

Tablet app guide

The downloads that will turn your tablet into a life-changing companion

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iWork iPad
Pages, Keynote & Numbers versions each £5.99

Apple's answer to Microsoft Office has hit the iPad and it is the most fully realised mobile productivity app to date. It ships in three parts: Pages, an advanced word processor capable of creating reports, flyers and brochures; Keynote, a powerful presentation app complete with charts and transitions and Numbers, a fully fledged spreadsheet app.



Fuze Meeting Android
Free

Proving Android can be as capable a business platform as any other, Fuze Meeting is an immersive virtual collaboration suite which allows users to talk, type, video chat, share files and data and schedule meetings. Fuze Meeting takes advantage of tablets' larger screens to allow many of these features to be done simultaneously.



Documents to Go PlayBook
Free

The PlayBook is already an excellent business tool, but Documents to Go puts the power of Microsoft Office on your tablet for free. Granted it isn't as powerful as Microsoft's offering, but it is possible to create and edit documents, spreadsheets and slideshows on the move. Furthermore, the interface is intuitive, making it a doddle to learn.



Intuit GoPayment Android
Free

This business app allows users to process credit card payments directly on their tablets. The app is free for those processing under \$1,000 (£620) per month and a variable monthly fee is charged to larger users. A free Intuit credit card reader is available, which handily pairs with the app to speed up card transactions.



Penultimate iPad
£1.19

For those who prefer to write instead of type, Penultimate is a note-taking and sketching app which works straight from your finger. Numerous pen and paper styles are available and all content can be stored and sorted by topic, project or category. Smarter still, all written notes can be exported via PDF.



Dropbox PlayBook
Free

File syncing phenomenon Dropbox has finally launched for BlackBerry. The service allows your content to be seamlessly synchronised across desktops, laptops, tablets and mobile phones. The BlackBerry app can both access your existing Dropbox files and upload content from the handset so it can be accessed from any of your devices.



LogMeIn Android
£18.38

Access and control any Mac or PC from your tablet. Multiple PCs can be stored and connected computers can even be switched on and off remotely, perfect for accessing files that may have been left behind. Tablet screen size is again vital as it provides a larger and more accessible reproduction of the computer display you are viewing than would be possible on a phone.



Infinity Blade iPad
£1.79

The most graphically impressive game on any tablet. It tells the story of a knight fighting to reclaim his birthright as he battles the legions of the God King. If you thought the game looked good on the iPhone, it has been further optimised for the iPad 2.



BBC iPlayer iPad, Android
Free

The hugely popular TV catch-up service is now available on the iPad. Watch and listen live or choose from over 400 hours of programmes from the last seven days. All BBC television and radio stations are listed with content also broken down by 'Featured' and 'Most Popular' categories. Full listings and schedules are also available.



Tweetcomb Android
Free

Taking inspiration from the popular Tweetdeck Twitter client, Tweetcomb takes advantage of a tablet's extra screen size to offer a greater number of customisable columns and provide a more versatile experience. Background updates, notifications, picture uploading, URL shrinking and other Twitter client essentials are also provided.



GarageBand iPad
£2.99

GarageBand is a powerful music app which creates a fully featured recording studio on the go. Musicians can play pianos, organs, guitars, drums and basses directly on their iPad while mics can be connected to lay down vocal tracks. Beyond that, it's even possible to connect an electric guitar and GarageBand will add classic amp and stompbox effects.



Great Battles Medieval Android
£4.30

The most advanced game in the Android Marketplace is this 3D strategy that's set during the Hundred Years' War. It utilises a tablet's greater performance to animate battles between huge armies spread out over vast landscapes and cannot be played on lower powered phones. It is the perfect way to show off the power of your tablet.



YouTube Android
Free

Google has greatly improved YouTube for Android tablets, making it far closer to the PC experience. For a start, videos can be played while scrolling through related content and comments. Player controls have also been improved and (where available) video quality is shown at higher resolutions for a sharper viewing experience on larger screens.



Angry Birds HD iPad
£2.99

No entertainment list can be complete without the inclusion of a tablet-tweaked version of the stunningly popular Angry Birds game. The iPad app features enhanced HD graphics with a wider view and over 240 levels to tax even the most dedicated gamer. Leader boards, hidden achievements and Twitter and Facebook integration let you show off your skills.



Musical masterpieces at your fingertips with the Garage Band app

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