





Google Mobile App By Google



Description

Search Google quickly using your voice, pictures, and location. Google Mobile App includes the following features: * New! Google Goggles - use pictures to search the web. Goggles recognizes things such as landmarks, books, wine, artwork, logos and solves Sudoku puzzles.

* Search by voice - speak your queries in natural language. Simply hold your iPhone to your ear and say your query. (Supports American, British, Indian or Australian English accents, Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, French, German, Italian, Soanish, Russian, Czech, Polish, Korean and Dutch.)

* My Location – avoid typing your current location when searching for nearby businesses (e.g. "pizza" or "starbucks")

* Google Suggest - tap suggested web search queries and local businesses that appear as you type

* Search history - quickly search again for queries you recently performed

* Contact search - search your phone's contacts.

* Vertical search - search Google Maps, Images, News, and Shopping

iPhone News Concerning Verizon

--iPhone 4 will be available through Verizon starting in February

BASKING RIDGE, N.J. and CUPERTINO, Calif., Jan. 11, 2011 /PRNewswire/ — Verizon Wireless and Apple® today announced that the iPhone® 4 will be available on the Verizon Wireless network beginning on Thursday, February 10. Qualified Verizon Wireless customers will be given the exclusive opportunity to pre-order iPhone 4 online on February 3, ahead of general availability.

iPhone 4 is the most innovative phone in the world, featuring Apple's stunning Retina ™ display, the highest resolution display ever built into a phone resulting in super crisp text, images and video, and FaceTime®, which makes video calling a reality. iPhone 4 on Verizon Wireless will also include new Personal Hotspot capabilities allowing customers to use iPhone 4 to connect up to five Wi-Fi enabled devices.

"We are pleased to introduce millions of wireless users to the industry leading iPhone 4 on the nation's most reliable network," said Lowell McAdam, president and chief operating officer of Verizon. "This is an important step for the industry as two great companies join forces to give wireless customers one of the most important technological additions to the mobile landscape this century."

"Verizon Wireless customers have told us they can't wait to get their hands on iPhone 4, and we think they are going to love it," said Tim Cook, Apple's chief operating officer. "We have enormous respect for the company Verizon has built and the loyalty they have earned from their customers."

iPhone 4 features a 5 megapixel camera with LED flash, HD video recording, Apple's A4 chip, a 3-axis gyro and a beautiful glass and stainless steel design like no other mobile phone. iPhone 4 also comes with iOS 4, the world's most advanced mobile operating system, which includes multitasking, folders, Game Center, AirPlay® and AirPrint wireless printing. iPhone 4 customers have access to the world's most popular App Store(SM) with more than 300,000 apps available in an incredible range of 20 categories, including games, business, news, sports, health and reference.

Pricing & Availability

iPhone 4 will be available on the Verizon Wireless network beginning Thursday, February 10 for a suggested retail price of \$199.99 for the 16GB model and \$299.99 for the 32GB model with a new two year customer agreement. iPhone 4 will be available at more than 2,000 Verizon Wireless Communications

Stores nationwide, online at <u>www.verizonwireless.com/iphone</u>, at Apple Retail Stores, at the Apple Store® (<u>www.apple.com</u>), at Apple Authorized Resellers, and by calling 1-800-2 JOIN IN.

--Verizon announced the CDMA iPhone Tuesday and put some pressure on AT&T by offering the smartphone with a personal hotspot feature (like the MiFi, but built-in) that supports up to 5 devices. Pricing for the mobile hotspot was not announced, but select Android smartphones include this feature for an additional \$20 per month. This charge is on top of the unlimited data plan which is available for \$30 per month. Presumably, the mobile hotspot will be a Verizon-exclusive app or preference setting that enables this functionality. [Techcrunch showed the interface for this, it is enabled through the Settings app.]

Currently, AT&T offers the iPhone with the 2 GB DataPro and tethering plan for \$45 per month. This is a one to one tethering option that lets you connect one phone to one device. The Verizon option lets you add up to five devices that are WiFi-capable. The next question is, how will AT&T respond?

--Verizon iPhone can't handle data and voice simultaneously

For those who are interested in the Verizon iPhone, one of the most pressing questions was whether or not the phone would be able to allow simultaneous use of data and voice. This is currently not possible on Verizon's CDMA network, and is sure to be one of the big points in future AT&T advertising. Since the Verizon iPhone operates on the CDMA network, it will not be able to handle voice and data at the same time.

When you get a phone call while using data on a CDMA phone right now, that phone call goes directly to voice mail. that phone call interrupts the data connection. Likewise, you need to hang up voice calls before trying to bring up websites or capture other data. Want to use that built-in tethering app to send a 3G signal to five devices? Just don't try to talk on the phone at the same time.

This will not happen if and when Verizon and Apple create an LTE-based iPhone. LTE can handle both data and voice at the same time, as it is based on the current iPhone's GSM technology.

--Verizon iPhone: Hardware is still the iPhone 4

Sure, it would have been more exciting if Verizon launched its version of the iPhone with an incremented version number and splashy new hardware capabilites -- LTE! Super-Retina display! Downward-facing camera! -- but as expected, the new beastie is essentially the same as the existing iPhone 4 model.

The primary difference is that Verizon's iPhone 4 is a CDMA unit, not GSM. This of course means that users cannot migrate their handsets between AT&T and Verizon; they have different radios and will only work on their respective network flavor. (Worthy of note, though, the Verizon agreement is non-exclusive, so a Sprint-centric CDMA iPhone is not an impossibility.)

The CDMA phone is also far more limited for international roaming, so if you plan to travel overseas with your phone please think ahead. As Steve notes, CDMA is still not capable of simultaneous voice and data, so phone calls will interrupt your data sessions; you might consider letting the calls go to your voicemail, and using a Google Voice mailbox so you can get those messages while you're surfing (although it's possible Visual Voicemail will work when a data-only session is active; we'll have to try it out and see).

Along with the different radio config comes a slightly different antenna arrangement, with another infamous air gap associated with the 'grip of death.' It's not clear yet whether this will have any bearing on the phone's connectivity, but since the working assumption is that Verizon's network > AT&T's network, dropped calls and dead spots are theoretically going to be less of a problem on Big Red than on Big Blue.

The new VZW phone also sports the ability to behave as a MiFi hotspot, giving WiFi connectivity at 3G speeds for up to five devices. Although this isn't available on AT&T's plans as an official capability, the \$10 \$19.99 Cydia app MyWi for jailbroken phones already enables it, so it's reasonable to think that there's not a hardware-specific change in play; Verizon already offers the capability on several Android phones. Be aware, though, it will chew through battery like a gopher in a cabbage patch.

--Why I'm staying with AT&T -by Mel Martin (RSS feed) on Jan 11th, 2011

Still, I'm staying. Here are my reasons:

...Big Fee to drop my AT&T plan. Way too much. \$325 for those who purchased after June 1, 2010, and \$10 off of that for every month of completed contract.

..Coverage. We all know that AT&T coverage is generally worse than Verizon, but AT&T ponied up and let me have a MicroCell device for free. It solves the 'no coverage at home' problem, and after some initial growing pains it works well ..Competition is good. I expect AT&T to step up and compete, not because they want to, but because they have to. Maybe there will be a reinstatement of unlimited data plans. Maybe FaceTime will finally work on 3G.

..Simultaneous voice and data are huge. I often fire off an email or web link when I'm on the phone. Going to Verizon means I kiss all that goodbye.

..Speed. At least here in Arizona, I get really fast data on the iPhone. Yes, the Verizon voice network is more reliable, but in local side by side tests on the data side, my AT&T phone really is faster than a Verizon smartphone.

...New iPhones. There will likely be a new iPhone this summer. I expect it will be a lot easier to talk AT&T into an upgrade than Verizon.

AT&T & Verizon Comparisons of the iPhone

	iPhone 4 AT&T (GSM/UTMS)	iPhone 4 Verizon (CDMA)
Network	UMTS/HSDPA/HSUPA (850, 900, 1900, 2100 MHz); GSM/EDGE (850, 900, 1800, 1900 MHz)	CDMA EV-DO Rev. A (800, 1900 MHz)
Price (on 2-year contract)	16GB: \$199 32GB: \$299	16GB: \$199 32GB: \$299
Data Plan	200MB: \$15 2GB: \$25 2GB with Internet tethering: \$45	Pricing is not announced yet, with rumor saying \$30 for unlimited data usage. Current data plans for other <u>smartphones</u> are \$15 for 150MB; \$29.99 for unlimited; \$49.99 for unlimited with tethering
Data Transfer Rate	Up to 7.2 Mbit/s	Up to 3.1 Mbit/s
Early Upgrade Available at Launch	Yes	No
Global Roaming	Yes	Yes (only few countries with CDMA carriers)
Simultaneous Voice		
and Data Usage	Yes	No
Personal Wi-Fi Hotspot	No	Yes
4G (HSPA+/LTE)	No	No
SAR (Specific Absorption Rate)	1.17 W/kg	1.18 W/kg
SIM Card Slot	MicroSIM	No SIM card slot required
Power and Battery	Built-in rechargeable lithium-ion battery Talk time: Up to 7 hours on 3G and up to 14 hours on 2G Standby time: Up to 300 hours Internet use: Up to 6 hours on 3G and up to 10 hours on Wi-F Video playback: Up to 10 hours Audio playback: Up to 40 hours	Built-in rechargeable lithium-ion battery Talk time: Up to 7 hours on 3G Standby time: Up to 300 hours Internet use: Up to 6 hours on 3G and up to 10 hours on Wi-F Video playback: Up to 10 hours Audio playback: Up to 40 hours
Size	Height:4.5 inches (115.2 mm) Width:2.31 inches (58.6 mm) Depth:0.37 inches (9.3 mm)	Height:4.5 inches (115.2 mm) Width:2.31 inches (58.6 mm) Depth:0.37 inches (9.3 mm)
Weight	4.8 ounces (137 grams)	4.8 ounces (137 grams)
<u>Colors</u>	Black and White (not yet available)	Black and White (not yet available)
Crapware	No carrier apps installed	No carrier apps installed
Antenna Gap Death Grip	Affected	Not Affected
Rating for Hearing Aids	3G network – 850/1900MHz: M4, T4 2G network – 850MHz: M3, T3 2G network – 1900MHz: M2, T3	M4, T4
Cosmetic Change and Differences	A gap on stainless steel band (antenna metal bar) on top of the phone. Both sides of stainless steel band has a gap at the bottom	Volume buttons and mute slider are place slightly up to the top. No gap on top stainless steel band (meta antenna bar). Both sides of stainless steel band has two gaps on top and bottom.

All other features would be the same in all iPhones, including engineered glass, Retina Display, Apple A4 chip, three-axis gyroscope, accelerometer, 802.11b/g/n Wi-Fi (802.11n 2.4GHz only), <u>Bluetooth</u> 2.1 + EDR wireless technology, assisted GPS, <u>digital</u> compass, 5-megapixel <u>digital</u> camera with LED flash, ability to capture HD video, microphone, speaker, proximity sensor, ambient light sensor, FaceTime and multi-touch user interface.

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Best Buy Stores May Add Genius Bars

In 2006, the formal working relationship between Apple and Best Buy began in earnest. But it reached a new zenith in 2010 as both companies agreed to work with each other to an unprecedented extent to give consumers another major retail outlet to browse and buy popular Apple products like the iPad. On Monday, reports surfaced that could indicate the partnership growing even stronger in 2011.

The Apple section of your nearest Best Buy's computer department could be in for a substantial makeover during the next few months. A Best Buy tipster notified TUAW this week that numerous Best Buy retail outlets across the country may begin installing Genius Bars as early as this spring. The move would represent the first time Apple has allowed the native Apple Store mainstay to venture into non-Apple territory.

Four years ago, Apple and Best Buy launched a modest pilot program in a handful of Best Buy stores that showcased Apple products in a designated area within the store. Today, that little pilot program has grown to include some 500 Best Buy stores across the US, each of which now prominently showcases the aforementioned Apple boutiques. And while its difficult to imagine Apple's Genius Bar turning up anywhere outside of Apple's retail stores, the Cupertino-based tech giant clearly enjoys working with Best Buy - as evidenced by Apple's decision last year to initially make Best Buy the only authorized retailer to accept pre-orders of the iPad.





It's the perfect device for watching Apple product announcements.

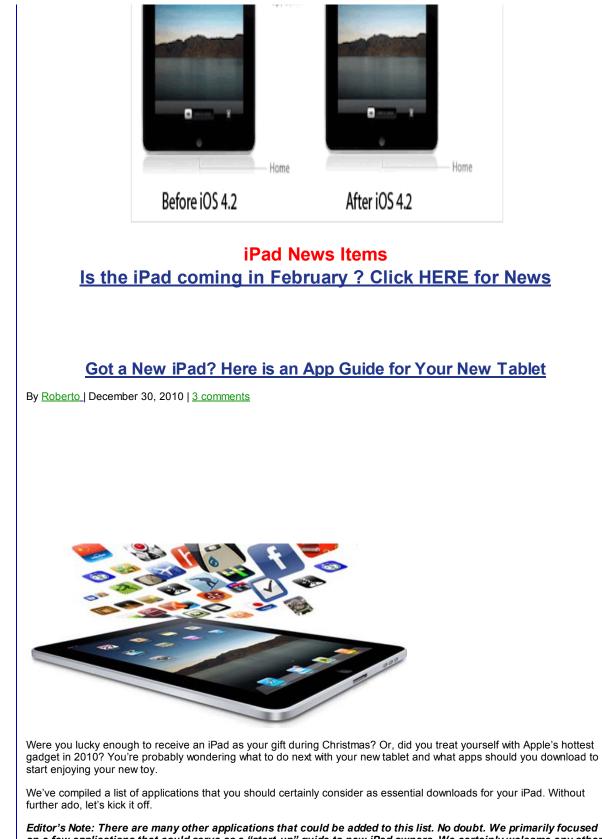


Now that he had an iPad, Martin realized that training Spot to bring him his newspaper each morning may not have been the wisest move.

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Editor's Note: There are many other applications that could be added to this list. No doubt. We primarily focused on a few applications that could serve as a "start-up" guide to new iPad owners. We certainly welcome any other suggestions from our readers. Suggestions are always welcome! In addition, the prices shared in this guide could change at anytime.

Movie Applications

If you're a movie or television fan, the iPad will certainly be a great gadget for your video entertainment. Here are a few applications that you should definitely download to your iPad.

<u>Netflix App (Free app, Requires Subscription)</u>: We've been extremely impressed with Netflix's service and iPad app. They've designed a one-window browser that loads a tailored version of the site, allowing you to watch any movie in its instant-watch collection. Keep in mind that you must be a Netflix subscriber to enjoy their great video streaming collection. Netflix will keep increasing their video collection in 2011.

ABC Player (Free app): This application comes with lots of bells and whistles. You can watch full episodes of selected ABC shows and any specials. You can also view ABC's schedule to find broadcast times for shows that aren't on the video list.

IMDb (Free app): Great application that offers a huge database of movies, television shows and actors. The application is great to find all the information you want to know about actors, movies, reviews and trivia. It also has local showtimes and trailers.

Flixster (Free app): Another free application that allows you to find movie times at your local theaters and lets you buy tickets. You can play movie trailers and also see ratings from Rotten Tomatoes.

<u>Air Video (\$2.99)</u>: If you like to collect videos (movies and personal), your digital video collection will become quite large and there is no possible way for you to cram all your video content into your iPad. So, why not stream video content from your media PC or Mac? The Air Video app offers a very nice solution, which takes your computer's video library and allows you to stream content from selected folders to your iPad, iPhone and iPod Touch. The application will play almost any video format. A variety of codecs are supported - mp4, m4v, mov, avi, wmv, asf, mpg, mpeg, mkv, divx.

ZumoDrive (Free app): ZumoDrive is a new cloud storage service that allows you to stream your video content directly to your iPad, even if you are outside of your home network. ZumoDrive streams music, videos and files directly from your home desktop computer to another Internet connected device.

The service is similar to apps like Air Video where a client installed on your Mac or PC at home automatically transcodes your videos on-the-fly, and adapts the quality of the content to fit the bandwidth offered by the network you are connected to. The main difference here lies in the fact that the content will be seamlessly pushed outside of your home network, and the service will make it a lot easier to deal with firewalls and routers located between your iPad and your home network. In other words, your home computer will become your own personal cloud.

Hulu Plus (Free app, Requires Subscription): If you happen to be a Hulu fan, the app will be a good download for your iPad. Full access requires a subscription to Hulu Plus, which will set you back \$10 a month. You can always try their free gallery to see a few shows episodes, and later determine if you want to sign up for the \$10 a month subscription.

Music Applications

Pandora (Free app): If you're a music fanatic, Pandora will be there for you wherever you go. This application is a must-have for your iPad. With iOS 4's multi-tasking capabilities you can continue to stream music even when you decide to launch another application. A feature that will be quite useful on your iPad. Simply a great way to access a huge music database on the Internet.

National Public Radio (Free app): NPR uses a magazine-style layout to focus on the news, music, and lifestyle content that NPR prides itself on. You can listen to over 1,000 live streams and playlists.

Reading and News Applications

iBooks (Free app): Of course, Apple's iBooks is one of the set of apps included on your Home Screen. The iBooks app is a good application to buy books, navigate your own PDF's without the need to convert your own collection to the EPUB-format that iBooks likes to use.

Kindle iPad App (Free app): The Amazon Kindle app is a great application. You get access to Amazon's extensive book collection, and you can read your ebooks across your iPad, iPhone, laptop, and actual Kindle.

The Wall Street Journal (Free app, Requires Subscription): The application is a free download, but the WSJ app requires a subscription. The free access only includes a list of headlines and a couple full length stories with each session. The visual elegance for this app is remarkable. All stories are displayed with the classic WSJ columns, and it includes multiple headlines and quick teasers for the major international and financial stories of the day. When you look at WSJ on your iPad, there is no aesthetic difference between the print and online editions.

<u>The New York Times (Free app)</u>: From the moment you open the application, you're greeted with lots of stories and color pictures. Each section – News, Business, Technology, Opinion, Features – provides at least 10 stories that are laid out elegantly. After clicking a story, you will find multi-column stories with pictures. You will also find the occasional advertisement throughout. It is very easy to browse across sections.

BBC News (Free app): This app is full of information. It has many categories to select from. The main page has between 16 to 20 stories. Most turn into a video when you click on them. Run your fingers on the lower page, and you can see hundreds of stories, along with BBC radio that can be turned on. Scrolling news headlines are also featured. If that's not enough, you can also read stories from the BBC in Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Persian and other languages.

Photo Applications

Your iPad is the perfect travel companion. From planning your trip, reading a book by the pool, surfing the net or sending e-mails to friends and family, the iPad can do it all. However, many folks have asked me if the iPad can be used to manage all the photos you take on a trip or will you need to carry around a laptop? The simple answer is: you'll be surprised the iPad is all you'll need.

For details check our guide on how to manage your photos with your iPad. You can also check our article about how to

transfer photos to your iPad. Or, you can review how some folks have been able to do <u>"DSLR Tethered Photo Shooting"</u> with their iPads.

Games for Your iPad

Fruit Ninja HD (\$0.99): This is essentially a bigger version of the iPhone version. Highly addictive game that requires simple gestures to slice fruits, but there's just that "X" factor that makes you want to play it for hours.

<u>Cut The Rope HD (\$1.99)</u>: A very popular game on the iPad store. Your goal is to feed a creature by candy from the dangling ropes above using finger swiping motions. Each level is fun and will challenge you via its addictive physics-based gameplay. A great download.

Angry Birds HD (\$4.99): Many consider this game as the most successful game in the App Store today. Angry Birds HD brings the bird-flinging addictive experience to the iPad as you're challenged to destroy a series of enemy pigs and put them into submission by catapulting some angry birds at them.

Plants vs. Zombies HD (\$6.99): A great mix of careful tower selection and defense. Get ready to play the lone protector of a backyard who must put up seed spitting plants and other abominations in order to beat back an advancing zombie hord. The game is very addictive with plenty of gaming options that offer hours of entertainment.

Tilt to Live HD (Free): A simple design, but with a fun formula that makes you tilt your iPad to avoid red dots and use various power-ups to dispatch them.

Labyrinth 2 HD (\$7.99): A game that puts you in control of a table on which there is a steel ball. The iPad version has been improved and looks great with the possibility to roll the small ball in portrait and landscape mode. Your goal is to get the ball from its starting position through a maze and different fun levels. In every level, there are a number of holes along with other objects to make the experience challenging for you. You will encounter bumpers, magnets, fans, lasers, cannons amongst other things.

Words with Friends HD (\$0.99): This game has been a hit on the App Store for a while. Developer Newtoy has had a great run with the iPhone and iPad versions of the game. In case you've never heard of Words With Friends, it's a crossword game that allows you to play against friends, family or random opponents. It's a lot of fun.

Flight Control HD (\$4.99): Flight Control HD has been around for a while now. You play the air traffic controller at an increasingly busy airport on your iPad. Sounds easy? You'll need nerves of steel and smart strategy to keep the chaos under control. Great game.

Infinity Blade (\$5.99): Even though this is Epic's first mobile game powered by their Unreal Engine 3 technology, the game has already been a success. The game generated \$1.6 million in sales in the first five days. It has taken handheld gaming to new heights with gorgeous visuals, adrenaline-fueled battles and advanced character progression in a fully 3D castle realm.

<u>Reckless Racing HD (\$2.99)</u>: This is one of those intensive racing games that blends the finest top-down racer style with incredible high definition graphics. The game includes arcade-like effects that make you slip and slide through down-and-dirty racetracks with precision iPad controls. It's a fun game that will test you and your friends with funny characters and very detailed realistic environments.

<u>Real Racing HD (\$9.99)</u>: One of the best racing experiences on the iPad. The game will put you behind the steering wheels of championship race cars as you engage in five different game modes, with three difficulty levels, seventy-six events in a Career Mode, six cars simultaneously on screen and online leader boards.

Cooking Applications

Weber's On the Grill for iPad (\$4.99): Weber's app helps you cook amazing dishes for your family and friends. Built from the ground up with iPad users in mind, Weber's On the Grill for iPad features top Weber recipes, as well as tips to put together delicious rubs, marinades, and sauces that are sure to get you and your friends fired up. The app is really

polished, and is more than you need to get your grill on. Weber's On the Grill includes over 250 classic grilling recipes from Weber's best-selling cookbooks.

Epicurious (Free app): Epicurious is a huge and easy to navigate recipe database that provides mouth-watering pictures.

The Photo Cookbook (\$4.99): An app that helps you put together restaurant-grade dishes in no time. The app is designed to be like a private cooking course in your own kitchen, and offers a detailed approach to cooking, in order to simplify the preparation of the dishes as much as possible. From the list of ingredients to the end result of each recipe, the app features stunning pictures designed to help you with every step. Best of all, all the recipes featured by The Photo Cookbook require less than 30 minutes of preparation time.

Social-Type Applications

Flipboard (Free app): Flipboard, winner of the Apple iPad app of the year award, is a new way to enjoy your social networking content. The app lets you view the stories, photos, news and updates being shared by your Twitter and Facebook friends in the form of a magazine. It provides an elegant way to flip through photos, news, and all kinds of updates your friends are sharing on Facebook and Twitter. The app also includes Google Reader and Flickr support, amongst other new features.

Pulse News Reader (Free app): This popular news reader also allows you to browse Facebook. Beyond simple RSS feeds, Pulse has slowly morphed into a social and lifestyle app, able to pull several kinds of information, including streams coming from social networks. Pulse was built with simplicity and ease of use in mind. The Facebook content is broken down in sub-categories, namely news, status updates, and wall updates, in order to keep the user experience as simple and as straightforward as possible

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SkyGrid (Free app): It's an app that will help you aggregate real-time news and provide content in a very simple way. The application is very efficient and becomes quite handy for anyone that likes to be aware of what's happening now in the world of news. SkyGrid takes the latest news, blogs, tweets, Facebook and product reviews from lots of data sources. What makes this app very interesting and quite useful is that it pops out the best and most popular news out there in real-time onto your iPad.

<u>Twitterrific (Free app)</u>: A universal app for both iPad and iPhone that offers an easy to use interface to read and compose tweets, search Twitter.com, filter message types and more.

TweetMag (\$4.99): We've been keeping an eye on TweetMag. The app has some potential given that is an application that transforms Twitter into beautiful magazines of articles and media. In other words, it takes the Tweet posts and turns them into a beautiful magazine.

Applications for Bloggers

If you're a blogger or have been thinking about blogging, there are some essential blogging apps in the App Store. When blogging, you should consider several tools to make your life easier. For more details, you can check <u>our</u> <u>complete guide</u>, which will help you start blogging from your iPad. There are a few apps that still need some additional work, but most will do the job just fine.

Webmaster And Web Designer iPad Apps

If you happen to run a website, having the ability to modify the content on your server, and check its performance, statistics and popularity while on the go is priceless. The iPad is the perfect tool to do exactly that. Check <u>our complete</u> <u>guide</u> of apps that we think are the most useful iPad apps for webmasters. The list is a "basic survival toolkit" that will help most webmasters out there, whether you manage a small blog, or a much larger site.

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