

APPS for iPhone, iPad, iTouch, Android, and other SmartPhones

Books

Kindle

Demo: <http://iphoneappdemos.tv/2009/03/kindle/>

Free

Read books, magazines, and newspapers right on your iPhone without ever buying an e-reader. The [Kindle](#) app gives you access to buy or download for free hundreds of thousands of books, and more than 100 different newspapers and magazines.

Nook

Free

Anti-Amazon book lovers might prefer an app by Barnes & Nobel for reading on their iPhones, NOOK. NOOK and Kindle largely do the same thing (give you access to an impressive library of books, newspapers, magazines, and other things to read), although their interfaces and experiences are different. Whether you like Amazon or B&N is largely a matter of personal preference. The NOOK app feels a little more graceful in its design, whereas the Kindle app looks more utilitarian.

Business

Evernote

Demo: <http://iphoneappdemos.tv/2009/03/evernote/>

Requires membership, free to \$45 per year

This free, straightforward note-making app outrivals most competing apps thanks to its strong search capabilities and effortless organization. But the real key to its success and popularity is that Evernote synchronizes all your files by saving them to a cloud service, meaning anything you create or alter from your iPhone will be there waiting for you when you log into any other version of Evernote.

Dragon Dictation

Free

[Dragon Dictation](#), from speech-recognition software maker Nuance, works with incredible accuracy to transcribe whatever you say into text in a simple notepad. Tools in the app let you copy the text to paste it into another app, or push it out to social media channels, effectively letting you write a Twitter post or Facebook status update with only a taps on the screen. It's also useful if you like to keep written notes (as opposed to audio recordings) but can't type easily for whatever reason, perhaps due to dexterity issues, or simply because you're walking or only have one hand free.

Dragon Go!

Free

You can already search by voice on your iPhone with Bing and Google apps, but [Dragon Go!](#) lets you do more with the results, taking advantage of other apps and a nifty sliding tab "carousel" interface. Dragon Go! was created by speech-recognition software company Nuance, which has long been in the game of enabling voice commands for computers. The big difference with this app compared to other voice command systems is it integrates with other apps and yields results in a more useful way.

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Dropbox

Free

If your files live all over the place—your office computer, home desktop, laptop—having a dependable syncing program is a must. [Dropbox](#), the service that lets you store your files in the cloud and access them from anywhere you have a signal, fills that role nicely with an iPhone app. It has a simple interface, easy uploading, and swift syncing across all accounts.

Cars

Edmunds

<http://www.edmunds.com/mobile/featured.html>

The Edmunds App for iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch provides both new and used vehicle research and True Market Value® (TMV®) pricing information found on Edmunds.com. You can locate a car at a dealer, get a price quote, and have the research on your mobile device to help you get the best deal on a new car.

Kelley Blue Book (KBB.com)

Seamlessly view videos, car photos and new car reviews and request free dealer price quotes.

Home

Zillow

Free

See real estate listings and Zestimate® home values on 100+ million homes.

Movies

Disney Chanel

Free

Enjoy many of your favorite shows LIVE or ON DEMAND. Anytime. Anywhere.

Features: Disney TV Shows such as Phineas and Ferb, Jessie, and Shake It Up. Comcast/Xfinity is currently the only TV provider offering access to LIVE video and the newest full episodes.

IMDb Movies & TV

Free

"What was the name of that movie... the one with Ally Sheedy and Fisher Stevens?" The next time you can't remember the name of an actor, television show, or film (Short Circuit, by the way) IMDb Movies & TV saves the day. One of the handiest reference websites on the planet, IMDb never fails when it comes to looking up anything that has to do with TV, film, or Hollywood. The app also lets you find which movies are playing at your local cinema, and even purchase tickets. With an IMDb account (free or paid for Pro), the app provides even more features, like the ability to create a watchlist of movies you want to see.

Netflix

Free; requires membership from \$7.99 per month

The Netflix app for Apple iPhone enhances the value of a Netflix subscription by letting you watch movies from its streaming, or Instant, service directly on your handheld device. In the latest version, Netflix has added the ability to rate movies from your smartphone, but it removed DVD (disc) queue management tools, so you'll have to use the Netflix website for that.

PBS

Free

You can watch all of Public Broadcasting's current programs, as well as tons of old favorites from the 1980s and 1990s. PBS doesn't charge a thing for full-length episodes, Downton Abbey or with the likes of Julia Child.

TCM (Turner Classic Movies)

Free

Keeps you up-to-date with the movies playing on TCM and allows you to deep-dive into any film with tones of historical information, commentary, and media from the TCM Movie database.

Music

Shazam

Free

Lightning fast tagging. Discover, explore and share more music, TV shows and brands you love in as little as one second.

News

USA Today

AP Mobile

WTOP Mobile

CNN

ABC News

WP (Washington Post)

Photography

Instagram

Free

[Instagram](#) is a light photo editing and sharing app. Many of the camera filters that you can apply to images will give them a retro-hip style, but they're fun and can turn out some rather beautiful images with a little practice. It's fun to browse images that other people upload, too.

Recipes

Epicurious

Free

[Epicurious](#) is a recipe app. Many people are fans of Cook's Illustrated, which requires a paid membership, and the \$2.99 AllRecipes.com Dinner Spinner Pro), but among the free options, it's the best. This app from Condé Nast pulls recipes from a huge catalog, including the archives of *Bon Appétit* and the now defunct *Gourmet* magazine. You can search by ingredient or by the type of dish you want to make, such as appetizers and "weeknight dinners."

Shopping

eBay

Free

The [eBay](#) for iPhone app keeps you shopping, bidding, and buying (or selling). The eBay app has instant alerts for when someone is outbidding your or auctions are ending. When you're out shopping in the real world, you can scan barcodes to see if someone on eBay is selling the same item for a better price. There are functions for sellers on the go as well.

RedLaser – Barcode Scanner and QR Code Reader

Free

RedLaser, an app that turns your iPhone's camera into a barcode scanner, has long been on every new iPhone owner's list of free apps to download. Overtime, the app has only improved, and it's now a multi-functional scanner that works on QR codes, too. When shopping, scan any item with a barcode, and RedLaser delivers detailed information about the product, including whether you can buy it at a better price nearby.

Search Engines

Bing

Free

PCMag proclaimed [Bing for iPhone](#) "the best general search app" in the iTunes App Store when it debuted in 2009. Since then, Microsoft has expanded the functionality of its Bing app to include voice, barcode, and photo-based search to give users a variety of ways to gather information. The iPhone app sports a simple, yet elegant, black-and-white interface, highlighted by a large wallpaper image. The Vision Search feature needs more time to mature, but Bing delivers consistently good search results on the iPhone.

Google Search (iPhone, iPad)

Voice Search (Android only)

Search the web and your phone by voice and control your phone with Voice Actions

Quickly search your phone, the web, and nearby locations by speaking, instead of typing. Call your

contacts, get directions, and control your phone with Voice Actions.

Opera Mini

Free

When the Safari browser that came pre-installed on your iPhone simply won't load, [Opera Mini](#) wins. The first true alternative browser for Apple's iPhone isn't a better browser than Mobile Safari—at least most of the time—but when AT&T's network totally collapses on you, Opera Mini pulls Web pages out where Apple's own browser stalls. Opera Mini is different than other so-called browsers. As a proxy browser, it doesn't actually load Web pages at all. Rather, it sends a request to Opera's servers, which loads the page, compresses it by 80 to 90 percent, and sends your phone a compressed image of the page.

Travel

GasBuddy

Free

Find the cheapest gas on the go – for free! In one click, locate gas stations near you and see their current gas prices. Gas prices for USA and Canada only.

Google Earth

Fly around the planet with a swipe of your finger with Google Earth for Android. Explore distant lands or reacquaint yourself with your childhood home. Search by voice for cities, places, and businesses. Browse layers including roads, borders, places, photos and more. Visit the Earth Gallery to find exciting maps such as real-time earthquakes, planes in flight, hiking trails, city tours, and more.

Google Translate

Free

With more than 30 languages supported and delivering impressively accurate results most of the time, the Google Translate app is one of the most remarkable programs you can load onto your iPhone. Most people probably won't need it too often, except when traveling or studying a language, but it can be amazingly useful in unexpected circumstances. People probably won't need it too often, except when traveling or studying a language, but it can be amazingly useful in unexpected circumstances.

Yelp

Demo: <http://iphoneappdemos.tv/2009/04/yelp/>

It's the best place to find any business that you might be looking for. To find what you need, open the application and let it find your current location. Want to see a movie tonight? Just click More Categories to see a list of all of the business categories. Click on Arts & Entertainment, then Cinema. Up come all the nearby movie theaters, along with its location, rating, distance, and even pricing. Click on the business name to find its hours, phone number, and you can even read reviews from other customers. Click on the picture, and you'll see more photos, the business' website, and more detailed hours of operation. You can easily add it to your bookmarks to find it quickly again. Now all that's left to do is find out how to get there, so click on Directions to Business. Perfect! Just a short drive away.

Gate Guru

Free

GateGuru (for iPhone) is an app to pack. It will help you navigate airports, anticipate wait times, find the freshest food, and travel with greater confidence. Imagine this grim scene: You have a three-hour layover and the unenviable dining choice between the bloated cinnamon bun and a greasy sports bar. Which is less likely to inflict damage on your stomach lining? [GateGuru](#) can help you avoid the plight of past LaGuardia travelers with its user-submitted reviews of services in the airport. It also has airport maps and checkpoint wait times will spare you from extending your tenure.

HearPlanet Lite

Free

HearPlanet becomes a guidebook that speaks to you. With iPhone as your audio guide you'll get the scoop on landmarks, historic sites and more -- in countless cities worldwide -- without taking your eyes off the sights.

VDOT 511

Free

Provides real-time access to traffic and road weather information supplied by the Virginia Department of Transportation. Traffic information includes current traffic speeds on interstate and selected primary routes, the latest incident and construction information and bridge status. Road weather information shows the severity of road conditions and road closures caused by weather.

A special "Reach the Beach" feature helps beach-goers by providing the latest travel times for routes to Virginia Beach and the Outer Banks. As the user approaches a key point where a route decision can be made, the app tells the user what the current travel times are from that point to the chosen destination. When leaving the beach, the user can choose from one of four "home" destinations of Richmond, Fredericksburg, Hampton Roads and Skippers.

Miscellaneous

Obama Clock

Free

Keeps track of Obama approval rating, unemployment rate, national debt, housing index, and gas prices, as well as the countdown to either his second inauguration or his final days as President of the United States.

White Pages

Free

Search the White Pages directory for people, businesses and unknown phone calls -- anytime, anywhere.

Star Chart

\$2.99

Open the application. Point your enabled device at the sky and Star Chart will tell you exactly what you are looking at. Using state of the art GPS technology, an accurate 3D universe, and all of the latest high tech functionality, Star Chart calculates -- in real time -- the current location of every star, planet and moon visible from Earth and shows you precisely where they are, even in broad daylight!

Links to additional iPhone Apps

PC Magazine

http://www.pcmag.com/slideshow_viewer/0,3253,l%253D286654%2526a%253D286659%2526po%253D20,00.asp?p=n

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