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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

Americans ages 16 and older...

- 98% own cell phones
- 55% own Smartphones
  
- 24% own a tablet
- 34% of Americans have read an e-book in the past year
- 43% have tablet or e-book reader

(Pew Internet and American Life Project, 2013)

# Most Popular Operating Systems

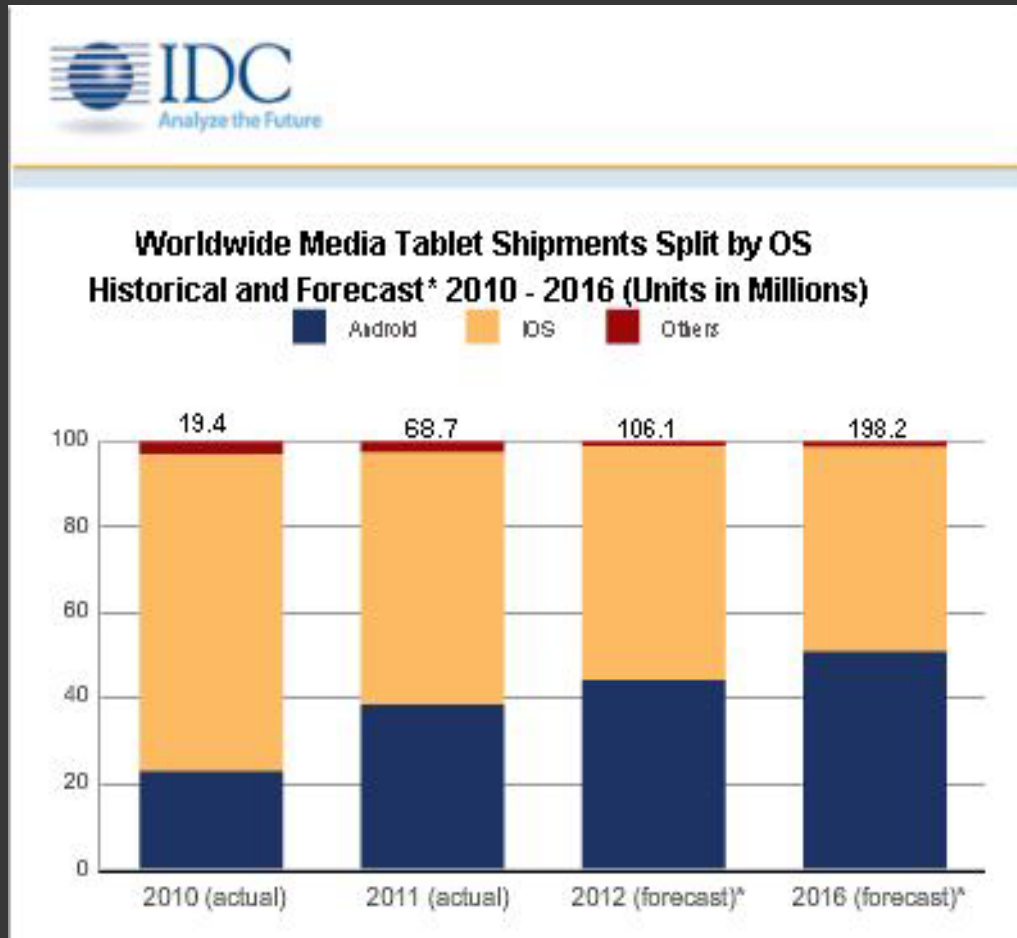


iOS



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
  - 2014 app searches:
    - Reading = 2,200 apps available
    - Writing = 2,200 apps available
    - Note Taking = 194 apps available

There are a lot of apps!

# ATRC App Evaluation Criteria

- High user ratings
- Accessing Higher Ground (AHG) Conference
- CSUN Conference (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



## ClaroPDF

- Reads PDFs aloud - customize voice, speed, color
- Annotation features
- Price: \$0.99



# iOS apps for Writing

## ⦿ Inspiration

- Mind mapping program
- Use to brainstorm, organize, plan
- Add audio, hyperlinks, pictures
- Price: FREE lite version, \$9.99 paid



## ⦿ 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 and pictures
- Draw or type notes
- Annotate PDFs
- Add pictures from camera, web clips, figures
- Hand resting feature
- 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, or use templates
- Reminders to study
- Tracks and saves progress
- Add text, images, audio
- Price: FREE (lite), Monthly Fee (advanced)
  - (Available on Android too)



# 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
  - (Available on Android too)



## ◎ iStudiez Pro

- Unique planner to organize schedule
- Day, week, month views
- Add alerts and notifications
- Price: \$2.99, FREE lite version



# iOS apps for Productivity

- CSU's Blackboard Mobile Learn\*
- Pages  $\cong$  Word
- Keynote  $\cong$  Powerpoint
- Numbers  $\cong$  Excel
- Course Smart
- Google Drive\*
- Dropbox\*

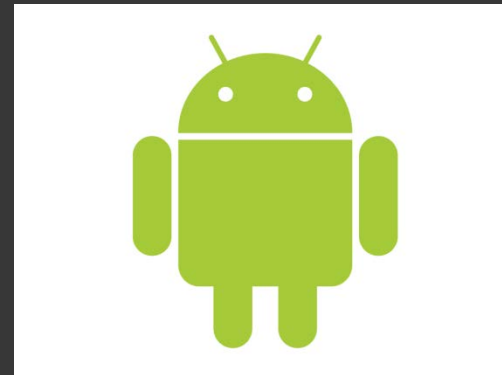


\*Available on Android too

# 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

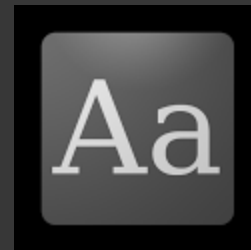
## ⦿ EZ PDF Reader

- 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



## ⦿ Ginger

- Spell and grammar checker
- Sentence re-phraser, word prediction
- Built into keyboard for email, texts, more
- 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 Anki – computer version
- Price: FREE
  - \*Available for iOS



# Android apps for Organization

## ◎ ColorNote

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



## ◎ Google Keep

- Create notes, reminders, to-do lists
- Include pictures with reminders
- Set alarms
- Sync online through google
- Price: FREE



# Android app for Time Management

## ● Pomicro

- Supports “Pomodoro” technique
  - (25 minutes studying, 5 minutes break)
- Timer to count down study time and breaks
- Set audible notifications
- Adjust lengths of study and break times
- Price: FREE



# Android apps for Productivity

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



What are your  
favorite apps?!



**ANY QUESTIONS?**

**THANK YOU!**

# Resources/Contacts:

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