

Note-taking Apps

App. Name	Price	Notable Features	Recommend For	Watch Out For	Other Versions/Add-ons
Notability	\$2.99	Allows the user to record voice notes which sync up with typed notes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports both handwriting and typing notes. • Can zoom the writing box in and out, changes relative writing size. • Can adjust size of scrollover box when handwriting notes. • Can choose colors and paper type for notes, and organize in folders. Paper types include lined, graph, and blank. • Search within note pages and PDFs. • Spell check. • Can sort notes with dividers within subjects. • Can select which PDF pages to import. • Cut and paste handwritten notes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erases handwritten notes with one strike-through, but no partial erasing option. • Audio doesn't follow along with handwritten notes, like a Smartpen does. 	N/A
GoodNotes 4	\$7.99	While GoodNotes doesn't record audio notes, it is a sophisticated note-taking tool with many customization options.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search within note pages and PDFs. • Many paper type options, including music; can import new types. Paper types include lined, graph, blank, music - many more options. • Multiple options for erasing - either in spots or the whole image at once. • Lots of options for pen - thickness, color, etc. • Smoothing of shapes/lines (can turn off). • Can automatically back up notes to Skydrive in addition to standard options. • Cut and paste handwritten notes. • Can sort notes into notebooks and notebooks into categories. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard only in text boxes - can't type on lines of paper. • No recording. • Can't select PDF pages to import - has to be all or nothing. • Can't erase text boxes with eraser tool. • Can't adjust size of handwriting scrollover box. 	N/A

Notes Plus	\$9.99	Allows the user to record basic audio notes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can draw figures which can be imported as an entire image. • Can make multiple notebooks and folders that are really cool and customizable. • Can select which PDF pages to import. • Lots of different options for pens/handwriting - change stroke type, size, color. • Extended palm rest options for less usual handwriting styles, as well as left-handed support. • Records audio notes and sorts them by page. • Smoothing of shapes/lines (can turn off). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audio doesn't follow along with handwritten notes, like a Smartpen does, nor does it sync with typed text. • No select option - can't delete large portion of page at once. 	Handwriting recognition (\$2.99)
Evernote	Free	Good for transferring documents between computer and iPad easily. However, not as good as others for organizing notes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatically syncs notes between computer and iPad with Evernote account. • Several different types of notes - regular, checklist, photo (can take picture of notebook, post-it note, or business card and make it searchable). • Create shortcuts for commonly-used notes/notebooks. • Syncs with calendar to provide notifications for certain documents, like checklists. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You have to create an account to use it. • There doesn't seem to be a way to move notes from one notebook to another. • Only get 60 MB of space. • Doesn't provide for handwritten notetaking. • Can't save notes as other file types (like PDF). • Can't rotate pictures. 	N/A

<p>Evernote's Penultimate</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>This is a good handwriting extension to Evernote. If you don't already use Evernote, we recommend one of the other handwriting apps.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The handwriting component to Evernote. Lots of different wrist position options. • Different paper choices (but not as many as, say, GoodNotes or Notability). • If writing while zoomed in, page moves over automatically to keep pace with your writing. • Syncs notes to Evernote automatically (saves them as images); can also share with Dropbox. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can't change pen options - stroke size, color, etc. • Handwriting recognition isn't the best. 	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Pages</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>Primarily a word processor with many different templates - a versatile Microsoft Word for iPad.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of cool templates - notes, papers, resumes, newsletters, posters, envelopes... • Insert graphs (interactive graphs!), pictures, video, tables, symbols/figures... • Can edit pictures in the document. • Can open documents in other apps (like in PDF Expert as a PDF). • Large number of font options. • Exports documents via email and iCloud. • All the functionality and more of Word. • Can make comments on documents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have to type - can't handwrite/draw. • Relatively limited options for exporting. • Can't sort notes into folders/notebooks. 	<p>N/A</p>

Annotation

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PDF Expert 5	\$9.99	This is an excellent PDF editor and viewer that we highly recommend. Very useful for reading and editing class PDFs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can back up to many different cloud platforms.• Easy to maneuver/resize the PDFs.• Form-fill compatible.• Can export PDFs through multiple platforms.• Can open PDFs from email/internet.• Can annotate PDFs using a pen function.• Can move pages of a PDF around within the document.• Text to speech capabilities.• Review mode (similar to Word).• Can edit (export, delete, etc.) multiple PDFs at once.• Can copy/export a few pages of the entire PDF.• Can rotate pages.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can't create own PDFs/notes.• Need to have at least one of the services to connect PDFs to the programs, either email, Dropbox, iTunes, etc.

Organization

App. Name	Price	Summary	Recommend For	Watch Out For	New Editions
Awesome Note	\$4.99	While it is useful for to-do lists and short notes, this app may not be ideal for typing longer class notes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syncs with Evernote and Google Drive. • Calendar section syncs with appropriate notes. • Add pictures from camera as notes. • Plenty of categories for organization. • View the day on which notes were created via the calendar. • Good for quick notes/to-do lists. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only typing, not handwriting. • Not ideal for class notes. 	N/A
Corkulous Pro	\$4.99	Creates corkboards on which notes, photographs, and other media can be organized and edited.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can drag items and slide anything around. • Exports as PDF. • Interactive checklists, notecards, tape, post-its, contacts, and photo uploads! • Attractive and easy to use user interface. • Can organize in collections (Dropbox, Cloud, and iTunes). • Insert secondary corkboards within primary corkboard. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can't see secondary boards if you export the main one as a PDF. 	Corkulous (Free)
MindNode	\$9.99	A versatile mindmapping tool with many customization options.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nodes can be organized manually or automatically. • Wide variety of visual and color options. • Apply settings to individual nodes or entire mindmap. • Can edit mindmap through an outline view. • Can email mindmaps as images. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very single-function. • Can't type outside of node text boxes. 	N/A
Educreations	Free	A virtual whiteboard that allows you to record a presentation which syncs with audio.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can simultaneously record presentation and write. • Images can be used as background, and you can write on any element. • Can view lots of other people's public lessons. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can't change thickness of markers, but can change colors. • Can't edit lessons and can't save if you don't hit record. 	N/A

Speech-to-Text

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Dragon	Free	A voice recognition application powered by Dragon NaturallySpeaking that allows you to easily speak and instantly see your text.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accurate voice recognition in multiple languages. • Intuitive user interface. • Copy & paste selection or entire page outside of app. • No profile/account setup needed. • Easy to edit mis-recorded words. • Directly upload text to Facebook, Twitter, email, and SMS. • Quick word prediction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although headphones with mic are recommended, the voice recording is sufficiently accurate without them. • Poor note organization. • No backup to any cloud service available. 	N/A
Typ-O HD	\$14.99	A word prediction app with sophisticated auto correct in many languages.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functions primarily as a spell-checker. • Corrects spelling based on reported proficiency. • Predicts words for you. • Speech-to-text options. • Syncs with Dropbox. • Multiple voices available in male/female, multiple languages. • Can copy notes and paste into other places. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reads only sentence by sentence (not continuous flow). • Need to be on the sentence to hear it. • No handwriting, only typing. • Not the best speech-to-text recognition. • Can't title or organize notes into folders. 	Typ-O (\$4.99)