the app. Adding these songs is simple: managed through iTunes, the internet or even over a browser. If you are a pro, you'll appreciate this app, but only if you own Guitar Pro first.

Rating ★★★★★



■ The idea is that you play along, replacing your old sheet-music stand



■ There are a number of features to help navigation

Price :£4.99/\$7.49 Developer: Notion Music Inc

Notion

Making music, made harder



Writing sheet music is a very specific skill when it comes to music creation, but it's also a very necessary skill if you want to use Notion with any success. Notion is one of the most in-depth music-creation tools available, the problem is simply that it has a very high barrier of entry.

By following along the page, Notion will read and play notes as displayed. These can be a mixture of instruments, from classic violins and pianos to electric guitars. Notes are displayed clearly and the page can be navigated with ease. There are a lot of buttons however, and this will confuse even the most experienced musicians.

There's no doubting that Notion is a powerful piece of software and is capable of absolute precision but it has a very niche audience and could do with a simpler UI.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Spovly Ltd

Spotify

Have the world's music on the go



Chances are you've already heard of Spotify, the music service that lets you listen to and enjoy a whole host of songs simply by streaming them through the internet. In fact, you may already subscribe to the service and, if so, you need to have this app on your iPad.

If not, however, then this app could well persuade you. You can sign in through Facebook or create a Spotify account and, on doing so, you'll be given a 48-hour trial to browse through the hundreds of

thousands of songs available. Honestly, you'll be hard-pushed to not find a song you're looking for on Spotify.

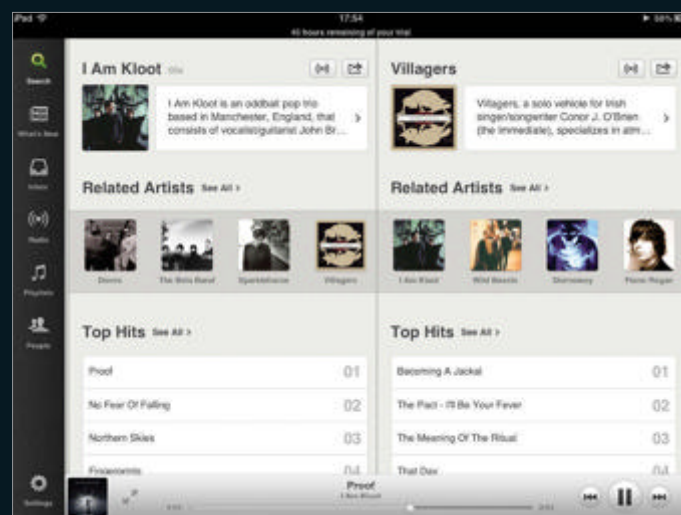
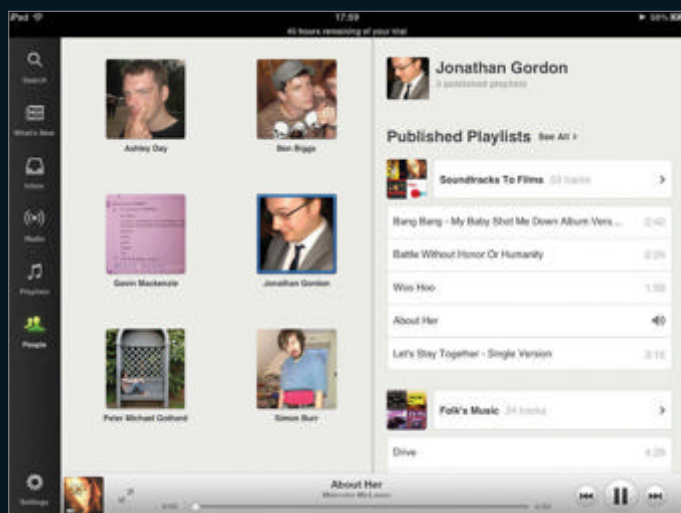
The app itself is beautifully designed, with its menu on the left, you're never more than a click away from any of the six different options available. Cleverly, however, delving further into menus and searches – for example from one related artist to another – moves the windows to the left with the new one on the right. This means you always know where you are on a page.

There are plenty of options available to the app as well, whether it's simply searching for songs, browsing new (more popular) additions or listening to prescribed 'radio' stations, which is more of a pre-selected playlist of tracks in particular genres. All the while your songs will play in the background, without ever lagging or stuttering as you explore the app.

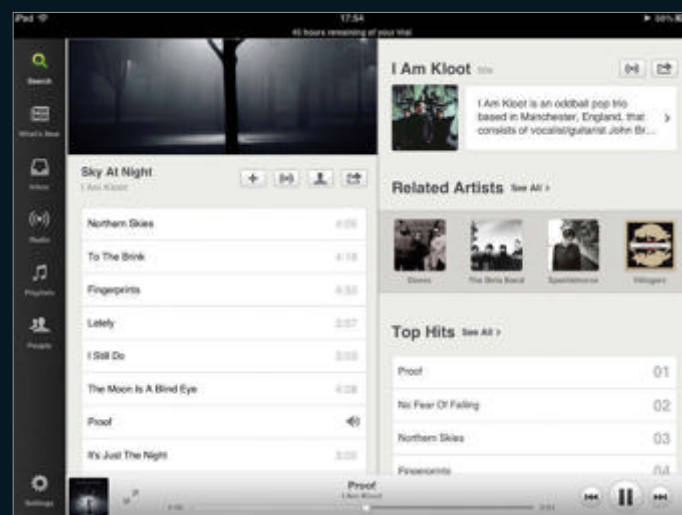
Best of all is the social element, however, which lets you add Facebook or Spotify friends to find out what songs they have favoured, listen to their created playlists or just share the songs you find with them. This is where the clever sliding UI mechanic really comes into its own as you head deeper into a friend's collection.

Spotify is a great service by itself, though its best use does come when subscribing, but when combined with this app it's hard to imagine listening to music in any other way.

Rating ★★★★★



■ There's always something to move on to, such as similar artists



■ There's literally thousands of songs. All your favourites will likely be on here



■ There are a lot of knobs and sliders, but it remains fairly accessible

■ The level of detail is good, though the UI remains the same

Price: £2.49/\$4.49 Developer: Synthetic Bits LLC

FunkBox Drum Machine

A fun and sleek drum machine



Drum machines are something of a lost art form, so an app like FunkBox really helps bring that back. It's a fantastic collection of classic drum machines, replicating the sounds like for like and letting you improvise and tweak the sequences of the various vintage drum machines to create your own little beats.

It's very well presented, though the initial confusion can appear a little too much at first. Everything you need is located on a single screen, however, making it easy to make adjustments as you play along. There's a pattern editor too, which is key to making your own tracks. Samples are used initially, but once you're up to speed this is where you'll spend most of your time.

Beyond that, though, there's little else to it. Ultimately it's still quite limiting in terms of what you can actually create with it. But FunkBox still manages to retain its vintage feel with modern technology. Definitely one for drum machine aficionados.

Rating ★★★★★



■ Without the tactile nature of a synth machine this may seem a little pointless

■ Even when there aren't any buttons the app is confusing.

Price: £2.49/\$3.99 Developer: Akai Professional

SynthStation

Akai's greatest now on the iPad



If you know anything about synthesisers then you'll likely already know of the name Akai. To the developer's credit, it has managed to cram all of that technology into a single app, but to the uninitiated it will be far too overbearing and complicated. User-friendly this is not, but for synthesists who love to tweak and alter their sound, there are few apps that can compete.

Despite the implementation of the interface being of a high standard – each knob is used through up and down swipes instead of twists, for example – it can still be a little tricky to control with any real kind of precision.

In short, it won't ever replace a full synthesiser kit, and as such these niggles are a little harder to forgive. Die-hards will appreciate the level of detail and number of options, everyone else will have to give this a miss.

Rating ★★★★★



Music for Little Mozarts

Price: £0.69/\$0.99

Developer: Alfred Music Publishing Inc

Unless it's One Direction, your Little Mozarts probably won't care



■ It looks as though it has been designed on a budget.



Here's a nice idea: get your children into music at an early age, by teaching them the basics of understanding sounds and music notation. That's the idea behind Music for Little Mozarts, unfortunately the truth isn't quite as effective.

The biggest problem with this app is its lack of feedback or intuitive design. When creating an app for children, it is of the utmost importance that it can be used without any barriers. Some tests ask that you slide a circle towards the correct cartoon character – but get the answer wrong and there won't be any feedback, instead it'll just reset the circle and wait until it's moved to the right spot. Sounds simple enough, but it can be confusing.

The overall quality is a bit hit-and-miss too. Menus are poorly designed and take a lot of effort to navigate, while there's minimal explanation between the different games available. Overall, a great idea wasted with very poor design.

Rating ★★★★★

This Day in Pink Floyd

Price: £1.99/\$2.99

Developer: This Day In Music Apps LLP

366 days of Pink Floyd

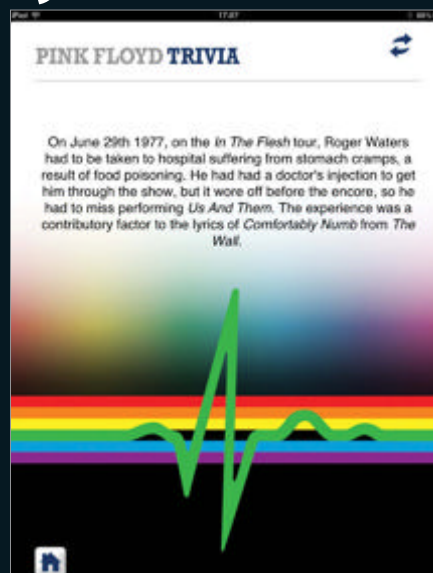


Pink Floyd fan? Then you'll likely want this app, which provides a new Pink Floyd trivia tidbit every day of the year. Whether you're checking it daily or looking for landmark days, this app has something new and interesting that you may not have known before.

There's a few other features bundled in for good measure, too, such as the General Trivia section that pinpoints information not related to a specific day or the Pink Floyd Quiz that tests your knowledge of one of the music industry's most recognisable names. This app is crammed with factoids and content to keep any Floyd fan happy for days.

More could be done for its interactivity, especially given the wealth of tracks, videos and paraphernalia available. The video section lacks that extra touch of quality that would make this app a must-have. However, Floyd fans will have a lot to appreciate here.

Rating ★★★★★



■ It's very simply presented, an issue that carries over into a few bugs.

■ Finding dates is handled simply, with all the information available on one screen.





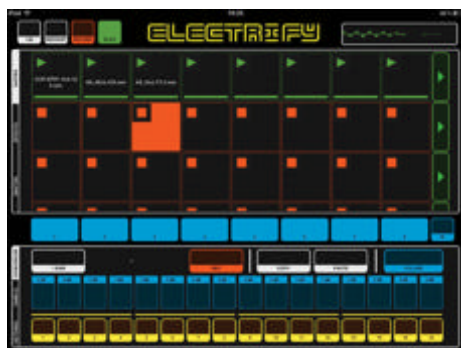
Price: £10.49/\$15.99 Developer: Ingolf Koch

Electrify

But just what is so electrifying?



Comprehensive tools are difficult to get right, but Electrify does a good job of simplifying everything enough so that it can provide the necessary power even on a portable iPad. Admittedly Electrify is a little tough to understand at first, but give it time and you'll be able to



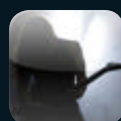
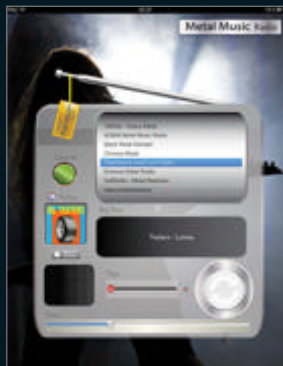
craft outstanding beats with the in-built samples, or install your own you've made. The one-screen UI helps to keep track of what is going on, which is vital when watching your tunes flow.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: KandaBi

Metal Music

Every kind of metal under the sun



If metal is your sound, then this is likely to be the best app you've

ever downloaded, with a diverse range of all the metal types you can imagine. The app streams a number of radio stations to your iPad, and if you can get over the very budget appearance you'll likely find

something for you. Some radio stations are defunct or fail to buffer and can make browsing the apps list tedious. When it does work, you'll find something to match your flavour.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £3.99/\$6.49 Developer: Omenie

Ellatron HD

Two keyboards for the price of one



Like many keyboard-playing apps out there, Ellatron HD lets you pick a number of sounds and play around with them until your heart's content. Unfortunately this is little more than a toy and it's



tricky to actually select different types of keyboard sounds. For the fairly high asking-price this is just not value for money.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Red Karaoke

Red Karaoke

Because singing to your iPad is totally normal



It's a novel idea to bundle a karaoke machine into your iPad, and for the most part it lives up to this idea. There doesn't need to be any flair, nor does it really matter that the songs are cheap electronic reproductions – this is karaoke, after all. The presentation is cheap,



however, which often carries over to the timing of the songs and the misspelling of the lyrics. The app is entertaining enough, but not worth the subscription cost that comes with it.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £3.99/\$6.49 Developer: IPC Media Ltd

NME ICONS: JACK WHITE

NME brings its Icons to the iPad



This is the first of NME's Icons brand of one-off featurettes on inspirational musicians to appear on the iPad, and if it's a sign of things to come then you can be sure that this will be a reason to pay attention to this series in the future.

It's stylishly produced, utilising Jack White's iconic red and black design throughout the app. Headlines shout with large, thick

black text, elegantly introducing each new section or article while prompts have been included to guide the user from page to page where necessary. It's simple enough to navigate – just head to the right – but there's often more detail to be found when scrolling downwards, and markers in the corner lead the way.

As with all the best apps, however, this is tailored to the intricacies of tablet control, bringing a little more interactivity than just a string of text. This means you can get a full experience out of the app, enjoying the articles between swiping through image galleries, watching music videos or even listening to clips of an album alongside its review. There's always something to prod, which is important in these kind of magazine-styled apps.

There's a lot of content available too. It helps that Jack White has had an illustrious career, but NME has gone to great lengths to tailor its existing magazine content to the app and has done so with great effort.

The only criticism is the frequent use of Third Man Records adverts, the links heading over to Jack White's record label store every couple of pages. It's fair but a little overbearing and can get bothersome. However, this is a great example of interactive magazine content, and The White Stripes fans will love it.

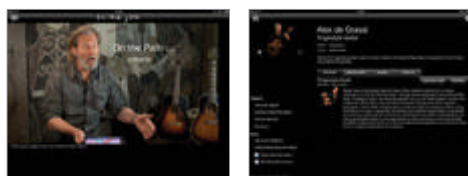
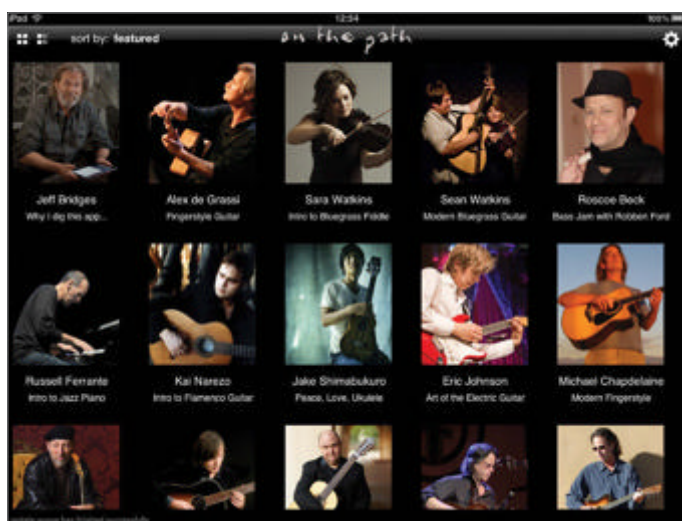
Rating ★★★★★



■ Samples of every album song is attached to each retrospective album review, making for compelling reading



■ There's a lot of new stuff in here that The White Stripes fans might never have seen or heard before



■ There's a mix of guitar and even violin styles to sample

■ Jeff Bridges actually introduces the app and tells you how to use it

Price: **Free** Developer: **On the Path LLC**

On the Music Path

Come with us now on a journey...



If you have Jeff Bridges introducing how to use your app, then you know it's a quality product. On The Music Path's ultimate goal is to teach guitarists a few different styles, playing along with reputable guitarists from electric and acoustic backgrounds.

The app itself has tons of excellent features, including a split-screen window to see both the left hand and right hand playing along at once. This is accompanied by a tablature or sheet music notations to help you follow along and can even be slowed as you practise without affecting the pitch of the guitar playback. All these features are bundled into an intuitive app that has really had some effort put into designing it for the iPad.

The lessons themselves are of a similarly high quality, with tutors able to express their knowledge simply and in sensible stages. The only issue is the cost: with the minimum of most lessons charging an additional £10.49/\$15.99.

Rating ★★★★★



■ The presentation is clean, simple and effective. It's hard to fault

■ Live streams tune into any of the specific genre channels you like, with most – except pop – having been included

Price: **Free** Developer: **NOUS Wissensmanagement GmbH**

Red Bull Music Academy Radio

A revolution in sound?



Red Bull's brand is something of an enigma, moving beyond its energy drink products and into extreme sports and hardcore music. Red Bull Music Academy Radio aims to highlight up-and-coming artists from across a broad spectrum of genres.

The app itself opens with a selection of the best interviews and features, live recordings and mixes chosen for you, though its real benefit comes from listening to the live streams from a selection of shows.

Unfortunately the app is flawed. Without a pause or stop function of any kind, you'll need to force the app to close when you no longer want to listen. It's a little short-sighted and a massive blemish on an otherwise solid presentation.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Alvin Yu

Guitar Tuner

Forget playing by ear



Simplicity is often the best way when it comes to iPad apps, and you can't get more simple than this. A long list of possible guitar tunings each with their individual strings and notes, accompanied with playable sounds to match alongside your own guitar. Great if you have an ear for it, of course, but not so much if you're a



newcomer to guitar playing. Beyond that there isn't much else to celebrate with this app, and since you do most of the work yourself, it can't compete with other, better apps on the App Store.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £5.99/\$9.49 Developer: Sonosaurus Ltd

ThumbJam

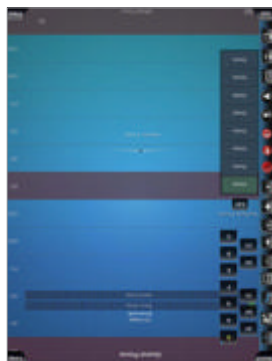
Time to rock out with your thumbs out



ThumbJam adheres to the GarageBand train of thought: that you don't need complex tools to make great music. Unfortunately, it doesn't match the ability

in GarageBand to create complexity from simplicity.

It works well enough, with a number of instruments to tap out different tunes and even record them for later playback. These can be saved but not edited, or at least not easily. It's great for a jam, as its name suggests, but not much more.



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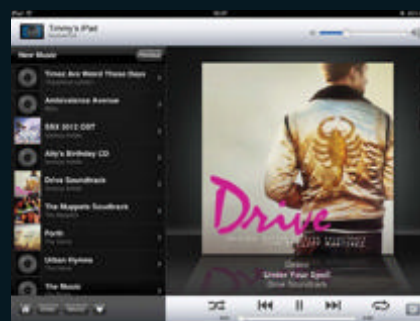
Price: £6.99/\$10.49 Developer: Stefan Hansel Solutions UG

SqueezePad

Squeeze more media out of your iPad



Having to access your PC every time you want to listen to music is hassle, which is where SqueezePad comes in. It takes time to get the whole service up and running, but once done (and the extra in-app purchase is bought) it's a smooth media



app. More could be done to spruce the app up and the awkward menu design needs work, but on the whole this is a great remote-media app.

Rating ★★★★★

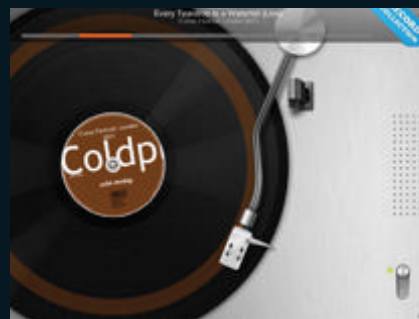
Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Color Monkey

VinylLove™

Love vinyl? Then you'll love VinylLove



As we barrel forward into the future there are often some sacrifices, and that classic feeling of music from a vinyl record is just one of them. This is really little more than a music player, but with the added effect of classic crackles and the tactile nature of picking out an album and sliding it into place. It's a novel idea and therefore



lacking some of the sophisticated features of a more traditional media player, but for those who long for that classic audio experience, there are far worse ways of spending 69p/99¢.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: **Free** Developer: **David Wallin**

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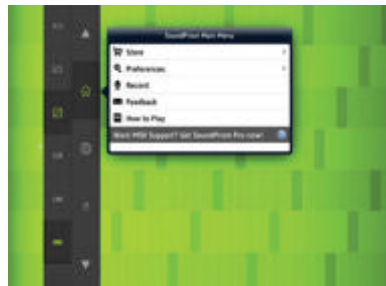


A wonderfully simple music maker, this app mixes a drum machine with a synthesiser. Just keep switching the channel you're working on and you'll begin to layer a tune. Beneath the surface you can begin to edit in more detail.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: **Free** Developer: **Audanika GmbH**

SoundPrism

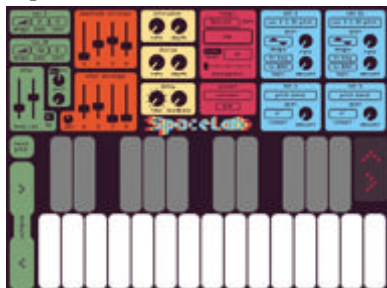


In this colourful app you have a selection of sound, plus plenty more that can be downloaded as in-app purchases. Making music is nice and easy as you can preset chords, and just have to tap or hold your finger on the open field of tones.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: **£0.69/\$0.99** Developer: **Iglesia Intermedia**

SpaceLab



While it may look like it's offering more style than substance, SpaceLab is a fantastic music-creation tool. With a keyboard, graph, guitar and wind controller at your fingertips you can make some really fantastic-sounding electronic music.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: **£6.99/\$10.49** Developer: **Reactable Systems SL**

Reactable Mobile



From a blank surface to a crazed assortment of pulsating orbs, Reactable Mobile is one of the most unique-looking music creation apps. Drag loops and sequencers into position and then record your tune to share.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: **Free** Developer: **Liine BV**

Smudge



Specifically designed for Space, Ibiza's iconic nightclub, this app also works outside of the installation to allow you to make music. The black smudge in the centre of the screen acts like an instrument; pulling it in different directions will result in different sounds, and you can put together a sequence of these sounds to create a pulsing beat.

Rating ★★★★★



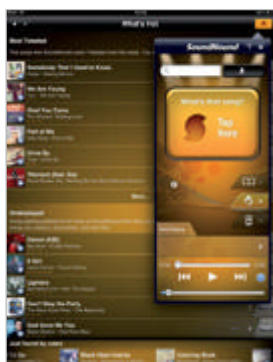
Price: **Free** Developer: **Stromatolite Ltd**

Synaesthesia



This interesting concept uses your iPad's camera to find colours in your surroundings and turn them into sounds. Each colour offers a different sound and shaking your device mixes the sounds together. We found that the noises were a little strange, and while tilting the device offered a skewed change of pitch for each one, shaking rarely created a beat as promised.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: **Free** Developer: **SoundHound Inc**

SoundHound



Like other song-identification apps such as Shazam, SoundHound may have trouble identifying a song at a live show. Uniquely, however, it can identify a tune that you hum or sing into the microphone. Even better, you get unlimited song IDs on the free version, although a paid version removes the ads and has extra features.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: **£17.49/\$25.99** Developer: **Prasad Upasani**

iTablaPro



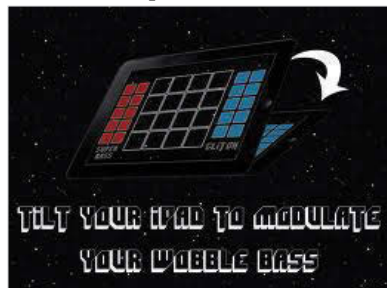
There's no doubting iTablaPro's ability to master its particular niche, but that doesn't mean it's worth the money. Though you can pick from a number of styles and alter the various effects to create a melodic beat, it has very little interactivity.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Chris Martone

Dubstep Universe



Regardless of what your thoughts on dubstep are, avoid this. The idea is to let users create their own jams on the fly with the bassline provided from the ten Super Bass tiles. The best you can get is a half-baked bassline with a wub or two.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £13.99/\$20.99 Developer: algoriddiam GmbH

djay



Djay is a simple twin-disk mixer with an easy-to-grasp interface. Up to four cue points can be set and easily activated, loops are used without hassle and a touch FX pad offers great control over effects like Echo, Flanger and Phaser.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Chime Superior

Epic Drum Set



Epic Drum Set doesn't live up to its name. The ad-supported app comes with just two available kit types and attempts to get users to pay nominal in-app fees for two others – and to remove distracting ads. Not one to be recommended.

Rating ★★★★★

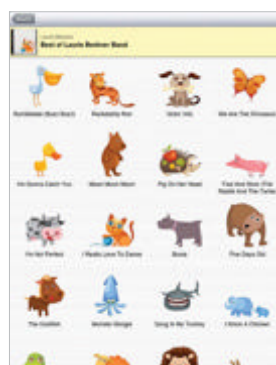
Price: Free Developer: Amidio Inc

Touch DJ Evolution



Touch DJ Evolution does things differently. Instead of displaying twin vinyl decks it shows just the waveforms of your chosen songs in two vertical strips that cascade down the screen. It may not be the usual professional setup – and it undeniably feels more like a toy than a real piece of kit – but it's intuitive and easier to use than most other DJ apps.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: epublica GmbH

Kids' Music Player

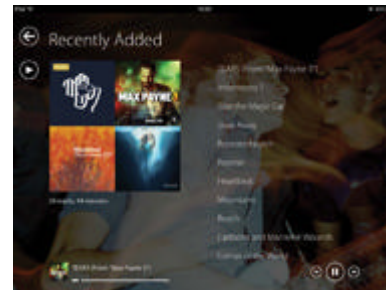


In addition to keeping your kids quiet for hours, Kids' Music Player works as a great educational tool to help teach your kids the alphabet and basic words through music. The app syncs with your music library, enabling you to create a playlist of songs and albums for your kids to listen to, replacing song titles with images and icons for your child to recognise.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: Ender Labs

Track 8



The aim of the latest app from developer Ender Labs is to give music lovers a visually-enhanced interface with which to browse and play tracks on their iPad. For the price, you would expect far more options, As it is, the app is poor value.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £2.49/\$4.49 Developer: Image-line

Deckadance Mobile



Although songs take far too long to load and BPM detection is incredibly slow, there are plenty of loop options to play with here and four cue points. However, cueing pauses the song rather than sets you up for a mix, preventing smooth transition.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £0.69 / \$0.99 Developer: Ross Results Inc

EQ 10 - Equalizer for iOS



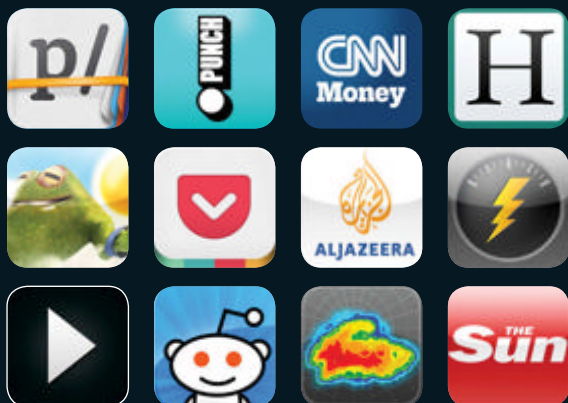
This is a stunning solution for making the most out of your iPad music. You get a 10-band equaliser plus a 3-band analog mode alongside the ability to save presets and draw EQ curves. For fine tuning of the iPad sound, it really does cover all of the bases in a simple and effective interface.

Rating ★★★★★



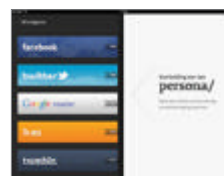
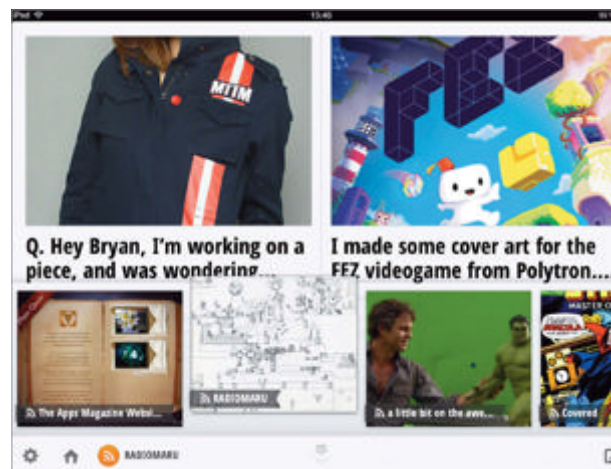
News/Weather

News/ Weather



Do you ever find yourself missing the news on TV because you're so busy? If you do, the iPad's got your back with its array of news and weather apps. Even if your interests go beyond general news reports, there's bound to be an app that gives you the content you need. Here are some of the latest...

Top Paid Apps	Top Free Apps
StockSpy HD ★★★★★	Punch! Culture Shelf ★★★★★
Space Wx for iPad ★★★★★	CNN Money for iPad ★★★★★
MyTV - News ★★★★	Weather Now^o ★★★★
Staff pick of the section	
Weather Live ★★★★	Pocket ★★★★★



Setting up persona/ is as easy as choosing the service you want to connect to

Images take centre stage in persona/'s main interface, making a truly beautiful app

Price: [Free](#) Developer: [Padawan Networks SL](#)

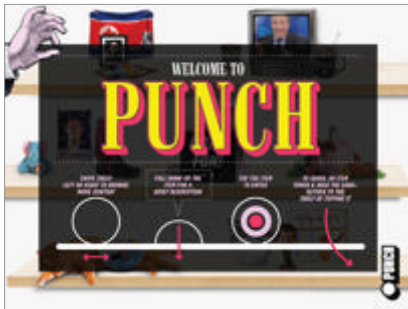
persona/ Monitor all your social networks



There are plenty of apps out there to help you keep in touch with your various social networks, but few bring them all together in a way that's elegant, well-designed and easy to use. persona/ succeeds in doing this with aplomb. This free app will enable you to connect to Twitter, Facebook and your RSS feeds (Instagram and Tumblr connections are in-app purchases of £0.69/\$0.99 apiece) and display updates and posts in a style not that dissimilar to Flipboard.

Where persona/ really excels is in its simplicity; setting up your various social networks takes a few minutes, and once everything is done, posting tweets or a Facebook status is incredibly easy. The app's UI is bright yet clean, with plenty of emphasis on typography and images; ideal for quickly catching up on the latest news. The ability to search for, and add, RSS feeds to the app is a real plus, making it a true all-rounder for anyone who's worried about yet another download. All that's missing is a Retina display update for the new iPad.

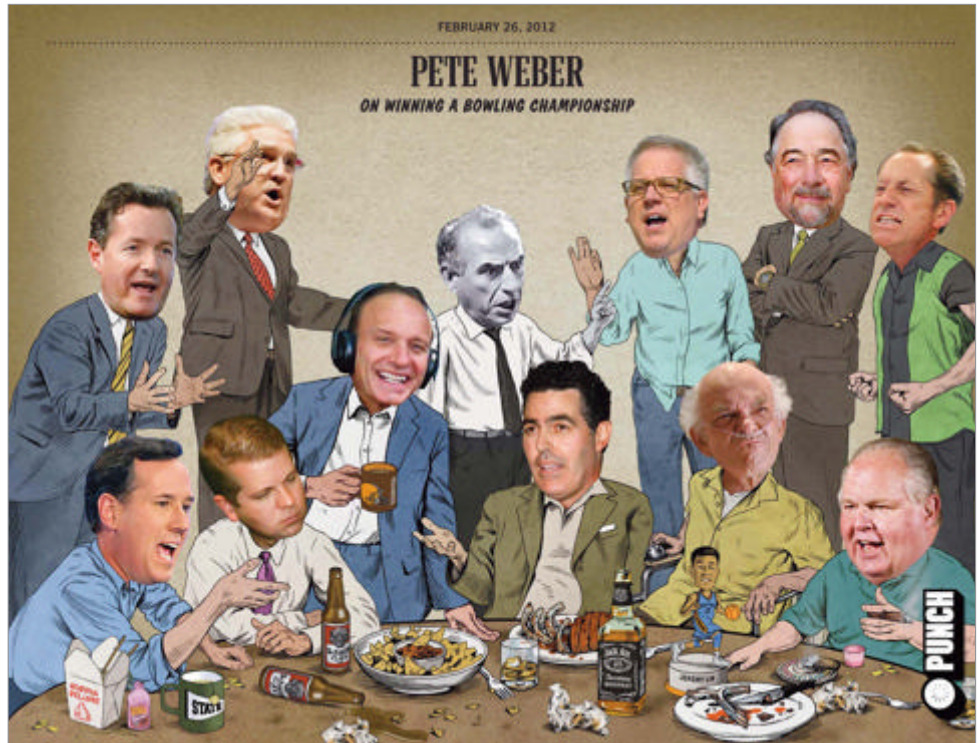
Rating ★★★★★



Punch! is easy to navigate and, like all the best apps, makes use tap and swipe functions



Some sponsored content keeps the app free, but it's pretty interesting all the same



Some of the illustrations are really fun and help tie things like audio clips together

Price: Free Developer: Punch Media Inc

Punch! Culture Shelf

A new form of media with its tongue firmly in its cheek



This 'media platform,' as it describes itself, is essentially a new form of magazine, bringing you a fun, interactive spin on current affairs.

The humour and politics of Punch! may not be for everyone, but if you're a fan of satires like *The Daily Show*, *The Onion* or *The Revolution Will Be Televised*, then chances are you'll get on with its irreverent style. It certainly goes to great lengths to not be taken too seriously, and offers a broad enough range of ideas to give you something to be interested in with each update.

At first glance, what you get from Punch! is a shelf of links to various content. These scroll from left to right with more items on each shelf. Tap any one and you open up a new piece of media, from wonderful pages of artwork packed with interactive links to video montages and high-concept design projects to more traditional long-form narratives. Everything in Punch! is commissioned exclusively, so everything you see in it is wholly original and unlike anything you might have seen elsewhere in apps or otherwise.

For example, one particularly fun feature we played with was Closet Case – a game in which you dress up Rick Santorum. This small activity lets you clothe the former Republican presidential nominee in a variety of wholly inappropriate costumes. You could also find a slideshow of posters and advertisements conceived by professionals as to what a North Korean tourism push might look like.

As you might expect from a current affairs magazine, Punch! is regularly updated to spoof the latest political follies, providing you with a steady stream of free entertainment. To pay for all this content advertising appears once and a while in the form of sponsored features, however not enough to detract from the overall quality of the app.

It's all very silly and lighthearted, but delivered in so many diverse ways as to be very impressive. Even the most interactive of magazines on iPad don't go as far as Punch! does.

Rating ★★★★★

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Price: Free Developer: Cable News Network

CNNMoney for iPad

The stock market watcher makes its way onto the iPad



CNNMoney, through its website and iPhone app has become an established resource for global markets, and the iPad app builds on the simplicity of the website. Bold fonts, simple charts and related stats are the centre point of each page within the Markets section. Within a given company or market's page, you can look back over five years of performance by tapping the different headings above the

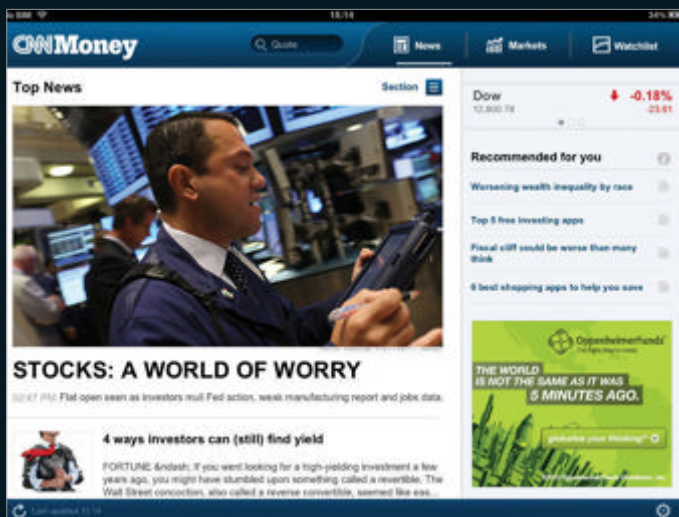
Performance Graph. Helpfully you will also find a Related News column on each page, which displays stories relevant to those you're currently looking at.

In terms of functionality, the app also scores well. There's a high level of satisfaction to be obtained from being able to tap any name on the homepage and instantly see market performance. You can add stocks to your Watchlist with a single tap, as well as Alerts to notify you when there is movement on your stock. All of this syncs with your account on the CNNMoney website for added ease.

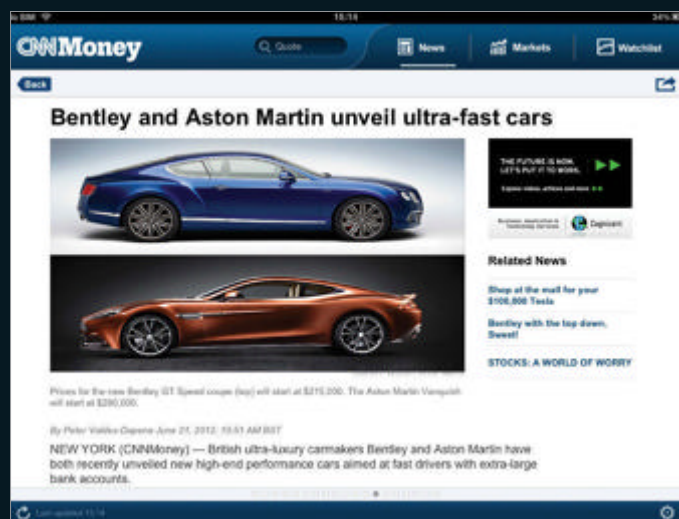
There is also a good logic to the interface, with scrollable and swipeable pages that simplify navigation. This is particularly evident in the app's News section, where you can opt to either scroll through the list of stories, or swipe left or right to move to the next or previous article.

CNNMoney also demonstrates a good level of AI in its Recommended for You tab, which lists stories based on your browsing history. There's a Preview bar here, where you can swipe between some of the major markets for a performance snapshot as you read the news.

This slick operator of an app looks and feels like it was made for your desk, and with that in mind it does a brilliant job of delivering the latest market news.

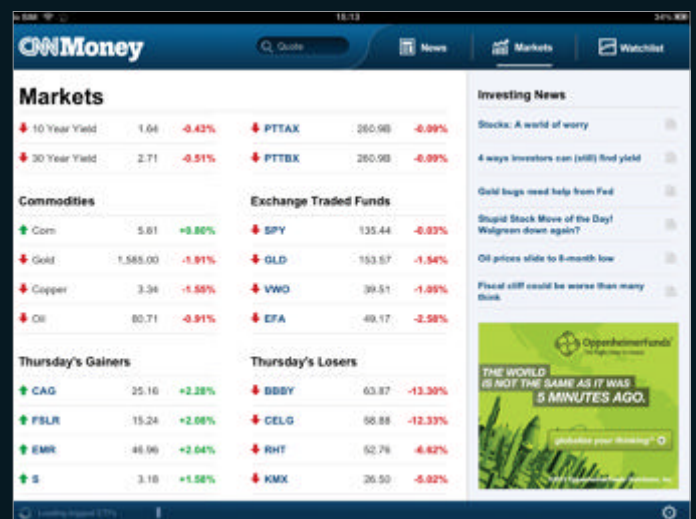


■ The app's UI is sleek and effective, especially in the News section



■ The News section will begin to tailor itself to you as you browse it

Rating ★★★★★



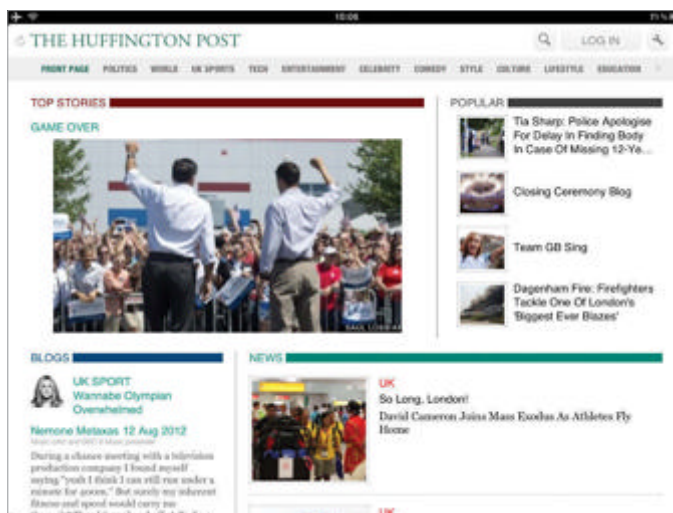
■ The app gives you all the detail you need on the biggest movers of the day



Price: Free Developer: The Huffington Post

Huffington Post for iPad

Ad-free version of the website



A clutter-free interface awaits you upon launch



The Huffington Post was famously bought by AOL in 2011 for a cool \$315 million. As a result there are high expectations placed on the news app from the off and for the most part it delivers.

The interface sports a more refined and cleaner version of its main website with clutter-free tabs at the top for fast access to categories such as Sports and Culture.

Tapping on a news article also has a Twitter-style slide-out pane that provides a full-screen view of the news (supported by images), with various handy options at the top that we liked such as being able to adjust the font size and forwarding the news onto others via popular social networking sites – there is even support for offline reading via Instapaper (an optional app).

However, the app doesn't quite have the same visual impact as the main website, but the noticeable speed increase and lack of ads make it more than worthwhile.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: BRGR Media Ltd

Mr Weather

A local, five-day weather forecast



From the moment we launched Mr Weather we were surprised, and little a put off, by the app attempting to launch Safari in the background. We are not sure what the website was but our confidence with the app was starting to grow thin.

Presentation is possibly the app's only saving grace as the small frog changes appearance depending on the location's weather conditions – which we admit are picked up extremely quickly. The background also changes to animated weather effects and you can add more locations from other countries and swipe between them using the map icon.

Unfortunately the temperature and the min/max averages are the only forms of info shown. That is unless you count the wind speed conditions, but you would hardly know the feature was there due to the choice of font, which makes it tricky to view.



We felt a little annoyed having paid 69p for an app and then we found this under the info!

Presentation is good with animated weather conditions

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: The Browser Ltd

The Browser for iPad

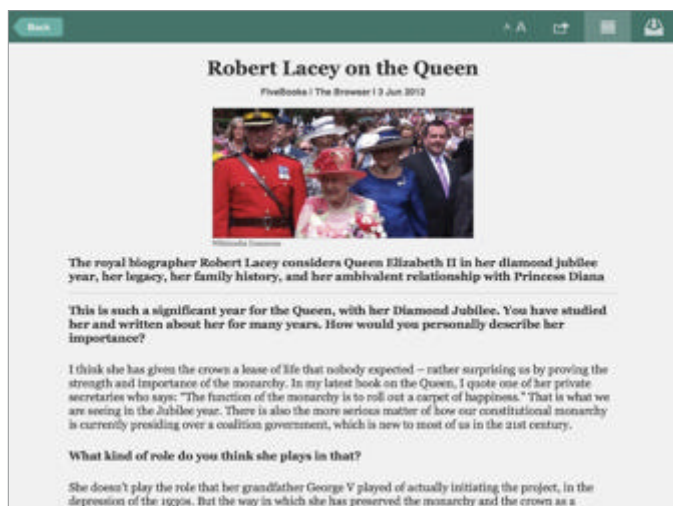
Thought-provoking news in one app



There are plenty of news apps on the App Store, with many of them now specifically designed to look amazing on the iPad. Few, however, offer content that's been selected and curated by a handful of skilled editors, meaning you'll spend less time sorting the current affairs wheat from the chaff.

When you first fire up the app, you're presented with a homepage not unlike any other news website with the best picks of today's stories. Clicking on any of these may take you to a web page or a simplified, text-only version of the original article which is far easier to read.

There's nothing hugely special about the app itself here, but it's the content that really makes it, with the offline reading and minimal stylings a real plus. You'll need to throw some cash at an in-app purchase to take advantage of The Browser's total range of content, but there's more than enough here to whet your appetite.



■ Tapping the highlighted icon in the top toolbar will strip away any distracting elements from the story you're reading

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: Acrylic Software

Pulp

Keep up to date



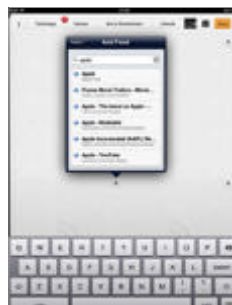
Pulp is a newsreader that enables you to keep abreast of the latest stories and trending topics. Instead of visiting multiple websites in Safari and looking for new items, Pulp does it all for you and delivers it in a newspaper-style format.

Some feeds are provided, which include technology, science, arts & entertainment and lifestyle. Tap on one of the headings, and extracts from the articles are displayed in a multi-column layout. The columns are scrollable, and there is a lot of content. Tap a story, and it is displayed full-screen in a simple layout that makes reading it easy on the eye, although you can switch to full web page view.

There is a tray at the top for saving stories, you can create your own news pages by adding feeds, and you can share items on Facebook or Twitter or via email.



■ Pulp delivers news stories in both portrait and landscape views



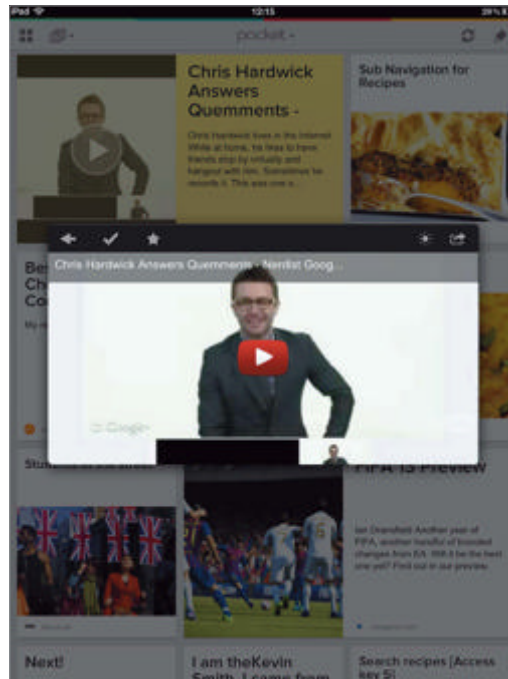
■ Stories can be viewed in a simple reader or as a web page, saved for later or shared with others

Rating ★★★★★



■ We think the grid view of all the saved stories is pretty cool

■ You can save videos as well as text to catch up with later, which is fantastic and broadens Pocket's usefulness



■ Pocket works with the Bookmarks bar in the web browser to help you quickly save things to the app

Price: Free Developer: Idea Shower

Pocket

Read It Later gets a makeover



Read It Later was incredibly popular, but developers Idea Shower decided it was time for an upgrade. With Pocket, the basic principles remain the same in that users can save links or articles to a reading list.

This all now takes place in a much cleaner interface than the black one users of Read It Later will be familiar with. Pocket is white and seamless, with lots of gesture-based navigation and simple menu setups that aim to minimise the effort needed from the user.

Speaking of which, the installation process is very impressive, as you're not only walked through how to set up a free account, but also how to sync the app with other apps and software. This includes social network apps like Twitter, where you can save links posted by others, and news apps like Flipboard and Pulse.

Pocket has also improved on the way it manages things you save to it, with different departments within the app to store your articles and multimedia. You can save things by tapping the bookmarks bar in your web browser and selecting 'Save To Pocket'. You'll then see a message confirming your action, and the article or other media will have been added to your list – it's as easy as that.

The process is similar when it comes to grabbing information from other apps. For example, Pocket provides you with a guide on how to verify your account in Twitter, which will then appear as one of the options in the menu when you tap and hold on a link.

Having now created a list of articles, you can begin to work through and manage it. The icons in the top-left corner of your list screen allow you to view your queue as either a straight list or in a grid system. You also have the option of switching to a more traditional reading view by tapping the view icon at the top.

Pocket also has some nice gesture-based navigation that allows you to manage your list from the home page.

There is clearly a greater emphasis on user experience in Pocket. Rather than focussing on adding new features, the developer has instead looked to improve what already made Read It Later popular by making it a clearer and more inviting place to visit. The viewing experience has been refined, and although there is still some functionality glitches when the app doesn't recognise an article or drops a connection, these will likely be rectified in a future update.

Fans of Read It Later should fear no more, as Pocket has built on what was good about that app, and added a better interface, crisper functionality, and an increased feeling of freedom.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Channel 4 Television Corporation

C4 News

Quality news from Channel 4



C4 News provides a wealth of news content, including galleries and catch-up TV, all packaged up in an intuitive interface.

A large headline story greets you upon start-up, with several smaller thumbnail articles underneath. A swipe of the screen reveals additional top news stories, or you can click on a series of tabs at the base to access specific categories.

Interestingly, the app also provides access to blogs from Channel 4 news presenters, which are pretty engaging in their own right. Launching articles allows you to swipe to read additional content, or you can adjust the font-size and share stories. Our only gripe is that the offline reading mode, which essentially allows you to read previously downloaded content, occasionally causes the app close.

The TV catch-up video quality could also be a bit better; however the ability to view snippets of news is still a handy feature for keeping track of all the top news stories.

Rating ★★★★★

Layout and presentation is top draw, with easy access to all the news

Price: Free Developer: DeluxeWare

Weather Now °

Detailed global coverage



Stylish, easy to use yet detailed, this weather app manages to bundle in a lot of information and options with a well-designed interface.

On the home screen you can get information on the selected location such as local time and current weather with detailed weather conditions, all beautifully rendered in a 3D image of the globe with realistic-looking atmosphere. You can manually turn it, increase and decrease its size, run the slow spinning animation or stop it. Installed in a cradle or dock station, the application can run as a screensaver.

With forecasts available for over 80,000 locations around the world, Weather Now ° provides a level of coverage and detail that is hard to find to find on any other weather app.

There's an extra charge to unlock the 15-day forecast, but apart from that you can't ask for much more from such an app.



You will have to pay extra for the 15-day forecast function

The 3D globe graphic can also be used as a screensaver

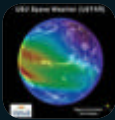
Rating ★★★★★



Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: Utah State University Space Weather Center

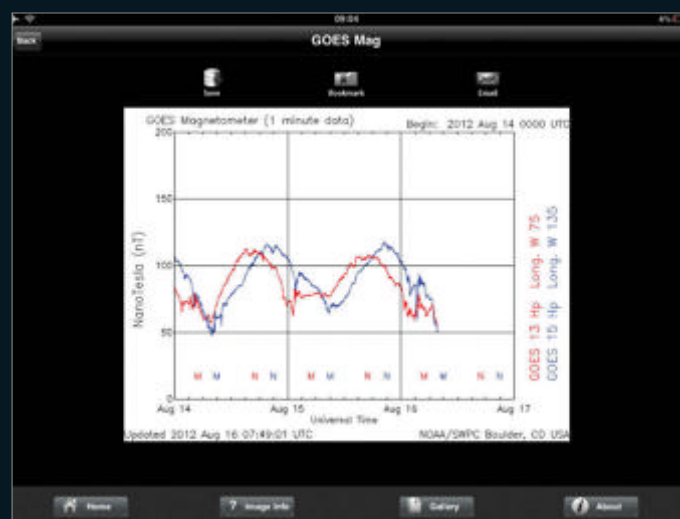
SpaceWx for iPad

Utilise SpaceWx to find data/images relating to space weather



SpaceWx focuses on space weather, or more specifically, how the sun affects the near-Earth space environment – the area of space where space debris and satellites/technological systems (ie GPS) are found.

The app does require a high level of academic understanding and complexity to proceedings, so for those who are looking to simply pick it up and be educated, you will be disappointed and probably more than a little baffled!



■ The data included in the app does require academic understanding

On the flipside, if you know what you are looking for in the extracted data (including Aurora Borealis graphs and Solar index forecasts), taken from a series of real-time, operational systems (like GOES, NOAA-SWD), which are linked to the four major space environment domains, ie the Sun, solar wind, magnetosphere, thermosphere/ionosphere, this could prove a useful source to aid you in your academic understanding of space weather.

However, the primary interface is a little basic. You'll find a static background showcasing Earth and the Sun, with a slide-out menu comprising thumbnails showing the aforementioned domains: Sun, Solar Wind, Magnetosphere, and Thermosphere/Ionosphere.

By tapping on the Sun, for example, you get two rows of icons which can be manipulated by tapping/swiping the icons. The top icon can be tapped to reveal Organisation info and the bottom reveals the data they provide, which takes the form of real-time graphs (ie solar x-rays) or stereo images, which can be zoomed in on.

Graphs and images can also be saved, emailed or bookmarked so you can gain access to the data at a later point by clicking on the accompanying icons at the base.

Unfortunately, while some of the organisation/graph/image info is useful, the developers do tend to rely on external links at times. Likewise, some of the organisations don't provide enough data.

Rating ★★★★★



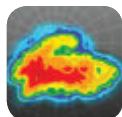
■ Sometimes the app is hampered by third-party links opening in the window



Price: Free Developer: Aviation Data Systems Inc

MyRadar

Animated weather radar images for your location



MyRadar utilises a Google Map view to overlay a series of animated weather conditions for your location.

The animations are joined by a scale at the base which shows the severity of the weather, while at the top you get a five-day forecast thumbnail, showcasing a handful of



functions.

However, it is next to useless for any country bar the US. If its remit could be expanded then it would be good, but it's currently hard to recommend.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £13.99/\$19.99 Developer: Stock-spy.com

StockSpy HD

Track the markets to your advantage



There are few apps as well tailored to the markets they are aimed at as StockSpy HD. It's simple to use, easy to control and – best of all – is a doddle to understand. There's a good number of features



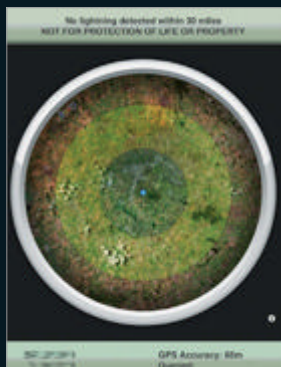
under the hood for the benefit of financial experts, but its stock-tracking feature is without equal, making this extremely useful for finance aficionados.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: AllisonHouse LLC

BoltMeter Lightning

Real-time lightning strike detector



BoltMeter Lightning provides lightning detection within a radius of up to 30 miles.

However it is pretty limited considering you can't input a manual location or configure alerts to warn you about possible strikes. Instead, you can pick from a variety of map

views, ie hybrid or satellite, and enable a compass option to adjust the map rotation. There's also some handy safety tips, but the variable accuracy makes it hard to recommend.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Connor Zwick

TechWire

A collection of all the best blogs under one roof



TechWire offers access to some of the world's top blogs, all of which are listed in an inviting front interface with a lovely scrolling background.

Selecting a blog displays a list of the main articles with a small thumbnail and basic description. Our only gripe is that



when reading articles you can't increase the font size, and on a few articles you still don't get access to the full story unless you click the 'read more @ our website' option at the base.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Al Jazeera Network

Al Jazeera for iPad

The official news channel app



Al Jazeera brings you all the latest news from a range of countries, specifically focusing on the middle-east.

This equates to a large array of content, which can be overwhelming, and the interface, for all intents and purposes, is little more than an embedded version of the website.

As a result some features aren't natively iPad compatible, and



performance is not quite as fast. However, there are a series of shortcut buttons at the base, one of which includes the Live TV stream service, which is a pretty good news source.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Urban Apps LLC

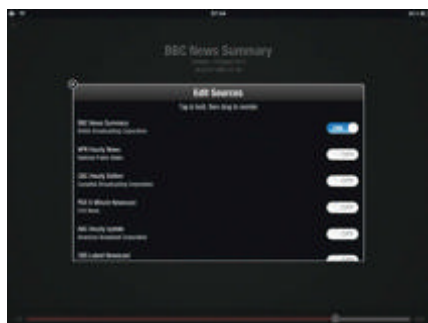
Hourly News

Access the latest news bulletins



Hourly News offers a basic interface with only standard playback controls and a little slider at the base for replaying the news.

Immediately upon launch, it will automatically play the bulletin(s) of your choice. These vary in length, and include popular stations such as the BBC, Fox News and CBS,



for example.

The list of stations is quite small, and it would have been useful to add your own links, but the developers can be contacted to get additional news sources added.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: News International Ltd

The Sun for iPad

The Sun goes digital



The Sun app allows you to access a digital rendition of the newspaper or an interactive edition. However, the latter is merely a collection of snippets displayed in a standard iPad format, which is a little unstable at times.

In terms of the newspaper, each issue is displayed in an attractive



thumbnail format and can be downloaded for offline reading. Our only gripe is that the image quality – when zoomed – is a little grainy.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: CondeNet

iReddit

A community driven news service for the masses



iReddit is more about the news than it is about the interface, as the front page contains mostly text with the odd thumbnail image.

Most of the time you'll find the main stories that you select are taken from third-party websites, and are embedded



within the core interface. However, we liked the comment link at the base of each article, which lets you engage with the app community.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Smobile Factory

GNews Free – Google News for iPhone and iPad



Though it's not much to look at, GNews does manage to track a variety of Google News subjects – as well as personally chosen ones – with a degree of success. Though location tracking can be a little skewed, it's still a decent app for breaking news.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: The Washington Post

The Washington Post for iPad



This app shows promise with its number of interactive elements – such as the up-to-date weather and photo sections – and is presented in an eye-pleasing fashion. Sadly it does limit some content, and so doesn't offer the full WP experience.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Readability LLC

Readability

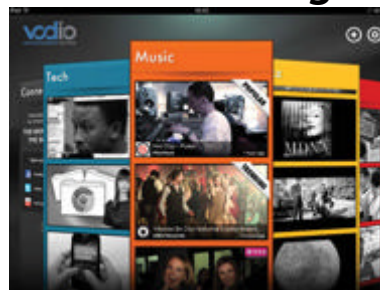


At first, its USP's seem superfluous: view any webpage in an uncluttered format and save it to read later. But there's much more to Readability; you can add pages to your reading list, sync them to your iOS app and adjust the font, size and brightness of the text.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Vodio Labs Ltd

Vodio Video Magazine



Vodio offers a simple system of customisable columns that present video clips for subjects ranging from news and science to sports and movies, sourced from quality content providers such as Mashable and Funny or Die.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: Apalon

Weather Live



The smartest part of this app is actually the home screen icon, which uses the notification number to tell you the current temperature. With slick presentation, Weather Live is great for those who only want to know the current weather and little else.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: AlienPower Inc

Weather++

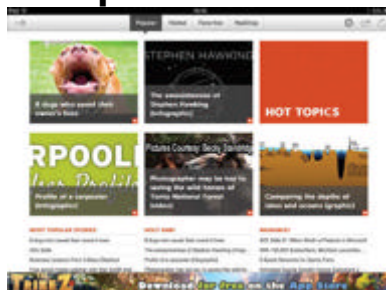


It doesn't take much to make a weather app: provide a few details on what the weather is like and you've done your job. But this app only does that, while there are so many other apps out there for the same price that provide more info than this.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Nononina Inc

Alltop for iPad



The aim to aggregate thousands of blogs and RSS feeds on one app is a great idea. In reality, it's a little too much to take in. Over time, the Visited, Favourites and MyAlltop tabs may help you to sift through the information, but there's a lot of it.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Pelmorex Media Inc

WeatherEye HD



Aesthetically, WeatherEye HD is one of the better weather apps available. There is also a lot of detail available with this app, but difficulty navigation makes it hard to find the information you want. One for weather buffs only.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: FOX News Digital LLC

FOX News for iPad



FOX is all about flashy presentation, which can be a distraction when you're bombarded with a tickertape news reel, a video slideshow, swipeable stories and a LiveTV service which only works with a subscription. The lack of dates also makes it hard to identify what's current. Plus, ironically, the article presentation could be better!

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Newstex LLC

LexisNexis Legal News



Legal News' interface has a conservative feel, but there is a lot of quality content, including blogs, videos and Twitter feeds, that is always within easy reach. For example, we liked that clicking on a news article brings up a bar with access to additional content, and it's easy to tailor fonts and copy/paste text.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £2.49/\$3.99 Developer: Magnus Skou Andersen

MyTV - News



MyTV offers a collection of USTV shows that stream in the top part of the interface. The app runs a little sluggish, but the content and video quality is okay. However, while you can search for additional content, some of it is out of date.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Independent Digital News & Media Ltd

The Independent



There's no faulting the content that is available here, but unfortunately the app itself isn't up to scratch, with intrusive advertisements, content failing to download and a poor implementation of the Newsstand features.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Bluefin Eng LLC

Marine Weather Plus



Marine Weather Plus utilises a modified Google Map view, which can be overlaid with various options like weather forecast zones and tide predictions. The interface is simple to use, and tapping on a coloured place maker or grid allows you to glean a lot of useful weather information.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Valentina

RT News And More



RT News And More offers a fast and efficient means of accessing news articles. The main interface lists the articles as thumbnails, which can be clicked on to reveal the full story in an embedded portrait view, along with images, videos and a share function. Alongside a bookmark feature that allows you to save your top stories, this continues to impress.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: PageSuite Ltd

New Statesman



New Statesman is split into two parts: the subscription-based side and a standard news section. However, while the interface appears comprehensive at first glance, with quick access to archive magazines, top stories and blogs, it suffers from long initial loading times, and some of the news articles are poorly laid out with limited functionality.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: ASV Apps

Weather Reporter



Weather Report provides a seven-day forecast, but it's packaged up in a counter-intuitive interface. The front screen, for example, is misleading, as it shows a series of dates which can't be clicked on. Instead, you have to manually add cities – which feels a little jumbled. The only saving grace is the directions function, which displays weather on the map.

Rating ★★★★★



Photo & Video

Photo & Video



Since its second iteration, the iPad has had the ability to take photos and shoot videos - and the new iPad's Retina display presents crisper results with more vibrant colours. However, our selection of apps are designed to further enhance your images and make them picture perfect

Top Paid Apps	Top Free Apps
Portfolio for iPad ★★★★★	InstaEditor - Instant Photo Editor ★★★★★
Color Splash for iPad ★★★★★	TouchUp Lite - Photo Editor ★★★★★
Avid Studio ★★★★★	500px ★★★★★
Staff pick of the section	
The Photographer's Ephemeris ★★★★★	Cutest Paw ★★★



■ The clean interface is important for an app like 500px

■ It's easy to drop a comment on a photo, which is great to feel like part of the community

Price: Free Developer: 500px Inc

500px

There's far more than 500...

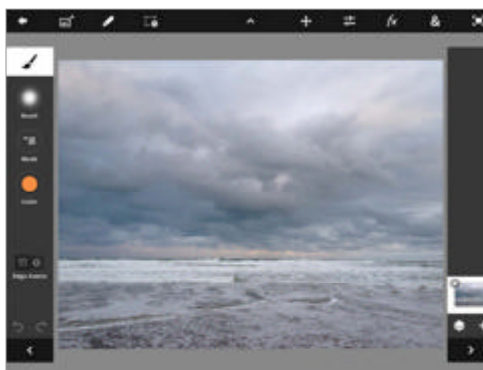


500px is a website community of photography enthusiasts. This isn't just a Tumblr page of variable quality; the majority of images here have artistic merit, intended to inspire and evoke.

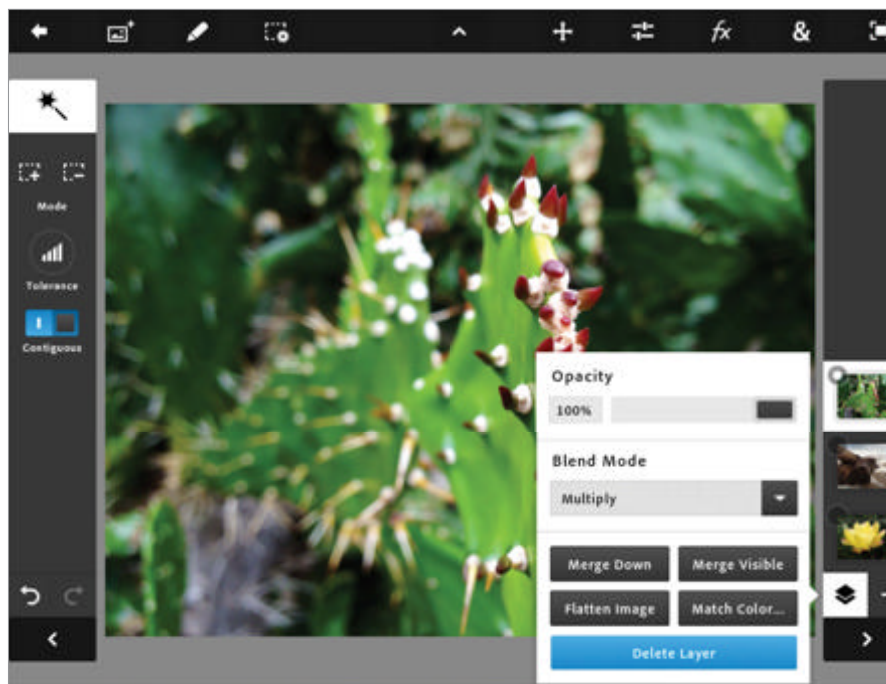
As apps like Guardian Eyewitness prove, there's a desire for apps that provide a string of interesting photos, which is what 500px is about. It's easy to use with a grid-based image browsing system. Tapping an icon will open it full-screen, while swiping left or right will move on to the next or previous photo. It's easy to comment on, which you do by tapping the Menu button and browsing from there. It's basically the website condensed into an app, with the same categories and channels available.

There are a few issues holding 500px back, however. When browsing images in full-screen, many take far too long to open, which tarts the enjoyment. It lacks the ability to zoom in on photos, too. This is fine on a tablet, but on a smartphone there are times when the small screen isn't enough.

Rating ★★★★★



■ The interface will be instantly recognisable to any Photoshop veteran



■ You can alter a layer's opacity, change its blend mode, merge it – pretty much everything you're used to

Price: £6.99/\$9.99 Developer: Adobe Systems Inc

Adobe Photoshop Touch

Photoshop is finally available on iOS. Was it worth the wait?



We doubt that anyone would argue that Photoshop is to design what Microsoft Word is to word processing – they represent the de facto standard in their respective fields. The absence of either hasn't stopped

the iPad from being a runaway success, though, and there are alternative programs that perform the same functions, but it is undoubtedly great to see Adobe embracing this new platform with a version of Photoshop.

If you're used to the desktop application, then the chances are that you will feel very comfortable when using Photoshop Touch. The tool palette is instantly recognisable, and you can get to work straight away, either with a blank slate or by using an image stored in your iPad's camera roll.

You can make selections using the Wand, Lasso or Marquee tools, for instance, colour with the Paint or Spray tools or work with the Clone or Healing brushes among others. Your options aren't as vast as in the desktop version, but they're enough to do some actual work. You can also apply filters, adjust your photo, wrap a layer, add gradients or text, and even crop your image, thanks to the top toolbar.

It is also a very tactile experience, for example, using the Refine Edge tool with your fingertips to capture even hard-to-select elements, like hair, with ease.

Sadly, there are also a lot of problems with this app. For one thing, you can only import or export PSD files by using Adobe's own Creative Cloud online service. However, multi-layered files aren't supported, so your file will be flattened, which in many cases defeats the purpose of moving your work around. If you try to send a file via email, you're limited to JPEG and PNG. It is little consolation, except to feed your ego, but you can also share your finished masterpieces on Facebook and view comments in-app.

Adobe also chose to go with its own UI, which means that the pop-up menus and options aren't the same as other iOS apps. It wouldn't be so bad if the interface was superior, but it isn't.

Perhaps most frustrating of all, Photoshop Touch currently limits your canvas to 1,600 x 1,600 pixels, which is smaller than photos taken with an iPhone 4, let alone the new iPad. Import a large photo, and it'll be shrunk down to fit that limit.

Rating ★★★★★



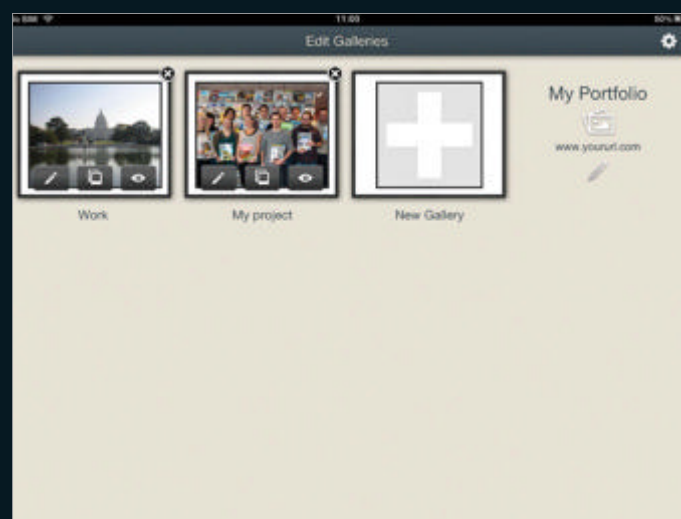
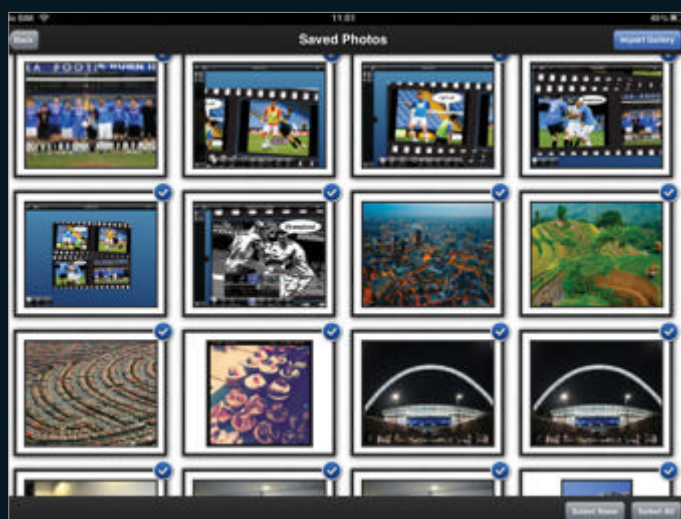
Price: £6.99/\$9.99 Developer: Edition Interactive

Portfolio Pro for iPad – Brandable Photo and Video App

Create a professional collection of your work in minutes



Portfolio Pro appears to have taken all the difficulty out of portfolio creation through its simple interface and functionality that reduces the process to just a few taps and no more than ten minutes of groundwork.



■ You can add a logo and web address for a more professional look

For an app that appears quite rigid in terms of its interface, you can personalise your work with ease. It's possible to change the colour scheme of individual portfolios, as well as the font and the various features of each section of text within a presentation.

Personalisation is something that can really make your creation stand out, and on the Galleries homepage you can drop in crucial extra details like a logo, web address and description of the portfolio.

In a sense you can create an in-depth digital business card from scratch. The real kick you will get from using Portfolio Pro is that you don't need a tutorial to grab what the app does. The interface is simple and intuitive enough to guide you with minimal fuss, and it is refreshing to see a creative app not try to overcomplicate things. Portfolio Pro knows what it wants to be – a presentation tool to help you stand out when going for a job interview or pitching for something important.

Everything is kept to a core number of areas, speeding up and simplifying every aspect of using the app, whether it be because you need to create a winning portfolio or just a solid slideshow viewer for your multimedia files.

Rating ★★★★★



■ The slideshow timer allows you to take a presentation at your own pace



Price: Free Developer: YummyApps Inc

InstaEditor - Instant Photo Editor!

Edit your favourite photos



Previously named Photo Editor Deluxe Pro, the now slightly catchier InstaEditor makes for a great free way to edit your images and share them via email, Facebook, Twitter and more. Once you've chosen a photo to edit (you can take one using Camera app integration or grab one from your Camera Roll), you're presented with a simple, image-centric interface with a whole host of editing options along the bottom of your iPad's screen. Correcting photos using the Auto tool under the Enhance menu is extremely effective as far as quick fixes go, and the Effects menu provides a number of tastefully made, one-tap vintage-style effects and filters. There's also crop tools, editing tools such as brightness and saturation and the ability to add stickers and draw on your images. Once you're done editing, you can share your finished photo with friends and family via email, Twitter, Facebook or a whole host of other sharing services. For a free app, this is one great photo editor.

■ InstaEditor's effects filters are well-made and authentic

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £5.99/\$8.99 Developer: Crookneck Consulting LLC

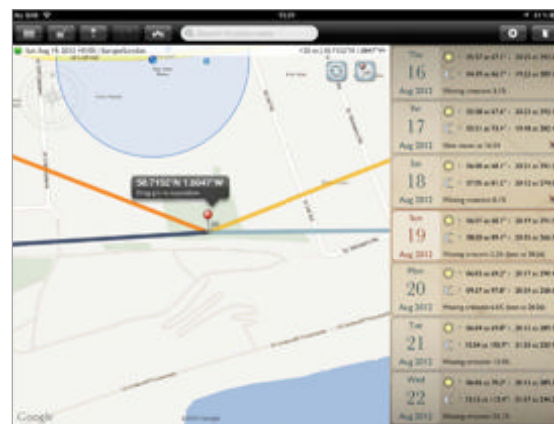
The Photographer's Ephemeris

Plan your next outdoor shoot



If you're planning an outdoor photo shoot and want to make the most of natural light, The Photographer's Ephemeris can help. Using your iPad's built-in mapping tools, this app allows you to see exactly where the sun and moon will rise and set and from what direction at any given location on any given day. It'll even tell you exactly what time this will all happen and the best times for shoots.

It's a fairly advanced tool for outdoor photography enthusiasts, but that's not to say it wouldn't be useful to those looking to get into capturing the world around them. With the ability to save your favourite locations and quickly find your current one at the tap of a button, it's certainly a valuable tool that's well worth its asking price. Wrap all that in a highly functional, well-designed interface, and you're onto a winner.



■ Important celestial events are displayed in their own dedicated calendar

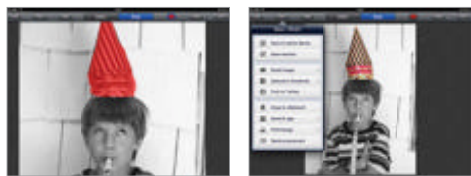
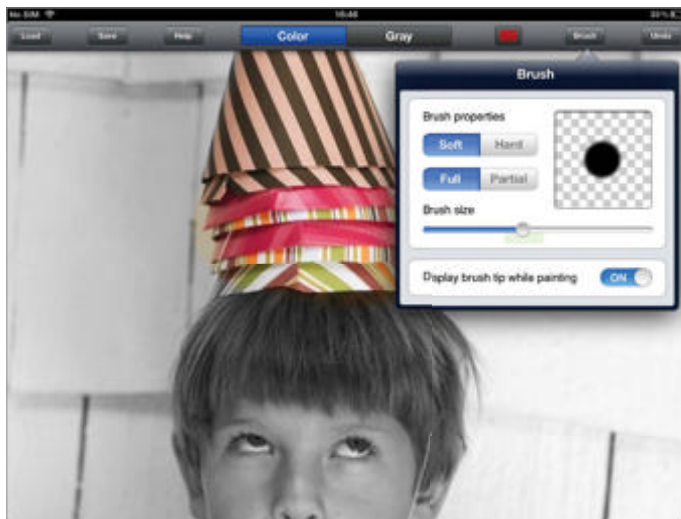
■ The app's map-centric interface and clear markings make it easy to understand

Rating ★★★★★



iPad

Photo & Video



■ The Brush menu allows you to tweak your tools

■ You can share your Color Splash masterpiece easily

Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: Pocket Pixels Inc

Color Splash for iPad

Make your images stand out

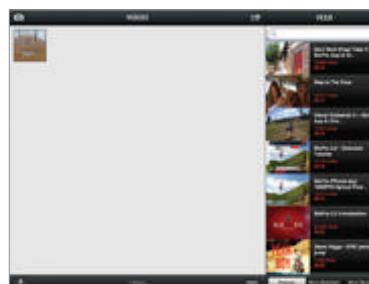
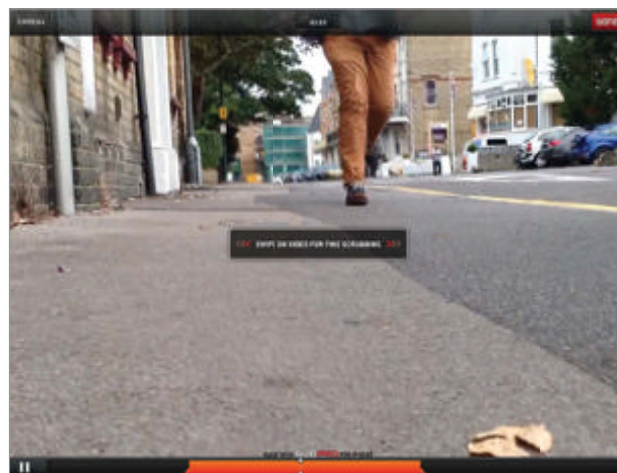


Color Splash for iPad allows you to quickly remove colour from specific parts of an image with some incredibly striking results. The app's simple interface allows you to choose between just two brush types:

colour and grey, which allow you to quickly create the image effect, but it's not until you start fine-tuning your edit that Color Splash for iPad's more acute features come into their own and really make the app worth the money.

Using a two-finger pinch, you can zoom in on the photo you're working on up to pixel level and, using the brush menu, adjust the colour/grey brush in order to ensure accuracy. You can even turn on a visual brush in order to see exactly what part of the image you're working on. The brush's strength can also be adjusted, allowing you to bring a smaller amount of colour back to your edit. All in all, this app's simple interface makes for the perfect way to do something special with your images.

Rating ★★★★★



■ SloPro delivers a near-native camera experience for easy setup and filming

■ The video library and feed allows you see your own and other videos from around the world

Price: Free Developer: Sand Mountain Studios LLC

SloPro – 60fps Slow Motion

Shoot video in slow-motion



In case you hadn't already guessed, this functions as a replacement for your iPad's built-in camera, allowing you to record footage at much faster frame rates, which is great for capturing fast-paced action and reliving it in high detail.

The app's recording function is very much the same in terms of interface as the native iOS camera, so you'll have no issues getting set up, save for the few extra controls that slow down your footage. Once you've finished recording, your video is saved to the app's own proprietary Camera Roll (you'll need to purchase an upgrade to save elsewhere) where it can be shared with others. You can also view other recordings from around the world, too.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Avid Technology Inc

Avid Studio

A genuine challenger to iMovie emerges



Serious threats to iMovie are hard to come by, but Avid might just have what it takes to grab people's attention with this mobile version of its very popular video-editing software.

Avid allows you to pick up and drop any video and audio into your timeline very smoothly. It also comes with a Storyboard bar, which works as a simplified version of your project timeline,

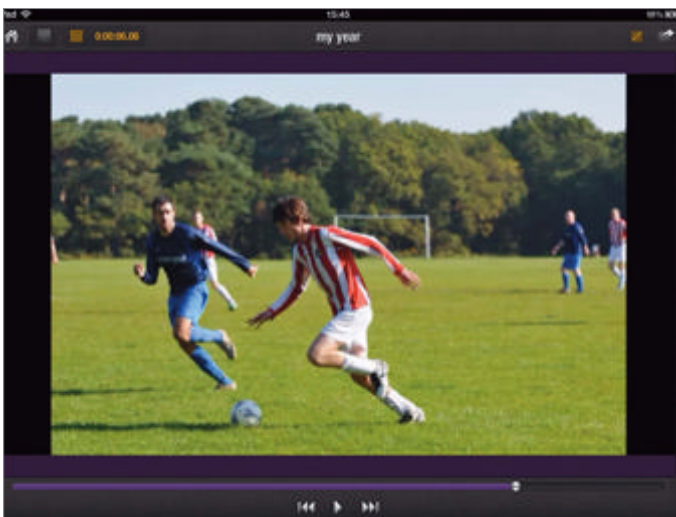
showing you all the separate elements of your project without the layered audio tracks underneath. When editing you can drop new files into this section or your timeline.

Everything feels very smooth and simple in Avid. What can be awkward processes, like editing clips down, feel surprisingly straightforward. It provides not only access to your entire photo and video libraries, but also your music, meaning the days of having no choice other than generic wind instruments accompanying your montage are long gone.

Arguably, the level of undo could be better, with three steps back being the limit, and there is a lack of depth in the number of transitions available. At the moment there are only two, and no sign of being able to add name or text straps, which is a disappointment. Having said that, the level of response when you're altering the angle and size of text is impressive, and once again emphasises how well this app has been optimised.

Avid Studio is something that anyone with an interest in video editing should try out. The mobile incarnation has done a very good job of balancing style and substance, with a responsive interface that is easy to work out, and enough features to allow you to create quality video projects.

Rating ★★★★★



■ Watch your video clips in full screen to get a real preview of what they will look like

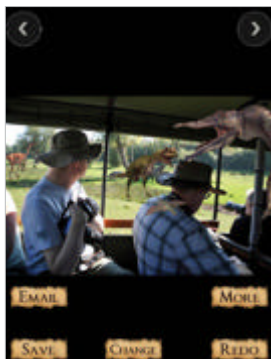


■ Drag and drop clips, photos or effects from the menu window down into your timeline to add it to a project. The storyboard shows you the running order



iPad

Photo & Video



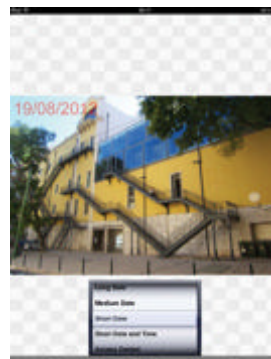
Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: ZHI MING BAO

Dinosaur Booth HD



It's certainly entertaining to add dinosaurs to your favourite photos, and the effect can often appear fairly believable. In most cases it doesn't, however, with the dinosaurs standing out while the rest of the app is a little budget-looking, making it hard to always get the app to work. It certainly shouldn't be this tricky to superimpose a couple of reptiles on a photo.

Rating ★★★★★



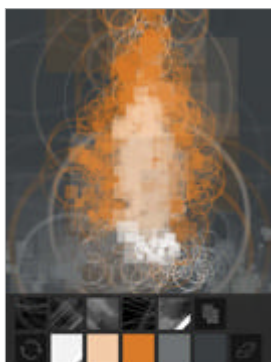
Price: £1.49/\$2.99 Developer: Plum Amazing

iWatermark



When it comes to adding watermarks to your photos – and for some people it's a pretty important part of their photography – all you need is a simple app that does the job. That's iWatermark, which manages this without fuss or flair – simply pick an image, add a watermark from the list or a custom one of your choosing and save the final image.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: Ben Guerrette

Deco Sketch



There are plenty of apps available that enable you to create 'art', but few are as easy to use and impressive as Deco Sketch. Using the art deco style as a template, there are a range of colour palettes and five possible brushes. It's all very simple to use: pick a colour and swipe the screen. Slower produces smaller brushes, while faster strokes paint larger blobs.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: InfinitApps LLC

InstaGallery



InstaGallery provides a whole new way to view your photo feed on Instagram. Unlike the native iOS app, InstaGallery scales up perfectly for the iPad, displaying one image at a time in a slideshow style, or as a collection of image tiles for easy searching.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Pranav Kapoor

Laminar



If you're looking for looking for a lightroom app, you need look no further Laminar. This amazing app gives you complete control over the editing of your images, with Photoshop-style layers, marks, curve adjustments and more.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Limit Point Software

Photo Crop



Sometimes single-use apps are just what you need, and that's certainly the case with Photo Crop. As the name suggests, Photo Crop allows you take any photo from your Camera Roll and crop it down to any size, flip or rotate it. Super simple!

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: PinGuo Inc

Movie360: My Movies, My Life!



Movie360 allows you add Instagram-style, real-time effects to the movies you record and edit within the app. You can even switch effects mid-way through a recording to change up the style of your movie in seconds.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Ho Man Cheung

Cutest Paw



Cutest Paw is a celebration of all things fluffy and adorable, featuring reams of photos. You can gaze at categorised pictures, search for images by keywords or upload your own photos. Loads of creatures are featured, including cats and dogs (obviously) as well as otters and orangutans. It's an innocent and fun app for animal lovers.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: MEA Mobile Ltd

iSupr8



iSupr8 takes video recording back to the days when Super-8 camera ruled supreme. With vintage-style controls and a wait time for your video to be developed, this app strives to be authentic. It produces some great results, too.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: Sincerely Inc

PopBooth Photo Booth



PopBooth gives you an excuse to use your iPad's rear-facing camera in a fun way by taking timed photo booth-style shots of you and your friends and allowing you to add effects. It's not far off the Photo Booth app, but it's still good fun.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: GungYi Inc

Private Camera Lite - safe camera protect your photos and videos



Although the camera function seems unnecessary, its aim of keeping your photos and videos safe via password protection is easy to use and works well.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Cardinal Blue Software

Pic Collage



Pic Collage is perhaps the most user-friendly photo collage we've ever come across. Its simple interface makes it accessible for users of all ages to create an image-based memory in just a few taps. It'd be nice if the app was able to produce collages in landscape mode, but the portrait version is still great with its selection of title styles and stickers.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: Francis Bonnin

Video 2 Photo



Sometimes, the best chance you'll have of the perfect photo of a special moment is locked inside a video you took of it. Video 2 Photo helps with this, letting you grab still frames from your recordings and easily share them via email or Twitter.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: esDot Studio Inc

TouchUp Lite - Photo Editor

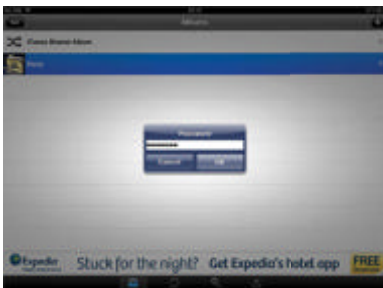


TouchUp Lite stays fairly minimal in terms of the tools available to edit your images, but if you're looking for a quick fix this does a great job. An in-app purchase allows you take advantage of advanced features, but these can all be previewed.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Enchanted Cloud Studios

Private Photo Vault

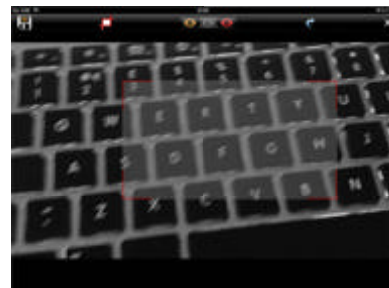


Private Photo Vault allows you to secure your photos away from prying eyes with both a passcode to open the app and a longer password to open the album with your images in. It's highly secure, and lives up to its name perfectly.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Mirage Labs Private Ltd

VideoPix



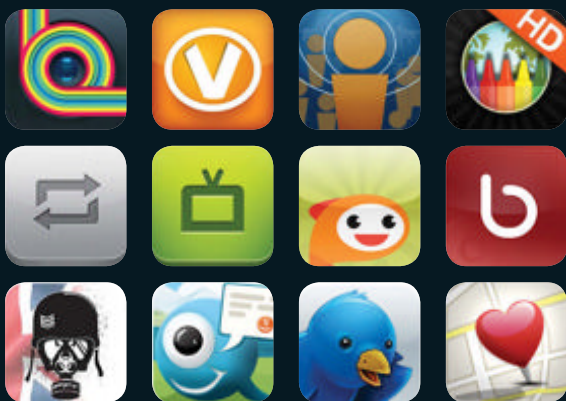
VideoPix allows you to accurately work your way through videos and find the perfect frame from any movie to save as a photo. It even has some built-in editing functions to crop the image or change its look and feel ready for sharing.

Rating ★★★★★



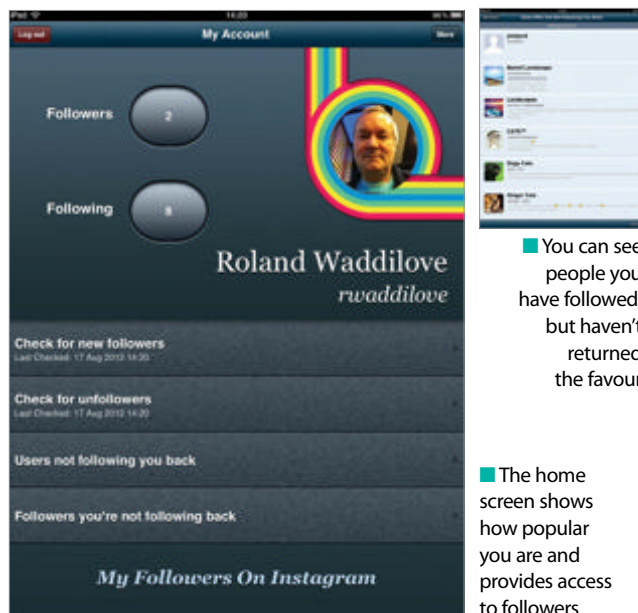
iPad Social Networking

Social networking



The worldwide social network keeps on gathering steam, as services like Facebook and Twitter continue to expand and new players such as Pinterest develop. Fortunately, you can be part of them all with your iPad, thanks to a multitude of social media apps

Top Paid Apps	Top Free Apps
Discover People ★★★★★	ooVoo Video Chat ★★★★★
Tumble Bee - Tumblr for iPad ★★★★★	LinkedIn ★★★★★
Osfoora HD for Twitter ★★★★★	Tinychat ★★★★★
Staff pick of the section	
iWallflower HD ★★★★★	Opuss ★★★★★



■ You can see people you have followed, but haven't returned the favour

■ The home screen shows how popular you are and provides access to followers

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: My Status

My Followers on Instagram

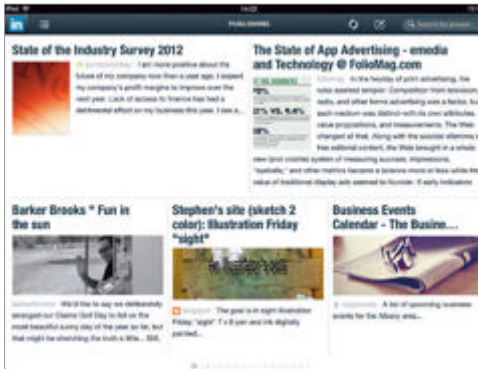
See who's not following you



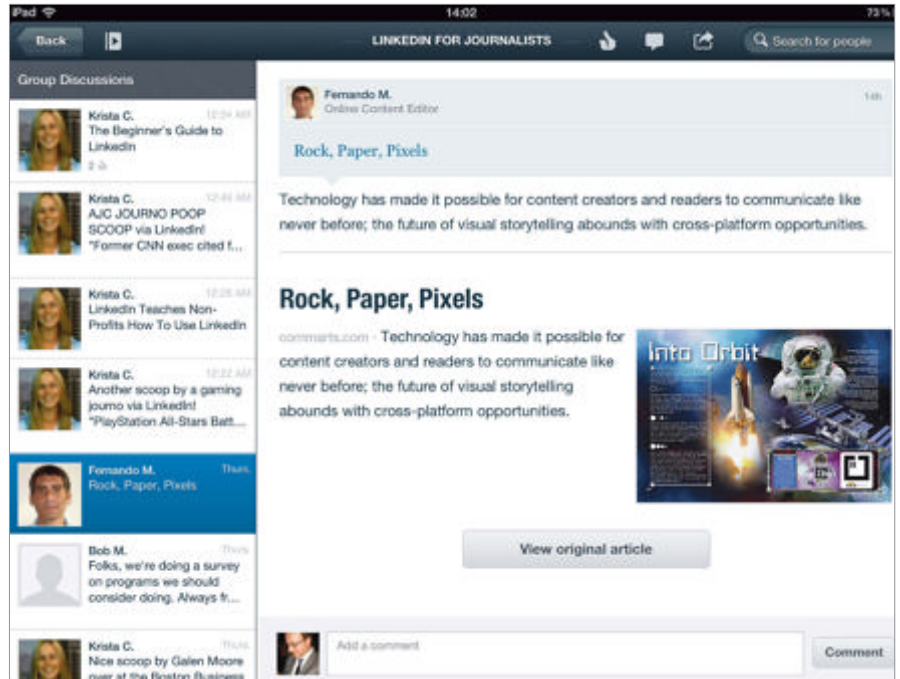
If you are a regular user of Instagram you will know that popularity is measured by the number of people that follow you. In turn, you can follow others and see the photos that they are uploading. When you follow someone, often they will follow you back, but sometimes they don't. My Followers on Instagram is all about discovering who is following you and who isn't.

After giving the app permission to access your Instagram account, the home screen shows the number of followers and people you are following on two large buttons. Tapping these displays a list of users. The bottom half of the screen has four useful functions, and you can check for new followers, see if anyone has unfollowed you, see people not following you back or followers you aren't following back. That's it. It simply shows useful information about followers. You can follow or unfollow people, and that's it. It's still good, though.

Rating ★★★★★



■ Updates not only deal with your connections, but also with the latest business news from various sources, laid out in a clean interface



■ The Updates home screen brings all your connections together with other news related to you

Price: [Free](#) Developer: [LinkedIn](#)

LinkedIn

Your business connections, now on your iPad



LinkedIn has long been the must-have tool for making and keeping business contacts, and the arrival and growth of iOS was inevitably going to lead to mobile meeting and greeting.

Now, LinkedIn has taken the next step and optimised its app for the iPad, at the same time giving the entire interface an overhaul. The original app had stuck very much to the formatted iPhone layout that was common across most networking apps.

The new interface breaks away from this almost completely. The home screen is broken down into three main sections: Updates (which serves as a news hub), You (which consists of your LinkedIn profile and connections) and an Inbox for all your communications.

Personalisation is a big part of the app, which is most evident in the Updates section, where you can sync your iPad calendar and connection activity to appear alongside the latest business news.

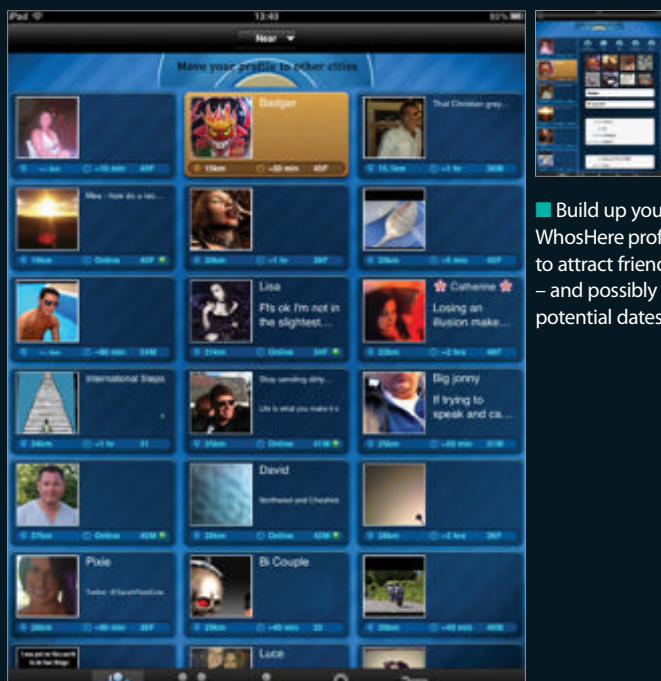
The app's built-in browser allows you to view the original article at its source without leaving the app. A further feature comes in the form of a reading list of the latest news stories that you can scroll through. All this functionality suggests that this app has been designed to be a newsreader, as well as a networking app that you

can browse. This is a client to using LinkedIn on your desktop or laptop, as opposed to your out-and-out doorway to the service.

This is an idea that seems to gain further weight when you enter the profile section of the app, and notice that while all your information and connections can be accessed, nothing can be edited in-app; this still has to take place through your computer. It is worth noting that you can still post updates, either to your connections or groups, and view other profiles by tapping on a connection's name or image. In terms of general functionality, LinkedIn also scores highly, with a logo serving as your Home button wherever you are within the app.

This is a definite improvement on the original iPhone app both in terms of the interface and its functionality, although the lack of editing does seem like a bit of an oversight given the depth that the Updates section has to offer. It seems the aim of this redesign is to make the app a direct client for when you're at your desk, as opposed to an independent mobile version of the site.

Rating ★★★★★



■ Build up your WhosHere profile to attract friends – and possibly potential dates

■ The screen is filled with people nearby

Price: Free Developer: MyRete

WhosHere

Find new online friends



WhosHere is an app that is designed to help you to find new friends online and in your area. It's not suitable for children, and it's aimed at adults looking for, well, anything from a chat about the weather to a date. It has several good features, one of which being that you don't have to provide any information about yourself. However, if you want to you can add your name or nickname and one or more photos, specify your age, list your interests and what you are looking for.

After creating your profile, the home page displays dozens of tiles showing other WhosHere users in order of distance, with the nearest to you first. Each tile shows their photo, distance, whether they are online, age and sex. Tapping a tile shows their profile and there are options to call them (like FaceTime/Skype), chat via instant messaging, add as a contact or favourite or send a virtual gift. There are filters and blocks, and you'll need them.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: ooVoo LLC

ooVoo Video Chat

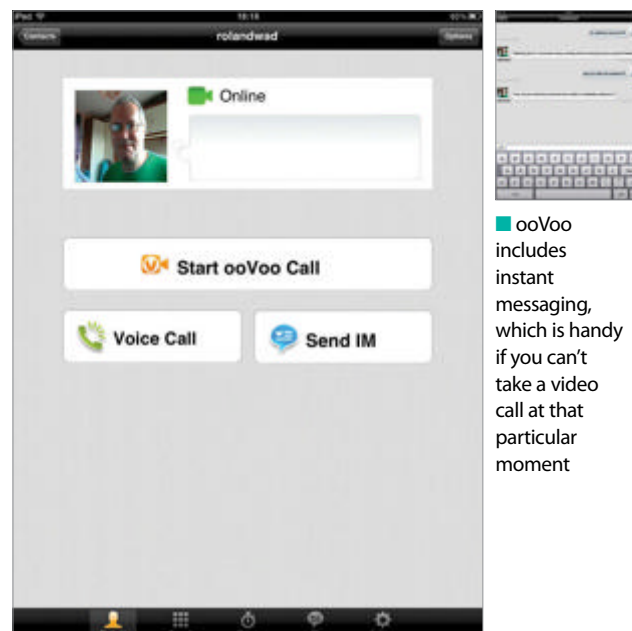
Chat with up to 12 friends



If you are familiar with the likes of FaceTime and Skype then you will be pleased to hear that ooVoo offers similar features, but in some ways it is superior. After signing up for a free account, you can add your friends that are already on the service, or send invitations to download the app to their iPad, iPhone or computer. A really useful feature of ooVoo is that it works on Facebook, and you can easily add your Facebook contacts with a few taps. You can then call any of your friends and chat to them.

Go to your contacts and tap on someone, and you can quickly start a video call. The video is displayed full screen on the iPad, and the quality is easily as good as its competitors. Tap the video camera icon, and you can switch between the front and rear cameras. There is a button to invite other people, and one of the best features is that it supports up to 12 people in video and talk calls. It is also great for group conferences with your friends.

Rating ★★★★★



■ ooVoo includes instant messaging, which is handy if you can't take a video call at that particular moment

■ See when your friends are online



Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: iCloseBy LLC

iWallFlower HD

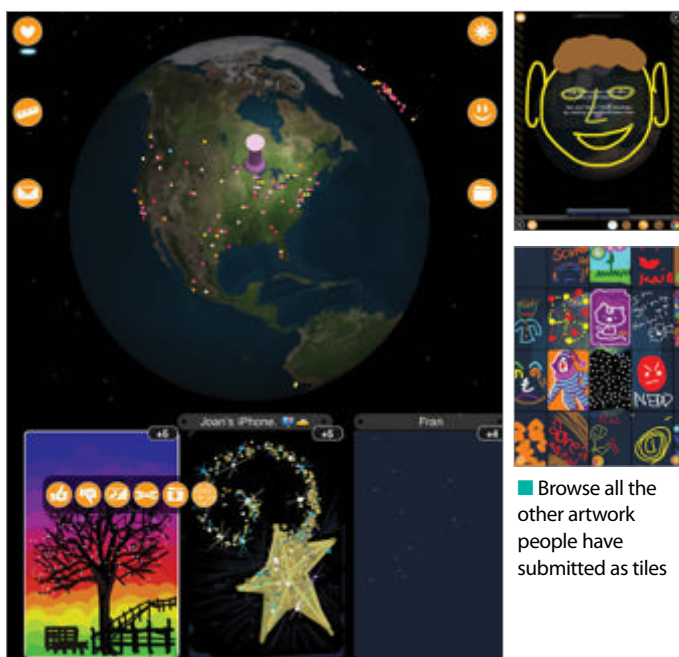
Show off your creative side



iWallFlower is an unusual app that combines social networking with a desire to share artistic talent. Upon starting up the app, you will find that it displays a spinning globe of the world in the top half of the screen – scrolling across the lower half are drawings created on the iPhone and iPad. As each illustration is displayed, a pin is placed on the globe showing where in the world the person is located. There is also a tiled view that fills the screen with thumbnail images, and you can zoom in to view larger versions. It is even possible to view drawings from people who are geographically near to you.

It's fun just watching the artwork, but if you are feeling creative then you can join in and attempt to draw something yourself. Some people just scribble, but others are obviously talented. You also have the option to vote for artwork you like, as well as draw replies. It is interesting trying to draw something people like and to get replies to your artwork.

Rating ★★★★★



■ Browse all the other artwork people have submitted as tiles

■ Watch as the artwork scrolls across the bottom, and tap a picture to like or reply

Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Tomaz Nedeljko

TumbleBee – Tumblr for iPad

Post updates to your blog

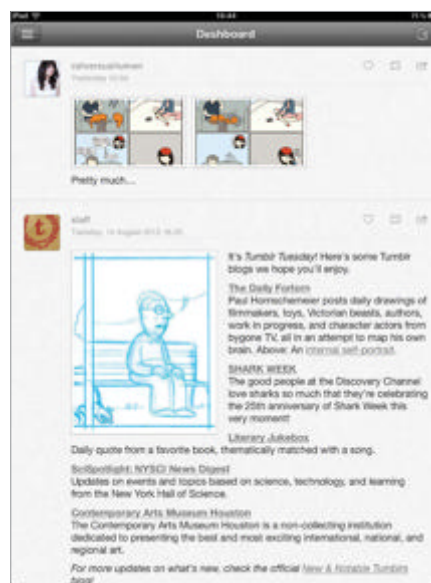


Somewhat surprisingly, there isn't a Tumblr app for the iPad, and the iPhone app isn't that good on the big screen. Fortunately, TumbleBee is a great substitute that enables you to access your Tumblr account and update your blog.

The app starts with the dashboard, and you can see posts from people you are following. Icons on the posts enable you to like, reblog or share a link using email, Twitter and so on. An icon in the corner of the screen displays a menu that lets you create text, photo, quote and other types of blog posting. If you have more than one blog you can choose the one to post to, add tags and also send to Twitter.

Posts can be published now or later, and so on. It is easy to select photos and videos taken on the iPad and to upload them to Tumblr. There aren't the advanced options available on the web, but for posting from your sofa it's fine.

Rating ★★★★★



■ If a post catches your attention then you can share it with others in a variety of ways

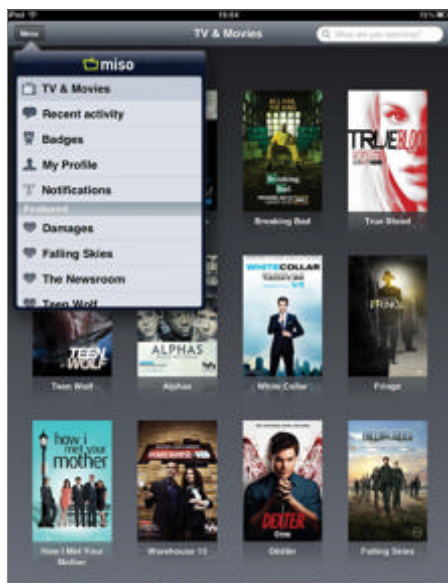
■ View the Dashboard and see the latest blog posts



Miso – Social TV

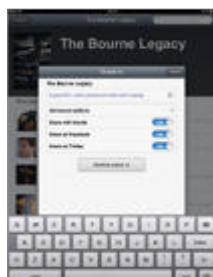
Price: [Free](#) Developer: [GoMiso Inc](#)

Check in to your favourite shows



■ Choose one of the featured TV shows or use the search box to find your favourites

■ Check in to a TV programme or movie to show you are watching it and add a comment



If you spend far too much time watching television and viewing movies at the cinema then the Miso app is definitely for you. The home screen displays thumbnail images showing the currently trending TV programmes, which range from the very British *Doctor Who* to the latest US series of *True Blood*, *The Newsroom* and many others. There are 16 in all, but the search box at the top can be used to find almost anything.

When you have found a particular programme or movie that you like, you have the option of checking in to show that you are watching it, like a Foursquare for television.

Moreover, comments can be entered, which you can also share with friends via social networks like Facebook and Twitter if you choose to. You can follow it, too, and keep up with the latest chat and see who else is following it.

Additionally, other people can be liked, and replies to their comments can be entered. In some ways it is a bit like Tunerfish, but with its own way of doing things.

Rating ★★★★★

Tunerfish – Social TV and Movies

Price: [Free](#) Developer: [Plaxo Inc](#)

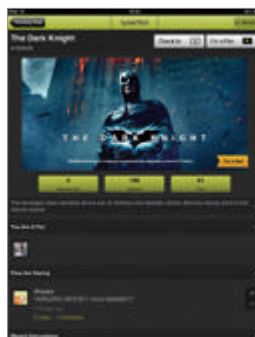
Chat about what you are currently watching



This app enables you to like television shows, movies and videos and chat about them with friends and other fans. Tapping 'TV' or 'Movies' displays 24 tiles showing trending topics, such as popular series or recently released movies. Tap one and artwork – such as the movie poster – is displayed, plus you can see the number of people watching and the number of fans. Become a fan yourself and check in if you're watching.

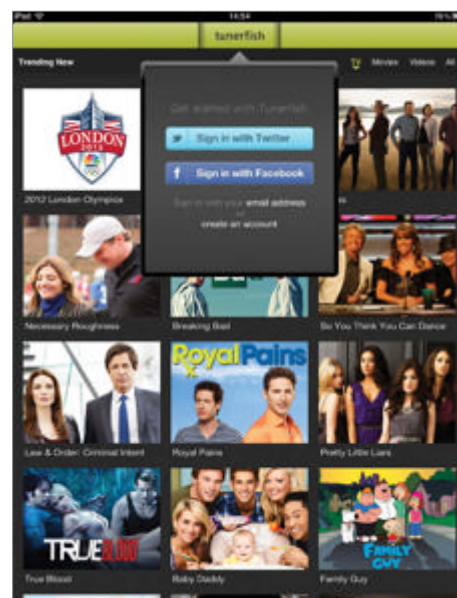
You can post comments and read and reply to what other people have said, too. All in all, Tunerfish is a great way to meet and chat with people about your favourite shows and movies. It is also an interesting way to discover new programmes and movies, as well as discovering what everyone thinks about them.

Rating ★★★★★



■ Become a fan of a show and check in when you're watching something

■ Sign in to Tunerfish with your Twitter or Facebook account





Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: [Tinychat Co](#)

Tinychat

Join video chat rooms and make friends



Tinychat offers group video chat rooms for adults, giving you the option of either signing up for a Tinychat account or via Facebook or Twitter. You can start your own chat room or join a public

one, of which there are always several to choose from. Join a room and you are just a viewer, but tapping the Broadcast button adds your video feed to the rest.

Members are shown as live video thumbnails, with an option to zoom in on one. As you will discover, it's addictive fun for older teens and those in their twenties.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: [Howard Massey](#)

Grit Social

Build up your Grit scooter skills



For those aged over 25, Grit makes super-cool extreme mini scooters. Indeed, there is a whole subculture dedicated to them. The Grit Social app is your entry point into this fascinating world, and the

home screen keeps you up to date with all the latest news and events, like Scootfests, Grit Academy, UK Skate Comps and more.

The YouTube section provides access to a video library of Grit Scooter action, and you can watch the experts and learn new tricks. There are photos, too, which you can share on Facebook and Twitter.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: [Bebo.com](#)

Bebo Mobile

Update your Bebo blog and play games



Bebo has struggled for members compared to Facebook and Twitter, but some people still swear by it, and with Bebo Mobile you can log in from the comfort of your sofa.



The home screen shows icons that enable you to access all the main features of the social networking service. You can view your news feed, and check for messages and notifications. A unique feature of Bebo is that you can edit the photos you have uploaded, allowing you to draw on them, add hats, glasses, symbols and a range of other clipart. One for the fans.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: [The Icon Factory](#)

Twitterrific for Twitter

A worthy competitor to the official app



Twitterrific starts up with a display of your timeline, in which you can see all the latest tweets. Tapping a tweet enables you to view mentions, email it or save it as a favourite. Tapping links opens the webpage, and



swiping from the left shows trending topics, as well as a search facility and options to view mentions, messages and favourites. Well worth trying.

Rating ★★★★★



iPad

Social Networking

Price: Free Developer: Seamonster Ltd

Opuss



The social network for wordsmiths, Opuss is to writers what Instagram is to the budding photographer. Here you can post any style of writing you wish for your followers to see, safe in the knowledge you are surrounded by like-minded people.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Filter Squad Pty Ltd

Discover People

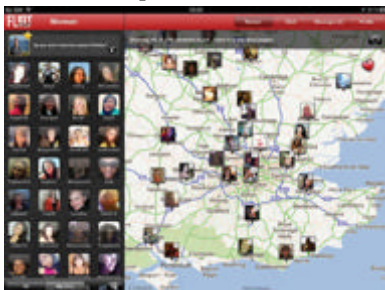


Discover People takes to Twitter to help you find new people to follow. Start by searching for a user you are interested in, and navigate a series of spider diagrams to find new and related people. The animation is slick, and the interface is intuitive.

Rating ★★★★★

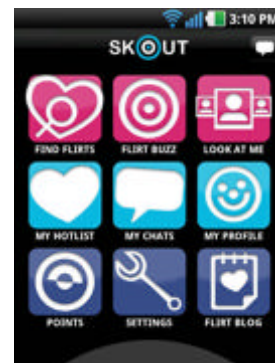
Price: Free Developer: Neo Network

FlirtMaps



Flirt Maps makes it easy to find other flirtees in the local area by placing them on a map, showing you exactly how far away the person you're chatting up is from you. It has a somewhat confusing interface, but this app may work for some.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Skout Inc

Skout

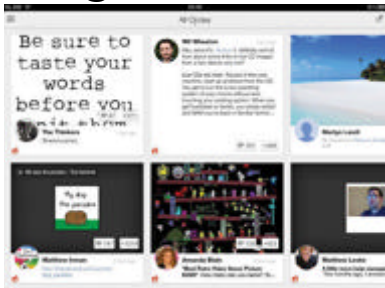


A social networking and online dating platform, Skout is a well-presented app that lets you meet other single people. After creating your profile you can view other members and chat to people you like, but to access extra functions you need to pay. We also found issues with the app incorrectly recording time frames, and sending notifications from before we joined.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Google Inc

Google+



The social network from the search engine gurus is an attempt to find a balance between Facebook and Twitter. Google+ allows you to connect to friends via Circles, but at the same time follow the rest of the world thanks to its news feed.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Social Knowledge, LLC

The Royals Community



Essentially an iOS version of TheRoyalsCommunity.com – this universal app allows you to view the leading internet forum on the Royal family on your iPhone or iPad. It's clearly designed and quick to load allowing you to fully focus.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Louise Palanker

Our Place



Our Place provides a haven for young people who need advice about their life from professionals and the wider community within the app. As well as a question and answer section that's pretty well maintained (with responses happening daily), there's also a journals section for keeping track of your thoughts and feelings. A great app for young adults.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Woodchop Software LLC

SocialChess



SocialChess harnesses the power of the far-reaching App Store ecosystem to pit you against chess opponents from across the globe, matched by your ability. It's a great way to practice and get competitive, in this beautiful app.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Oecoway Inc

Friendly Plus for Facebook



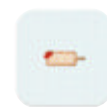
If you are looking for an alternative way to access Facebook then we advise giving this app a go. It does pretty much the same as the official app, but with a different interface that some may people prefer. Try the free version before you buy it.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Social Knowledge

Discuss Cooking Forum



If you love cooking, this app provides access to an extensive online community that has new content every day. There are many forums, which cover a wide range of topics, so no matter what your food preference, you can chat with others, post your favourite recipes, see other people's recipes and so on. It's not a great looker, but has some good content.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: John Vantuno

PhotoLog



When you have hundreds of photos, it is hard to find anything. PhotoLog is an organiser that enables you to place them in albums. Photos or even whole albums can be shared on Facebook, Picasa and more. It's great for keen photographers.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Guilherme Caldas

Dog Breeds App - PetSocial Network



This is part reference guide to dog breeds for people who are looking for a new dog or want more info about their pet, and part access to PetSocial Network, a meeting place for pet owners. It's ideal for chatting with like-minded people and making new friends, with photos, videos, blogs and more.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Said Marouf

Osfoora HD for Twitter

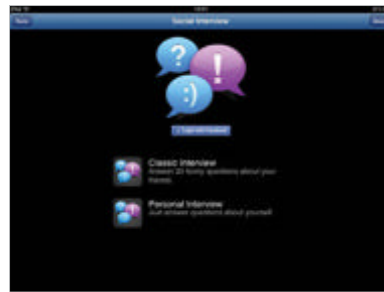


If you are a Twitter user and are not impressed by the official app, this might be what you're looking for. It has a nice interface and lots of useful features, and supports multiple accounts, including trends. You can view geotagged tweets, which is useful, and view, save and remove searches. It's a full-featured alternative.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Onoko International

Social Interview



You must have a Facebook account for this, but who hasn't? Log in, and answer 20 funny questions about your friends or answer questions about yourself. It's visually dull, but it is fun for posting the results on Facebook when you've finished.

Rating ★★★★★

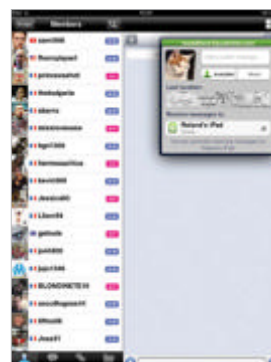
Price: Free Developer: 77Agency Ltd

Social Stats for Facebook



This app displays statistical information about countries from around the world. It is not like Wikipedia and other sources because the information is all about Facebook users. You can search for topics and see how many people like it. It's fun, but not particularly useful.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Pushmessenger

PushChat: Social Messenger

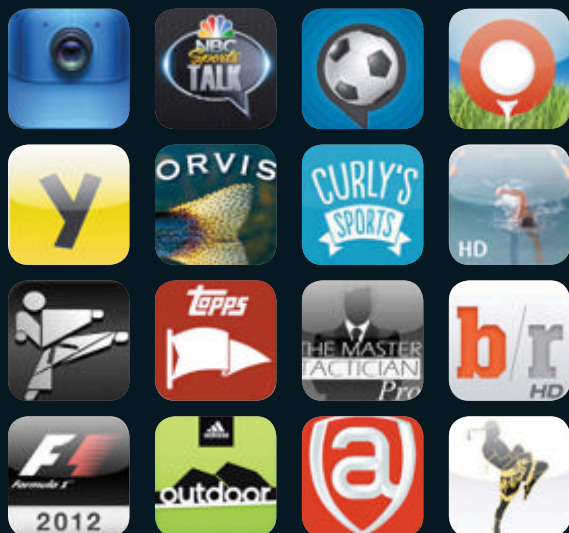


PushChat is an adult-only instant messaging app. After signing, you can build your profile with a photo, mood, message and status. You then add contacts or invite people from Facebook and chat with them. It is also possible to browse members online and make friends, with public and private chat rooms available.

Rating ★★★★★

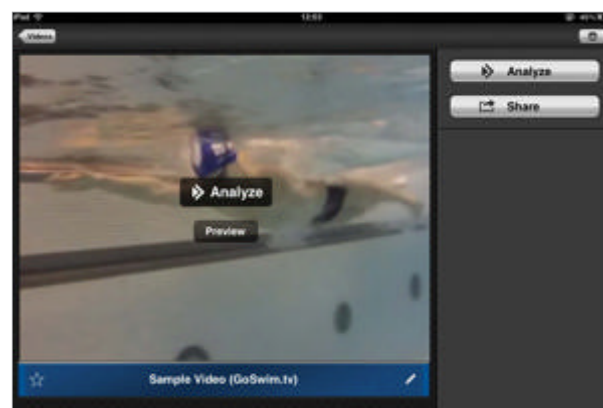


Sports



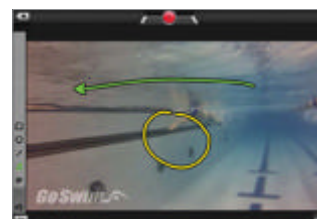
Whether your predominately play, coach or watch sport, there are tons of apps out there for you. Iron out the kinks in your golf swing, lead your kid's team to success or find out all the stats for the latest fixtures - you can do it all with the help of the latest sports apps available on the App Store

Top Paid Apps	Top Free Apps
Coach's Eye ★★★★★	NBC Sports Talk for iPad ★★★★★
Curly's Pocket Guide to Sports ★★★★★	Team Stream HD ★★★★★
Golfshot ★★★★★	Goal.com for iPad ★★★★★
Staff pick of the section	
iKata Pro ★★★★★	Yellowbrick ★★★★★



■ Analyse your team frame by frame with slow-motion video

■ Draw arrows and circles to sketch winning tactics



Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: TechSmith Corporation

Coach's Eye

A great training aid



If you've been looking for something to give you the edge when it comes to your team's chosen sport, Coach's Eye will be just what you need.

Once you've created or imported a video, you can enter the video player. This section offers you a range of analysis tools, including a slow-motion switch and a slow scrubbing wheel at the bottom of the screen to help you flick through individual frames. There is also a range of annotation options that allow you to draw on the screen to make sure viewers focus on the most important parts of the video. These range from arrows to circles, and come in a selection of colours, allowing you to differentiate. You can also add voiceovers to your videos.

The controls work well, and the ability to export these videos after you have annotated them means you can share your work. It is perfect for sports coaches, and the smooth interface and powerful editing tools make it well worth the money. A quite brilliant app for the price.

Rating ★★★★★



■ Comments are also presented just below the news articles

■ Each article is displayed in an easy-to-read format

Price: Free Developer: NBC Universal Inc

NBC Sports Talk for iPad

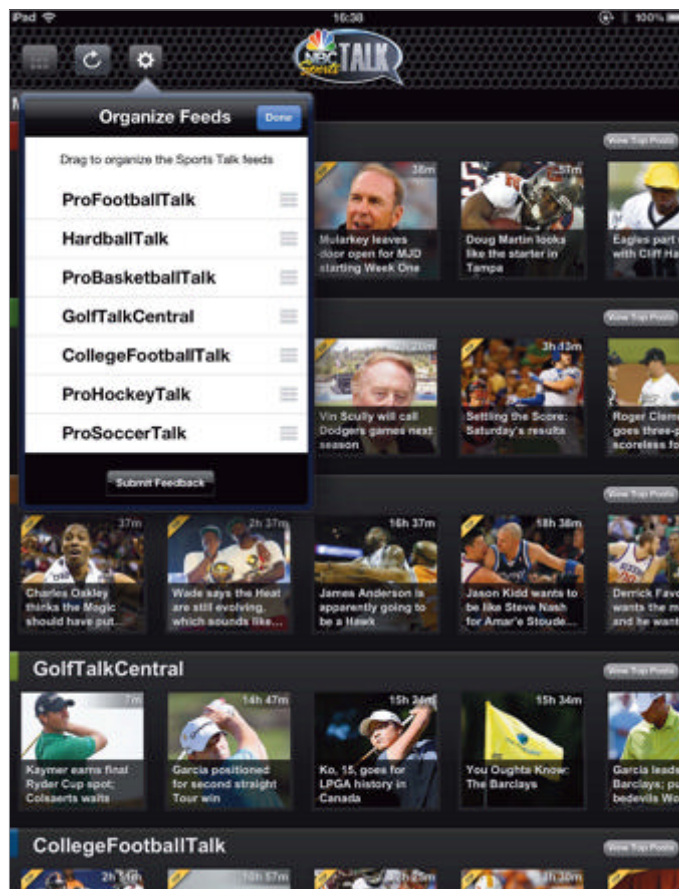
Great for fans of American sports



Fans of American sports usually have to look for apps that cater for worldwide sporting events or those that are specific to one particular sport. NBC Sports Talk is different in that it offers up-to-date news on NFL football, basketball, golf and other US centric content in a way that is easily accessible and presented perfectly for the subject matter.

The simple grid-like presentation offers a snapshot of every news item, and tapping the main image will bring up the full article. The text used is easy to read, and comments are also accessible directly below the article you are reading.

The basic structure is similar to the Pulse News reading app in that you can scroll down to read a new topic or scroll across to read news articles within a particular sport. You can also choose in which order the content is displayed and that's about it. The app and presentation are easy to use, and minimal settings are required to get the most out of the content.



■ You can choose in which order the sports content is displayed

Furthermore, this content is available offline, but of course the lack of an internet connection will slow down the availability of real-time news.

You can also share news articles on social networks such as Twitter or Facebook at the tap of a button. Finally, details of when sporting events are being shown live on NBC are available via a scroller at the top, which completes the line up of features. Sometimes you know an app is designed well when there is relatively little to say about it.

The presentation works exactly as it should and the content is on the whole well-written and easy to read on the iPad. It is a good example of how to offer news content that is tailored for sports fans in an environment that is eminently usable. It really has very few downsides, and fulfils its main purpose perfectly.

Rating ★★★★★



Football Rumours 2

The perfect rumour app

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Michael Whyley



Every football fan loves a rumour. Indeed, for many the popularity of the game is based on the incredible levels of speculation that surround the players, clubs and everything else that is associated with the sport. This app is designed to offer the latest rumours from a variety of sources via a simple interface that requires minimal effort on the part of the reader.

A strip of headlines adorns the left-hand side of the interface, and tapping each one will offer the full article via the built-in web browser.

That is effectively all the app does – collect the latest news and then links to the source of each article. Each article can be sorted by popularity, and you can also save your own favourites and have notifications pop up when something has happened. Some will see the level of simplicity as a negative point, but in use it actually proves to be a positive and makes the task of reading the latest football news pretty straightforward.



■ As the news arrives, it appears in the left-hand column

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £20.99/\$29.99 Developer: Shotzoom Software LLC

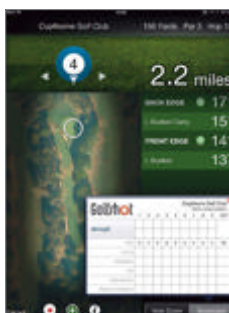
Golfshot: Golf GPS

Is this the ultimate golfing tracker?



One of the best ways to improve your golf game is to truly understand the courses you play. With Golfshot, you can view over 38,000 courses in aerial mapped detail and take time to work out your path to the green before you even pick up your clubs.

Besides the aerial view, specific details are also included which will let you judge which club to use and how to approach each obstacle. As you complete each hole, you can note down the club used, the distance for each shot and ultimately build up a scorecard. As time progresses, these stats come together to offer a detailed picture of your game and where you need to improve. Everything from the presentation and navigation to the terminology used suit the sport perfectly, and barring the occasional loss of accuracy in some maps we found the solution to work well when the game is taken seriously.



■ Building a scorecard takes seconds as you complete your round

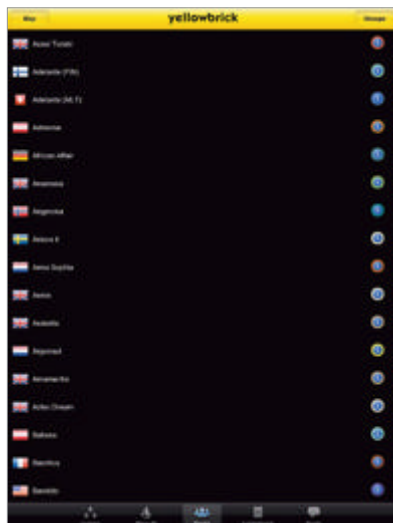


■ Aerial maps of thousands of courses are included

Rating ★★★★★



■ The real-time view of races is the most impressive feature



■ Team information is available with a couple of taps

■ Full statistics during and after the race are included

Price: Free Developer: Yellowbrick Tracking Ltd

Yellowbrick

Track yacht races on your iPad



Yellowbrick is a specialist solution for those who want to track yacht races in real-time. It works as an add-on to the web service, and is designed to offer some of the information that the web service gives when you are mobile.

There is little doubt that the information and tracking is accurate and that the presentation deals with a complex sport quite well, but there are some missing features in comparison to the full web experience. Live leaderboards are always available, as is detailed information on each team or yacht, with some extra slabs of detail such as wind conditions and the rhum line.

The presentation tries hard to show the exact positions of each yacht as the race progresses, for example, when you zoom in on a particular boat in a large race, a name label will appear to help you identify it. Similarly, there is a quick button to zoom back out so that you can see the whole fleet at once. But this detailed tracking can feel slow and awkward to use at times, though a decent internet connection helps a lot when trying to view the full race.

Social media is catered for, which delivers commentary as well

Pos	Name	Start Time	Last Update
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10	Eira	2011/11 12:45 08/12/11 11:37	RETIRED

as text news as each race progresses, and there is even an option to set up customisable email notifications. Perhaps the cleverest feature is the replay facility, which lets you move forwards and backwards through a race to see in great detail when and how takeovers occurred.

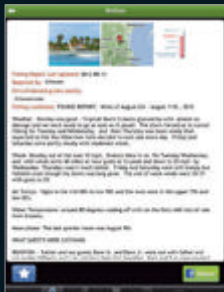
For true fans and those who work within the sport, this app offers 24-hour access to the races as they happen, but for new users it may seem confusing at first, and we would advise trying the web service first to understand everything that is available. News of each race is included in the app, and you can purchase individual races to enable tracking on the iPad, costing on average £1.99/\$2.99 per race, but at least this offers the flexibility of only having to buy the ones you are interested in.

Overall, the Yellowbrick app performs well, and offers a mobile alternative to the Flash-based website, but the compromises that have had to be made to fit the tracking onto the platform are at times starkly obvious.

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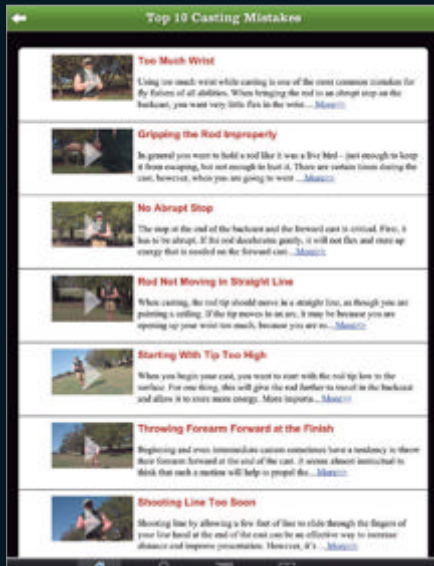


Sports

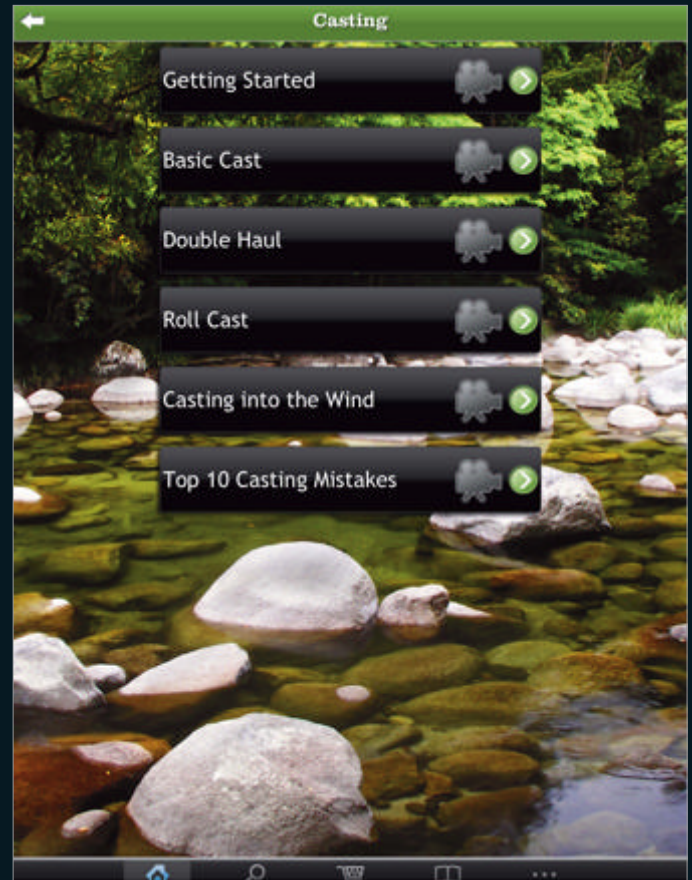


■ The fishing reports could stop you from making a wasted trip

■ Some of the subjects covered are not what you expect, but are always educational



■ Videos are used to offer advice on fly fishing techniques



Price: £6.99/\$9.99 Developer: Green Mountain Digital LLC

Orvis Fly Fishing – The Ultimate Fly-Fishing Guide

A seriously complete fly fishing solution



Fly fishing is not an easy sport, and requires lots of knowledge and preparation. Serious fly fishermen and women understand everything from the type of fly required for different regions to the perfect techniques

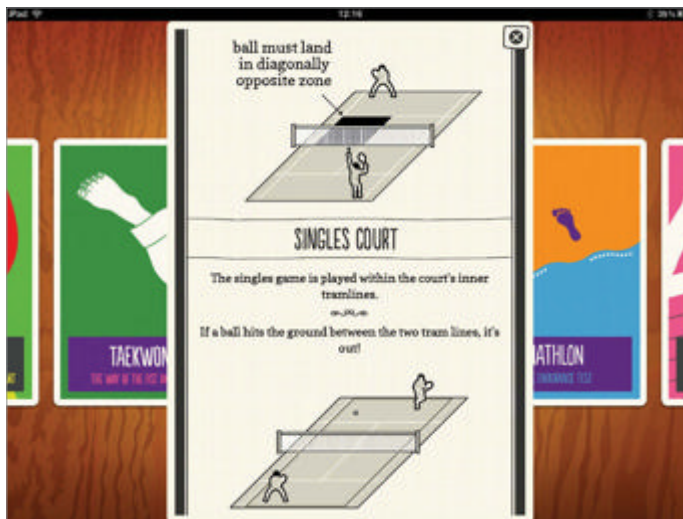
for casting, but for the rest of us a lot of knowledge really will go a long way to increasing the enjoyment the sport can bring.

This app describes itself as the 'ultimate' guide, and there is little doubt that the areas covered are as varied and complete as most people will require. Videos are included which are designed to help people master the perfect techniques, and these can be used alongside newly found knowledge on the type of fly required for specific seasons, regions or hook sizes. All information is supplemented with images and detailed text so that you will understand everything you need to know, and there are even fishing reports available for more than 200 destinations in North America.

Throw in access to more than 100 fly fishing podcasts, and you start to see just how completely the subject is covered.

The interface is logically laid out and easy to navigate, but could benefit from a more professional approach. The images don't always flow as well as we would like within the wider presentation, but this is a small niggle for an app that offers a huge wealth of detailed information that will be exceptionally useful to anyone with a keen interest in the subject matter. If you need to purchase equipment, the in-app store offers everything from clothing and rods to accessories. It is yet another example of how much effort has gone into providing a solution that offers everything you could need in one place. If you have an interest in fly fishing, this is an app that you should seriously consider to improve your catches.

Rating ★★★★★



■ Diagrams make it easier to understand how games are played

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Wilson Fletcher Ltd

Curly's Pocket Guide To Sports

Become a sports mastermind



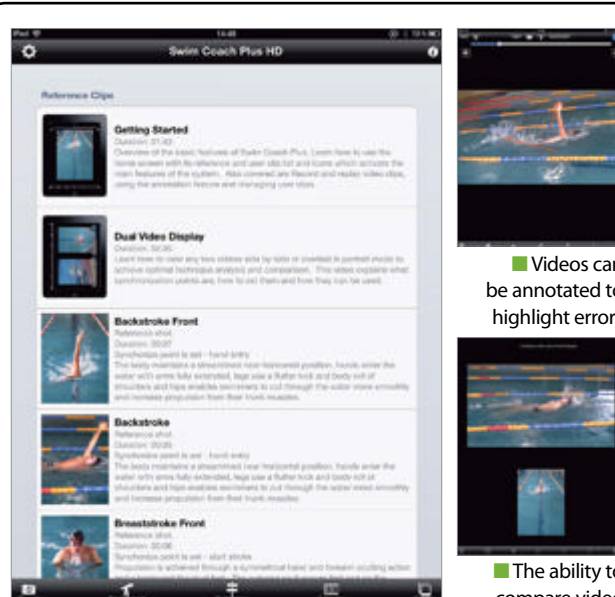
Curly's Pocket Guide To Sports delivers rules, facts and stats for sports as diverse as football and Greco-Roman wrestling.

Upon tapping on your selected sport, you will be given an info card that can be scrolled through to reveal tons of facts. Starting with the impact and origins of the chosen game, you will work your way down through rules, equipment requirements, foul lists and tips on how the game is best played.

There are even schematics that explain more complex rules like football's offside rule, the ball-out rule in tennis and posture diagrams for wrestling and fencing. Aside from all the technical know-how, you'll also pick up interesting stats on how many people view the sport live and on television, notable records and bizarre trivia.

The latter can be shared via social networks to wow your friends on Twitter or Facebook. Curly's Pocket Guide To Sports is a charming, insightful app that sports fans will love.

Rating ★★★★★



■ The quality of the included videos is up to par

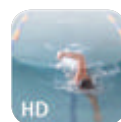
■ Videos can be annotated to highlight errors

■ The ability to compare video clips is useful

Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Cricket4Evry1 Pty Ltd

Swim Coach Plus HD

A clever swimming assistant



Swimming relies on very specific techniques, and is one that coaches often find hard to train. The techniques are often difficult to put into words and so the visual method will usually work best, which is where Swim Coach Plus HD comes in.

Eleven video clips are included, which can be played back alongside home-made videos to really dig into the detail of where a swimmer is going wrong. The idea of using videos should work with almost every swimmer, rather than trying to put into words what does not come naturally to everyone. Annotations can be added to videos to highlight problems with the swimming angle or the position of the body during a stroke, which again works visually in order to teach.

If a swimmer has a coach who understands the sport, this app will work as the perfect tool to get the message over to the pupil and is specifically targeted at this particular sport.

Rating ★★★★★



iKata Pro

A digital martial master at your fingertips

Price: £22.99/\$32.99 Developer: Jean-Marc Schedel



You may be slightly alarmed when you see the price of iKata Pro, however as soon as the download is complete and you open the app for the first time you start to understand the hefty price tag. It is worth

noting at this point that the app is clearly aimed at those with some karate experience, and would serve best as a reference tool alongside a physical learning programme.

The main body of the app is dedicated to short tutorial videos on various stances and movements that form the key part of karate. There are several levels to work through, each one containing multiple movements to be mastered by watching the videos, which average at around three minutes in length.

As a nice side option, the Name section of the app gives you a translation of all the Japanese names into English, so you can extend your learning experience.

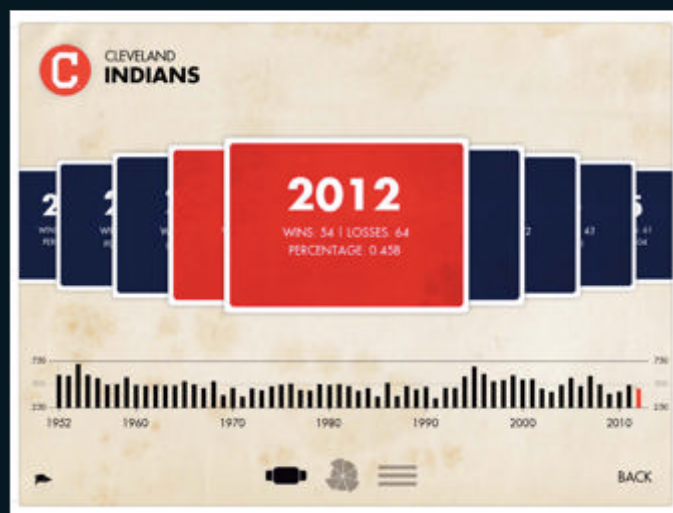
■ The cost of learning kung fu is quite expensive

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: The Topps Company Inc LLC

Topps Pennant Baseball

The ultimate app for baseball fans



Baseball is somewhat of a niche sport in some countries, but that has not stopped this developer creating an app that shows all of the love and care of a true fan.

All the major league teams are included, and tapping on a pennant will bring up a wealth of information. The current form statistics are included, and a quick tap will take you to the individual games. Tap again, and detailed and interactive stats pop up. A circular graphic can be swiped around to see every single strike that was attempted, and it really is faultless in terms of the data that is available. Stats are also available for each player, and the presentation not only suits the branding of the sport, but makes trawling through complex statistics as easy as can be.

If you love stats and baseball, this app will be the perfect solution. Moreover, with stats going as far back as 1952, you can be left in no doubt as to this app's concise nature.

■ All of the major baseball teams' statistics are included

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £3.99/\$5.99 Developer: Prospect Training Services Ltd

The Master Tactician Pro

The winner takes it all



If you're a football coach of any level, tactics will be a frequent topic of discussion. Strategy can make or break a match, so you can either grab a pen and scribble formations on a piece of paper or go all high-tech with an app that allows you to put players in position.

The Master Tactician is that app. You drag players on the pitch and use the drawing tool in the same way football pundits do to illustrate the way the game should unfold. These can then be saved or deleted – it's easy to scrub everything and go back to the drawing board.

According to the makers, ex-players and current managers, including West Ham manager Sam Allardyce, have been involved in making it. Whether that input was needed is debatable, given that it's pretty much a case of putting players on the pitch and sorting out their runs, but it does it all with aplomb.

Coming to life on the larger screen of the iPad, this is perfect for pitch-side pep talks, and could so easily turn a game if used to its fullest potential.

Rating ★★★★★



■ With a sleek and simple design, navigation is easy



■ The days of scribbling tactics on napkins are over

Price: Free Developer: Bleacher Report Inc

Team Stream HD

Regular sports news

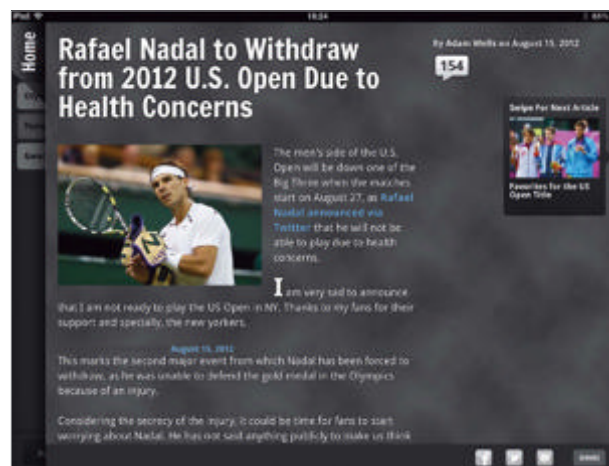


For sports news that is focused and at the same time as generalised as you require, Team Stream HD offers an excellent solution. The content is news-orientated, but also offers articles and opinions on current events, which turns it into one of those apps that will eat up your time as you fall deeper into what is on offer. Our only criticism is that the navigation is not as fluid as it could be, and that swiping sideways does not always work well. Besides this, it's generally a positive experience.

Rating ★★★★★



■ Track multiple teams and sports





Price: £14.99/\$20.99 Developer: Soft Pauer Ltd

F1 2012 Timing App

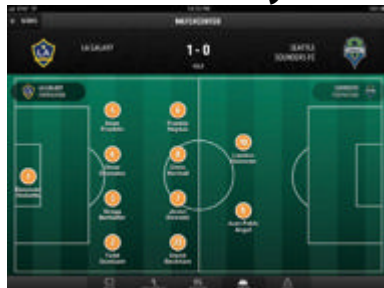


While it may seem expensive, this app offers an incredible amount of information. Everything from practice sessions to races themselves are available to download, which you can follow in real time on a stylish 3D map.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Major League Soccer LLC

MLS MatchDay 2012



This app provides you with access to all the action from the entire US soccer season. Each team has its own news page, and you can check to see which games are televised. The videos section has some great sub-sections to explore too.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Goal.com

Goal.com iPad Edition



Goal.com places the emphasis on up-to-the-minute news, quotes and gossip. Accompanying the main content pane is a menu column for story selection, along with a nifty swipeable top line, which narrows content by team or competition.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Adidas AG

Adidas Outdoor Magazine



From a design point of view, this interactive magazine is an epic spectacle. But if you want a meaty read, then this is very much style over substance, basically being PR for all things adidas. But if you know what to expect, enjoy the ride!

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Golfweek

Golfweek



Golfweek covers all aspects of the golfing world, with news and videos discussing the latest professional tournaments and major updates in the amateur scene. To go alongside all the various news headlines, there's a forum in which serious golfers can share their views and get tips on how to improve their game.

Rating ★★★★★

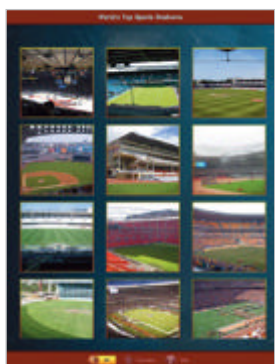
Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Infomaster GmbH

Karate-Vokabeln



Whether you're a black belt or starting out, remembering all of the terminology, stances and attacks just got easier thanks to this app, which simply shows the original characters and word, the meaning and an image if applicable.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Maple Tree Inc

Largest Sports Stadiums



This app is unusual in that it will appeal to a small minority of users who have a particular interest in the subject matter. It offers images, descriptions and even locations on a map of major stadiums for various sports, which is all very interesting, but much of this information is as readily available on the web.

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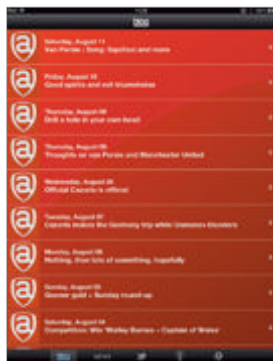
Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: HY Studios

TransferMarket



There are so many decent free football apps available that it's tough for newcomers to carve a niche. Unfortunately, that's not TransferMarket's only problem; the design is unappealing, and the app itself is slow and buggy. Avoid.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Simon Hume

Arseblog



Despite the unfortunate name, this app is a great example of how to build a blog that works perfectly on a tablet. With regular updates on all things Arsenal and a style that is perfect for the average football fan, the app is a success in almost every regard. It comes over as slightly unpolished, but this does not detract from the overall experience.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Chris Grant

CourtTrack



The CourtTrack app takes the process of monitoring scoring during a tennis match and makes following it as easy as possible. The monitor only has to hit four icons for each player to designate a winning point, and the results will then be safely stored in iCloud to be reviewed later at your leisure. Brilliant.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £14.99/\$20.99 Developer: Martin Dickens

Trax UK HD



Trax UK HD looks like a game when you first open it, but it is in fact a serious tool for track drivers who are looking to find the perfect line for future races. It depicts 3D layouts of many popular tracks, and even enables you to watch laps in real-time and pause them for further analysis. It is ideal for serious drivers.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £6.99/\$9.99 Developer: Daren Chow

PlaybookSoccer



This app lets football coaches display an animated soccer play using an iPad and share their thoughts with the whole team visually. Setting it up is simple, but complexity is fully supported, and it is without doubt one of the best solutions of its type in the entire App Store. The feature set included here is huge and cleverly focused.

Rating ★★★★★



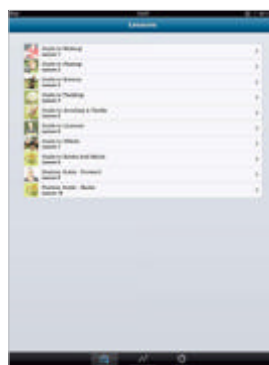
Price: Free Developer: mokyn

IceHockey Board Free



For creating Ice Hockey plays, this solution works quite well, but the options are a little limited, which may impede the ability to produce complexity. The design works well enough, and will let any coach quickly create plays, which is its main focus, but with a higher-definition field and more tools it could be more useful.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: YUCHEN LUO

Rugby Skills HD



This app basically provides a selection of ten instructional videos. As you watch them, a very basic progress report can be built showing which ones you have viewed. This is fine for those who are new to rugby, but it really is a half-hearted solution that will only be useful for a very short period of time. It needs a lot more content.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Radio Manx Ltd

Manx Radio TT 365



This app only does one thing, but it does it extremely well. Fans of the Isle of Man TT can listen to classic commentary and new commentary when the race is live, plus a selection of music tracks that are designed to fit the sphere of interest. It is presented with relevant links to YouTube, Twitter and other sources, and is perfectly put together.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Roman Zimbil

Thai boxing for you



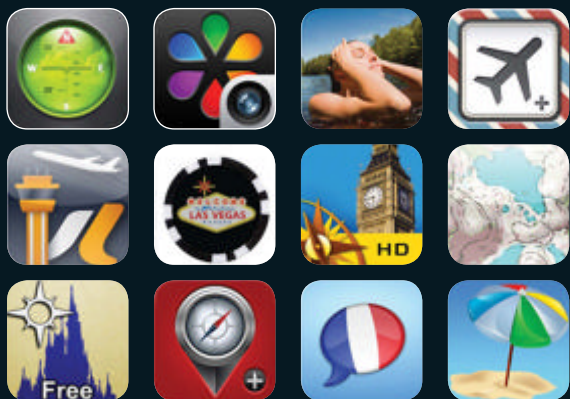
If you are just getting started with Thai boxing, this app will help you out. It offers instruction on the sport, as well as a timer to judge rounds when you actually compete. It is fairly basic, but offers what you need as a beginner.

Rating ★★★★★



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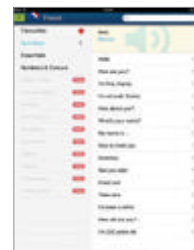


As it's likely to be with you at all times, the iPad is a great tool for all the travel and navigation information you need. From finding the best places to visit in a city to planning a journey cross-country or translating the local language, these apps are essential for any iPad owner travelling at home or abroad

Top Paid Apps	Top Free Apps
Time Travel Explorer HD - London ★★★★★	Tourwrist ★★★★★
Packing Pro ★★★★★	Disney World Maps ★★★★★
KAYAK PRO ★★★★★	Maps+ ★★★★★
Staff pick of the section	
Viva Las Vegas, Baby! ★★★★★	Triplt ★★★★★



There's a reasonable selection of languages to choose from



After selecting the language, you select a category of phrase and tap it to hear it

Price: Free Developer: Codegent Ltd

Tap & Say – World Travel Phrases

Learn to speak the local lingo



This is a very simple foreign language phrase book, but unlike printed ones, this app speaks the phrases too. There are ten languages, four of which are European. It would have been nice to have more local ones instead of the Thai and Vietnamese that are included, so it does depend on where you go for holidays and business trips as to how useful this is to you.

It is a very simple app and all the languages are displayed on the home screen. Select one and you will see a list of phrase categories on the left. Select a category and the phrases are displayed on the right.

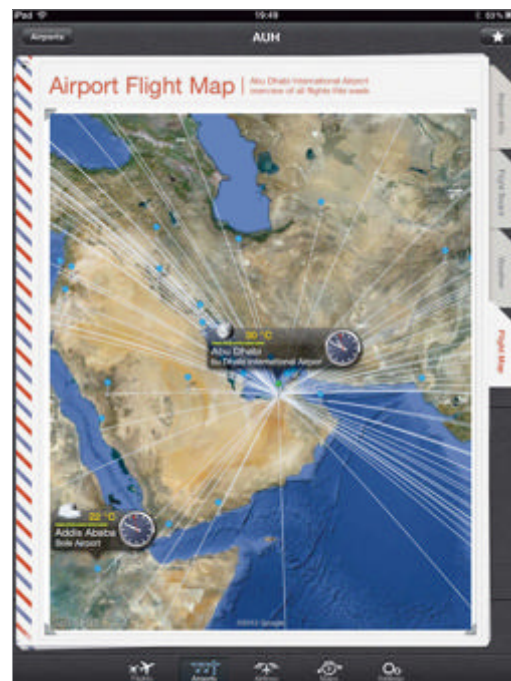
Tapping a phrase speaks it out loud and prints it at the top of the screen. Most of the categories are disabled and in the free app there are just greetings, essentials and numbers. All the others must be purchased and this costs £1.99 for each language or £13.99 for all of them. The iPad version isn't bad, but the iPhone is obviously more convenient to carry.

Rating ★★★★★



Track your flights visually on this map

The app gives the impression that it has been thoughtfully designed



For any airport, you can quickly check all of the arrivals and departures

Price: £3.99/\$5.99 Developer: International Airport Flight Track Technologies

Flight+ for iPad

A beautifully presented mobile app



There are hundreds of well-presented apps available for the iPad and iPhone, but few can be classed as genuinely beautiful as well as practical and functional. This app does just that, which is perhaps a little surprising given the relatively serious nature of the tasks that it performs.

It is designed primarily to let you track flights, and whether you are checking to see when a loved one returns home or if you need to track multiple flights for work, this app is the ideal tool to get it done. It can, believe it or not, track every single flight in the world at any given time, and can also be used to track flights that are occurring on later dates. This range of information available to you is easily accessed through a simple design layout.

You also can input flights to be tracked as and when they occur and you can also receive alerts that will let you know if flights have been delayed or if there is a problem. These features alone make the app highly useful, and in the right hands it could become something that you use every single day. However, this is just the start of the story.

You can check flights and share details with anyone via email, social networks or SMS. The flights can be synchronised with your calendar, you can label each flight, store specific information and also add your own personal notes to easily keep track of it all. Ten-day weather forecasts are included, and the level of detail at every point is phenomenal.

This detail covers everything from departure and arrival flight boards, to the ability to find any airport in the world, and even supplies terminal maps for major airports. As if all of this wasn't enough, the presentation lifts it beyond almost any other solution we have seen. The key parts of the navigation have been built specifically for the task at hand, and the way the route, airport and airline information is presented is breathtaking at first glance. It really is something that you can enjoy using.

It is highly unusual to find an app that combines practicality, beautiful presentation and consideration all the way through, but Flight+ really does manage to pull off this trick.

Rating ★★★★★



Spyglass

Stunning compass information



■ A compass and other useful information is overlaid on a live video image

■ Here's where it starts to get complicated, calculating distances, angles and so on



Price: £2.99/\$3.99 Developer: Pavel Ahafonau



The 13-page quick start guide and 60-page manual for Spyglass are compulsory reading and both can be added to iBooks for convenience. To say that Spyglass is a fancy compass is true, but that really doesn't do it justice. It has too many functions to describe here, but it can be very useful for hunting, fishing, boating, surveys, hiking, biking and more.

Hold the iPad up and you get a head-up display of compass and other information overlaid on the live camera image. As you move around, the compass shows the direction and there is also elevation and bearing, altitude, a rangefinder, time, azimuth, GPS coordinates and more. It can also show speed, course and maximum speed information.

Hold it horizontally and a satellite-type map is displayed instead. Your current location can be saved as a waypoint. Waypoints are tracked and pointers are displayed, and there are pointers to primary, secondary and tertiary targets. This is an amazing app, but it requires time and effort to master.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Spark Labs LLC

Tourwrist

Explore the world



Tourwrist is basically a collection of 360 degree panoramas, but it is a must-have app. Most of the screen is taken up with a large map of the world, and pins show where panoramas have been shot.

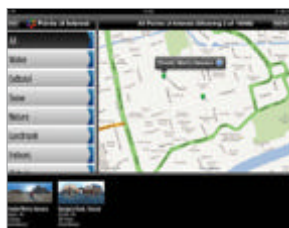
You can zoom in to any country to see more detail and more locations. On the left are buttons for the tour, property and photographer of the day, and these go straight into a panorama. Alternatively, tapping Browse Tours displays the categories and these are used like filters to show points of interest, arts and entertainment, vehicles, hotels and resorts, and so on.

When a panorama is selected, the iPad lets you look up and down, and turn 360 degrees to see everything around you. The photography is excellent and it's a brilliant way to view amazing sights and locations. There's a pop-up information box, you can get directions and also share it on Facebook or Twitter.



■ Only a few panorama pins are on the map at first, but more are added as you zoom in

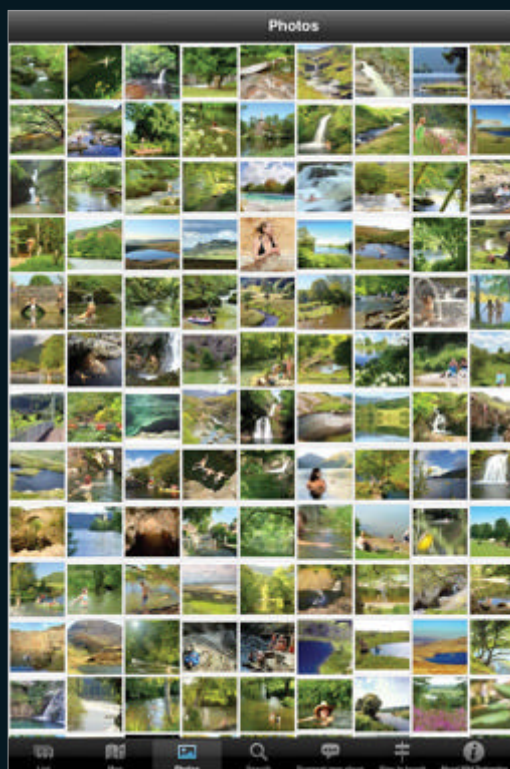
■ Tourwrist has a very user-friendly interface



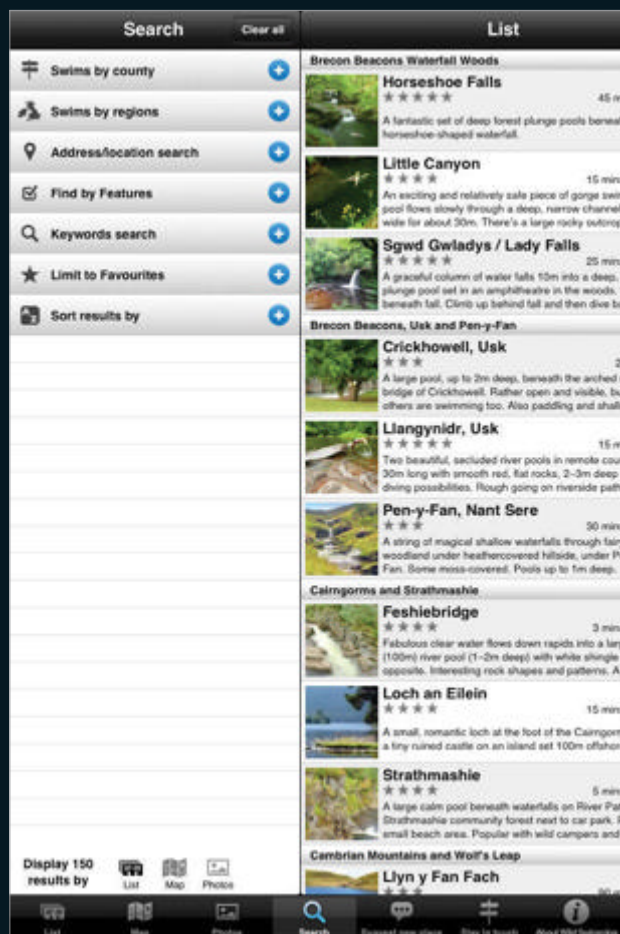
Rating ★★★★★



■ Use Map View to find fun places around the UK or within easy travelling distance



■ All the photos are shown as thumbnails. Zoom in and tap to see the full details



■ You can search for places to swim or visit using various criteria from county to keywords

Price: £4.99 /\$6.99 Developer: Wild Things Publishing Ltd

Wild Swimming Britain (Full Version)

Swim, paddle or picnic, it's up to you



Wild Swimming is all about discovering exciting and unusual places to swim, such as pools, waterfalls, tarns, and lakes. It isn't just for people that like to strip off and plunge into icy cold water! The app is also an excellent source of ideas for days out walking in the countryside and there are often footpaths and bridleways in the area. The locations are very attractive and often have great views, so don't let the swimming in the title put you off. You can have picnics too.

There are several views and List displays a scrollable list of locations on the left that are organised by area. There is a thumbnail photo, star rating, very brief description and accessibility. Select one of the locations and the details are displayed on the right side of the screen. There can be several photos showing highlights of the location and several maps

including Ordnance Survey, Google and others. A lot of information is provided about the locations like the water quality, the postcode for your satnav, the nearest town, nearby attractions and points of interest. You can even tap a button and get the weather forecast.

The Map icon displays a map of the UK with pins showing the locations. The Photos icon displays thumbnail images of all the photos, so you can select a place to visit purely based on how attractive it looks. A search facility enables you to find places by features, region, county and so on.

This is a superb app for planning days out around the country that is well worth the money. Certainly one to recommend.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: Trailbehind Inc

Offline Topo Maps

You'll never get lost with this app



A Google Maps app is provided with iOS of course, but it has its obvious limitations. One is that it requires a good internet connection and this isn't always available, particularly if you like to head off the beaten track and do a spot of exploring or adventuring. Drive out into the country to do some walking and there isn't a Wi-Fi network or 3G signal for miles around. This is where Offline Topo Maps is useful and it enables you to use maps in offline mode when there isn't a signal.

The app must first be used when you have internet access because the maps are stored online. It works out your current location and displays a map with a panel of icons down the right hand side. A search box in the top left corner enables you to go anywhere in the world though.

Zooming in and out is with the usual pinch and spread movements that you will be familiar with from many other apps. Pins can be placed on the map to store places you want to remember and notes to remind yourself about the places you've

marked can be entered and stored with them. There is also an option to get driving directions and this temporarily switches to the very handy Google Maps.

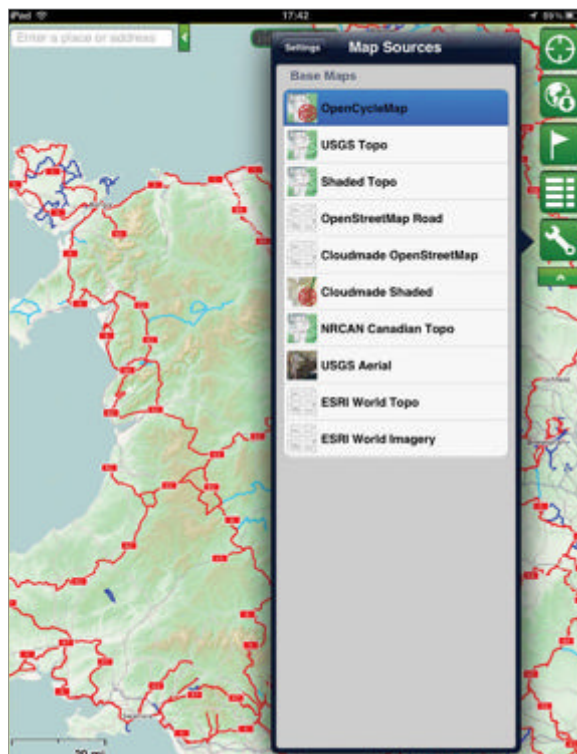
Although maps are actually online, the app remembers the most recently viewed areas. There is also an option to select part of a map and then to save it to memory. So if you are planning a trip you can view the area you are visiting on the map and when you arrive there you can still explore the region even though there isn't an internet connection. Several different maps are available, such as OpenCycleMap, OpenStreetMap Road, Cloudmade OpenStreetMap and so on. More maps can be added from within the app. The cycle map is useful if you want to plan off-road cycling, there are satellite maps and many more.

The iPad is a bit big for your pocket, but it does fit in a backpack and the big screen is much more useful than an iPhone's. There is even a compass so you know which direction you are heading.

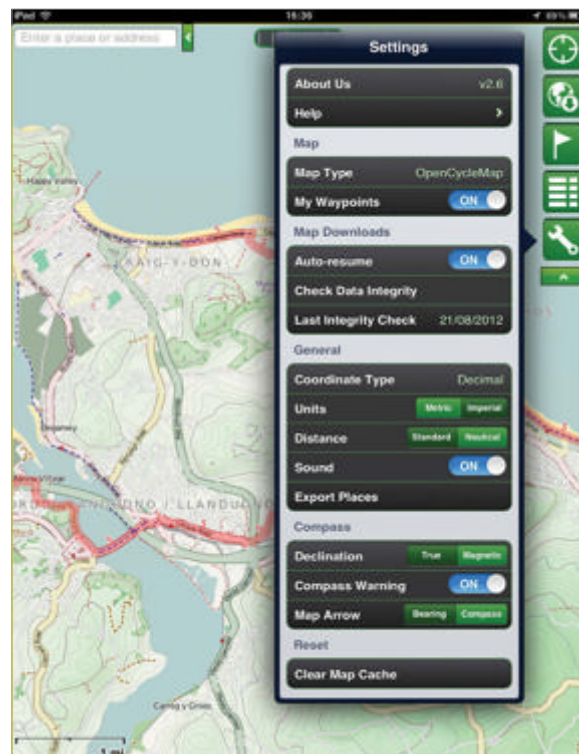
Rating ★★★★★



■ Satellite maps are available and here we are looking down on the Empire State Building



■ A variety of maps are available and they display different types of information

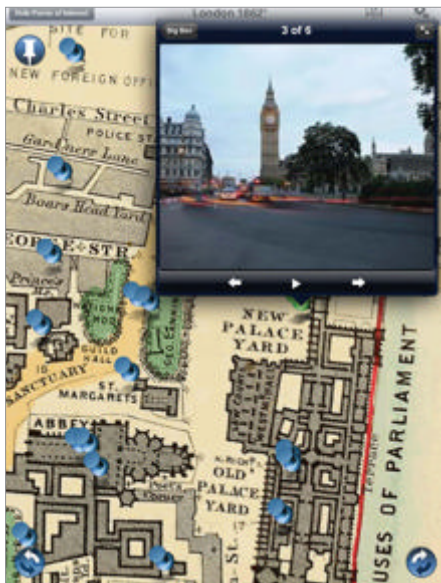




Price: £7.99/\$11.99 Developer: Visick Solutions Ltd

Time Travel Explorer HD – London

See how the city has changed



There can be up to half a dozen different photos for a point of interest on the map



There are sections of text, audio commentaries and photos



If you are planning a trip to London, you should definitely purchase a tourist guide showing you all the best places, sights and a guide to the history. This app is an encyclopaedia of points of interest, photos and audio guides. Like normal travel guides, it has a street map with pins highlighting points of interest and an alphabetical list of places. But this app goes further than regular printed tourist guides, with maps to look at from 1746 to today, so you can see how the city has changed over the centuries.

The maps are detailed and you can zoom in to street level and see the names of roads, buildings, parks and so on. Time Travel is a nice feature that smoothly fades one map into the next.

Tap a pin in the map or use the list of places and a window is displayed containing text, spoken commentary and thumbnail images. Content can be saved so you don't need the internet. It is good, but expensive, and absolutely fascinating.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Sutro Media

Viva Las Vegas, Baby!

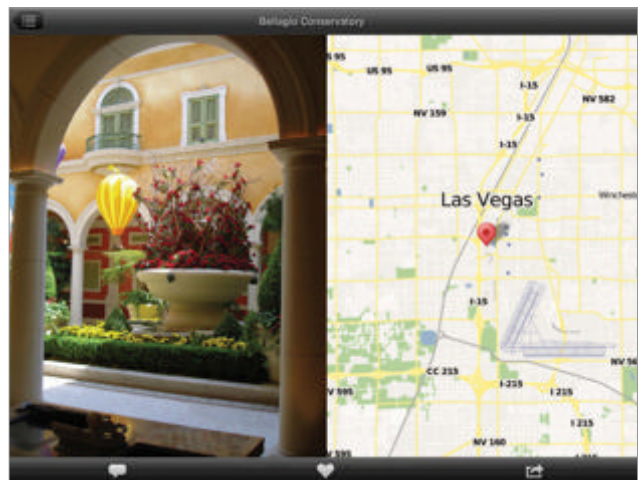
For both real and virtual visitors



Whether you are a real visitor to Las Vegas or just exploring from your armchair, this app is a great resource. It's a big 245Mb download, but that's because it contains 600 entries and 3,550

photographs and videos. Selecting Browse at the bottom lists all the entries and a filter control enables you to show just casinos and gambling, family-friendly places, restaurants, places to get married and so on.

There is a huge amount of content and each item has a thumbnail image, short description, price, location and distance from your current location. Tap one and a photo, map and text description is displayed. Tap the photo to see a slide show or the map to zoom in to street level and get directions. A very useful app.



Elvis impersonators are a dime a dozen in Las Vegas – you can find them everywhere

View slide shows of the top attractions and see where they are on the map

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: VersaEdge Software LLC

Disney World Maps - Free

Can't find that ride? This will help



It is hard to imagine anyone visiting Disney World carrying an iPad around when there are so many attractions and things to do, but if you have a backpack and want an interactive map then this is a



well-executed product that you should definitely take a look at. It is simply designed and brightly coloured. It can work out your location using GPS if your device has it or you can select areas, zoom in and navigate yourself. All the rides show waiting times and information, but everything from first aid to food is displayed, making it particularly useful when travelling with a family.

Rating ★★★★★

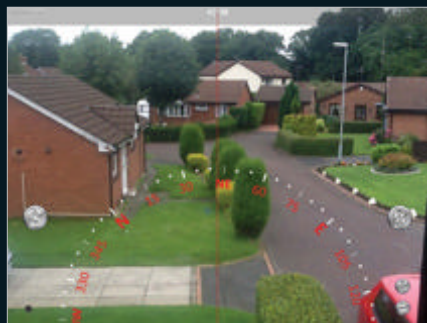
Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: Electric Pocket Ltd

Compass Eye

Dare you take your iPad to sea?



Compass Eye has been designed to aid marine navigation, but don't let that put you off, because it can be used on land too. On the screen is a large compass and when held vertically, it is overlaid on top of a live camera image with controls to zoom in and out. When



held horizontal it is displayed on top of a Google Map, with the usual options of map, satellite, or hybrid. If GPS is available, then location and speed is available too. It's good, but Spyglass is better.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Columbus Travel Media

World Travel Atlas - Free

A modern digital atlas for your iPad



Armchair explorers can sit back and relax as the iPad takes them to exotic locations around the world. It uses Google Maps for the normal and satellite views, and in addition there are political and physical maps too. You can explore by swiping and zooming or use the Regions,



Countries and Cities buttons to look up places. There are descriptions, photos, exchange rates, and weather forecasts. There's a lot of information in this freebie, but even more in the £1.99 version.

Rating ★★★★★

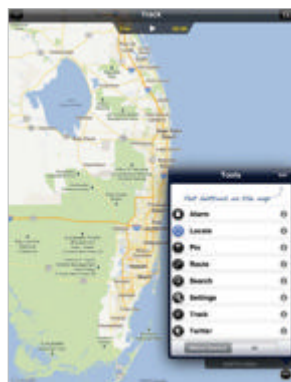
Price: Free Developer: IZE Ltd

Maps+

Add extra features to Google Maps



This is Google Maps with extra functions. Tap the icon in the bottom right corner and a Tools window is displayed containing nine items. Alarms allows you to set alarms associated with a location,



and Pin enables you to place multiple pins on the map to mark out important places. Locate has several options and it centres the map on your location, autoscrolls when you move and shows your direction. You can plan routes and track movement. A £1.99 upgrade unlocks even more features, but the free version is pretty good.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Avocado Hills Inc

Worldly

A handy offline version of Wikitravel



This is an offline version of the Wikitravel website that aims to provide an up-to-date world travel guide. The site is free, but the app itself isn't.

However, you won't always have internet access



when travelling, so it's probably worth the small fee, especially if you're going to explore off the beaten track. Search for wherever you are going or are currently at and you can read about the history, places to visit, how to travel there, get around when you arrive, what to do, buy and eat and so on. It has opening times of places, telephone numbers, and other details.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Triplt Inc

Triplt

Organise your trip by planning it carefully



There are two versions of this app: it's free with adverts or £2.49 without. After registering with the service, you can enter trips and holiday plans into the app. It is like a customised database and there is space to enter the flight details, car rental, or other means of transport. Enter where you are



staying, when you will be arriving and departing, what activities you have planned, and so on. It is great if you like planning every little detail of your holidays.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Conductive Technology Corp

AirportZoom

The latest flight info at your fingertips



If you fly regularly or take or pick up people from the airport then this is an essential app. Instead of Googling the airport and searching for flight information, it is all here. It works out your current



location and shows the nearest airports, but you can search for any airport to display. Using the Departures and Arrivals buttons at the bottom and the time slots at the top you can find out whether flights are on time, overdue, or whether they've already landed. Airport Tracker displays flights on a Google Map.

Rating ★★★★★

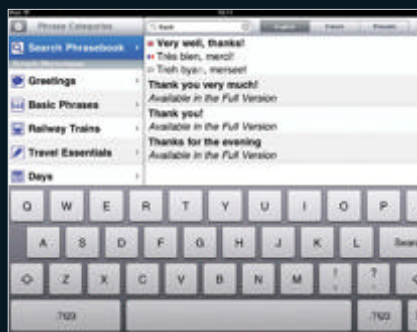
Price: Free Developer: Pocketglow Inc

SpeakEasy French Lite

An essential guide for travelling in France



This Lite app has 169 common French phrases, but upgrade packs can be bought in the app to get up to 1,650. A panel on the left side lists the phrase categories and there are greetings, basic phrases, trains, days, numbers and travel essentials. Some of the phrases



aren't particularly useful, such as 'train', but others are very useful like 'When is the next train to...'. You just select a phrase and tap it to hear it. A useful no-frills guide that could save you some hassle.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: ALK Technologies Ltd

CoPilot GPS



Unlike Navfree, which sets itself up automatically, this requires you to take a few minutes to tailor it to your needs by setting up an ID, and selecting which maps you want to download and store so that you can access them offline later.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: RouteBuddy Ltd

RouteBuddy Atlas



This versatile navigational atlas can sync to your desktop computer, so you can plot routes on the big screen before transferring them to your iOS device. You can also record your route, and the clean interface makes it virtually impossible to get lost. Specialist maps available online make this an essential download for would-be explorers.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Lefty Concepts LLC

Hawaii Progressive (HiP) Magazine



Hawaii Progressive Magazine certainly makes the most of the iPad as a platform on which to publish content; plenty of interaction required to read stories, and there's multimedia content such as videos and audio in abundance.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Geolife Ltd

Navfree GPS Live UK & ROI



This useful app stores maps on your device, eradicating the need for a data connection. The only worrying thing is that the maps that the app relies on are provided courtesy of the wiki-style OpenStreetMap, raising potential accuracy issues.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Waze Inc

Waze social GPS traffic & gas



This GPS navigation app incorporates a social network to help drivers warn their fellow motorists of traffic congestion, speed cameras and so forth. This system works well and is surprisingly useful.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Wanderlust Publications Ltd

Take Better Travel Photos



It's nice when the name of a publication explains everything it needs to. This app is a simple digital copy of the yearly magazine in a no-frills style – swipe to turn pages, pinch to zoom and choose pages to skip to. That's about it, but it does a great job with it.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £1.49/\$2.99 Developer: Lee Design Services LLC

Countries Visited – World Travel Log

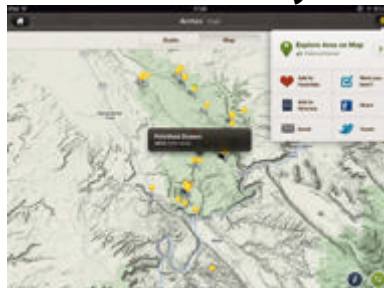


It's always fun to keep track of where you've been in your life, so apps like World Travel Log are nice to have about, at least in theory. In practice, you have an app that shouldn't cost as much as it does – firstly because you can get numerous free services that do the same thing and second because it feels a mite feature-light.

Rating ★★★★★

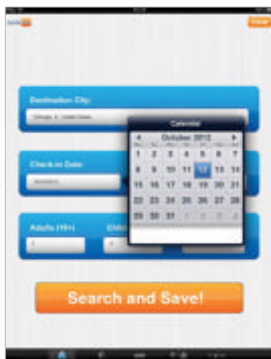
Price: Free Developer: National Geographic Society

National Parks by National Geographic



If you crave the great outdoors then this beautiful, fully interactive guide to 20 of the USA's most popular national parks will amaze you. It comes with maps featuring GPS coordinates for thousands of points of interest, photos and info.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Moonlava LLC

BookMe Travel

BOOK ME Upon entering your holiday or trip destination and the arrival and departure dates, and BookMe Travel will list all of the top online booking agents, which you can view in tab form. You can easily see what deals each company has available and switching from one to the other to compare offers and find the best is something this app does incredibly well.

Rating ★★★★★

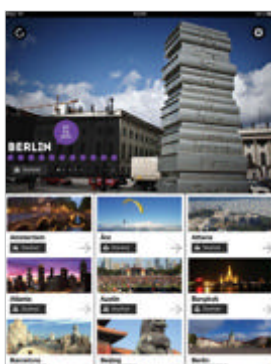
Price: Free Developer: iCruise

Cruise Finder - iCruise.com



If you are planning to go on a cruise or simply like to dream, then this is a great app that is packed with ideas. Whether you want a bargain basement cabin or a suite fit for a lottery winner, you will find something here.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Guidepal Group AB

GuidePal Offline City Guides

GuidePal There are lots of city guides, but this is a great one to add to your collection. It's not just for armchair tourists, because each guide can be downloaded and accessed in offline mode without an internet connection. There are things to see, restaurants, shopping, useful tips and more.

Rating ★★★★★

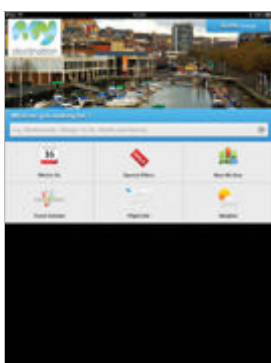
Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: SZ Software

Cycle Maps: Global Cycling GPS



If you like to get out on your bike and enjoy the countryside, this app will help you to plan your route. Enter the start and end points, and it will display the route on a Google Map. For what it offers, there are better apps around.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: MyDestinationInfo.com

My Destination - Travel Guide

My Destination This is a very simple and basic travel guide, but thankfully it is free. Your destination can be selected from a list, and the choices are very limited. There are some odd entries, too, like Bristol. For a holiday? While there are special offers and a what's on guide, the content and design is quite poor on the whole.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Kayak Software Corp

KAYAK PRO

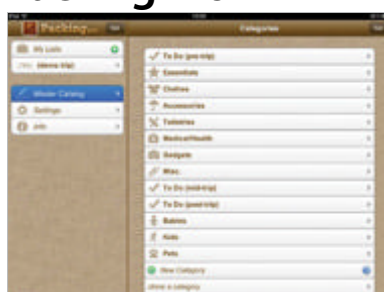


Kayak enables you to search for the best deals on flights to/from any airport, places to stay and car hire. It's a useful app that is easy to use, with the results being listed with the option to sort by price, features and star rating.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Quinn Genzel

Packing Pro

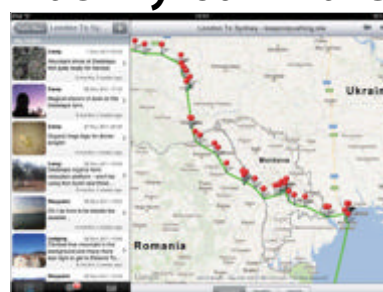


When you are going on a trip or holiday, do you create a list of things you need or must do? Why not use your iPad instead of paper scraps? Packing Pro is an excellent app that enables you to store everything with the aid of iCloud syncing.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Christopher Meyer

TrackMyTour - Travel Sharing



A great app for people on a touring holiday. Waypoints can be dropped onto a Google Map at the places you stay, eat, visit or pass through. Dates, photos and comments can be added, and your family and friends can follow your trip.

Rating ★★★★★



iPad Productivity/Utilities

Productivity/ Utilities



Although the iPad already has fantastic native apps that perform a number of tasks admirably, the App Store holds many more applications that greatly extend the functionality of your tablet. Here are some of the latest and greatest utility apps to increase your productivity with

Top Paid Apps	Top Free Apps
Taposé Collaborative Creation ★★★★★	Paper by Fifty Three ★★★★★
Byword ★★★★★	30/30 ★★★★★
Timeline ★★★★	CloudOn ★★★★
Staff pick of the section	
iPlan for iPad ★★★★	Sticky Notes ★★★



■ Adobe's touch interface is really brilliant, and Collage really benefits from it

Price: £6.99/\$9.99 Developer: Adobe Systems Inc

Adobe Collage

Does Adobe's new design app give its rivals a good pasting?



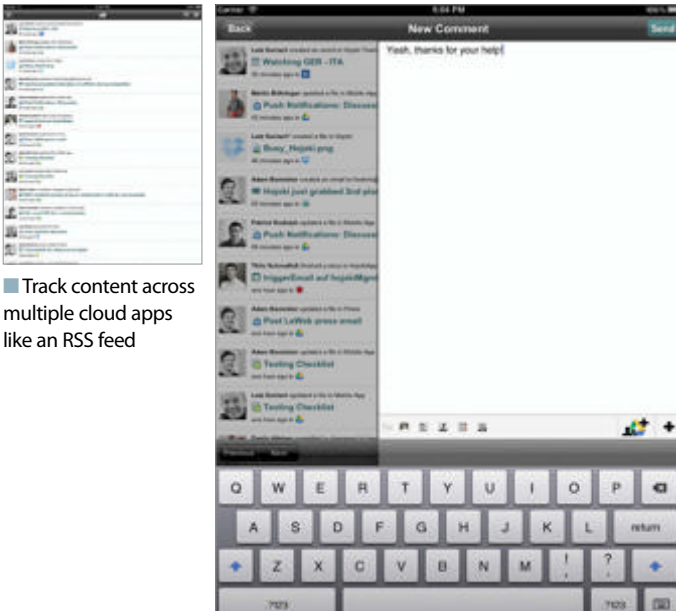
Straight from the off Adobe Collage gives you a choice of background colours and textures, allowing you to create a unique look for each collage.

From here, you can use Adobe's excellent touch interface to add images and text, and edit each one with a double-tap. The image editing options are limited to cutting out areas of your image, which is a real shame, and we found that our text became quite pixelated if we increased its size too far. The drawing options also offer a range of customisation choices, with Opacity, Stroke Width and Four Stroke variations available.

The app works well enough at putting together a collage, and while that's all it's really built for, we would've really liked to have seen a few more options. Integration with Adobe's Creative Cloud is welcome, and the app really benefits from the excellent interface, but we can't help but feel that there are a few more editing options from Adobe's Photoshop Touch app that could have made it into this one.

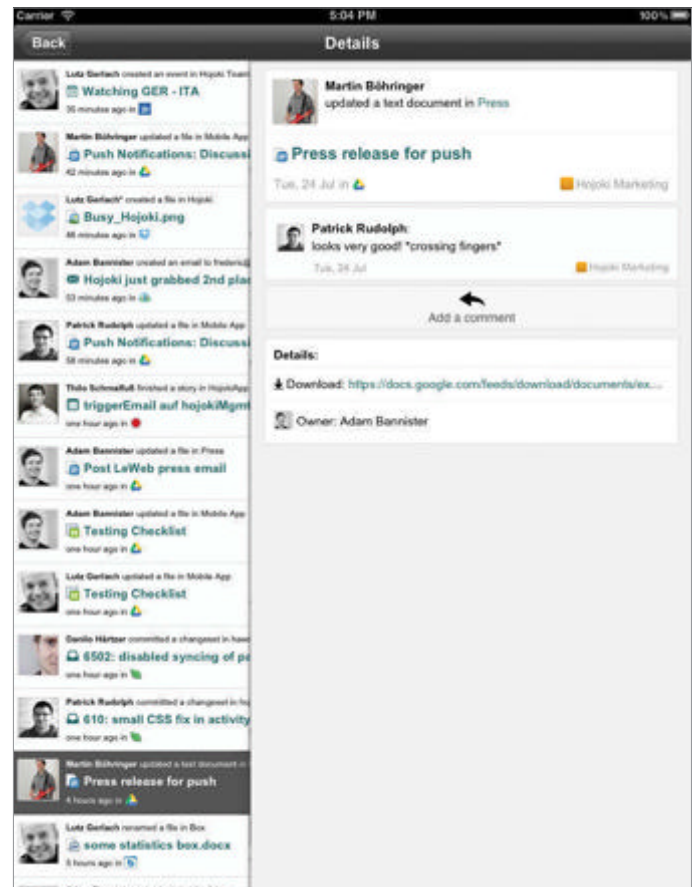
The brilliant interface is a great bonus, but we can't help but feel there are a few things missing considering the price.

Rating ★★★★★



■ Track content across multiple cloud apps like an RSS feed

■ You cannot alter content directly, but you can communicate with other users in your feed



■ The ability to download files from cloud storage is a useful feature

Price: Free Developer: Hojoki GmbH

Hojoki

A cloud services manager that needs an upgrade



If you work in a fairly large business or company, chances are the cloud is important to you and your colleagues, for the obvious file sharing reasons. Hojoki aims to solve all that.

And, for the website at least, it does. Sign into Hojoki, add in the apps and accounts you want to use and simply wait for the feed to fill up. Think of it as an RSS feed for your cloud apps – which is ironic, since Google Reader is one of the accounts you can track alongside the slew of others. Most useful are the likes of Google Drive or Dropbox, though more entertainment-based ones such as Twitter or Del.icio.us are included for tracking. Not every cloud service is available – and there isn't any way to add a personal choice into the app – but the majority of the ones you've likely used before are here.

As an app Hojoki allows you to look, but not touch. It is a viewer app, enabling you to keep track of the content being added to, taken from, or altered in any of your cloud-based applications. However, there's no option to alter any of this content yourself in-app, so if you want to add to your Google Calendar or tweet

something you'll need to do so through their respective apps or communicate with other users and ask them to do it for you – provided they are sat at a desk, rather than using the app like you.

Unfortunately it doesn't always keep you up-to-date either. We found the lag around Hojoki's service is inconsistent at best; some services didn't update at all, while new additions can take a while to refresh. Naturally this isn't what you want, especially if your company is run through indirect cloud-based communication. Sometimes forcing the app to close triggered a refresh when we rebooted, but not always, and this could be a little frustrating.

Ultimately this makes Hojoki unreliable, and that's just not good enough for the app's use. Without the ability to add to your cloud content in a single location, Hojoki becomes very specialised in its use – and when that specialisation is patchy we would recommend waiting for an update.

A great idea, but Hojoki is lacking the reliability to make it a worthwhile time-investment.

Rating ★★★★★



iPad

Utilities/Productivity

Price: Free Developer: FiftyThree Inc

Paper by FiftyThree

A hot jotter with more tools than it lets on



Anyone who has read the biography of Apple founder Steve Jobs will know he was very much interested in creativity. For him, it was all about empowering the user to produce something in the simplest of ways.

And it is clear that this is also the aim of Paper by FiftyThree.

Although it's a very unusual name for an app, what it does is offer a blank canvas on which to draw freehand, and it provides a series of books into which you can put your artistic skills to good use.

The first book is called Making Paper, and it shows what you can do with the app. The other two are labelled Ideas and Sketches. On these blank pages you can add pages and sketch out your thoughts so that you have a great showcase of your talents. Opening a fresh page can be rather daunting, with only a blank screen in front of you. But the magic comes when you swipe up from the bottom edge. Now you have access to the Tool Tray. From here, you are able to choose a pen and a colour and begin.

Pay attention to that opening instruction screen. This shows you how to undo mistakes. It's a rather unique method of taking two fingers and moving them anti-clockwise. It's a very quick and intuitive method once you get used to it – although if you want to backtrack quite a few stages, you may find it a pain.

Although the actual app is free, if you want to go beyond the basic toolkit, you have to pay. It can start to get expensive, even though you are able to control what you do and don't want from the package. Given you only have a palette of eight colours to start with, you may wish to splash your cash on tools like Sketch, Outline or Write, which come to £1.49/\$1.99 each. Otherwise you will be limited. What we do like, however, is a try-before-you-buy option so that you can work out what you do and don't want to add to your package. A basic package to start, but the customisation options mean this can turn into a nice paint app.

Rating ★★★★★



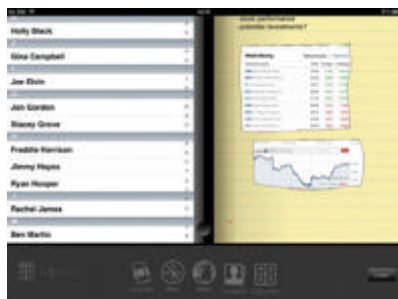
■ The app explains what it is capable of – which is actually quite a lot



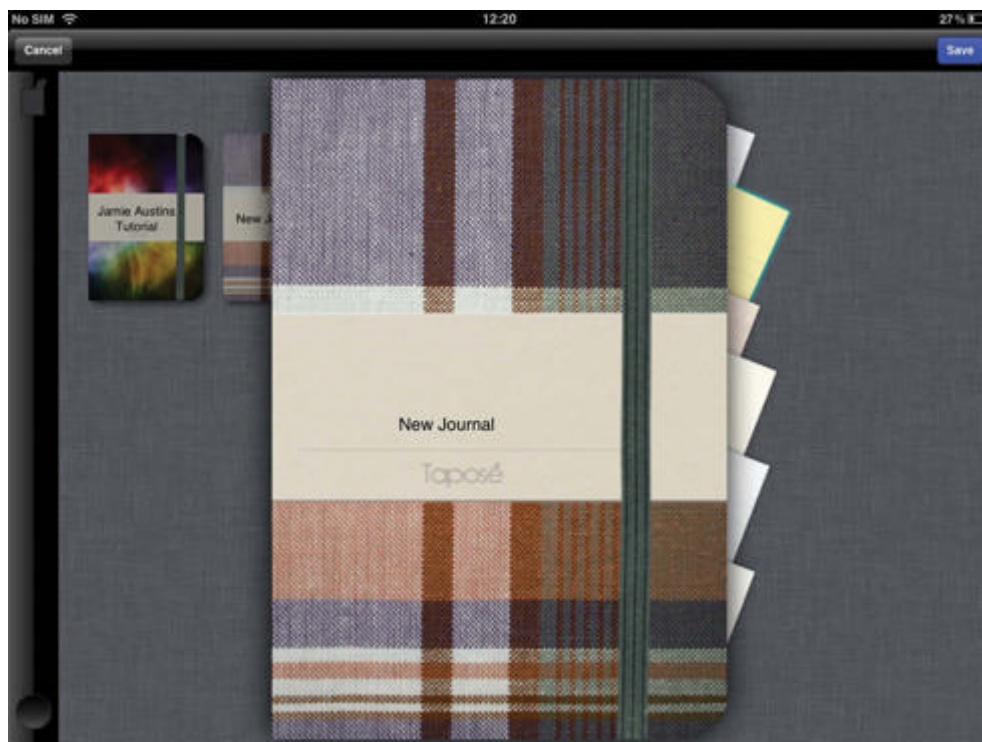
■ Many of the advanced tools have to be paid for, but you can try them out



■ This is a great app for sketching out ideas and designs



■ You can bring up your contacts book alongside your journal, and add in a business card by dragging and dropping it



■ When you start a new journal you can select a cover and page type

Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Zanther Inc

Taposé – Collaborative Content Creation

Generate journals and ideas side-by-side with a web browser



Taposé takes another new look at the idea of journal productivity on the iPad by not only giving users all the writing and note-making tools they need, but also by introducing side-by-side web browsing that appears open next to your journal. By dragging the app's sidebar away from the screen edge, you unveil a web browser window that allows you to work on both your notes and internet research at the same time, in an impressive demonstration of multitasking that extends to using maps, your contacts list and a calculator.

The main menu is designed as a bookshelf for your journals, each one customisable in terms of its front cover and the page type used. Once you've chosen your design, one tap will open it for you. Tap the pen pot icon to access editing tools. The Pen tool comes with the usual customisations such as colour change and point size, and despite some lag issues it works as a sketching tool within your journal pages. Luckily there's also a built-in eraser.

Alongside this you can also use the highlighter to bookmark key passages. You can also drop stickies anywhere on the page with a single tap, and add text to them to set yourself reminders. If you're using an iPad 2 or later, you can also upload images and video.

There are two ways to begin multi-tasking. The first is by dragging the sidebar inwards to reveal the browser window, or the Taposé website as the homepage. You can then cut relevant segments from web pages and drop them into your journal as notes or reminders as part of your work. Alternatively, you can swipe upwards from the bottom of the sidebar to reveal a menu of options for a second screen. As well as the web browser, you can open Maps. There are so many different gestures and multitasking possibilities within Taposé you are as likely to spend time searching through the app for them as you are actually being productive.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Urban Anomaly LLC

Timeline

Plan your next big project



Perfect for both established businesspersons and first-time entrepreneurs, Timeline allows you to budget your project, explain the different elements that are required to make it happen, and plan it over a period of time; but the beauty of this app is that it can extend a lot further than that. When you first open the app, things can seem a little daunting, so it's well worth opening the sample project and seeing how everything works.

That said, one of the best UI features of Timeline is that almost everything is editable by double-tapping on it or hitting a nearby editing button. That might seem like a lot of options to plan your project with, but not every one has to be used and, over time, more and more of them can be.

One true power feature is the ability to export PDF reports of your progress. These can be extremely useful in a business environment, and make this much more than a simple planning app. Timeline might seem a little overwhelming, but its bevy of incredibly useful features make it well worth the purchase.

Rating ★★★★★



■ Projects in Timeline are based around numerous, smaller activities that can be ordered however you like

■ Timeline items for your projects can be assigned different colours and styles for easy identification



Price: £2.99/\$3.99 Developer: GKproject

iPlan for iPad

Get organised



iPlan for iPad might well be another calendar app, but as well as providing you with calendar information, iPlan allows you to add memos, see the upcoming week's weather forecast and more, all in a clean and simple interface that won't overwhelm you with a myriad of unnecessary features.

When you first load iPlan, you're presented with its default calendar month view, presenting you with all of your events at a glance. The calendars themselves easily sync with Apple's own calendar app, meaning your iCloud, CalDAV and other accounts are all included in the app; you can even add events to new calendars from iPlan. As well as showing you your calendar events in day, week, month or yearly views, iPlan also allows you to view the week's weather thanks to its handy built-in forecast functionality, which relies on simple, beautifully-designed weather icons.

For extra security, iPlan allows you to keep your calendars and memos private with a four-digit PIN – a feature that's certainly not included in many of its competitor apps. All in all, iPlan does offer that little bit more, but keeps things simple enough to make this one beautiful calendar app.

Rating ★★★★★



■ iPlan for iPad's UI might be clean and simple, but it remains entirely functional



Price: Free Developer: CloudOn Inc

CloudOn

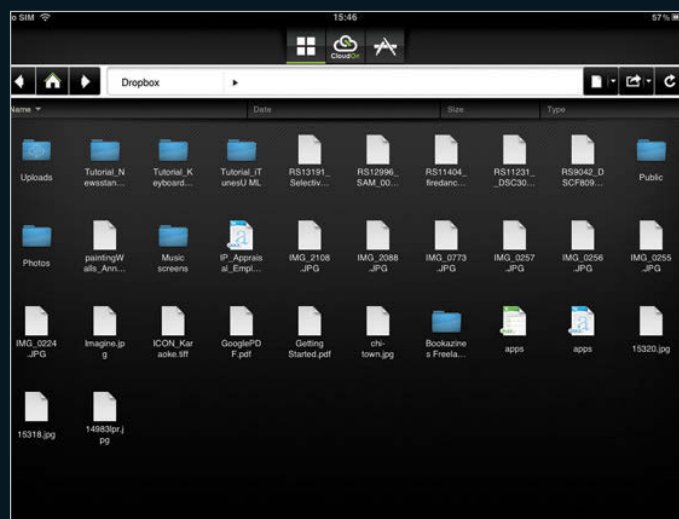
Microsoft Office on your iPad, for free



It's a deal that sounds too good to be true, but CloudOn does indeed give you the three core programs of Microsoft Office – Word, PowerPoint and Excel – optimised for your iPad. It doesn't just let you open files created in these programs, but you can create original ones in-app and then save them to CloudOn alongside the other files in your Dropbox account. CloudOn will not work without a Dropbox account, but you can set one up for free on the website.



■ You can alter the file layout view via the app's top menu



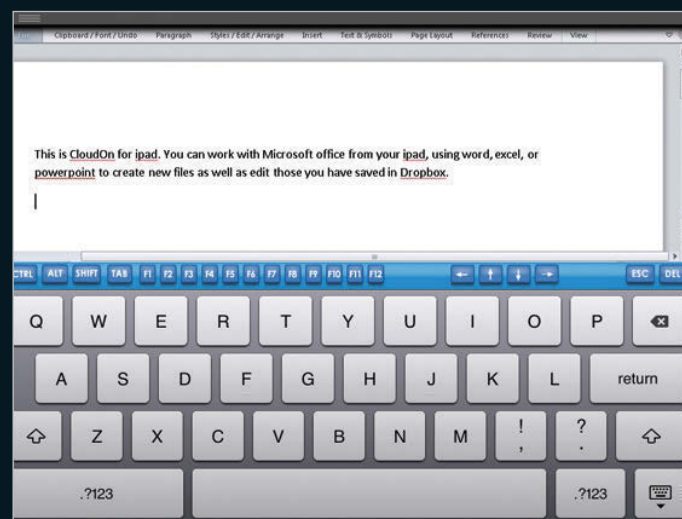
■ You can change the layout of your file menu to suit your working habits

CloudOn is straightforward, with a tidy interface that allows you to rearrange the layout of your files by tapping an icon. There are also shortcuts for creating a new document and for accessing the settings and other menu options. Cleverly, the app has directly ported the interface of Microsoft Office, so when you open Word or PowerPoint, you see it how you would on a desktop. CloudOn also has a useful autosave feature.

One other notable aspect of the functionality is the ability to pinch zoom while working on a document. Working in the same format as on a desktop is true to every extent in CloudOn, even when the time comes to make a presentation. Rather than using a PDF viewing setup as other apps like this do, CloudOn presents in full PowerPoint mode, which is definitely impressive. It also means you don't have to worry about formatting files in specific ways.

The issue that users will pick up on when using CloudOn is the keyboard lag. There is a slight delay between touching the keys and the letters appearing on screen, also, CloudOn also does not support images, so when it comes to using PowerPoint this works more effectively as an editing or checking tool, rather than a full-blown creator of presentations. But with a few updates, CloudOn has the potential to become the go-to app for anyone looking to transport their home PC to their iPad.

Rating ★★★★★



■ Using Microsoft Word in CloudOn does come with some typing drawbacks



Price: £6.99/\$9.99 Developer: CMS

iThoughtsHD

Get your thoughts together

■ You can create a new map using the plus in the top-left corner of the screen



When it comes to jotting down your thoughts, there are plenty of note-taking apps on the iPad, but none function quite as well as iThoughtsHD. The app allows you to start with a central bubble, then create a mind map stemming from it. Add new topics and branch off various thoughts from each. You can create an endless stream of sub-branches, and the app will set them out in a convenient and easy-to-understand way automatically. It's also possible to hide branches so that they only show with a tap – perfect for huge sections that would otherwise become confusing.

These maps are incredibly easy to create using the controls in the bar along the top of the app. At first, the app may be a little confusing simply due to the sheer range of functionality. However, the introductory map helps you learn. And, once you've got it, you'll find the whole process of creating and editing mind maps is great; it's brilliant for taking and organising notes.

■ You can share to all kinds of places, including cloud services and your iPad's camera roll



Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Binary Hammer LLC

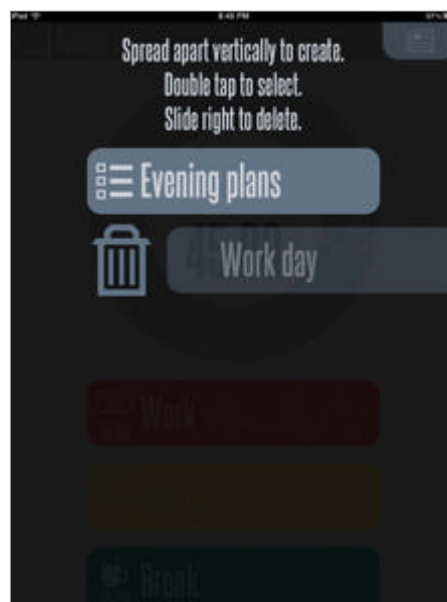
30/30

Organise your life

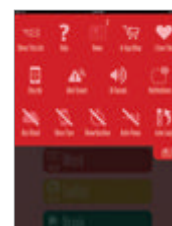


There are plenty of apps in the store helping you to plan, make lists, and generally become more organised, but none function in quite the same way as 30/30. The app is a simple time planner, but a brilliant one. Add tasks, customise their icons, titles and colours, then start the timer. The circular display will start to tick around, and when you reach the end of one task, the app reminds you to switch to the next.

You control the app through a series of simple gestures that take a little time to learn, but once you've got them, the app's functions are stunning. Pinch, swipe and tap to alter your tasks fast. The interface is clean and simple, and the app's neat little touches, such as a work/break timer repeating until you stop it, show the love that's been put in. 30/30 is the perfect app for organising yourself. Its brilliant options like iCloud syncing with other devices make it practically unmissable



■ You can use multi-touch gestures and swipes to reorganise your lists quickly



■ The menu slides down from the top of the screen



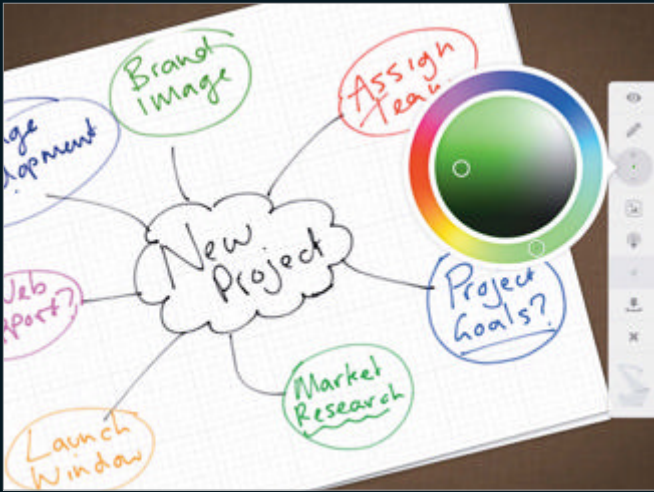
■ The main screen is simple, bright, and colourful

Rating ★★★★★



iPad

Productivity/ Utilities



■ The interface is uncluttered with the tools presented in a dock down the right side of the screen

Price: £2.49/\$3.99 Developer: Stewart Hamilton-Arrandale

Sketchshare

Show your creativity



There are some apps we don't realise we need until they fall right off the shelves of the App Store into our virtual shopping baskets. It's safe to say that Sketchshare is one such app.

First and foremost, Sketchshare is a quick and easy drawing app that can be used to rough out thoughts and ideas and draw pictures. The sketching tool is fluid, with variable pen nib widths and a colour picker providing just enough scope to jot down whatever you need to. You can import images from your Camera Roll to place on the page and apply your own annotations before sharing them via email or tweets.

But the real beauty of the app is that you can connect up to four iPads together via Game Center and have everyone on the same page. As if that wasn't enough, the app also supports live voice chat, so you can brainstorm and develop your ideas in real-time while the meeting of minds is ongoing. It's one of those great creative tools made much better with social integration.

Future updates would benefit from more paper styles, drawing tools and effects, but as a device for remote working, it blew us away. It's a very cool app for shared work, but it's for its playful side that it's highly recommended.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Thomas Greany

Sticky Notes

Jot it down



A search for sticky notes in the App Store will produce a long list of candidates and it is hard to choose between them. Sticky Notes for iPad is typical of this type of app and it is free and it works well. The screen is a virtual corkboard and there is a choice of colours, ranging from the regular yellow colour to a regular rainbow of sticky notes.

Notes can be created and pinned to this corkboard. Double tapping creates a new note and a panel opens to allow you to select the paper and ink colours, the font and the size. There is only a small selection available, but it is adequate for the task. If you have an iPad 3, you can speak the text, but on all other formats you will have to type it. Notes can be dragged around the screen and placed anywhere.

Pinch and spread in the usual way to make them smaller or bigger. Tapping and holding enables you to email, tweet or print the note, which is useful, although you will need an iPad-compatible printer of course.

Rating ★★★★★



■ Notes are straightforward and there are different colours. Spelling mistakes are corrected



■ Notes can be resized and repositioned



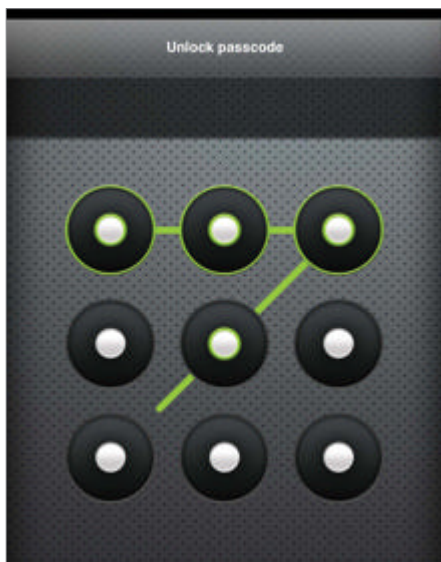
■ There are also options to share notes via Twitter



Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: iOS Lab

1Pass Pro

Store all your passwords safely



■ You can add accounts for built-in websites, or add a standard login for websites not listed

■ You can use a different kind of code to unlock the app – this is the symbol option



When it comes to memorising passwords it can be really tough, especially if you have numerous accounts on various sites and apps. And, with more and more threats to password security, making your passwords hard to break is essential for piece of mind. Sadly, making passwords difficult to crack also makes them difficult to remember. Thankfully, apps like 1Pass Pro will help you store all your passwords in one place and ensure they're safe.

Upon opening the app you'll need to set an unlock code and a master code; these can be anything from a four-number code to a complex code made up of letters and numbers, or even a gesture based code. Once you've done this you can start adding account passwords, bank details, notes and more; the app includes plenty of options for popular sites and accounts. The interface isn't perfect (we experienced a few problems with buttons that didn't work properly) but for the most part it's all perfectly functional. A great, cheaper alternative to the popular 1Password.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Shartel Solutions LLC

SOS Panic Button

For your peace of mind



This app's main function is to send an alert or message to a friend or family member should you need it in an emergency. The app itself, once set up, is astonishingly simple – there are only two options on the screen. The first is the big, red SOS button in the middle of the screen, and the other is a menu button that sits in the bottom-right corner. You'll need to register for a free account with FollowMee, and add the email address and phone number of a friend, but once you've done that, simply hit the SOS button and a message will be sent to those people sharing your location. The iPad version also enables you to make voice calls, but this requires a separate paid account. It's great for when you don't have a phone on you in an emergency.



■ You'll need to create and add an account with FollowMee, and for VOIP calls from an iPad

■ You can also view your current location on an online map to test your connection

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: YT Developments

Cleaner

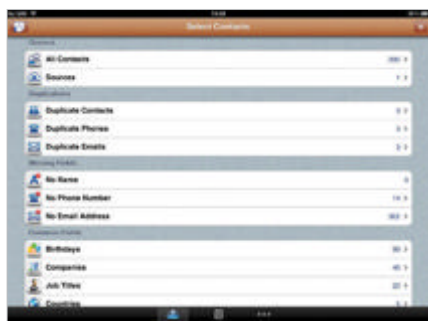
Clean up your iPad's contacts quickly and easily



Without a doubt, your Contacts app contains the most important data on your iPad, with all of your friends numbers and email addresses in one place.

And, without regular cleaning, that database can become cluttered and messy. Thankfully, Cleaner is here to help, allowing you to quickly find multiple contacts or those without

names or any contact details attached, and quickly purge them from your iPad. It's a brilliant way to keep your list of contacts up to date, and even for the asking price it's worth it.



Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: Goo Software Ltd

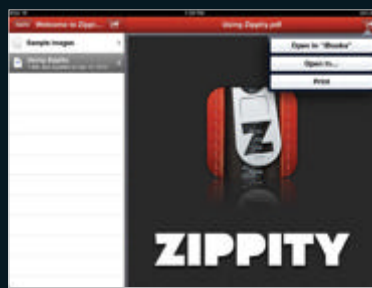
Zippity

Open and share those pesky zip files



When you're working exclusively on an iPad, there is no built-in way to open zip files. You need an external app, and that's where Zippity comes in. It allows you to open, store and share zip files, and it does so quickly and easily. Once installed, the

app lets you open the files from anywhere, thanks to the system-wide implementation. The app works perfectly, but ultimately there are free apps that perform just as well.



Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Overlook Soft

Fing Network Scanner

Monitor your Wi-Fi networks with Fing



If you want to stay up-to-date with who is accessing your home network, Fing is your perfect companion. It will instantly show you all the devices currently using the same network



that you're connected to, and offer details on each one, such as IP and MAC addresses. It's very useful for checking your Wi-Fi isn't being stolen.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £1.49/\$1.99 Developer: SpiritX Media Solutions

VoiceTexter

Time to put on your best accent...



Speech recognition is all the rage right now, and this app uses the excellent Nuance speech recognition to understand exactly what you're saying. Select your language, tap the screen and start talking. The app is incredibly successful at understanding you, as long as you speak in a clear voice, and the ability to edit your text and quickly add it to

the clipboard is very useful. You can do all kinds of things within the app, too, such as Tweeting, searching various websites and more. The price is the only negative point here; Nuance's own app is free.



Rating ★★★★★



Price: Free Developer: Alfresco Software Inc

Alfresco

Cloud sharing with colleagues made simple



In business, cloud sharing is now a hugely helpful service. Alfresco offers you a way to share your documents with colleagues fast. 10GB of storage is included for free, which should be plenty for small projects, and the iPad app is perfect for previewing, editing and sharing your documents with colleagues. The app tracks changes,



and allows you to comment on and 'Like' all kinds of files, including videos, presentations and more. It's a brilliant service for businesses and groups of friends, and the iPad works seamlessly.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Kerem Erkan

Qrafter

Scan and create QR codes fast



Thanks to the portability and adaptability of modern smartphones and tablets, we're seeing more and more QR codes dotted around in our daily life. The square codes, that can do anything from take you to



a website to show you an app in the app store, can be scanned with all kinds of apps, and Qrafter is one of the best. The scan is almost immediate, and there are a huge number of options then available for its link. And for those wanting to create their own QR codes, an in-app purchase will allow you to do just that. Easy to use and incredibly convenient, one to recommend.

Rating ★★★★★

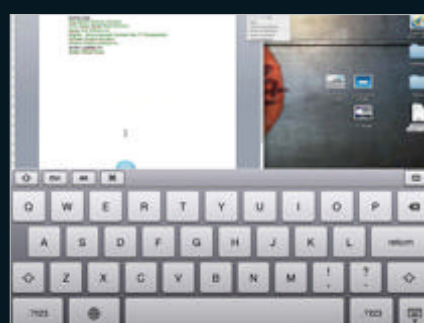
Price: £89.99/\$129.99 Developer: LogMeIn Inc

Ignition

Take control of your computers with this handy app



LogMeIn makes great apps that allow you access to your computers from anywhere in the world, and while it's expensive, Ignition offers you more features than the free LogMeIn app. You can take full control over your machine, but Ignition offers this in HD for the ultimate in quality. It also allows you to find your files through LogMeIn's



Cloud service, and offers remote sound from the device you're accessing. The price is the biggest issue here, though – there's a free version with almost all the same features, and minus the HD.

Rating ★★★★★

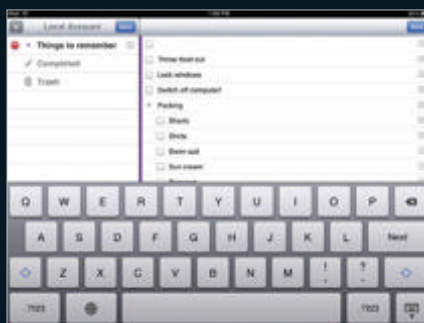
Price: Free Developer: Evigniy Shurakov

GoTasks

Sync up your Google Tasks to iPad



If you've got a Google Tasks account and use it to write lists and track what you need to do each day, GoTasks is the perfect app for you. It can sync your tasks from your Google Account and lets you quickly edit and update your tasks as you do them. Offline, it functions almost identically to Apple's own Reminders app, but when it syncs



it becomes seriously useful. The functionality is still very similar to other apps, but the interface is incredibly simple and easy to pick up. Considering that it's free, you might as well try it.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: YuFanApp

Unarchiver (+USB Disk Pro)

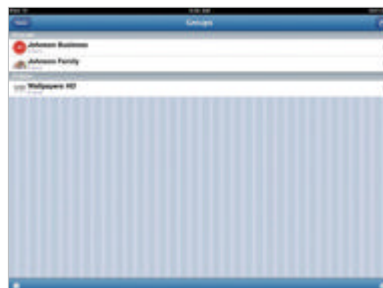


The number of file formats natively supported by iOS could be higher, but this app will help you manage most attachments sent to you. It includes support for almost all compression formats, and also has a PDF viewer and a video player, though the presentation is not as professional as it could be.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Lacie Ltd

Wuala



This cloud storage service creates and organises your account via an app for your computer rather than a web browser, but this reinforces its USP in that your files remain secure and your password is never transmitted. Wuala allows you a useful 5GB of free storage space.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £2.49/\$3.99 Developer: Snap Co Ltd

MemoCal Plus



With MemoCal Plus, you can add handwritten notes to each date, alongside photos, icons and other imagery to create a natural-looking wallboard-style calendar. It suits the iPad's larger screen size perfectly and would be ideal for a family or group of colleagues to use.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: Supersteil

Showcase App



Whether it's for professional or personal reasons, you can create and share great-looking content with anyone straight from your iPad. Online storage is included for free – which is a great added bonus – and it all comes together to create a solution that feels like a real portfolio, but in digital form. It is perfect for some, useful for most and should be of interest to everyone. A clever digital take on the traditional portfolio.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Autodesk Inc

AutoCAD WS



This app lets you carry DWG files of the designs you have created and allows you to share them with anyone. The designs can be spun around and manipulated and as such it provides a valuable solution for those who need mobile flexibility. A clever and unique app.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £13.99/\$19.99 Developer: mylifeorganized.net

MyLifeOrganized for iPad

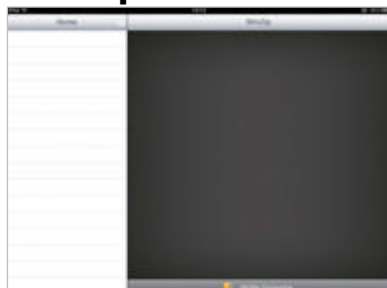


This app is at the more complex end of task management, but is also accessible to those who need project management at times and simple lists at others. It achieves a good balance, but some may still find the presentation to be too intricate for their needs.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Winzip Computing LLC

WinZip



When you receive a compressed file via email, simply choose 'WinZip' from the options when you tap the folder to view each individual file held within. It can deal with zip and RAR files – even password-protected ones – and the efficient implementation is very welcome.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £1.99/\$2.99 Developer: aaaaapp! LLC

Pencilicious



Pencilicious allows you to use pencil, pen and calligraphy brushes and can make the screen appear like real paper. The app makes light work of drawing, giving you the required undos and redos, but also enough control over your creation, and devices like tapping to fill enclosed areas. You can make areas transparent, use different brush styles, and colour and copy images, making use of multiple notebooks.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £6.99/\$9.99 Developer: Apple Inc

Pages



If you're looking for a slick word processor and don't mind spending some cash, then Apple's own is a great choice.

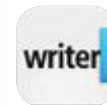
Stylish and clean, Pages has a lovely feel, and features a dictionary, a wide selection of fonts, formatting and styling tools and some useful document templates. It also makes integrating imagery and diagrams with text simple.

Rating ★★★★★



Price: £0.69/\$0.99 Developer: Information Architects Inc

iA Writer



Focused on keeping writing simple, iA Writer is perfect for those looking for a word processor with a few useful features over Notes.

It has a word and character counter, a nice comfortable full-screen display when typing, a handy top bar for punctuation keys, and cloud and Dropbox integration as well. And to top that all off, it's tied to a clean and tidy interface, too.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Dropbox Inc

Dropbox

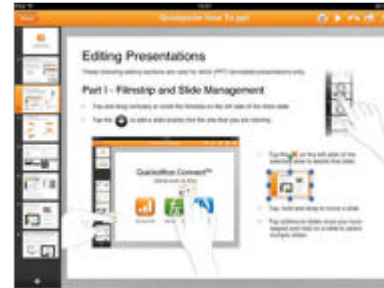


Dropbox is a reliable and easily accessible place to store important documents that could prove useful in securing a job. The app is free, and you are provided with 2GB of storage space to access anywhere. An essential app.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £13.99/\$19.99 Developer: Quickoffice Inc

Quickoffice Pro HD



Quickoffice lets you create, share and edit Microsoft Office and PDF files. With a simple and uncluttered interface, a password lock for added security, and tutorials to help get you started, it's a slick and clean app that offers a full office suite.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: £2.99/\$4.99 Developer: The Soulmen GBR

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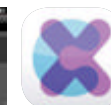


This app creates a comfortable writing environment using effective tap, flick and pinch gestures, and having documents neatly filed in paper stacks rather than folders. A dark mode for night writing and look-up tab for web access make it perfect for creative writing.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: CX Inc

CX



CX lets you store, sync, share and collaborate on your content with as many others as you like. With 10GB of free space, you can view and manage your stored content, upload photos and video direct from your device. To share files, set up a group at cx.com.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Microsoft Corporation

SkyDrive



Microsoft SkyDrive is free and available to all Windows Live users. It blows Dropbox out of the water with 7GB of free storage space to Dropbox's 2GB. It lets you access/organise your stored SkyDrive content, as well as upload photos and videos from your device.

Rating ★★★★★

Price: Free Developer: Docusign Ink

DocuSign Ink

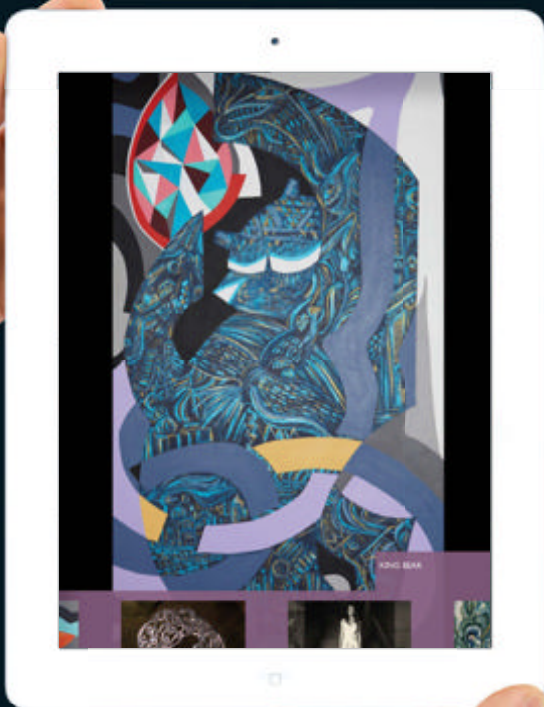


A simple, clever app that lets you sign electronic documents no matter where you are. You will need to create an accurate signature, especially on devices with smaller screens, but the final results can be very similar to signed paper documents.

Rating ★★★★★

Top 200 five-star apps

With a wealth of classic apps on offer covering every category, this is your round-up of the five-star apps available in the App Store...



Top 10 new apps



NASA App HD



Plants Vs Zombies



Bjork: Biophilia



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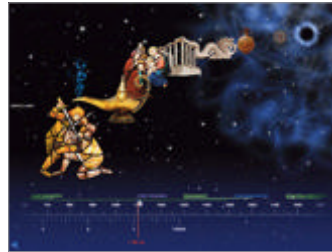
Adobe Photoshop Touch



Storyboarder

Books/Newsstand

Back In Time



Back In Time attempts to fit the entire history of our planet and its solar system into one 24-hour time frame. That's 13.7 billion years since the 'Big Bang' to the present day, with every second on the clock face shifting time backwards or forwards by 159,000 years. Only events of great significance are covered, from the first life on Earth to the significant loss of it in the Second World War, but it's lavishly produced and highly engaging.

The Monster At The End Of This Book



This fun storybook features animations that respond to touch, with plenty of activities that will keep children enthralled.

The Elements: For UK & Ireland



This visual exploration of our periodic table presents all of the elements that comprise our universe all lovingly laid out.

Highlighting an element brings up fact boxes and plenty of stunning artistic flair.

Ladybird Classic Me Books



This app is a portal through which you can purchase and read the classic Ladybird books that are synonymous with your childhood. You can even record your own narration and sounds to enthral kids.

Alice for the iPad



Revisit the classic story iPad style, with fully animated scenes that embrace the device's tilt technology to stunning effect. There are 52 lush pages to explore, and plenty for children to marvel at and be delighted by. As a bonus, there's plenty for adults to enjoy here, too.

The Waste Land



The goal seems straightforward: to present TS Eliot's prominent poem to a 21st Century audience, but it pulls it off incredibly well, with insightful backstory, guest video perspectives and a filmed performance by Fiona Shaw. This is a great example of what can be done with some effort.

March of the Dinosaurs



This enthralling interactive book lets children chart the adventures of two dinos as they struggle to cope with the changing weather conditions and natural predators in their prehistoric environment. Utterly brilliant.

iBooks



Apple's free book service, which allows you to purchase, download and read the latest books in an intuitive and flexible interface, is faultless. We can't understand why it isn't bundled with every iOS update, but it should be one of the first purchases on anyone's device.

Kindle



Choice is good, and Kindle's combined bookshop and reader app operates exactly like iBooks, but with different ways to customise your reading experience. With over 750,000 books to choose from, this is every bit as essential, and you can share books across devices.

Doctor Who Encyclopedia



You'll be thankful that this encyclopaedic history of the Time Lord's exploits is in digital format, as it's so weighty that a physical copy would break your back! You can explore the Doctors, allies, enemies and gadgets in stunning detail, interacting with images and learning the significance of every utterance in the hit TV show. Packed with intrigue and insight, this is every *Who* fan's dream, and a great showcase of the iPad's capabilities.





Business/Finance

Documents To Go – Office Suite



Anyone who has reservations about trading their laptop in for an iPad should dispel such concerns now, because this app allows you to access your Microsoft Office files at any time and view, edit and create new documents on the move. These files can then be transferred wirelessly between your computer and your device for ease of access and peace of mind while working remotely. Sturdy, reliable and easy to use, this app is a sound investment.

Analytics HD



This useful app allows you to access all of your stats and figures from your Google Analytics account from one slick and intuitive app. With full-screen charts, an easy-to-navigate dashboard and a wealth of features, this is highly recommended to anyone with the need.

PocketMoney



In the current economical climate, laying out the small cost for this app will undoubtedly save you cash in the long run, as it allows you to record and track your finances down to the finest of detail and sync information across all devices. Perfect when you're counting the pennies.

iCompta 2 Personal Finance



This app lets you manage your personal accounts with ease, helping you to keep track of your income and expenses, schedule your bills, stay in budget and present your information in easy-to-digest charts.

Office2 HD

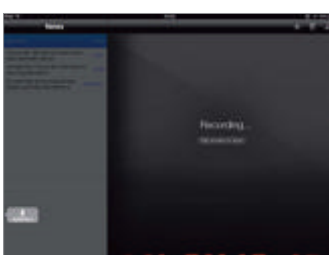


Office2HD enables you to view, edit and create Microsoft Office documents on your iPad, and transfer them easily and wirelessly to your office computer. It's robust, reliable and useful for working remotely, and a great second option if you don't fancy alternatives like Documents To Go.

Dragon Dictation



Apple's new Siri iPhone feature brings voice recognition to the masses, but there have been some highly robust apps available for some time that perform the task exceptionally well, and none more so than Dragon Dictation. It records your voice, and converts it into text, allowing you to update your Facebook status, tweet to the world or work on your novel, all hands-free. You'll need a network connection to use it, but it works wonders and is completely free.



WebEx for iPad



Steer clear of those stuffy boardrooms, but never miss another important meeting with this great app. With an iPad 2, you get two-way video on your device to ensure that you can engage and interact with your colleagues, even if you aren't there in a physical sense.

Account Tracker



This handy accounting app is easy to use, and lets you keep track of budgets, expenses and group accounts together with a clear and concise interface. The option to set yourself reminders is also useful for those people who don't have the best of memories.

Convert (Unit Converter by PBF)



This compact, all-in-one unit converter app can work with angles, areas, currencies, density, energy, length, speed, temperature, time, volume, data and more. It's highly versatile, and a steal for the price.

Adobe Reader



This app allows you to view PDF documents across platforms and devices. Through the app you can easily open and view PDFs from emails, open password-encrypted PDFs and interact with them on your iPad screen. As a simple viewing app, this free offering takes some beating.

Education

NASA App HD



This free app provides an insightful gaze toward the stars alongside the NASA space program, and includes live streaming of NASA TV, mission information, satellite tracking, Twitter feeds, maps and links to all of the NASA centers and more. Anyone with an interest in our solar system would be well advised to check this out, as it is well-produced and has a slick interface.

DK My First Word Play App



Aimed at pre-school children, this digital activity book is packed with games and reading exercises for youngsters and will help teach letters, words, phonics, rhymes and more.

Dinosaur Zoo



Aimed at youngsters, this app is both educational and fun, as users can learn all about the traits and habits of their favourite dinosaurs while expanding their collection of creatures and interacting with the snarling lizards on screen. It's an imagination-capturing epic.

Cell and Cell Structure



Aimed at senior school students, this fabulous interactive app lets users embark on a fascinating journey to learn all about cells, their structure and functions. The stunning graphics make this essential.

OmniGraph Sketcher



Create precise graphs in seconds, whether you have specific data to report or a concept to explain. You can import data from anywhere, and create lines, curves and data points to demonstrate it.

GeoMaster Plus HD



Make learning geography fun for all ages with this polished app that comprises a world atlas and eight engaging games to test your knowledge of capital cities, American states and much more.

MathBoard for iPad



Anyone struggling with sums should download this brainbox app. This is an effective learning tool for mastering all aspects of mathematics and comes packed with quizzes to encourage memory recall.

Wolfram Calculus Course Assistant



This is just one example of Wolfram's fine body of work to help you through a wide range of courses. A simple interface guides you around calculus, with examples, problem-solving and tests.

Solar Walk – 3D Solar System

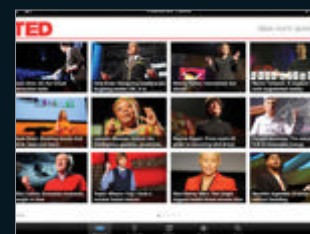


Navigate through time and space, observe the planets close-up (and in full 3D if you have a 3D TV that you can mirror your iPad on), and learn their trajectories, inner structures and points of interest.

TED



This app is a database of insightful, informative talks from some of the world's most influential people across a wide range of fields, the aim being to be enthralled and inspired by experts in the field of economics, technology, business and more. All movies can be viewed on your device, or on your TV via AirPlay, and you can even create your own playlists.





Entertainment

BBC iPlayer



The original TV catch-up viewing portal app released on the iPad, and still the best. This could be thanks to the selection of shows on offer, which range from documentaries to comedy, but the interface is so easy to use that finding things to watch is an easy process. So if you missed the unmissable, this is the perfect way to catch up.

Sketchbook Pro for iPad



This app delivers a set of sketching and painting tools through a streamlined and intuitive user interface that is based on the professional-grade desktop app, but designed for the iPad.

Sky+



A must-have for all Sky+ users, as it not only provides channel listings, but also allows you to remotely record on your Sky+ box and save what you want, even if you're on the other side of the world. It's perfect if you don't want to miss that episode of EastEnders.

FaceGoo HD



This fun, distracting app lets you manipulate and morph pictures into grotesque parodies. You can use the preloaded portraits or import your own images, and the entertaining effects that you can apply simply with your fingers are incredible to behold.

Star Trek PADD



A must for Trekkies, this app immerses users in an interactive database of Star Trek information and images with an authentic reproduction of the LCARS style interface introduced in the Star Trek: The Next Generation TV series. Packed with treats and intrigue, fans will love it.

Animation Creator HD



This brilliant app allows your imagination to come to life on your iPad by letting you create and direct your own animated shorts. With simple drawing tools, colour palettes, sliders and easy-to-use frame management, your animations will look smooth and lively. You can spend hours creating your animated masterpieces and upload them straight to YouTube.

Sky Go



Sky Go lets Sky subscribers watch Sky channels live on their iPad over a 3G or Wi-Fi connection. All of the main Sky channels are featured, including Atlantic, Movies (all 11 channels) and Sports, and setting up is a quick and easy process.

IMDb Movies & TV



The perfect app for when you can't put a name to the face, need the latest cinema times, want reviews of over 1.5 million films and TV shows and more. An essential app for movie buffs.

Brushes – iPad Edition

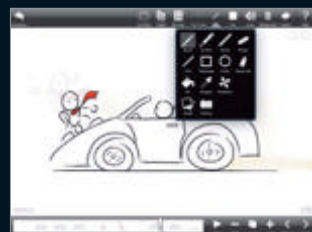


Simple to learn yet unbelievably deep, this painting app features 19 different brushes, up to six layers, blending effects, VGA/TV output and plenty of export options to help share your art.

Watch TV Free Live with TVCatchup

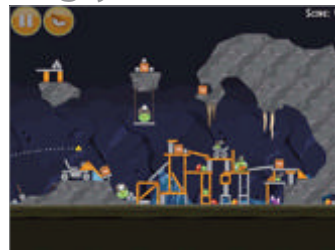


This is a great tool to help you watch live TV streamed from a variety of different stations directly on your iPad.



Games

Angry Birds HD



Simple and addictive, you must launch an arsenal of birds, each with different abilities, at structures with pigs cowering inside. Kill all the pigs, and you progress to the next level, but if you fail you'll have to revise your tactics and trajectories and try again. This game has become something of a global phenomenon, with all kinds of spin-offs, but with loads of free updates this is an app that should be downloaded by everyone.

FIFA 12



If you love football, then you will be pleased to hear that the biggest soccer game on the planet has made the transition to iPad. With stunning graphics, a simple interface and teams from 22 officially licensed leagues (with over 500 teams) and over 15,000 real players, need we say more?

World Of Goo HD



This quirky puzzle game has you pulling and plying balls of goo to shape structures and defences to conquer its many levels. It is brimming with personality, and features some stunning visual effects that will almost certainly keep you occupied for hours.

Shadowgun



An epic third-person shooter with console-quality graphics in which you play a tool-ed-up bounty hunter on the trail of one of the galaxy's most notorious villains. With some of the best enemy AI seen in a game of this type, the challenge is a steep one.

Real Racing 2 HD

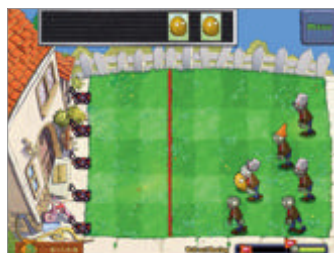


This superb racing game has undergone a host of fine improvements with the iOS 5 update, including the option to play wirelessly on your HD TV, challenge friends in split-screen multiplayer and breathtaking visuals. If you like your racing games then you will love this.

Plants Vs Zombies



This tower defence game sees you protecting your home against multiple waves of the undead. You'll have to act fast and plan ahead to keep them at bay, while using sunlight to fuel your floral army. As you progress, you'll unlock new plants to line-up and delay or disintegrate the hordes, and there are loads of levels and challenges to undertake, making this the definitive version of one of the best games available from the App Store.



Infinity Blade



The concept is simple; you traverse the same dungeons over and over again, gaining enough XP and money to buy the weapons needed to defeat the hulking knights you face. Great controls, amazing graphics and endless replay value, all at a reasonable price.

Order & Chaos Online



This is the iPad's premier real-time full 3D MMORPG, placing players in a diverse fantasy world to play alongside thousands of other adventurers. You can lose yourself in this for weeks on end.

Pocket Frogs



Take the Pokémon concept but replace it with 10,000 unique frogs to collect. The end result is this highly addictive game that eats into your spare time like no other app we've recently played. You can trade frogs, breed frogs even create little homes and environments for your slimy reptile zoo.

The Adventures Of Tintin



Whether you're a fan of the intrepid Belgian reporter or just want to engage in a cracking adventure, this game is the perfect example of a really good movie tie-in, with plenty of diverse gameplay on display.



Lifestyle

The Photo Cookbook



Simple, yet effective, The Photo Cookbook is exactly what you'd want from a step-by-step guide; lush, clear photographs illustrating every stage of the preparation, easy instructions, accessible ingredients and recipes to suit all tastes. Over 80 recipes are included, and you can search the contents for recipes based on the ingredients that you have in your cupboard. You'll be amazed at what you can rustle up from limited resources!

The Video Cookbook



If you prefer your cooking instructions delivered via high quality video as opposed to still images then The Video Cookbook will have you cooking up a storm, with over 120 top recipes included.

Amazon Windowshop



As good as the Amazon website, but this has been built around the iPad technology to provide a quick and easy shopping service. Searching for items and making quick purchases has never been so simple.

Project Magazine



You'll struggle to find a finer example of a digital magazine in the App Store. Project delivers great editorial and marries it with moving images and interactive segments to make the pages take on a life of their own. Informative, entertaining and educational, this is a great app.

Day One (Journal/Diary)



Got something on your chest that you need to get down and chronicle? We recommend this app for quickly logging your thoughts, memories, reminders and notes. It also syncs across all devices.

eBay for iPad



The eBay app is everything you'd hope for and more. An accessible interface allows you to browse with ease, and you can tap to call up images and buy and pay for items from within the app. Additionally, the integrated 'My eBay' option makes it easy for members to check on an auction or monitor sales activity from anywhere in the world. It is also totally free, so eBay's army of users have no excuse not to take their auction experience to the next level.



Journeys HD



If you want to escape from your humdrum existence, albeit temporarily, then this finely crafted app provides all of the visual and audio accompaniment you need to send your imagination off on a sprawling adventure packed with thought-evoking sonics and engaging visuals.

AroundMe



AroundMe is a great app to help you get your bearings and discover the shops and services that are in your vicinity when you're visiting new places. If you're looking for something in particular then it'll even plot your route. It's a great app for when you're on your travels.

Mir Fabergé



This is a creative and inspirational art journal featuring a collection of stories based on Fabergé's legacy that brings together artists from a variety of creative disciplines, including photographers, filmmakers, actors, dancers, artists and illustrators. Great to dip into.

SAS Survival Guide for iPad



This app brings you all of the elite training techniques of Britain's toughest regiment in an easy-to-read format. When out in the wild, the instructions show you everything you need to survive.

Health & Fitness

iMuscle – (NOVA Series) – iPad Edition



This is a sophisticated workout tool that can be taken anywhere, and is a joy to use. Through this app you can identify a body part or individual muscle by zooming in on a 3D diagram of the human body with the musculature exposed, and then access a host of exercises associated with the development of that particular muscle.

Fitness for iPad



This feature-heavy app provides you with hundreds of fitness exercises and yoga poses, 40 complete workouts, a calorie counter, body tracker and plenty of extra tools for helping you get into shape and monitor your fitness. Great help for those New Year's resolutions!

Pilates for iPad



This app comprises a collection of movies performed and narrated by a professional instructor well-versed in the art of strengthening the human mind and body with Pilates. It is well-produced and easy to follow, and will have you posing like a master.

All-in YOGA HD: 300 Poses & Yoga Classes



Featuring videos, photos, exercises and the option to create your own programs, this app is essential if you practice yoga.

Army Survival for iPad



This digital field manual is the most authoritative survival guide available on the iPad, coming packed with over 1,400 pages rammed with tricks of the trade for staying alive while out in the wild.

Sleep Pillow Ambiance



If you have trouble drifting off into a peaceful slumber, then we recommend this app, which contains a set of ambient sounds to help induce sleep. The interface makes this a firm favourite.

Yoga to Stay Young



Why splash out on expensive face cream when all you need to keep those wrinkles at bay is some soul-enriching yoga tuition? This app provides plenty of tutorials and expert guidance.

Food Scanner: Good Food or Bad Food?



For those who are into healthy eating, this app is designed to help you make informed choices on what you eat.

Calorie Counter: Diets & Activities



This app is perfect for setting yourself various weight or fitness-related goals and monitoring exactly what you put into your body. Over 400,000 food items are sorted by category.

Weight Watchers Mobile UK



If you're a fully signed-up member of Weight Watchers or fancy staying in shape, then this friendly, free app is just the dish for you. It features daily recipes, allows you to create shopping lists based on the recipes provided, find a meeting time and location near to you and connect with the Weight Watchers community. This comes highly recommended.





Music

Piano Tutor



Getting to grips with the piano on the iPad seems like the most natural thing to do with the touch screen offering a high level of interaction. The Piano Tutor app starts with just two initial options: to play, or see the key map. The latter is useful in viewing at a glance which notes correlate to which key, but press play and you can begin.

Cleartune – Chromatic Tuner



Cleartune is a chromatic instrument tuner and pitch pipe that allows you to accurately tune your instrument using the built-in mic in your device. It's great for musicians seeking a quick tune-up.

TuneIn Radio



Transform your iPad into a digital radio by trawling through over 50,000 stations, storing your favourites, pausing live streams and even discovering new stations based on the music contained in your iTunes library. It's the only radio app you'll ever need.

GarageBand



Featuring a set of touch instruments, this app allows you to create music with no prior experience, and the app also doubles as a feature-packed recording studio in which you can lay down tracks on the move. Full iCloud support makes this a must-have for musicians.

TabToolkit



This is an incredibly powerful guitar tablature and music notation viewer that comes complete with multitrack playback. A brilliant tool for both learning and practising music, it supports Guitar Pro, Power Tab, PDF and text formats.

Shazam for iPad



If you have ever had trouble remembering the names of songs then Shazam is the app for you. The app uses the built-in mic to gather a sample of music being played. An acoustic fingerprint is created, and is compared against a central database for a match. If a match is found, information such as the artist, song title, and album are relayed back to the user.

Björk: Biophilia



As a musician, Björk has often been at the forefront of pioneering techniques to develop her sound and provide new mediums for fans to experience it, and this app is so engaging that it is actually now part of the school curriculum in her native Reykjavik.

KORG iELECTRIBE



Sound creation is easy and fun with this app. Choose a sound, build a groove using the 16-step sequencer, and then add loads of additional effects to create a bombastic wall of sound.

TNR-i



Even if you don't know much about music, this app lets you create sounds as intuitively as if you were arranging sounds in space. On the 16x16 grid, the horizontal scale represents time and the vertical scale pitch, so you can manipulate it to create cool grooves.

AmpliTube for iPad



Used in conjunction with the iRig interface adaptor, AmpliTube allows you to transform your iPad into an electric guitar amp by plugging in your guitar and utilising a host of pedal effects.

Medical

Vision Test



If you have a somewhat casual approach to getting your eyes tested then Vision Test is a decent gauge for testing if your peepers are in need of professional examination. It includes a Visual Acuity Test, Astigmatism Test, Duochrome Test, Colour Test and Far Field Vision Test, as well as an optician finder, advice and facts and a quiz to test your knowledge. It's totally free, too, so there really is no excuse not to look into downloading it.

The Human Body



A very cool app that describes 300 parts of the human anatomy through detailed illustrations and annotations. Each entry can be zoomed in on for extra scrutiny, and the expert writers keep the info concise and accessible. An ideal reference tool for those in the medical trade.

Pocket Body



This is a fully searchable interactive atlas of the human anatomy that allows busy medical professionals to explore the human musculoskeleton system through high-definition images. It's expensive, but a worthwhile learning aid if you're serious about your studies.

A-Z: Muscle & Skeletal Anatomy for iPad



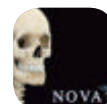
This app provides guides to over 100 muscle and skeletal parts. The info is well-presented, and the look is very professional.

Diabetes Buddy



A useful app for helping you manage your diabetes by tracking the factors that influence your blood sugar level, monitoring the fluctuations, planning ahead and sharing data with your doctor. It's well-realised, easy to use and a top tool for anyone who has diabetes.

Skeletal System iPad Edition



Explore the human bone structure like never before with incredibly detailed graphics and plenty of user interaction to let you tap, zoom in and get in-depth information on any bone in our skeletal system.

iBP Blood Pressure



iBP Blood Pressure uses colour-coded icons to indicate when your blood pressure values are normal, high or hypertension, and provides interactive graphs to display the values by weeks, months or years.

Anatomy 3D: Organs



Expand your knowledge of the human organs with this robust app that combines 3D models, video, audio lectures, quizzes and descriptive text to create a rich learning experience.

BMI Easy

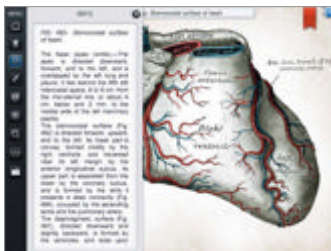


This app provides all the tools that you need to start your journey towards a much healthier lifestyle. Using a number of calculations, the app generates all the personal results that are directly related to your body's needs. Packed with info and an intuitive interface, this app is a must.

Gray's Anatomy Premium for iPad



Considered by many to be the one of the most iconic and significant medical books of all time, Gray's Anatomy is now available on the iPad, and grabs the technology with both hands to present its information in engaging new ways, accompanied by high-resolution images. It's a great, insightful source of information that will be invaluable to trainee doctors and nurses, especially as it allows you to add your own notes and bookmarks.





Navigation

TomTom UK & Ireland



The renowned sat-nav manufacturer ensures that the digital version of its equipment is an instant market leader thanks to the wide range of features. This app provides the quickest routes through traffic, alerts you to nearby speed cameras, delivers the most up-to-date maps available and offers accurate, turn-by-turn guidance during your journeys.

Plane Finder HD



Plane Finder provides near real-time 'virtual radar' air traffic radar maps. It's easy to use, and is useful for anyone interested in aviation, planes, flights or air traffic control. Plus, you can amaze your friends by identifying planes that are currently flying overhead.

London Tube Map



London Tube Map doesn't profess to be anything it isn't; it is just a quick link to London's tube network, and a simple reference tool to help get your bearings and travel to where you need to go.

Trails – GPS Tracker



This allows you to record your hikes, bike trips or jogs directly onto your device, view them on maps and upload them for others to follow. Think of it as a social networking app for fitness lovers.

Theodolite HD



Theodolite is a multi-function augmented reality app that serves as a compass, GPS, map, camera, range-finder and two-axis inclinometer. The app overlays real-time info about position, altitude, bearing and inclination on the iPad 2's live camera feed.

Air Navigation Pro



A real-time aircraft navigation app with integrated flight planning. Using the GPS receiver and accelerometers of the iPad, it can emulate different types of real IFR or VFR aircraft navigation instruments. You can prepare and store navigation plans, and use them in the cockpit with the moving map. You can also use the flight recorder to store flight paths.

MotionX GPS HD



This has all the maps and navigational instruments you need to survive the great outdoors, and allows you to download maps to store on your device for offline access while walking, hiking, sailing or off-roading. You need never worry about getting lost in the wilderness again!

Wanderlust Travel Photo of the Year



Get some photographic inspiration with this collection of previous winners of the mag's annual competition.

GoSkyWatch Planetarium



Learn to identify and locate stars, planets, constellations and more by touch or by pointing your device up at the sky. It is a simple app that teaches you about our solar system.

Official UK Visitor Guides



This app lets you view the official Visitor Guides from some of the UK's most loved travel destinations. The app is totally free, so you can download a wealth of information as you go.

News

BBC News



Through this app, you can get all the latest breaking news from the BBC and its global network of journalists delivered in an attractive and engaging interface. Stories are arranged in categories, and cover a wide range of topics, including world news, politics, technology and sport. The app also offers the BBC News Channel streamed live, plus social features and personalisation so that you can re-order the news categories that suit your interests.

Sky News for iPad



A well-presented and easily accessible app that places all the latest breaking news into your hands and allows you to decide what you want to watch and how to watch it. It includes live feeds and in-depth reports, as well as analysis across every field you could wish for.

Pulse News for iPad



Pulse takes your favourite websites and transforms them into colourful and interactive mosaics. Tap on an article to see a clear and elegant view of the news story, and save stories for reading later.

Bloomberg TV+



Bloomberg Television is a 24-hour global business and financial news network that provides regular news updates on all corners of the financial sector. This app provides 24-hour live streaming, exclusive interviews with the most influential people in business and original content for mobile users.

The Guardian iPad Edition



The Guardian app reimagines the printed newspaper and presents news across a wide range of themes and categories in a beautiful and engaging manner. It's full of features and quality editorial.

Flipboard



Flipboard is a great free app that pulls together all of the news that matters to you, including top stories and headlines, plus all the latest social network feeds, and presents them all in a neat magazine format. It's ideal for catching up on just about anything, and is never too busy for the screen.

Hitpad – See What's Up



Hitpad is the perfect app for getting an instant fix of news and headlines from a rich array of sources, all delivered in an accessible way into an interface that is clearly presented and fun to use.

Engadget for iPad



A great source for technology news, this app pulls content from a range of different Engadget sites to provide a well-rounded and informed app that appears to get all of the top tech stories first. It's well-produced and very enlightening if you're a lover of all things technology-based.

The Vision Magazine



Aimed at amateurs of cinema, Blu-ray, TV, games and technology, this interactive magazine is bulging with content, including insightful features and integrated videos, and is well worth a read.

NASA Television



NASA Television is a great, insightful app that brings live and on-demand TV programmes to your iPad. You can watch the latest NASA events unfold in real time, or choose features from a list of recently uploaded videos. You can even plan your viewing schedule thanks to a full rundown of forthcoming video content, and check out all NASA-related shows on other networks. The interface is slick and accessible, and the quality of the content is brilliant.





Photo & Video

Photogene for iPad



Photogene is a photo-editing app that is packed full of fun features to make the process enthralling rather than a chore. Included in the package are tools to help you crop and straighten images, adjust the colours, reduce red-eye and apply special effects. You can also get arty with your pictures by applying filters and adding text boxes and frames to finish them off perfectly. Armed with this app, you can transform your images in minutes.

Halftone



This app turns your photos into unique vintage comics that friends and family will love. More than just a filter app, Halftone makes it easy to add paper styles, captions, speech bubbles, stamps and fonts, and your artistic creations can be shared directly from the app.

Adobe Nav for Photoshop



A companion app that provides a whole new way to interact with Photoshop CS5. Transfer images from your iPad to Photoshop, and use it to select and browse through documents while on the move.

The Guardian Eyewitness



This is pure eye-candy, showcasing the world's most distinctive and provocative photos. Free to download, it is a great piece of inspirational software that provides a daily visual reflection of global events.

ArtStudio for iPad

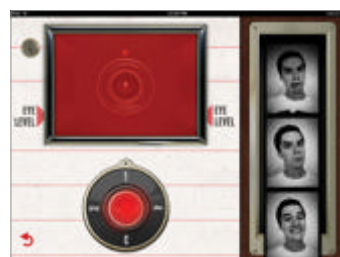


ArtStudio is a professional drawing and painting app that uses advanced maths to attain the highest level of quality while at the same time offering a great toolset for beginners to start composing masterpieces. With this, you'll be creating works of art to be proud of within mere minutes.

IncrediBooth



Featuring the same dynamics as the versatile Hipstamatic app, IncrediBooth lets you take amazing photo strips anywhere using the cameras on your iPad. The app comes packed with themes that you can instantly apply to your images, plus options to share the whole strip – or just one image at a time – and upload the whole lot to Facebook within a matter of seconds. It's a great, cheap app for having fun with photography.



Strip Designer



Strip Designer enables you to turn your photographs into comic strips. By selecting one of the many included templates, you simply import your images and style them by cropping, angling and applying speech bubbles and captions. It's great fun, and produces some great results.

Adobe Photoshop Express



Use simple gestures to edit and share photos. It comes packed with features, and is a great companion app to CS5 that allows you to continue working while away from your desk.

Snapseed for iPad



Top class photo editing on your iPad. Feature-packed, intuitive and featuring some unique creative effects, like the Vintage, Drama and Grunge filters and Center Focus mode. Capable of some remarkable results, this could be the only image editor you'll need.

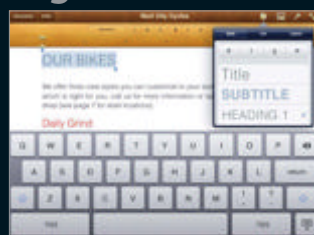
iMovie



If you use your iPad to capture video then you really can't afford to be without iMovie. This intuitive app makes it easy to transform your movies into well-edited, polished works of art before sharing them with friends, family or the world via YouTube. Highly recommended.

Productivity

Pages



Anyone unsure of ditching their laptop in favour of an iPad need only look at Pages. This app is a versatile desktop publishing app that lets you create professional-looking page designs in minutes. With an intuitive set of tools, plenty of tutorials and templates, you can create eye-catching letters, reports, flyers, cards, posters and more.

iDraw



iDraw comes loaded with all the tools you need to create everything from detailed illustrations to beautiful works of art on the move, and comes packed with layers, text tools, multi-colour gradients, colour pickers and plenty of other options to keep you happy.

Keynote



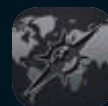
This powerful app makes creating attention-grabbing presentations, complete with animated charts and transitions, as easy as touching and tapping. Packed with themes and very quick and easy to use, apps like this is what your iPad was designed for.

Numbers



The most innovative spreadsheet app ever designed for a mobile device, this lets you create compelling spreadsheets in minutes, complete with tables, charts and graphics, in a matter of minutes. It's also compatible with iCloud, so you can store and share your spreadsheets.

Private Browser



If you're the sort of person who likes to leave their internet history tracks well and truly covered (hey, we're not judging!) then this app lets you browse without saving any data about which sites you have visited, and even clears your cache and cookies upon exiting.

Bamboo Paper



This app lets you enjoy the ease of your own natural handwriting as you sketch your thoughts onto a neat digital paper notebook. Designed to be used with the Bamboo stylus – though any will do – this is a lovely app that is easy to use and very well produced.

Penultimate



Penultimate gives you the fast, tactile gratification of writing on paper, but with digital power and flexibility. Take notes, keep sketches or share your ideas simply by writing on the screen. It's fun to use, accessible, and very useful to a range of people.

Storyboards



Thanks to the hundreds of characters and props included in this app, you can piece together and produce stunningly detailed storyboards to help plan out any project you are working on. Easy to use and rich in features, this is – amazingly – also totally free.

Bluetooth vShare HD



This excellent app that makes sharing via Bluetooth or USB quick and painless. Simply set up a connection and then select what you'd like to share with another device.

Pocket Informant HD



Pocket Informant is an integrated calendaring and GTD-based tasks solution app that allows you to log in any details you want and track them easily. Navigating through the calendar feels natural, and you can assign icons to events or tasks to make it easy to get a summary of your busy working week. This is a brilliant app for hard-working individuals.





Social Networking

IM+ Pro



The ultimate communicative tool, IM+ is packed full of features to help you stay in touch with your nearest and dearest. Detailed maps help you find your friends, and you can chat with your friends for free, as well as send photos, voice messages and videos over Wi-Fi, get push notifications regarding what your friends are up to, and initiate group chats. What's more, you can invite friends to Skype, and calls can be recorded and played back.

AIM for iPad



This app brings all of your social networks into one easily manageable hub. Post statuses, chat to your Facebook friends, check in with foursquare and Google Talk all from one feature-packed app. It's a useful time-saver, and represents a good way of keeping track of what's going on.

Swakker Doodle



This app lets you have fun with your pictures by adding stickers, stamps and more, and then sharing them with your friends or uploading them to an online gallery. It's easy to use, and a great way to let your nearest and dearest see the pictures you have tweaked and improved.

Talkatone



Turn your iPad into a phone with this, the best app for real-time communication using mobile internet. By logging in with Facebook or Google Voice, you can make free calls and SMS to regular phone numbers. The app is easy to use, and you'll be chatting away in no time at all.

Skype for iPad



This could well prove to be an essential app for allowing you to communicate with people via video links at a cost of precisely nothing. If you are an existing Skype user, then all of your contacts will be synced to the iPad edition and the quality of the service is exceptional.

Echofon for Twitter



Echofon is a super-fast Twitter app with a wide range of features to make tweeting and following even better. Unique features include auto-refresh, so that when you are connected to a Wi-Fi network, new tweets and direct messages show up instantly as well as a mute feature to instantly silence specific users, clients and hash tags. This app also makes it easy to view your timeline and manage your messages, making it a great addition to your social apps.



Blogsy



Blogsy is a brilliant app for helping you create blog posts faster. Focused around touch-control, you simply drag and drop images from the media sidebar into the relevant blog post. Writing is easy, and there is so much on offer that will save you time that you'll wonder how you survived without it.

Boxcar



Boxcar groups all of your social networks together into one place and sends push notifications and RSS feeds from all of your favourite sites. Why have ten apps when you can have Boxcar set up on your iPad, ready to let you know when something is happening in the world?

Facebook



It took a while to get its own iPad-specific app, but the wait is over, and the world's largest social networking site makes the transition seem seamless. An intuitive interface makes it easy to stay in the social loop of all your friends, and updating your status and viewing images couldn't be easier.

Twitter



Although you will still need to download this free app, Twitter has been integrated into iOS 5, meaning that you can tweet from within a range of default Apple apps without having to go through the hassle of leaving them. If you haven't installed Twitter, you're not getting the most from your iPad.

Reference

World Atlas HD



Designed specifically for iPad, National Geographic's new and improved World Atlas HD app puts the best, most detailed maps into the palm of your hand. You can jump to anywhere in the world instantly, and grab all kinds of facts and insight about the countries you tap on. You can learn all about the flags and cultures, and bookmark your favourite places.

Dictionary.com



If you are an inquisitive sort who likes to know the meanings of words, or just need a quick and easy app to double-check spellings and provide context, then this app is well worth downloading. It's free and provides rapid access to all of the services that the popular website affords.

Oxford Dictionary and Thesaurus



This is the perfect language resource, combining dictionary and thesaurus text into single entries, making it easy to learn all about a word, how to use it in context and how to spell it.

The Night Sky



This app enables you to see the stars, planets and satellites just by standing there and holding your device up to the night sky. All the names and other objects will then be presented on your screen in real time. There are already a few apps like this on the App Store, but this is worth a look.

The World Factbook for iPad



Explore the world at your fingertips with this app, which contains information on more than 250 countries and locations. If you're an avid traveller, then there is something for everyone here.

Starmap HD



Discover the power of a professional sky atlas with over 2.5 million stars in the palm of your hand. Simply point your device up at the night sky, and everything you need to know about where you are looking will be relayed in seconds. It's quite expensive, but well worth the money.

Redshift – Astronomy



By using position sensors and a compass, you can reach every celestial body in the universe with this info-packed guide to the stars, and pretty much anything else of interest that's out there.

Ancestry



If you are curious about climbing your family tree, then try this app, which allows you to build, update and show off your origins. Whether you are a family history beginner or an expert, this user-friendly app makes finding and learning more about your ancestors fun and easy.

Wikipanion Plus for iPad



Accessing Wikipedia has never been faster and easier thanks to this app. It provides the complete Wiki database in one handy app that is quicker to access than via the web.

Airports



This is an insightful app for anyone interested in aviation. A search function lets you find airports by city, name, ICAO or IATA code and the app comes bulging with a wide range of data, including the dimensions and surface type of each runway, time zone, sunrise/sunset times and ATIS frequencies. If you're a bit of a plane spotter then this is the app for you.





Top 200 apps

Sports

CoachPad



If you teach sports, then this could be a brilliant teaching aid for helping you design custom training drills, manage your team and record data.

It caters for a wide range of sports, including football, tennis, hockey and basketball, and is very easy to use – if you want to create a new training exercise then you just drag the equipment onto the playing surface, and add in whatever elements you want, before demonstrating it to your students.

Sky Sports News



This sleek, well-designed app is rammed with content, from insight and opinion to all the latest scores, behind-the-scenes news and sports results. It's an essential download for any self-confessed sports fan, and a great way for keeping in touch with what's happening around the world.

Eurosport for iPad



Catch up on all the latest sports news and watch live action as it happens. Content is updated by the second, so you'll always know the biggest stories the moment they break. It's a sleek and accessible sports portal that every fan should have loaded on their device.

Climbing Knots



Learn how to keep yourself safe and secure when partaking in the rather dangerous sport of scaling a mountain. It's a pretty easy-to-use app that could actually save your life. Therefore it's a must for all climbers, regardless of skill level or previous experience.

Russ Bray Darts Scorer Free



If you like to play darts regularly then this is the perfect app for allowing you to keep track of your scores, and work out all of the adding and subtracting needed to keep your scores up to date.

Tennis TV Official App EU



This is the official iPad app of TennisTV.com, providing a host of engaging features to help any tennis fan stay at the heart of the action. It is a subscription-based service, but for your money you get live streaming of the ATP Tour tournament, all the latest news and player interviews, plus much more delivered in a stylish interface that is easy to use and bulging with great content that should keep any tennis fan happy.



Pennant



If you like baseball then you'll score a home run with Pennant, which provides an interactive history of the sport. Using a rich interface, fans can browse and view data from over 115,000 games that have taken place between 1952 and 2010. It's enthralling stuff for sports statos.

iSurfer - Surfing Coach



iSurfer's a really comprehensive surfing app for those with a passion for hitting the waves. There are way too many features to list here, but even if you have just a passing interest, you should get this app.

SwingReader Golf HD



An easy-to-use, powerful and accurate swing analysis tool available for the iPad which is trusted by hundreds of golfers, coaches and pros worldwide. Use it to improve your swing today.

NHL GameCenter 2011-2012 Premium



If you're into hockey then this app comes packed with scores, stats, photos and more. A great app for keeping on top of things.

Travel

FlightTrack



Ideal for frequent flyers, this app provides all of the departure info, delay alerts and gate numbers you will ever need. Full international coverage means that you can track all of your flights worldwide, and in the event of a cancellation the app will even help you find an alternative flight. Covering more than 4,000 airports, this could save you plenty of time.

AA Route Planner



For your money, this app provides you with an entire year's worth of up-to-the-minute route planning across Britain and Ireland. With directions that actually guide you via the signs you can see on the road, this is a useful app if you're a regular driver.

Google Earth



Google's awesome app is a breathtaking tool and a great visual showcase for your iPad, as you can explore the entire planet from the palm of your hands, discovering landmarks and points of interest that will keep you enthralled for hours on end.

Word Lens



A wondrous app – you just point your iPad camera at foreign text, and it will be translated and converted on the screen. Only Spanish and French translations are available at present, but more languages are coming, making holidays abroad a lot easier.

myTrains



If you commute by train then this is a great app for getting timetables and up-to-the-minute information regarding your journey that you will need. Approved by National Rail Enquiries, this is a very useful download for rail users.

FlightRadar24 Pro



FlightRadar24 Pro allows you to track the flight path of any aircraft in real time via Google Maps. The app covers 90 per cent of Europe, as well as sizeable portions of the USA, Australia, South America and the Middle East. It's perfect if you want to know where someone is while on a flight.

Currency Converter HD



If you need an app for converting currency then this is just the ticket. It's simple to use, works well and is completely free. When you're planning a trip abroad, ensure you don't get short-changed.

The World Clock



The World Clock provides a time convertor, network time synchronisation, alarms, notifications and plenty of additional options and information on daylight savings, time transitions and more. Ideal for when you conduct business on the other side of the world.

WorldView+

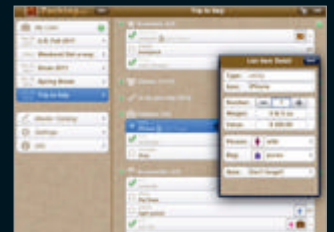


This is an app for voyeurs and comprises of live feeds from webcams all over the world. The interface is sleek and accessible and you'll be surprised how compelling it can be to watch people go about their everyday business.

Packing Pro



If you're prone to forgetting to pack items when preparing for a trip away then Packing Pro is the perfect solution. It allows you to manage and track the contents of your suitcases, and provides checklists to ensure that you don't leave anything important behind. With a slick and tidy interface, cataloguing the contents of your cases couldn't be easier.





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Skyfire Web Browser for iPad



This web browsing app has always been a popular replacement for Safari and featured tabbed browsing prior to the iOS 5 release.

The best thing about it is that it is an iPad web browser that lets you watch Flash content, and has now undergone a few iOS 5 enhancements of its own, including the option to switch between mobile, optimised and desktop content.

1Password Pro



1Password Pro will securely store your important information, and can automatically log you into websites with a single tap. There is no need to remember individual usernames and passwords, as the app does all that for you so you don't need to worry about forgetting them.

Find My iPhone



Don't be fooled by the name, as this free app allows you to find any device, iPad included. Simply download the app, install it on all of your devices, log in with your Apple ID, and it'll keep tabs on everything. It's perfect if you often misplace important gadgets.

Calculator for iPad



A versatile, robust and feature-packed calculator for iPad that may come at a price, but the cool components you get for your cash rocket it up to the top of the calculator app mountain. You can even customise it with your own themes if you wish.

PDF Reader – iPad Edition



This sophisticated and easy-to-operate app gives you the ability to read just about anything, including Microsoft Office files, image files and even audio files. A great app to have around in times of need.

FileBrowser



Having this app installed on your device is akin to having Windows Explorer or Mac Finder on your iPad, allowing you to access network folders on Macs, Windows, Linux and NAS drives. You can stream movies and music over Wi-Fi at home, access servers at work and work remotely with confidence that all of your files can be transferred around without any problems.

Newton Cradle Clock HD



The tell-take 'click-clack' of Newton's infernal contraption comes to the iPad in this lovingly realised digital recreation. Its feature-set may be limited, but it's still a cool app to have on display.

Scan



Scan is a straightforward QR Code scanner. All you have to do is point your iPad 2's camera at a QR Code, and the effects will become visible before your very eyes. It works brilliantly, and is completely free, and with QR Codes becoming even more commonplace, you'll use it a lot.

Speak It To Me HD



This advanced text-to-speech app for your iPad allows users to get the app to read back text. If that isn't appealing enough, you can even add generated speech as email attachments and send them to your friends, who are bound to be amazed.

Air Video

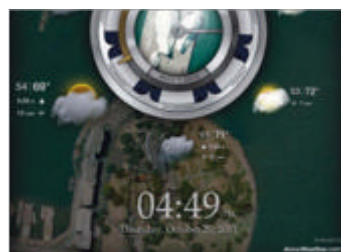


Enjoy your entire video collection anywhere you are at any time. With this versatile app, you can get more of your video library onto your device, and watch pretty much any format you can think of, including AVI, DivX, MKV and many more besides.



Weather

Aelios Weather



If you are the sort of person who travels around a lot, is lucky enough to enjoy numerous holidays or in a line of work that takes you overseas, then this lavishly produced app could help you track the weather all over the planet. You can jump to any country by moving and pinching maps, get 24-hour forecasts that update regularly, and seven-day forecasts to help you plan ahead. It also looks fantastic, which doesn't harm its appeal.

Weather HD



With so many weather apps available in the App Store, this one stands out by providing weather in HD videos. Okay, so it's somewhat gimmicky, but thankfully it also boasts enough other good features to make it worthy of a download for any iPad owner.

MrSun



This fun, free app determines where the sun will be at any given time, date or location. A slider controls the time of day, and shows off the direction of the sun and angle over the horizon, both numerically and visually. It's a good-quality app that will prove to be very useful for sun lovers.

Moon Calendar



Moon Calendar enables you to understand and track the movements of the moon. It provides plenty of lunar information and insight, including when you can expect new moons, full moons or even find out when the Sun will rise in your current location.

Weather Doodle



The beauty of this app is that it delivers accurate weather against an arty backdrop instead of the dull ones you usually see. While most weather apps are stuffy and one-dimensional, this one allows you to customise the backdrops in order to brighten up your day.

Weather+



Weather+ provides weather conditions and a five-day forecast of all worldwide weather stations, with all of the information presented in a beautiful full-screen video wall, complete with an attractive flip clock. There are thousands of weather apps out there, but this one is like a ray of sunshine.

Barometer



If you're after a beautiful tool for measuring atmospheric pressure, then with its elegant design, simple features and GPS capabilities, Barometer is the ideal app to suit your needs. Simply tap the glass and get the info you crave in a neat and organised layout.

Weather Radar HD



Simple, fast and easy to use, this app boasts gorgeous animated graphics and provides a useful overview of the weather in any part of the planet. It delivers the information you want quickly and effectively, and is a reliable source of information.

Meteogram



Meteogram specialises in weather trends, and provides graphical depictions of said trends with variables, such as temperature, atmospheric pressure, humidity, wind speed and percentage of cloud cover. Overall, it's a great weather prediction app.

AeroWeather Pro



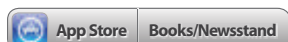
Thanks to AeroWeather Pro, you can get current and precise weather conditions, as well as forecasts, which are used by pilots for their flight preparations. You can choose worldwide airport weather stations from the built-in database by either name of ICAO code, and data will be shown in its original format or fully decoded into easy-to-understand texts. Packed with features, it is a very reliable source for all of your weather-related needs.





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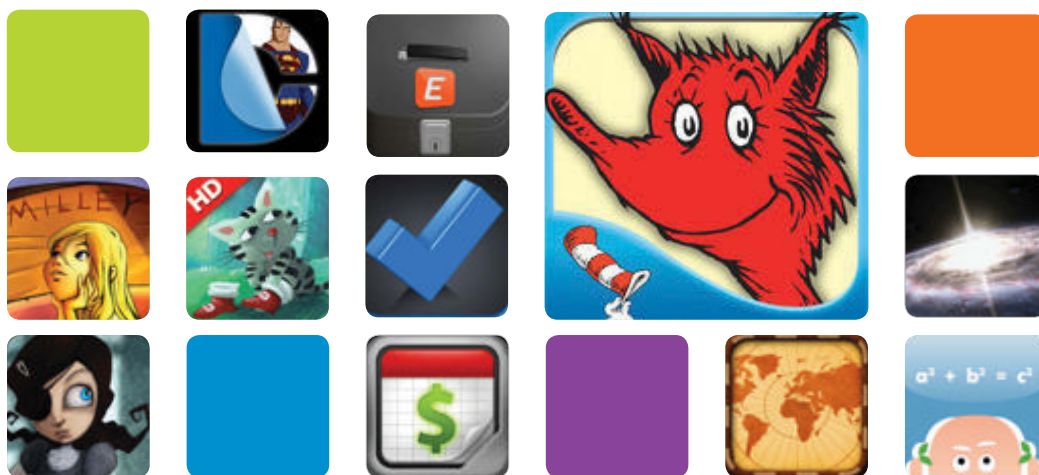


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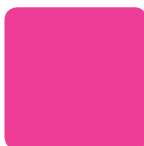
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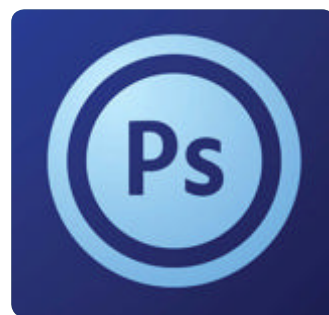


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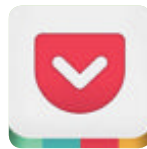


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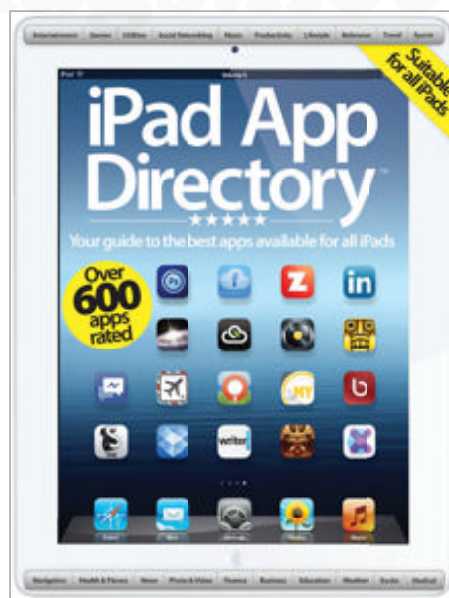
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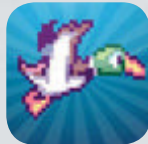
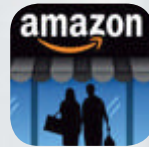
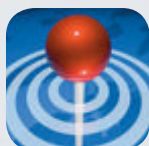
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