

**THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT**  
FREQUENTLY USED APPS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

**LectureTools** (Free/Currently) *LectureTools* is a Lecture Engagement System that allows you to import any existing PowerPoint® slideshow and enhance it with 6 different interactive activities, that includes an integrated student response feature to provide you with real-time comprehension alerts and student questions.

**CloudOn** (Free) CloudOn lets you use your iPad to create, view, and edit files directly in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. It also lets you use Dropbox to manage your files. Requires free registration.

**Haiku Deck** (Free) Build a presentation by searching for images from within the app and embedding them immediately or take pictures and import/upload from the camera roll, Facebook, Instagram, Flickr, and Picasa accounts. Users can play their presentations directly from the iPad, email them, and share with Facebook and Twitter.

**Skitch** (Free) Allows you to mark up and annotate any image. Add text, arrows, shapes, stamps, and highlighter. Use Skitch to edit photos or screen shots easily; simple photo editing with zoom, crop, and pixelate. Share via email or Evernote, or any app that accepts images. **Ideas for Use:** Snap photos of student work and use Skitch to annotate. Create graphics for lessons or handouts quickly and easily. Share blank images (maps, diagrams, etc) and have students annotate. Students can snap photos of physical projects and annotate to explain in more detail. It is also available as a desktop version for Mac & PC and as an Android app.

**Markup** (\$1.99) Markup is a game-changer for Instructors, who can now use their iPads to grade assignments, and not have to deal with stacks of papers on their desks.

**Paper 53** (Free with In App purchases) Paper is where ideas begin. It's the easiest and most beautiful way to create on iPad. Capture your ideas as sketches, diagrams, illustrations, notes or drawings and share them across the web. Great for journal writing too!

**ShowMe** (Free) is a dynamic presentation and creation application. ShowMe provides an iPad app and a web-based interface for accessing the ShowMe database as well as your own presentations. This application integrates at all levels of *Bloom's Taxonomy* and allows Instructors an opportunity to create lessons, remediation options and accessible references for student review. This is a dynamic tool that can be incorporated across content areas.

**Google Drive** (Free) Google Drive for the iOS has recently launched the ability to collaborate with other users on a document or spreadsheet in real time. Users can also upload (and download) photos and videos directly from their iOS device and save them in the cloud. Students can use this application to work on a collaborative project in school, take notes, and then access that same document or spreadsheet from any computer that boasts an Internet connection.

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**Inkling** (Free) A platform for interactive textbook; allows you to purchase a book digitally or just the chapter you need. It integrates media into every title and creates interactive quizzes to gauge

**Animoto** (Free) Video Slideshows - Turn your photos into stunning, professional-quality videos, complete with music and text, with Animoto's free app! Short videos are allowed with this free version; for longer videos, you must purchase an upgrade.

**Audioboo** - Audioboo is an application for recording and sharing your voice with the world. This free version allows you to create audio up to 3 minutes in length and post that to your own account on the web. You can add titles, tags, geolocation info and a photo to the recording before you upload it and we'll save all that with the file.

**Audio Memos** (Free version includes ads) Easy to use voice recorder with a simple and intuitive interface. It also includes many advanced features as volume boost, volume normalizing, editing of recordings, and more.

**Flixlab** Automatically makes Movies and Slideshows from the pictures and videos on your device, and even on your friend's devices. Share your movies to Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, via email, SMS text message, and download to your device to share to even more places

**LiveBinders** - Let's you integrate the content you use and collect in the cloud to create virtual binders of information on any topic; add your own text to further personalize your resources.

**Mixel** (Free) Creativity app that completely reinvents collage so that everyone can do it. Everything in Mixel can be shared and remixed, making it the world's first truly **social art app**.

**Popplet Lite** – (Free/Lite version only allows users to one popplet at a time) Capture your ideas and sort them visually in real time. This app is great for mind mapping and brainstorming, along with creating galleries and class notes.

**MindJet** (\$7.99) Best for those prepping for major projects or papers; MindJet helps create mind maps; its interface allows for easy mapping whenever inspiration strikes; create outlines with different topic shapes or colors, attach notes to topics, or arrange topics based on common themes before sharing them with others.

**Springpad** (Free) Quickly and easily save the ideas and information you want to remember - on the web, on your phone, and on your iPad!

**StoryBuddy Lite** - StoryBuddy is a magical way to create, read and share stories with the power of multi-touch on the iPad. Draw directly on the iPad's screen with your finger and create a picture book page by page. Add customizable text with the built-in keyboard. Import images from your photo album for that personal touch. Publish your story and flip through its pages like a real book however, the lite version will save only one story at a time.

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**Toontastic** - Toontastic is a creative learning tool that empowers kids to draw, animate, and share their own cartoons through imaginative play. Making cartoons with Toontastic is as easy as putting on a puppet show - simply press the record button, move your characters onscreen, and tell your stories through play! Once you're done Toontastic will play back your animation and voice as a cartoon for you to share with friends and family around the world. The free version contains one background/theme.

**VoiceThread** (Free with additional in app purchases) Create and share dynamic conversations around documents, snapshots, diagrams and videos -- basically anything there is to talk about. You can talk, type, and draw right on the screen.

**Whiteboard Lite** Collaborative Drawing - Collaborate with friends and family with Whiteboard, the easy-to-use collaborative drawing app. Two users can create pictures together over local Wi-Fi or Bluetooth peer-to-peer.

**Cultural GPS** (Free lite version) This innovative tool allows for the analysis of visible behavioral differences in intercultural encounters, based on Hofstede's cultural dimensions.

**Dropbox** (Free for 2GB of storage) Dropbox allows users to **sync files online and across computers**. The iPhone app makes it easy to copy files from computers to mobile devices.

**Evernote** (Free) "Evernote makes it easy to remember things big and small from your everyday life using your computer, phone, tablet and the web."

**Flipboard** (Free) Flipboard allows users to create and view personalized content in a magazine-style layout. Flipboard curators can also invite others to contribute to their magazines.

**PDF Pen** (Free trial available) The all-purpose Mac **PDF editor**; sign files or mark up student assignments directly on the iPad.

**Videofyme** (Free) Videofyme is to videos what Instagram is to photos; fantastic filters and an easy-to-use editing studio.

**Wi-Fi Finder** (Free) Using the GPS on your device, the finder will let you know what hotspots are nearby, filtering by type of connection and location type; select the kind of Wi-Fi you're looking for, and the finder will tell you where to go to connect.

**TED** (Free) Riveting talks by remarkable people, free to the world; excellent videos to inspire classroom discussions

**TEDEd** (Free) Build a lesson around a TEDEd original talk; excellent videos to inspire students

**Attendance** (\$4.99) Best for professors looking for a better way to tally class turnout; import class lists through files or address books, or enter them by hand; import photos of students to help learn names during a semester packed with courses.

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**Sparky** (Free) Best for *English Literature* students, or professors looking to brush up on the classics; all the literary resources of SparkNotes.com; get easy facts, plot analysis, and summaries to help study for exams.

**JotNot Pro** (\$0.99) Best for professors looking to distribute documents digitally, or students who want to make sure they don't lose handouts. JotNot acts as a *portable scanner*, and it allows faxing for \$0.99 page. Take pictures of documents and select the area you want saved. JotNot enhances the image and saves it, helping to darken faint text or fix contrast.

**Instapaper** (\$4.99) Read saved web pages on the go, even offline. Install a bookmarklet in your computer browser and click to save a whole article into Instapaper for later reading.

**GoodReader** (\$4.99) Robust *PDF reader* with advanced reading, annotating, markup and highlighting capabilities, excellent file manager, text file reader/editor, and audio/video player. *Highly recommended for reading and annotating scholarly articles.*

**Pentultimate** (Free) The original and easiest-to-use handwriting app for iPad; it combines the natural experience of pen and paper with the flexibility and syncing of Evernote.

### GREAT RESOURCES FOR FINDING APPS:

#### Edutopia iPad Apps

<http://www.edutopia.org/blog/ipad-apps-all-content-areas-andrew-marcinek>

#### Apps in Education Blog

<http://appsineducation.blogspot.com>

#### Educational Technology and Mobile Learning

[http://www.educatorstechnology.com/p/blog-page\\_7.html](http://www.educatorstechnology.com/p/blog-page_7.html)

#### Educators Technology List of Best Apps

<http://www.educatorstechnology.com/2012/12/a-list-of-all-best-ipad-apps-instructors.html>

#### Discovery Education Blog 2014

<http://web2014.discoveryeducation.com/blog/>