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APPS FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS!

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Today's Agenda

- ⦿ Overview of the ATRC at CSU
- ⦿ Background Statistics
- ⦿ iOS and Android apps
 - Built in tools
 - Reading
 - Writing
 - Note taking
 - Study Skills
 - Time Management and Organization
 - Productivity
- ⦿ Demos of apps

Assistive Technology Resource Center (ATRC)



ATRC Mission:

Ensuring equal access to technology and electronic information for CSU students and employees with disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act and Sections 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act.



Background Statistics

Adults ages 18 and older...

- 85% own cell phones, 45% own Smartphones
- 44% have an iPod or mp3 player
- 25% own a tablet
- 21% of Americans have read an e-book in the past year

(Pew Internet and American Life Project, 2012)

Most Popular Operating Systems

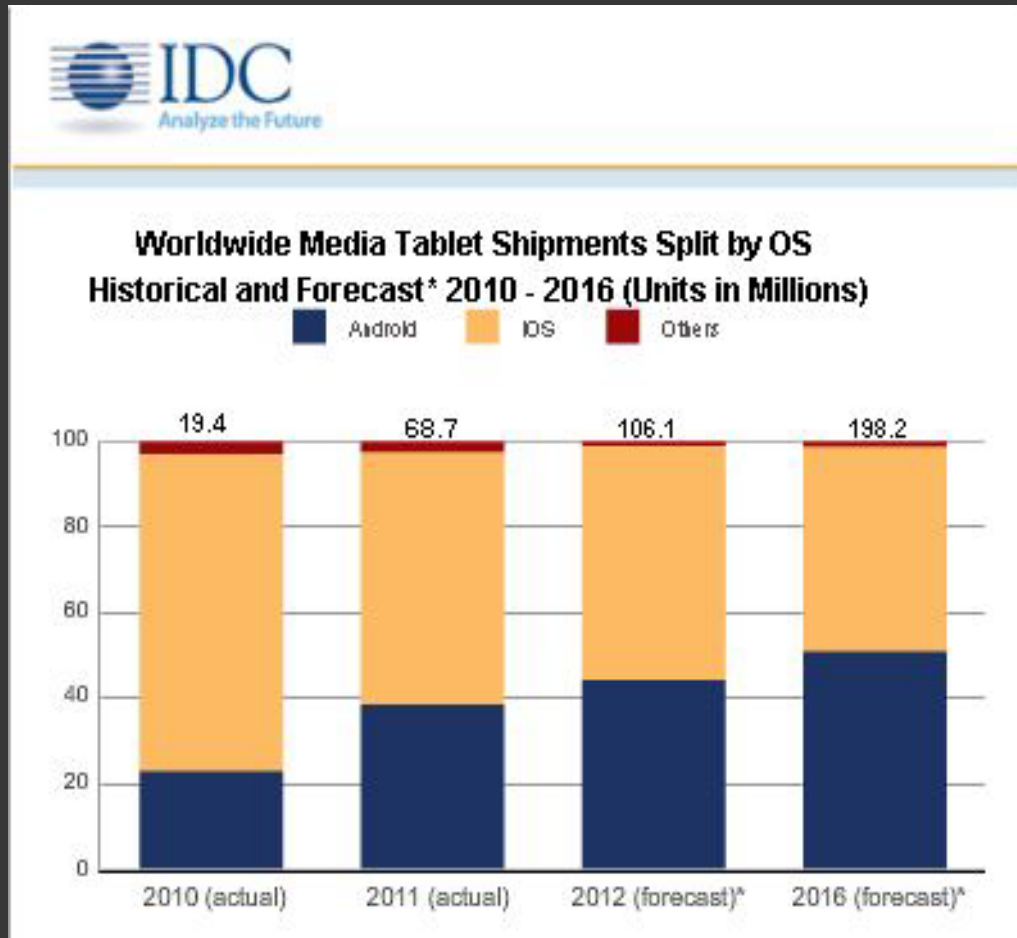


iOS



Android

Worldwide Tablet Purchases



The Current App Markets

- ◎ Android Market: Google Play
 - 2013 app searches:
 - Reading = 85,320 apps available
 - Writing = 18,168 apps available
 - Note Taking = 1,918 apps available
- ◎ iOS Market: App Store
 - 2013 app searches:
 - Reading = 5,347 apps available
 - Writing = 1, 234 apps available
 - Note Taking = 145 apps available

There are a lot of apps!

ATRC App Evaluation Criteria

- ⦿ High user ratings
- ⦿ Accessing Higher Ground (AHG) Conference in November 2011 and 2012
- ⦿ CSUN Conference 2012 (California State University Northridge Annual International Technology and Persons with Disabilities Conference)
- ⦿ Assistive Technology Partners
- ⦿ ATHEN's listserv and recommendations from other institutions
- ⦿ Occupational Therapy Practice (trade magazine)
- ⦿ ATRC Staff and student recommendations

Built-In Tools - iOS

- Calendar, Reminders, Notes, Mail
- Dictionary
- Auto Correct
- Speak Selection
- Safari Reader
- Large Text
- Predictive Text Entry
- Voice Recognition
- Siri



iOS apps for Reading

⦿ Good Reader

- Highlight, underline, add notes
- Works with PDFs, MS Word
- Manage and transfer files
- Price: \$4.99



⦿ Voice Dream Reader

- Reads any text
- See and hear text at the same time
- Customize voice, speed, colors, font, size
- Price: FREE for lite version, \$9.99 for paid



iOS apps for Writing

⦿ iThoughtsHD

- Mind mapping program
- Use for brainstorming and planning
- Import and export to desktop
- Price: \$9.99



⦿ Dragon Dictation

- Voice Recognition
- Use to send reminders, emails, and check spelling
- 5 times faster than typing
- Price: FREE



iOS apps for Note Taking

◎ Notability

- Audio recording links to your notes
- Draw or type notes
- Annotate PDFs
- Add pictures from camera, web clips, figures
- Price: \$1.99



◎ Audio Memos

- Professionally made audio recorder
- No time limit on recordings
- Bookmark, insert comments, add pictures
- Email or upload recordings to a cloud service
- Price: \$0.99, FREE version



iOS apps for Study Skills

◎ Study Blue

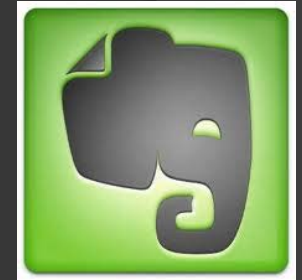
- Make flashcards, use templates
- Reminders to study
- Tracks and saves progress
- Message classmates
- Price: FREE



iOS apps for Organization and Time Management

◎ Evernote

- Create notes, reminders, to-do lists
- Organize documents, pictures, web clips
- Sync across all devices
- Price: FREE



◎ Astrid

- Create check lists, reminders, notes
- One-time or repeating reminders
- Calendar integration
- Price: FREE



iOS apps for Productivity

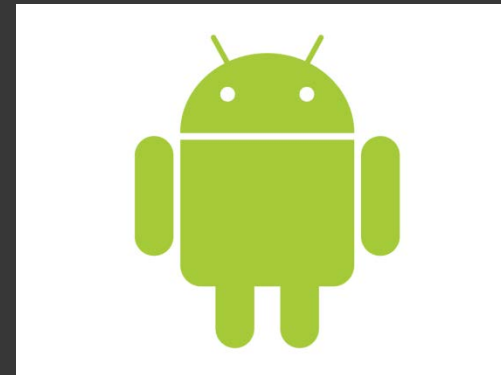
- Blackboard Mobile Learn
- Pages \cong Word
- Keynote \cong Powerpoint
- Numbers \cong Excel
- Course Smart
- Dropbox



Built-In Tools - Android

⦿ Android:

- Calendar, Mail, Voice Recorder
- Text to speech engine
- Extra large text
- Voice input
- Spell check
- Word prediction/
completion



Android apps for Reading

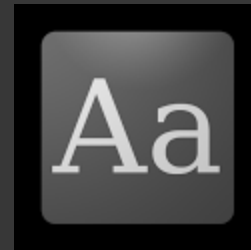
⦿ EZ PDF Reader

- Annotate PDFs
- Change font and color
- Text to speech, text reflow
- Price: \$3.99



⦿ Speed Reader

- Flashes one word
- Adjust WPM and colors
- Price: FREE



Android Apps for Writing

◎ Mindjet

- Mind mapping tool
- Create notes, and add links/pictures to topics
- Dropbox support
- Price: FREE



◎ Spell Checker (+ voice input)

- Check and correct spelling
- Send text by email or copy/paste
- Input text by voice
- Price: FREE



Android apps for Note Taking

◎ Sync Voice Note

- Synchronize notes with audio
- Corresponding line highlighted during playback
- Price: FREE



◎ Smart Voice Recorder

- High quality and simple to use
- Records when display is off
- Send recordings via email, Dropbox, etc.
- Price: FREE



Android apps for Study Skills

⦿ AnkiDroid

- Create flashcards or download free decks
- Add text, images, sounds
- Spaced-repetition, timed
- Text to speech and dictionary integration
- Sync with AnkiWeb
- Price: FREE



Android apps for Organization and Time Management

ColorNote

- Easy to use notepad
- Set reminders
- Organize notes and checklists by color
- Price: FREE



Evernote

- Create notes, reminders, to-do lists
- Organize documents, pictures, web clips
- Sync across all devices
- Price: FREE



Android apps for Productivity

- Kingsoft Office
- Documents To Go
- Blackboard Mobile Learn
- Dropbox
- Skyvi



What are your
favorite apps?!

ANY QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!

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