

The Write Apps for All

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The task of writing can challenge learners on many different levels, from forming letters to writing reports to taking notes. With thousands of apps to choose from, finding the right app to support students in their written work can be overwhelming. Come to this session for a review of apps that put the unique capabilities of the iPad to work assisting writers with their diverse writing needs.

Below is a list of writing apps. Some of these apps below will be demonstrated during the session. The higher an app is in the listing within each category, the more likely it will be shown during the session. It is not necessary or recommended that you purchase or download all these apps. Only **Good Notes** -free version- is recommended for download beforehand. You can see the other apps during the session and decide later if you would like to purchase any. If decide to put the apps on your iPad to look at as they are being described during the session, please download them before coming to the *iCan with iPad* conference.

Download ahead:



Good Notes (free) is the only app used in this session and recommended for download before attending. If you already use Good Reader and know how to annotate PDF documents, then you will not need Good Notes. <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/goodnotes-free-notes-pdf/id483679173?mt=8>









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The table below reflects information as of March/April 2012; info on apps more closely applies to iPad version; compatibility, prices, features and details will vary over time. Check current information in iTunes and on the web before making any purchases.










Device: iPhone apps generally also work with iTouch and iPad; iPad and iPhone versions of the same app may differ somewhat

Cost: costs vary so check; those listed as free along with an amount indicate a free or light version with fewer features & possibly advertisement











Writing: Sentences and Paragraphs

Name	Cost	Description	Notes	Device
 Pages	\$9.99	Apple's mobile word processor, stay synch with all iOS devices using iCloud	Email, share with iWorks or iTunes, works well/best with Apple products	iPad, iPhone
 PaperDesk	\$2.99	Full featured note taking, link audio lecture with typed or stylus notes	Allows user to rest hand on screen while using stylus, email, send to Google docs, Dropbox, open in app, print	iPad
 iA Writer	\$0.99	Simple clean word processing, some nice additions to keyboard	Newly available for iPhone so price is discounted, iCloud, Dropbox, AirPrint	iPad, iPhone
 WordPress	Free	Allows user to edit and manage WordPress blog from iOS device, but has some bugs to it	Blogsy is a better app, but is not free & has not been used by presenter, try it first	iPad, iPhone
 Type'n'View Pro	\$0.99	Zoom area allows user to see and edit text in large fonts, counts characters	Designed for social networking use, Twitter and Facebook, SMS, email, camera background support multitask	iPad, iPhone
 PenNPaper	Free, \$1.99	Simple clear notes and sketches	Allows user to email handwritten notes	iPad, iPhone
 Notability	\$0.99	Write notes with stylus, annotate PDFs	Share via email	iPad
 Penultimate	\$0.99	Write or draw with finger or stylus.	Email notebook or page; send page to Dropbox and Evernote	












Alternatives to typing





Name	Cost	Description	Notes	Device
 Dragon Dictation	Free	Easy to use voice recognition	Require Internet access to use	iPad, iPhone
 Typ-o HD	Free, \$4.99	Provides word prediction and spelling error support,	Separate versions,	iPad, iPhone
 WritePad for iPad	\$9.99	Provides recognition of handwriting on the iPad with 'translation' into printed text	Share via Google Docs, email, printer, PDF; Separate iPhone/iPod ver. \$3.99	iPad, iPhone
 AudioMemos	Free, \$0.99	Decent voice recorder with good volume controls, allows pause and resume during recording, does not transcribe to text	Free version includes ads	iPad, iPhone
 Abillipad	\$19.99	Notepad with word prediction, text to speech and customizable keyboards	Very unique app,	iPad
 PictureWriter	Free, \$4.99	Allows user to write using pictures and symbols for words; pronounces words	Email or save text, could use more features, bears watching for updates	iPad
 iTalk	Free, \$1.99	Full featured audio recordings, append existing recordings, does not transcribe	Share via Dropbox, free and premium edition	iPhone
 ThumbSlide	Free, \$1.99	Instead of punching keys you slide single thumb entry, see demo at website	Email resulting note	iPad, iPhone
 SpeedText Pro	\$0.99	Use training mode for personal typing practice or typing games with competition.	Requires players on network for competitive play; accuracy scores	iPad, iPhone

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Name	Cost	Description	Notes	Device
 Magical Pad	\$0.99	Organize your ideas using outlines or mind maps, very complete, too complex?	Share to Email, Google docs, Dropbox, Evernote; PDF, RTF +others	
 Paper Helper	\$1.99	Splits iPad screen for note taking ease while researching on Internet	Rated +17 because of Internet access only	iPad
 GoodNotes	Free, \$3.99	Import, view, mark up PDFs easily, has note taking section	Share single page or whole doc, email, Dropbox, Evernote, iTunes or other apps	iPad
 Good Reader	\$4.99	Sync, view, read and annotate massive PDF and text files	One of the best all round apps, many ways to email incl. with annotations	iPad, iPhone
 G-Whizz	\$2.99	Allows user to view and edit Google docs (along with several other social networking areas)	Access to Facebook, Twitter, could be issue with student use, but does give adequate access to Google docs	iPad, iPhone
 Wunderlist	Free	Synchronize to-do list with other devices, push notifications remind due dates	Register for Wunderlist account, works with Android too.	iPad, iPhone
 AudioMemos	Free, \$0.99	Decent voice recorder with good volume controls, allows pause and resume during recording, does not transcribe to text	Free version includes ads, use for more than just memos	iPad, iPhone
 Awesome Note HD	\$3.99	Notes, to do list, calendar	Synchs over WiFi, (iPhone users report synch issues not noted by iPad users)	iPad
 Infinite Pinboard	2.99	Notes, to-do with deadlines and alarms, also use for brainstorming	Print or export as PFD, PNG or JPEG	iPad
 EasyBib	Free	MLA, APA, Chicago citations by scan of book bar or book title	Currently lacks citation for electronic sources, but watch for updates	iPad, iPhone

Digital Reports and Storytelling









Name	Cost	Description	Notes	Device
Scribble Press 	Free	Create a book; write your own or use one of 50 templates,	Publish it iBooks or	
Toontastic 	Free	Make cartoons using provided art or your own, record motion and your voice	Extra package of characters and scenes to buy, share on iPad or Toontastic site	iPad
Puppet Pals 	Free	Create show with characters and art provided	Saves to Photos on iPad can export from there; loses some quality, extras to buy separately	iPad, iPhone
StoryKit 	Free	Write text, draw or use photo, record voice or sound,	Upload stories to private StoryKit link, no account needed	iPhone
Storyrobe 	\$0.99	Create stories from photos or video, narrate and share	Save to iPad, email or upload to YouTube	iPhone
StoryPatch 	\$2.99	Large number of customizable illustrations; use question format to help young writers	Email a PDF version of the story	iPhone
PhotoCard 	Free, free	Use provided photos or your own and write message on back, easy	Both lite and complete version are free, lite version has fewer photos included	iPad, iPhone
SonicPics 	\$2.99	Arrange narrate picture slide show and save as m4v to share	Pause while recording; 3 audio qualities available,	iPad, iPhone
eBook Creator 	\$3.99	Select picture, add voice or music, change transitions, font, contrast, allows text on image	Compresses file for email, a bit pricy (?)	iPhone
Comic Touch 	Free, \$2.99	Add thought bubbles and special effects to photos	Share via email or Photo Library	iPhone
Storyboards 	Free	Provides backgrounds and props to make stories	\$14.99 for premium may not be worth it, watch of improvements	iPad

 <p>Kabaam</p>	\$0.99	Make comics with your photos and speech bubbles	Email or save to photo library	iPhone
 <p>Story Builder for iPad</p>	7.99	User records answers to questions about a picture which are then played as a story	Stories are saved on the iPad	iPad
 <p>Comic Life</p>	\$4.99	Edit photos with captions and cartoon, includes full page templates and layouts	Share via Dropbox, iTunes as PDF or Comic Life Archive format	iPad
 <p>Book of Me</p>	Free	Create specialized personal books for students on limited topics	About Me, Goodnight and Food; share via email and Facebook	iPhone

ePub: Writing your own books

Name	Cost	Description	Notes	Device
 <p>Creative Book Builder</p>	\$3.99	Create your own book complete with chapters, pictures, cover, video, text; publish epub, PDF	Share via email, Dropbox, PDF, any ePub reader, apps on iPad incl. iBooks,	iPad
 <p>Book Creator</p>	4.99	Create book using pictures, text and your own voice recordings	Share to epub readers on iPad, incl. iBooks, plus Dropbox, Evernote	
 <p>Pictello</p>	\$18.99	Create books with picture, up to 5 lines of text and audio either recording or text to speech	Export as PDF, share via email, air print or iTunes file sharing	iPad, iPhone
 <p>iBook Creator</p>	\$3.99	Create books, read books, text and pictures and you narrate	Share via iTunes and email	iPad, iPhone
 <p>eBook Magic</p>	\$3.99	Simple app for making ePub books that are compatible for publishing in iTunes Store	Also export to PDF, landscape, portrait or square formats	

Forming Letters

Name	Cost	Description	Notes	Device
 iWriteWords	Free, \$2.99	Arrows and dots support tracing printed letters, words and numbers	Free version uses 3 letters and 3 words	iPad, iPhone
 Letter School	Free, \$2.99	Learn letter name and sound as well as how to print letters; two levels, highest includes free form	Three users, three letter styles: HWT, D'Nealian & Zaner Bloser; great use of iPad capabilities	iPad, iPhone
 Cursive Letter Practice	Free, \$0.99	Practice tracing upper and lower case cursive plus words, numerals and sentences	Write on blank 'board' with lines	iPad
 Alphabet Racing	Free	Truck, train or worm demo letter formation, has clear pad for doodling	Email from application, create & print tracing worksheets	iPad, iPhone
 Finger Trace for Kids	\$0.99	Pick printed letter or number to trace, patterns very fat and forgiving	Take snapshot of results to email	iPad, iPhone
 ABC Cursive Writing	Free, \$0.99	Practice tracing lower case letters and numbers	Allows personal words to be entered and practiced such as child's name or phone	iPhone
 ABC Cards	Free	Simple program models letter names & picture with initial sound, swipe to change letter	Paid app w/o ads, good photo pictures, one pic per letter include vowels	iPad, iPhone
 ABC Alphabet Phonics	Free	Learn to identify letters, colorful, allows user to record own reinforcing statement	Allows user to add own photos	iPad, iPhone