Apps for Studying

Study smarter with your smartphone!

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Ever get tired of studying the old way?

We all do.
Ever get tired of carrying all this stuff?

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There is a better way. In the Cloud.

She looks happy, doesn’t she?
Benefits of Using “The Cloud”

Mobile studying and review – without the hassle of finding and carrying notes.

**Step 1:** Enter information on any of multiple devices.

**Step 2:** View information across devices.

**Step 3:** Repeat.

**Step 4:** Keep repeating.

**Step 5:** Graduate.

Apps

- Your Android Phone
- Your Ipad
- Google Drive
- BookScan Station in the Library
- Your TA’s Macbook
- PC in the STH Library
What will this workshop cover?

How to streamline by combining workflows...

- Categories of apps that will help you research and study
- Overview of some highly-rated apps available within each category...
- Discussion of other apps you have or have heard of....

Installation, trouble-shooting, and batteries... not included!
Things We Used To Do the Hard Way:

1. Search databases.
2. Read books.
3. Photocopy pages.
4. Take and store notes.
5. Write flashcards.
6. Write papers.
Things We Can Do the EASY Way:

1. Search databases.
   Database searching apps

2. Read books.
   E-book reading apps.

3. Photocopy pages.
   PDF-creating apps.

4. Take and store notes.
   Note-taking apps.

5. Write flashcards.
   Flashcard apps.

6. Write papers.
   Office and Google Apps.
Yes, there is an app for that…
1. Database Searching Apps

- **EBSCO App**, including:
  - ATLA Religion Database
  - Religion and Philosophy Collection
  - ATLA Catholic Literature and Periodical Index
  - New Testament Abstracts
  - Old Testament Abstracts

- **JSTOR Browser**
  (Android only 🌙)
2. Book Reading Apps

✔ Ebrary App = Bluefire Reader

✔ Kindle App
  ▪ Amazon.com

✔ Google Play Books
  ▪ Android only 🎁

✔ Overdrive
  ▪ Many public libraries
3. PDF-Creating Apps: Scanning

✓ Tiny Scanner
✓ Cam-Scanner Phone PDF Creator

...and many more, with equally generic names. Be careful! Read ratings and reviews.
3. PDF-Creating Apps: Converting

✓ Doc to PDF Converter

✓ PDF Converter Pro

CON: $1.99 and in-app purchases after a set number of conversions.

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But don’t forget...

Adobe Acrobat Reader App
✓ Free!
✓ Android and iOS

Another important reason:
Professors often upload syllabi as PDFs. (Blackboard has an app too! Shhhhhh....)
4. Note-Taking Apps

- **Google Keep**: 15 GB
- **Evernote**: 60 MB
- **Microsoft OneNote**: 7 GB
5. Flashcard Apps

IOS and Android:
✓ Cram
✓ StudyBlue

IPad:
✓ Evernote Peek
6. Paper Writing Apps

- **Microsoft Office Apps**
  - Word, Excel, Powerpoint
  - Saves to One Drive – 7 GB incl.

- **Google Apps for Work**
  - Docs, Sheets, Slides
  - Saves to Google Drive – 15 GB FREE
What apps would you add to this workshop?

- Let’s add them here for future STH-ers.
Thanks for coming!

Hope this helped!
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