

Learning and Technology for the College Student

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Session Summary

- From a learning perspective, you can find everything from augmentative and alternative communication to time management. But, how do you find a good app that will meet your needs?
- Join us as we talk about several different categories that can help students with disabilities with learning in the mobile environment.
- Some key areas covered will be Note Taking/Writing, Reading/Text to Speech, Recording and Time Management/Organization.

Key Ideas for APP Selection

5 W's (Who, What, When/Where & Why)

- Who is it designed for (IOS, Windows, etc.)
- What does it do (single use or multiple use)
- When/Where can you access it (wi-fi, cell minutes, neither)
- Why – was it recommended

Things to consider!

- Just because “there’s an app for that” it doesn't mean that it’s right for everyone.
- Read the reviews posted by other users regarding the app (Itunes, Google Play, YouTube, Developer’s website, etc.)
- Analyze what you want to use the app for and then see if it meets your criteria and is suitable for your age group.

Free!

- The lite apps are available to give you a taste of the software.
- These help you
 - Try before you buy!
 - Save Money
 - Determine if the app meets your needs

Note Taking & Writing

Why might you want Note Taking & Writing APPS

- Type or Handwrite notes on a mobile device
- Combine audio recording and note taking
- Keep all your notes in one place

AudioNote (free/\$)

- Allows you to record notes and audio synced with note taking app. They have a lite version (free) which limits to 10 minutes per note and 2 hours total OR a full version (\$). This is compatible with android and I devices.



Bamboo Paper (free)

- Notebook style with allows natural handwriting on digital paper with use of Stylus.



PaperDesk (free/\$)

- Record audio while taking notes. They have lite version which allows 3 pages per notebook (free) and full version (\$) with unlimited pages in the notebooks.



Reading/Text to Speech

Why use applications for Reading or Text to Speech

- Portability
 - Speed
 - Endurance
 - Sustained Attention
 - Comprehension
- Article link for Benefits: <http://www.texthelp.com/media/8367/US%20Text%20to%20Speech%20article%20IDA%20summer%202007.pdf>

iAnnotate (\$)

- Read, annotate, and share PDFs.
- *Student recommended this app to me!



PDF-Notes - (free/\$)

- Utilize pdf-notes to manage all the pdf files on your iPad. Fast display, quick page-turning even a thousand pages, useful finger-writing and email your notes to your friends. Easy importing PDF files through (DropBox, Email or Safari's). Free version has advertisements and paid version does not.



Natural Reader (free)

- The Natural Reader text-to-speech application converts PDF files, MS Word documents, and e-books into spoken words.
- Works as an app, but also have a Windows and Mac version for the computer!



Recording

Audio Memos (Free/\$)

- A voice recorder for the iPhone and iPad.

Detailed features:

- Send recordings by email (up to 3MB in free version).
- Use bookmarks to navigate easily in a recording (in the pro version).
- Voice and timer activated recording (in the pro version).
- Send or delete multiple recordings at a time (in the pro version).
- High quality recordings up to 44100 Hz. Three levels of quality are available: 11025 Hz, 22050 Hz and 44100 Hz.
- Records even when your device is in sleep mode; and pauses automatically in the event of an incoming phone call.



Dragon Dictation (free)

- Dragon Dictation is an easy-to-use voice recognition application powered by Dragon[®] NaturallySpeaking[®] that allows you to easily speak and instantly see your text or email messages.



Sound Note (\$)

- Allows you to take notes and record audio, tracking what you type and draw while recording the audio.
- During playback, just tap a word and Sound Note will jump right to the proper time in the audio.



Time Management and Organization

Flashcard Apps

- **Ankidroid** (free) - a flash card app with text to speech that allows users to create their own flash cards. Works on Android devices.



- **Flashcards+** (free) - allows you to easily create and study flashcards. You can also access tens of millions of pre-made decks.



Take a Break Guided Meditations (free)

- You can enjoy a deep relaxation, stress relief and benefits of meditation now with this app by Meditation Oasis (TM).



Reminder app - Due

- Set up a reminder alert really, really fast. There's no account to create, no start or end date to set, no need to prioritize, tag nor categorize.



Break Reminder – Stand Up

- Stand Up! is a fun, flexible work break timer. By now you know that sitting down is slowly killing you, and we want to help you live longer. It's also great for RSI sufferers, or anyone that needs to take regular breaks.



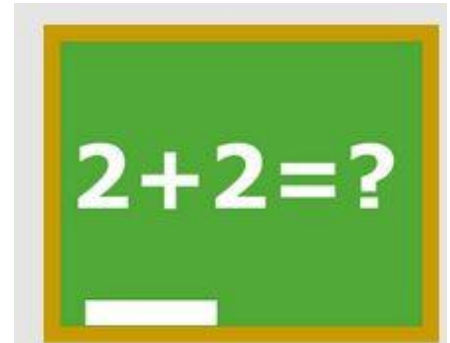
Organization

- **inClass** (free) - Organizing your terms, courses and daily calendar. Additional benefit of note-taking and recording, insert or take a picture as well as file-share.
- **Evernote** (free) - helps you remember everything across all of the devices you use – notes, photos, to-do list, and voice reminders. Its searchable! This is compatible with Android and I devices.



Organization

- **myHomework** (free/\$) - idevice android compatible keep track of your homework, classes, projects and tests.
- **Homework** (free) - This app is compatible with **Android** 1.6. It keeps track of all of your due dates for you. See how much homework you've completed and the date of your next scheduled test.



Reminders

- **TextMinder** (\$) - Schedule SMS text reminders (for your iPhone) to be sent to you at the times you specify, repeating as often as you choose. Remind yourself of your medication, homework assignment, class, meeting, etc.



My Favorite App

My Favorites

- Find My iPhone



- Find My Phone (Android)



Resource

Office of Learning Resources Website

- Applications for Mobile Technology

https://www.udayton.edu/lrc/learningresources/disability/mobile_technology.php#note

- Applications for computer (open source / free)

<https://www.udayton.edu/lrc/learningresources/learningandstudy/Learning%20Technology%20Resources.php>