



# **A Guided Conversation on Apps: Back to the Basics**

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Apps, Tablets and mobile devices are revolutionizing the way people use and understand technology. These mobile technologies are prominent in our mainstream society. Are you feeling a bit behind when it comes to understanding these devices and how to use them to support students in your classroom and other people with disabilities? Do you have “silly” questions that you do not want to ask because you feel you should already know the answers? Then this is the session for you! During this presentation, participants will learn the basic differences between the iOS, Android, and Microsoft tablets including basic accessibility features. This is a hands-on session that will leave you full of knowledge and resources for using and sharing important features of these technologies.

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# Agenda

- Understanding the Difference between Android & Apple
- Closer Look at Tablets
- Considering Accessibility
- Access the Tools For Life AppFinder
- Exploring a Few of Tools for Life Favorite Apps

# AMAC

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AMAC creates practical solutions that work, with a focus on utility, ease of use, and high quality.

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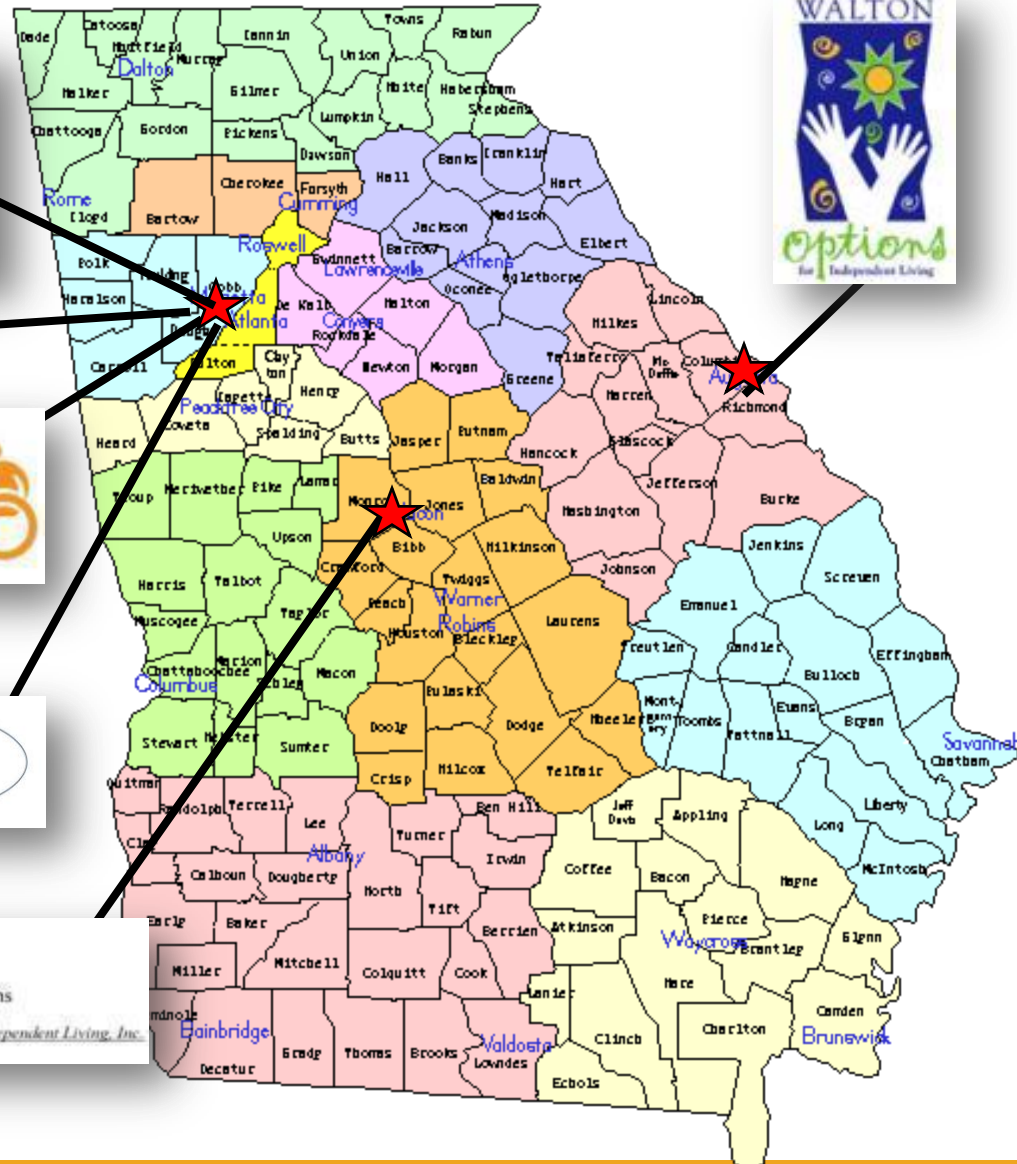
## **Georgia's Federal AT Act Program**

- TFL developed Georgia's Plan for AT
- We serve individuals of all ages & all disabilities in Georgia
  - Over 50,000 thru various activities throughout the year
- TFL Network
  - Assistive Technology Resource Centers
  - Lending Libraries
  - Training and Demonstrations
  - AT Reuse
  - AT Funding Education/Assistance and Resources
- Online Resources
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# Tools for Life Network



AT Lending Library  
AT Evaluations & Training  
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Resource and Assistance  
AT Funding Assistance  
DME Reuse





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- JOIN OUR MAILING LIST
- SCHEDULE A TOUR**

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## Find Your AT Solutions



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# Android & Apple



# Technology Changes Fast

- June 2007- 1<sup>st</sup> iPhone
- Sept 2007- 1<sup>st</sup> generation iPod Touch
- October 2008- 1<sup>st</sup> Android phone sold
- April 2010- 1<sup>ST</sup> iPad
- 2010- Google launched its Nexus series of tablets and smartphones
- 50 billion downloads!



# Statistics

- There are approximately 73 million iPhones in the world.  
» *Apple, 2012*
- In 2010, Apple reported that over 1000 new apps are submitted every day.
- In 2012, 400 million iTunes accounts  
» *Y. Lachelle, Aug., 2010 and H. Dediu, June 2012*
- Apple receives about 49.5 Million App downloads per day!  
» *H. Dediu June 2012*

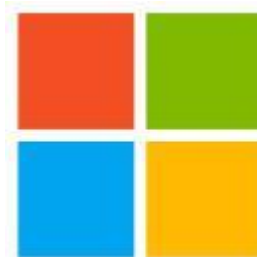


# Which One???





# LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OPTIONS





# Microsoft Surface

- Windows 8
- Slim and has a USB port
- Moveable Tiles
- Built-in Accessibility
  - Speech-to-text
  - Narrator
- Thin pressure sensitive cover that doubles as a keyboard
- Starts at \$349





# Samsung Galaxy Tab 3



- Android System
- 7, 8, or 10 in screen
- Camera
- Micro card
- Wi-Fi
- USB for computer
- Some built-in accessibility app
  - Download others
- Starts at \$199.99

# Nook HD

- eBook Reader and mobile tablet
- No Camera
- Access to shop both Google Play Store and Barnes and Noble
- Purchase apps
- Starts at \$129



# Kindle Fire HD/HDX

- eBook Reader and mobile tablet
- Front facing camera
- Access to Amazon apps
- Free cloud storage for Amazon purchases
- Purchase Apps
- 7inch or 8.9 inch screen
- 'Mayday' button HDX
- Starts at \$139- HD
- \$199- HDX



# Apple iPad/ mini iPad

- Multi- touch screen
- New iOS 7
- Millions of apps
- Surf web
- iTunes
- Videos
- Organization
- Accessibility
- Books
- Photos
- Speakers
- New iPad had 5.0 megapixel camera
- Starts at \$499/\$399 and mini \$329



# Apple iPod Touch

- 5 Megapixel Camera
- Millions of apps
- Videos
- Surf Web
- Voice Over
- Organization
- Speakers
- Bluetooth
- New iOS 7
- Starts at \$299 / \$199 4<sup>th</sup> gen





# Refurbished Tablets

- If you do not need the latest and greatest consider an older models for a discount
- Want to make sure that refurbish tablets have been certified
- Look for at least 1 year warranty
- Many places now sell
  - Apple
  - BestBuy
  - Amazon



# CONSIDERING ACCESSIBILITY



# Comparing Tablets

Property	Android	iOS	MS Windows	Amazon Kindle	Barnes and Noble Nook
Number and variety of Tablets	Over 11,000	iPad and iPad mini	Several	Kindle Fire and Fire HD	Nook HD
Operating System	Android (Jelly bean)	ios7 (Sept 18, 2013)	Microsoft Windows 8	Modified version of Android ICS	Modified version of Android- Microsoft bought 2013
Apps	860,815 (AppBrain.com updated 9/13/13)	900,000 with 375,00 optimized for iPad/mini (mobileburn.com updated June 2013)	104,917 (winbeta.org updated July 4, 2013)	50,000 in Amazon App store also shop in Google Play Store (theverge.com updated August 2013)	10,000 in Barnes and Noble and have access to Google Play store (barnesandnoble.com updated August 2013)
Software Updates	As it becomes available on Google	Apple releases updates	MS releases updates	Amazon releases updates	Barnes and Noble releases updates
Interface	As designed by manufacturer	Icons and widgets designed by Apple	Metro style designed by Microsoft	Modified version of regular Android	Modified version of regular Android

# Layout of the iPad



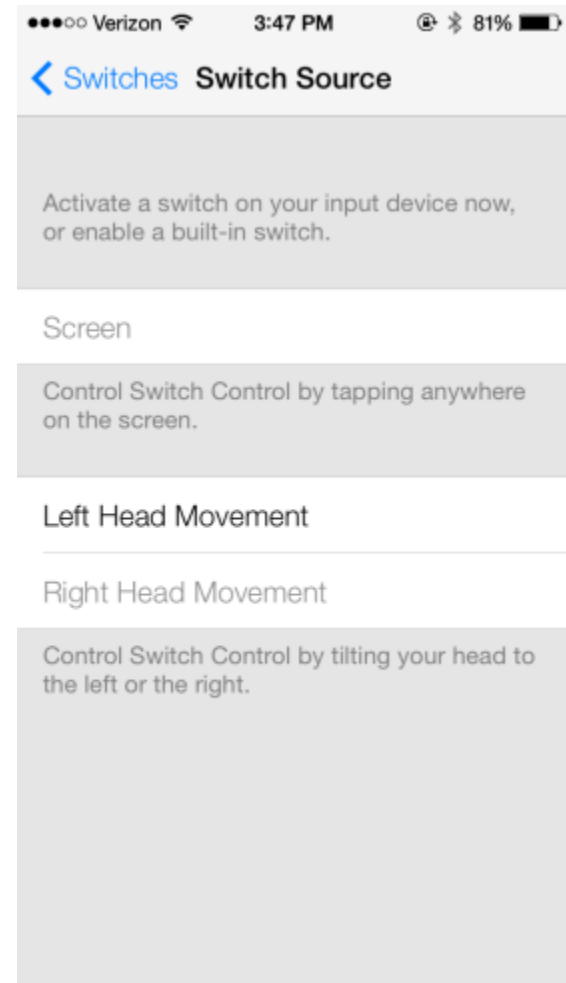
# Built-in Accessibility Features

- VoiceOver
- Zoom
- Large Text
- Invert Colors
  - (white on black)
- Speak Selection
- Speak Auto Text
- Mono Audio
- Assistive Touch
- Guided Access
- Home-Click Speed
- Incoming Calls
- Braille Displays



# New iOS 7 Features

- September 2013
- Automatically turn on captioning and subtitles
- Switch Source under Accessibility
  - Allows user to control devices by head movement





# VoiceOver

- Standard feature on iPhones, iPads, and iTouches
  - World's first gesture-based screen reader
  - **DOES NOT WORK WITH ALL APPS**
    - Does not work with many eBooks or textbooks
    - Works with built-in apps
  - Built-in voices that speak 36 languages
- Adjustable speaking rate
  - Echoes each character as you touch it when typing or can speak completed word instead.
  - Speak Auto-text
  - Has the rotor
  - Works with all built-in applications

# Assistive Touch

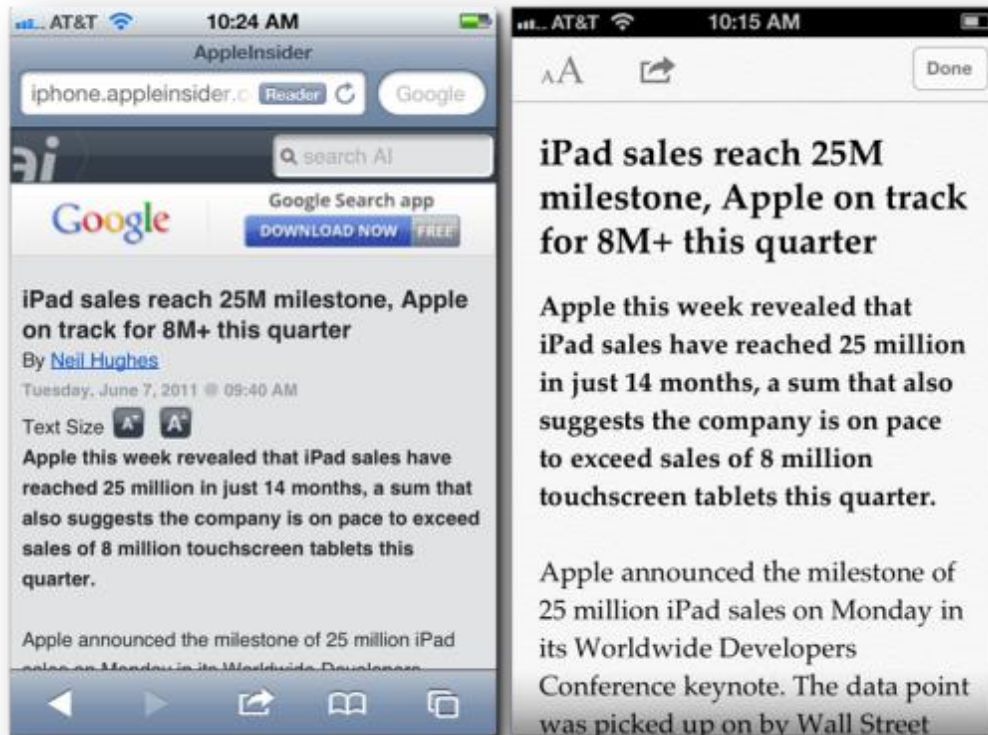
- Lets you enter Multi-Touch gestures using one finger or stylus
  - Create custom gestures
- Supports the use of adaptive input devices
  - Headsets and switches
- Change Tracking Speed



# Creating Keyboard Shortcuts

- Go to General => Keyboard and make sure Shortcut is turned on
- Go to Add New Shortcut
- Put in your Phrase
- Create Short Cut
- Example:
  - Phrase : Martha E. Rust, MS CRC ATP
  - Shortcut is: MER
  - So when MER is typed it will put in the above Phrase
  - OMW => On My Way!

# Reader for Websites



- Read articles and web pages without distractions
- Clutter disappears
- Add link into Reading List and finish later

# Guided Access

- Helps remain on task and focus
- Limit to one app / turn off home button
- Restrict touch input on certain areas of the screen



# Surface



- 2 types
  - RT
  - PRO
- RT
  - Cannot download software
  - Does not support digital pen
  - Built in MS Office
    - Word, Powerpoint, Excel
- Pro
  - 30 day trial of MS Office
  - Ability to download software
- Open 3 Windows
- Tiles
  - Start screen
- Charms
  - Right hand side



# Layout of Surface

- Power Button

- Camera

- Speaker

- Micro USB

- USB

- Charger

- On Left Side

- Speaker
- Headphone Jack
- Volume control



# Accessibility of Surface

- Uses Windows 8
  - Ease of Access
- Narrator
- Magnifier
- On-Screen Keyboard
- Windows Speech Recognition



# Some Surface Apps

- Maluuba
  - Personal assistant app



- Apollo
  - Can be a calendar
  - See when the sun sets and rises



- Barcode Generator
- Free way to create your own barcodes



# Layout of the Nook HD

- Volume
- Head phones
- Power
- Home Key
- Charger



# Nook HD

- Download Books and Movies
- Access to Barnes and Noble Store
- Access to Google Play Store
- No Camera
- Does not read books out loud
- Note taking features
- Can Change:
  - Font
  - Line Spacing
  - Text Size
  - Background color



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- Download Books and Movies
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  - If book has this feature enabled
  - Check on product details page
  - Whispersync for Voice
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- External Speakers

- Power Button

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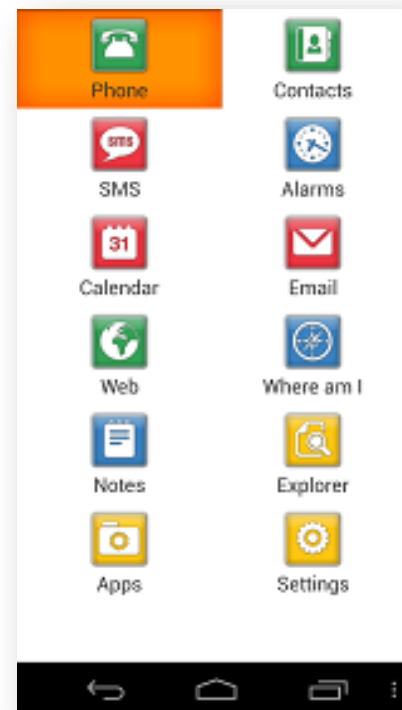
# Android Tablets

- Accessibility features are not built in
  - Talkback, Kickback, and Soundback
  - Gesture Feature in Jellybean
  - Eyes - free keyboard
  - IDEAL Web Reader for internet
  - No zoom or contrast right now
- What operation system is tablet running
  - Jellybean, Ice cream sandwich, Honeycomb, Gingerbread
- Google Play Store to buy apps
  - Must have Gmail address
  - Can use Amazon gift cards
- Not the best to use with someone who has low vision and/or blind or cognitive disabilities

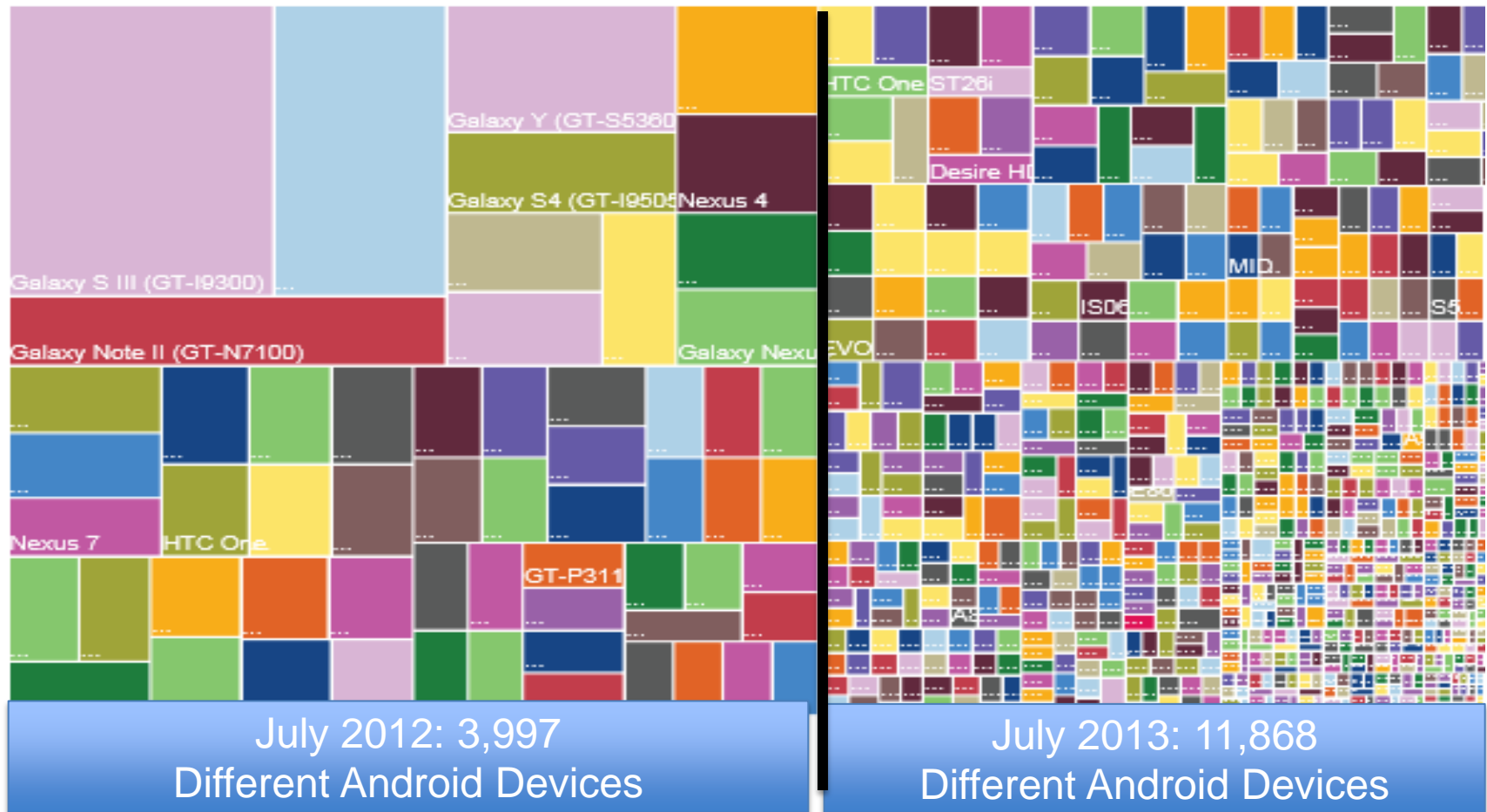


# Accessible Android Apps

- Big Launcher- icons look darker and text is larger
- Vlingo Virtual Assistant and iris. (alpha)- voice command apps
- Text to Speech Toy- Text-to- Speech
- Eyes-free keyboard
- IDEAL web reader
- Code Factory - Mobile Accessibility Suite for AT&T users
  - 12 different apps / 30 day free trial -\$99
- [www.androidaccess.net](http://www.androidaccess.net)



# Android Device Fragmentation



# TFL AppFinder

**Search by:**

✓ **App Name**

✓ **Categories**

- Book
- Education
- Environmental Adaptations
- Hearing
- Cognition, Learning, Developmental
- Navigation
- Personal Care and Safety
- Productivity
- Communication
- Therapeutic Aids
- Vision



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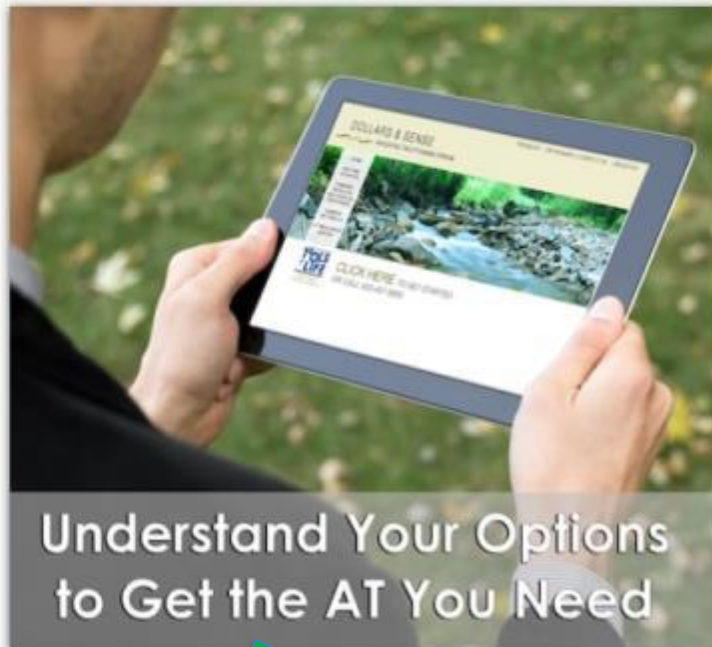
AT Services

Try AT

Get AT

AT Guides

Research



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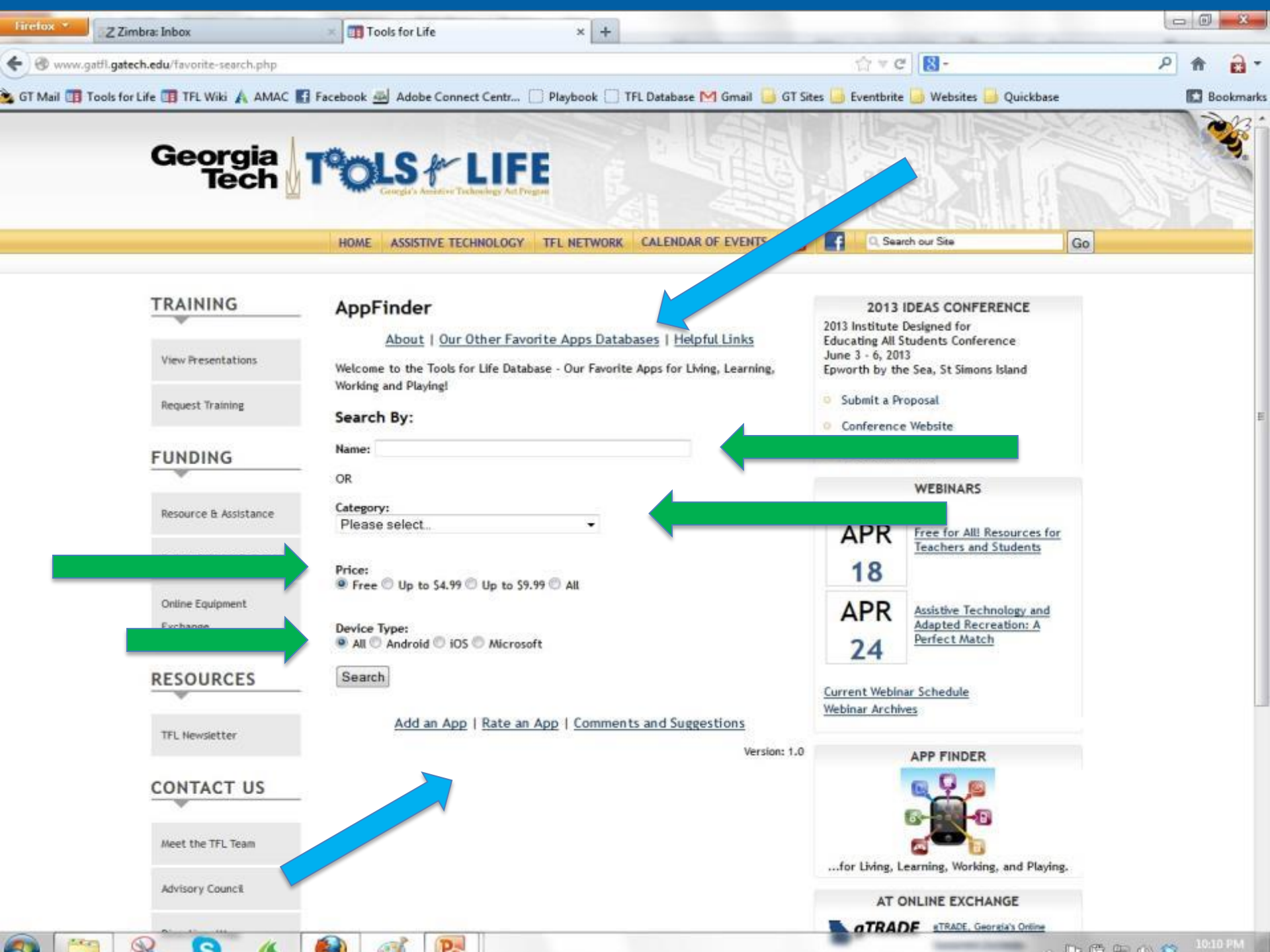


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### Search By:

Name:

OR

Category:  
Please select...

Price:  
☒ Free ☐ Up to \$4.99 ☐ Up to \$9.99 ☐ All

Device Type:  
☒ All ☐ Android ☐ iOS ☐ Microsoft

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## My Favorite Apps

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### tango Video Calls

Tango brings you free, high-quality mobile voice and video calls over 3G and Wi-Fi! Millions of people around the world are using Tango in an exciting new way. It

Learning, Cognition, and Developmental iOS

No Ratings

app icon

### i-prompt

Professional Tele-prompting software for your iPhone or iPod Touch.

Learning, Cognition, and Developmental iOS

No Ratings



### Dragon

Dragon Dictation is an easy-to-use voice recognition application powered by Dragon

Learning, Cognition, and Developmental iOS



5 stars by 1 users



### iBooks

iBooks includes the iBookstore, where you can download the latest best-selling books or your favorite classics

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No Ratings



### Say Text

SayText reads out loud the text in the image. It is intended for the visually impaired users. SayText is a free spin off product from the DocScanner team.

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encourages members to offer AT and DME for sale or donation to others who may benefit from using technology unneeded by others.





# Talkadroid!



- Free
- Type in what you want to say
- Save and load your favorite phrases
- Download and use 35+ Premium SVOX voices
- Create custom ring tones and alarms



# Fat Cat Snappy Chat



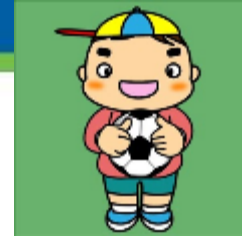
- .99



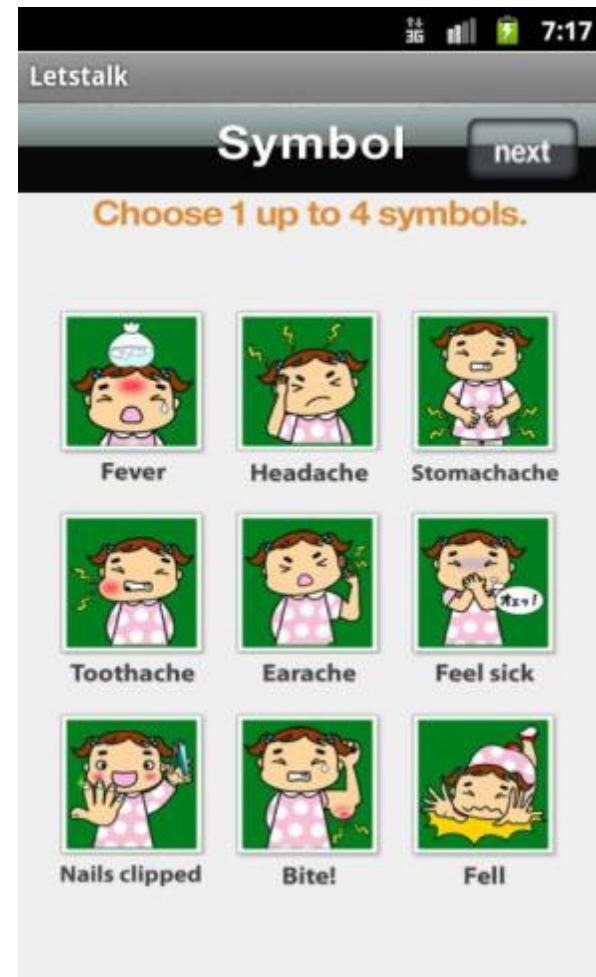
- Designed to keep conversation going
- Real voice to provide 160 phrases
- Geared to casual conversations of kids
- Quick snappy comebacks
- Integrates with your e-mail, Twitter, instant messaging, and texting



# LetsTalk



- Android
- \$3.99
- make the original icons with a microphone and camera functions
- focused to express basic requests
- 2 Modes
  - Supportive Mode
  - Self- Use Mode

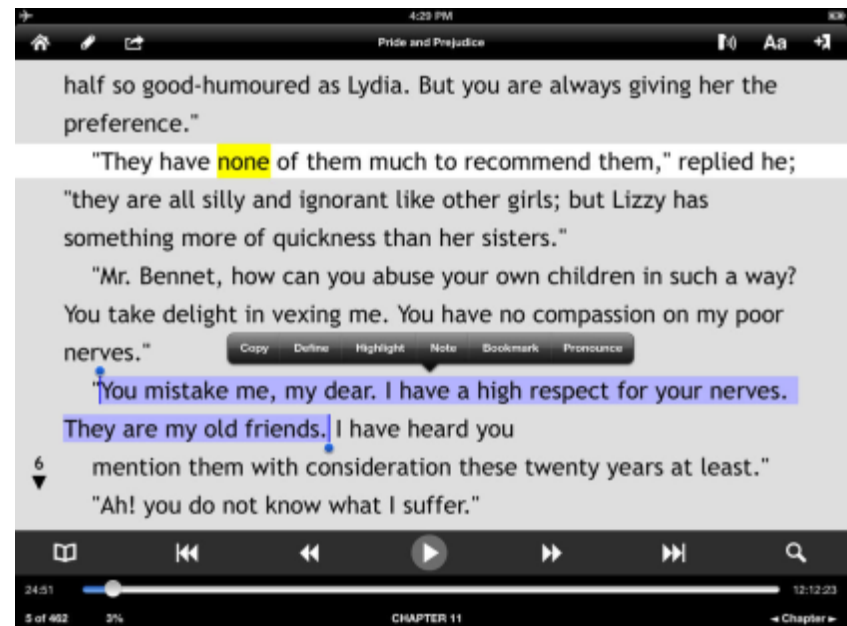


# Voice Dream



- Text to Speech
- Highlights as it reads
- Import
  - Bookshare
  - Dropbox
  - Gutenberg
  - Word Doc
  - PDFs
- Buy different voices
- Change rate of speed

- Download for later reading
- \$9.99

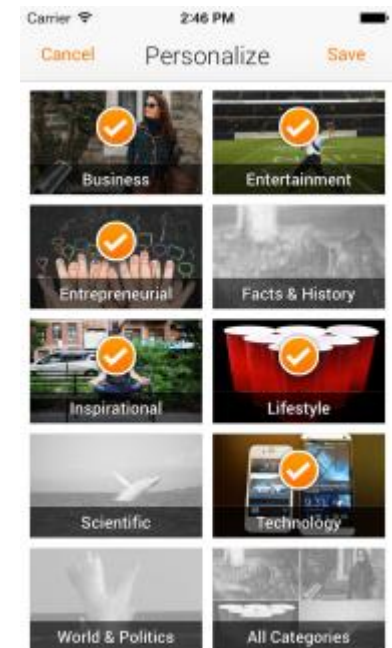
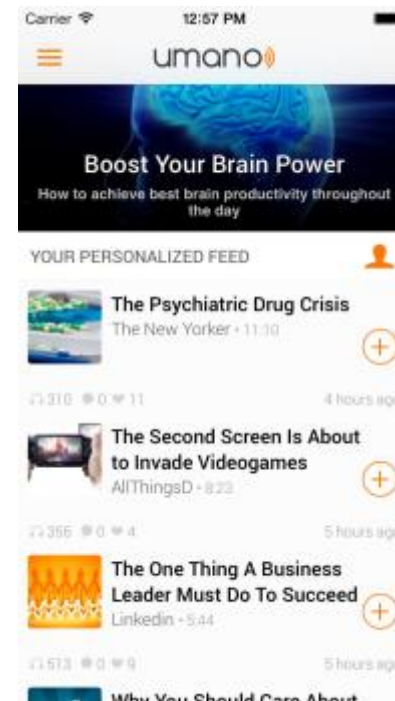




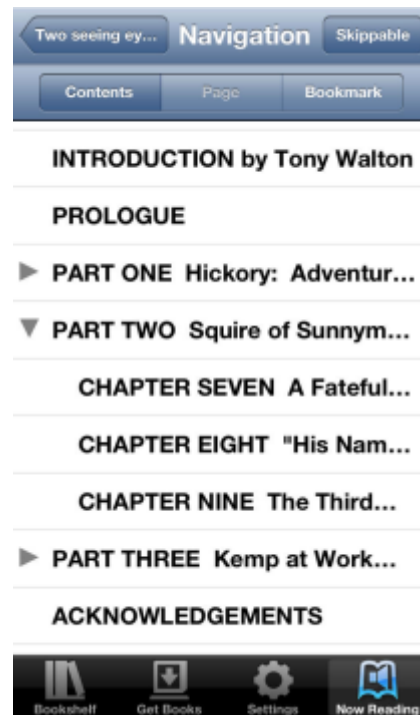
# Umano



- News read to you by real people
- Make a playlist of articles
- Download to listen to offline
- Upgrade to premium for \$3.99/ month
- Free



# BARD Mobile



- Access directly to the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)
- Must be registered
- Settings
- Can use with braille display
- <http://www.loc.gov/nls/find.html>
- Free



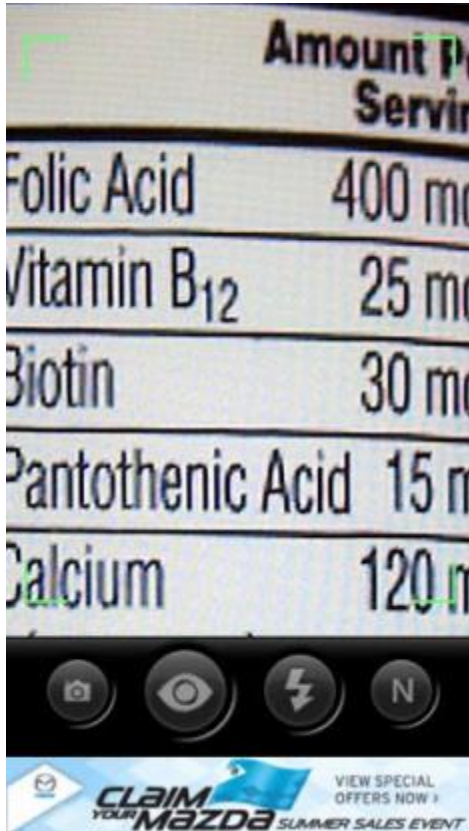
# Darwin Wallet



- Uses the camera to determine the currency
- Hold the bill in front of the phone's camera and the app will speak its value
- Free



# Magnify



- FREE
- Turns Android phone into a digital magnifying glass with built-in flashlight
- Can use gestures anywhere on the screen:
  - Double-tap: Zoom out/in
  - Single-tap: Focus
  - Long-press: Turn light on/off



# MyMedSchedule



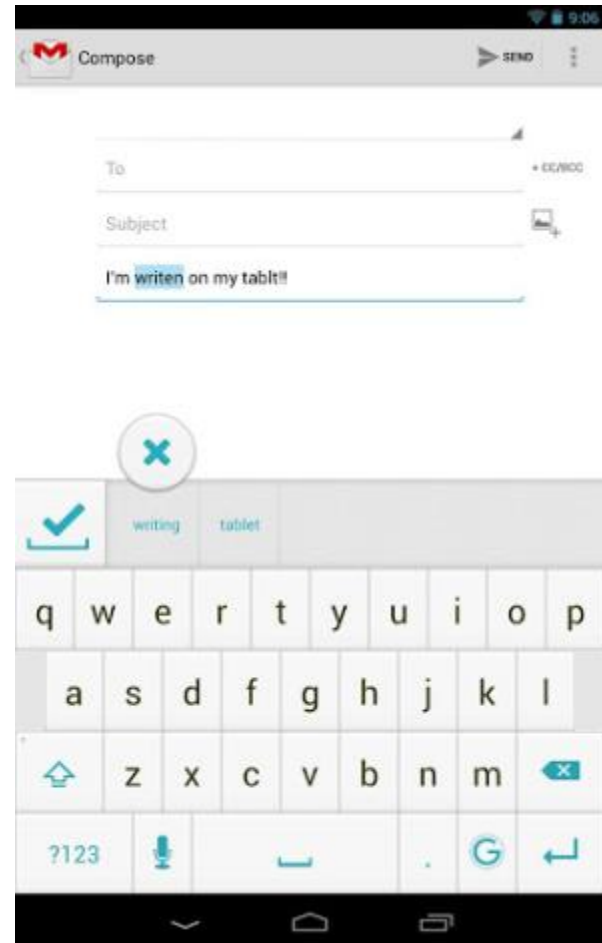
- Keep track of medication
- Reminders
- Refill Reminders
- Healthcare Provider Profiles
- Insurance Information
- Allergies
- Works across Platforms
- Free
- [www.mymedschedule.com](http://www.mymedschedule.com)



# Ginger App

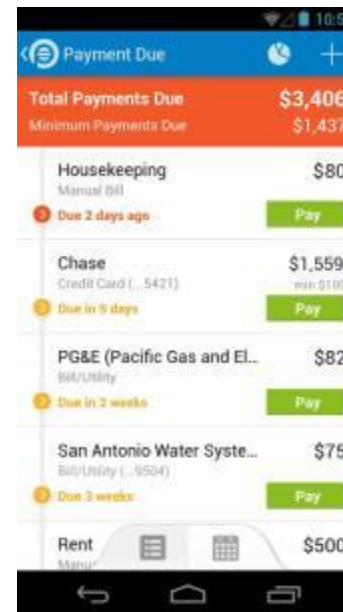


- Free
- Grammar and Spell checker
- Personal Assistant
- Use it to correct text messages, Whatsapp messages, Gmail and Outlook emails, and even social media apps such as Facebook





- Free
- Keep track of your cash and credit cards
- Pay your bills
- Real-time alerts and reminders about upcoming bills, overage charges, and suspicious transactions
- Understand your debt



# Bump

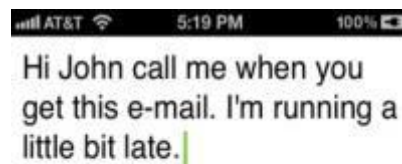
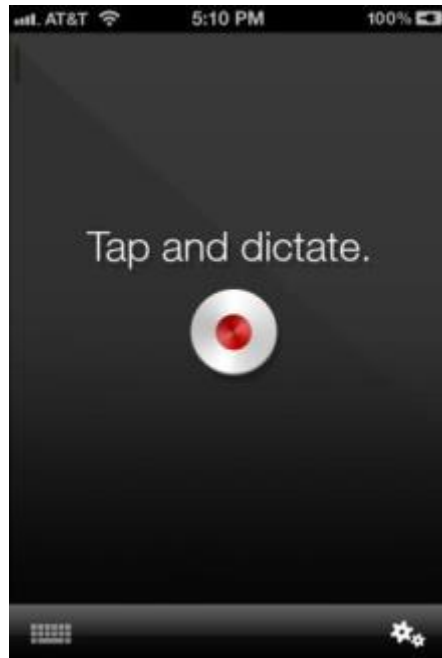


- Use Bump™ to share contact information and photos by simply bumping two phones together.
- Just open Bump, hold your phones, and gently bump your hands together
- **Free!**

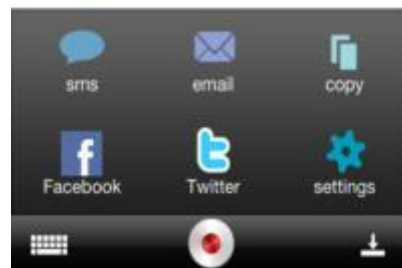
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# Dragon Dictation



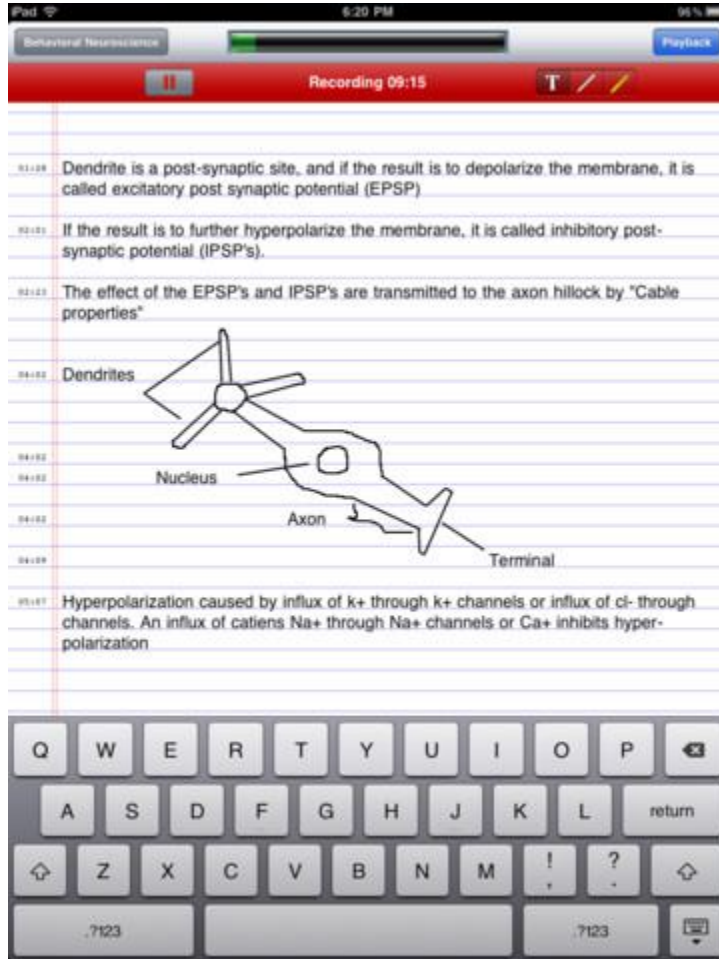
Hi John call me when you get this e-mail. I'm running a little bit late.



- Voice Recognition
- Free
- Dictate notes, emails, Twitter, and Facebook
- Supports many languages
- Cut, Copy, Paste
- Android
  - Dragon Go!
  - Dragon Hands Free Assistant



# AudioNote



- Records your notes, meetings or lectures
- Can take notes by typing, stylus, or drawing
- Time stamps so you can go directly to where you want to hear
- Highlights notes when read back
- \$4.99

# Perfect OCR



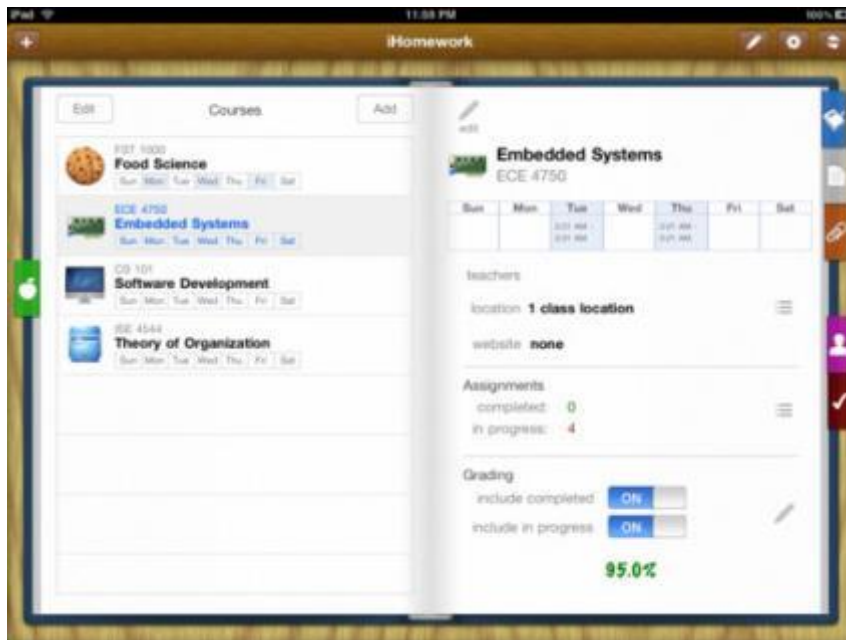
- \$3.99
  - Uses the built in camera to scan documents
- Edit, copy, store, email documents
- Upload to online storage is as Evernote
- Does take practice for picture



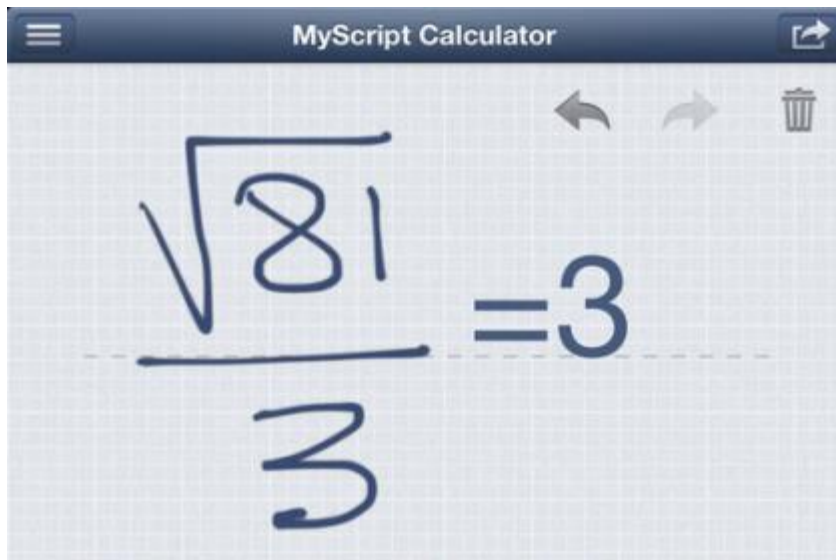
# iHomework



- Keep up-to-date with your school work, grades, to-do's, teacher's information
- School organizer that can be with you anywhere you go, whether that be on your iPhone/iPod touch, iPad, or Mac



# MyScript Calculator



- Use your handwriting to write any arithmetic formula
- Write and calculate mathematical expressions in with no keyboard
- Scratch-out gestures to easily delete symbols and numbers
- Portrait and landscape operation
- Redo and undo functions

# Money Counter Calculator



- iPad only
- Enter amount of coins and dollars and total is provided
- Free

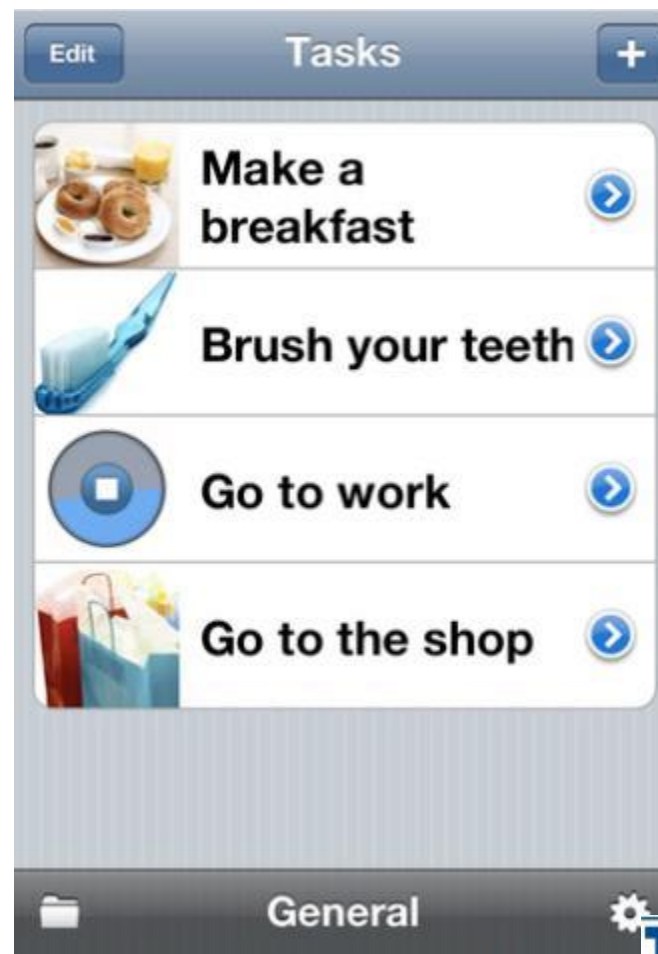




# Picture Scheduler



- Create visual tasks with attached audio, video or picture
- Tasks can have alarms
- Alarms can be repeated daily, weekly, monthly or you can select specific weekdays
- Tasks can be organized into categories with a picture
- Can hide task and reveal later



# Speak it!



- Copy emails, documents, web pages, PDF files, and more; paste them into Speak it!, and have the text spoken back to you.
- Email text to speech files
- Make announcements over PA system
- Endless phrases and possible uses
- \$1.99



# LookTel Money Reader

- iOS App



- \$1.99
- Uses camera
- Speaks out loud
- Do not need to hold bill steady or in entire frame



# iZen Garden



- Choose from 100s of objects, plants and creatures to place in your garden
- Rake the sand and share your creations
- Helps you to center your mind, relax your psyche and relieve your stress

# **Talk with Us!**

## **What are Your Favorite Apps?**



**Our Question to You:  
What have You Learned today?**



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