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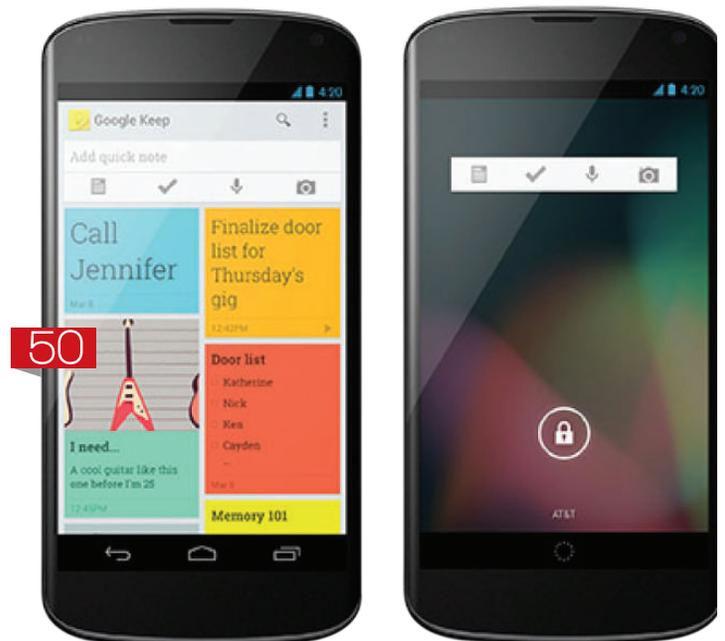
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GADGETS TO LOOK AT THIS MONTH

With plenty of devices being released at the moment, there are a few gadgets that caught our eyes. Here are some that you might just be interested in as well.



Sonos Playbar

If you have heard of Sonos before, you would know that the company caters to wireless Hi-Fi systems. The Sonos Playbar is the company's latest offering. It is a soundbar that is meant for HD television. At the same time, you can also connect to it through your mobile devices via Wi-Fi.



LG Pocket Photo Smart

What do you think about a pocket-sized wireless photo printer? LG has one for you and it is called the LG Pocket Photo Smart. It uses a unique paper made from ZINK. No, not the metal you silly, but instead a special paper with the color built-in. At the moment, it is available only in the UK with a price tag of \$200.



Canon EOS 100D

Deemed the lightest and smallest DSLR, the Canon 100D comes with the same 18-megapixel CMOS sensor present in the EOS 600D. It has the manual control present in semi-professional DSLR and also shoots full-HD video. The ISO ranges between 100 to 12800 and the device also has some built-in filters to create that Instagram effect. The Canon EOS 100D retails at £579.99.



Samsung Game Pad

Do you want to turn the Samsung Galaxy S4 to a portable game console? The Samsung Game Pad is your answer for that. It so far has 80 games that it support at launch and looks much like an Xbox 360 controller as well. We just hope there won't be a lawsuit by Microsoft for this one.

Amazon Kindle Fire HD 8.9

This is another great tablet to look at by Amazon. The Kindle Fire HD 8.9 comes with a resolution of 1920x1200 which is capable of withstanding 10 hours' worth of usage. The 1.8GHz dual-core processor might be a bit slow as compared with the quad-core processors that are available today but for the price tag of just \$299, it is a cheap and powerful tablet to own.



Sony Cyber-shot HX50V

The World's Lightest and Smallest 30x Optical Zoom Camera



DSC-HX50V/B compact, 20.4MP Cyber-shot® camera features an impressive 30x optical zoom that makes actions shots appear clearer thanks to advanced 3-way image stabilization

Sony announced today its new Cyber-shot HX50V camera and achieved another milestone. with impressive 30x optical zoom range and advanced 20.4 MP "Exmor R" CMOS image sensor. This is the world's lightest with approximate weight 272g and smallest optical zoom camera ever with dimensions 108.1 x 63.6 x 38.3mm. With its extensive feature set, extremely compact size, and advanced performance capabilities, the Cyber-shot HX50V represents the ultimate in flexibility in a compact camera.

Model Specifications

20.4-megapixel, 30x optical/60x Clear Image zoom, Full HD 1080/60p with dual record, Optical SteadyShot® image stabilization with 3-way active mode, up to 10fps, full manual and dedicated EV control dial, built-in Wi-Fi.

Overview of Cyber-shot Digital Camera HX50V with Model number: DSC-HX50V/B

Sony Cyber-shot HX50V is the best camera available now for per-orders. It can be

Your new favorite travel companion

Take hold of the textured grip and capture your next adventure with ultra-sharp precision. The DSC-HX50V/B compact, 20.4MP Cyber-shot® camera features an impressive 30x optical zoom that makes actions shots appear clearer thanks to advanced 3-way image stabilization. You also get full manual control for more creative shots and 1080/60p movie recording for smoother footage. You can even map your memories with built-in GPS tagging and accessorize with a wide variety of available extras.

Amazing 30x zoom

Zoom in incredibly close for great sports, travel and wildlife photos. The Cyber-shot HX50V camera boasts a powerful 30x optical zoom plus 60x Clear Image digital zoom technology to bring you near enough to capture the most distant details—from leaves on the trees, to smiles on the soccer field. The camera's powerful processor reduces graininess for crisper, higher-quality close-ups.

Say goodbye to blur

Don't let a not-so-steady hand prevent you from capturing the moment. Optical SteadyShot image stabilization compensates for camera shake by countering camera movements in both horizontal and vertical directions. Plus, Active 3-Way stabilization keeps things steadier yet with digital rolling control that offsets clockwise and counterclockwise rotations, resulting in smoother videos even while zoomed in close. The result? Sharp, blur-free photos and footage in otherwise unsteady situations, like shooting video while walking.

Pixel power in low light

With a 20.4-megapixel Exmor R CMOS sensor, capture high-resolution images that take full advantage of the camera's high-quality Sony G lens. More pixels means you can enlarge, zoom in and

crop your photos without losing detail. Advanced processing technology reduces noise and graininess for incredibly crisp, clear images—even in challenging low-light conditions.

Amazing HD movies

Record crystal-clear movies at the highest resolution available with Full HD 1080/60p video capture (records in 29-minute segments). Stunning, fast-motion video with reduced distortion looks great when played back on your HDTV2. Notice a perfect photo opp while shooting video? With dual record of stills and movies, you can shoot both at the same time.

Total control

For creative flexibility, the Cyber-shot HX50V features full manual and

dedicated EV control dial. You can enter Program Auto (P), Aperture Priority (A), Shutter Speed Priority (S) or Manual Exposure (M) mode.

Never miss the moment

Capture every moment with high-speed shooting of up to 10 fps (frames per second) at full 20.4-megapixel resolution. It's perfect for sports, action photography or capturing a unique sequence of photos. Your shots will be clear and blur-free thanks to a mechanical shutter which helps reduce distortion when continuously shooting moving subjects. The camera also features 5-blade aperture for smooth background defocusing.





Main Features

Its main features include:

30x optical zoom plus 60x Clear Image Digital Zoom

Get super close with 30x optical zoom plus 60x Clear Image digital zoom. Most digital zooms use electronic cropping to get closer to the subject, resulting in unsharp images. With Clear Image Zoom the powerful processor compares patterns found in adjacent pixels and creates new pixels to match selected patterns, resulting in more realistic, higher-quality images. Clear Image Zoom doubles optical zoom for closer photos.

Optical Steady Shot® image stabilization

Optical SteadyShot® image stabilization reduces shake and blur by countering

camera movements in both horizontal and vertical directions.³ Active 3-Way stabilizer

adds digital rolling control that counters clockwise and anti-clockwise rotation, resulting in more stable videos even at long focal lengths.

20.4 Megapixel Back-illuminated Exmor® R CMOS Image Sensor

This camera features a 20.4 megapixel Exmor® R CMOS image sensor that brings out the full resolving power of the camera's Carl Zeiss® Vario-Sonnar T* lens to deliver

extremely fast speed, high resolution, and stunning low-light sensitivity with improved image clarity and drastically reduced grain.

Full HD 1080/60p

Record crystal clear movies at the highest resolution available with

capabilities for 60p in 1080 AVCHD™ video.¹ This provides stunning, fast motion video with less distortion for playback on your HD TV.² With dual record of stills and movies, you can shoot both at the same time.

Full manual & dedicated EV control dial allow more creativity

For creative flexibility, users can enter Program Auto (P), Aperture Priority (A), Shutter Speed Priority (S) or Manual Exposure (M) mode for manual shooting and direct access exposure control via dedicated dial.

Capture the decisive moment with up to 10fps

Capture full 20.4 megapixel resolution images at up to 10 frames per second, helping to ensure that the decisive moment is captured such as the soccer ball flying into the goal. In addition, a mechanical shutter helps reduce distortion when continuously shooting moving subjects.

Multi interface shoe attaches flash, light, and mic

The multi interface shoe allows easy connection with wide-ranging accessories expanding the range of photographic expression. Available accessories include a powerful external flash unit, electronic viewfinder etc.

Available for Pre-orders now

The new Cyber-shot HX50V compact digital camera is now available for pre-orders only in an amount of \$449.99 with free delivery. The camera and a range of compatible accessories can be booked at Sony retail stores and other authorized dealers nationwide. The estimated shipment date given is 31 May, 2013.

The "Lenovo Idea Centre Horizon 27" Table PC" Review



Lenovo have announced their new Table PC recently. With the arrival of windows 8 Lenovo released series of tablet and touch PCs. This time it's not a tablet PC it's a table PC. With the big screen of this amazing tab you can do more with more fun. Horizon is multi-mode PC enables comfortable multi angle use as a desktop, and provides a unique multi user experience as a table PC through the Aura interface.

Let's go ahead and check features and specs of the Idea Centre Horizon table PC.



Special features:

It includes unique game accessories that interact with multi-touch apps, with the built in battery you can use the PC anywhere in the home.

It folds at any angle from 00 to 900.

Wireless mouse and keyboard gives you the comfort to use the machine from a distance.

Applications loaded with Horizon table PC

If you are game lover you will be happy to hear that Horizon will come with preloaded games some of the preloaded games are;

Raiding Company King of Opera
Air hockey Lenovo Air Hockey
Lenovo tycoon Lenovo Tycoon
Fishing Joy Lenovo Fishing Joy
Roulette Lenovo Roulette Texas
Holdem Lenovo Texas Holdem
Draw Race 2 Draw Race 2

Specifications

Processor

Up to 3rd generation Intel® Core™ i7 processor.

Operating System

Up to Windows 8 64

Display

27" backlit full HD (1920×1080) multi-touch display.
16:9 widescreen

Battery Life

Up to 2 hours battery life.

Storage / HDD

Up to 1TB HDD + 8GB SSD

RAM

Up to 8GB DDR3

Graphics

NVIDIA GeForce GT 620M 1 GB DDR 3 Graphics

Or

NVIDIA GeForce GT 620M 2 GB DDR 3 (can customize and buy)

Weight

8.6 KG (18.95 lbs)

Integrated Communications

Wireless 802.11 /b/g/n 1×1 Single Band

Bluetooth 4.0

Camera

Integrated 720P HD webcam with Mic Array

Dimensions

690.5*430.5*29.8 mm

27.18×16.94×1.17 inches

Warranty

1 year

When it comes to price,

Starting from \$1,699.00 (price details from official Lenovo website)

Price is pretty high but with specs and available features its worth for the price



BLACKBERRY Q10

REVENGE OF THE QWERTY



After so many claims by BlackBerry CEO Thorsten Heins that touch screen and tablets are not future anymore, struggling again with new BlackBerry 10 Operating System being introduced with Z10 (Full Touch screen) and later in Q10 (QWERTY + Touchscreen). Once a telecom leaders may gain some benefits with the launch of this new model but the innovations are limited in compared to other smart phone.

BLACKBERRY

Once Telecom Leader, Now Fights Back with New Model Q10

BlackBerry team is trying to cover the gap of QWERTY and touchscreen smartphones. After it launched full touch phone like Z10 which does not proved a success for BlackBerry, Q10 is brought in market featuring a rich bond of QWERTY family along with touch screen excitement.

Thorsten Heins announced few features of BlackBerry 10 Operating System at BlackBerry World 2012 conference. The innovating features were new 8 Mega Pixel auto focus camera with ability to rewind frame by frame to choose the best shot and recording capacity at 1080p HD, along with enhanced graphical user interface.

Q10 comes with superior processing power of Dual Core 1.5 GHz along with 2 GB RAM, a high speed USB 2.0 port to charge and get synchronized, also fea-

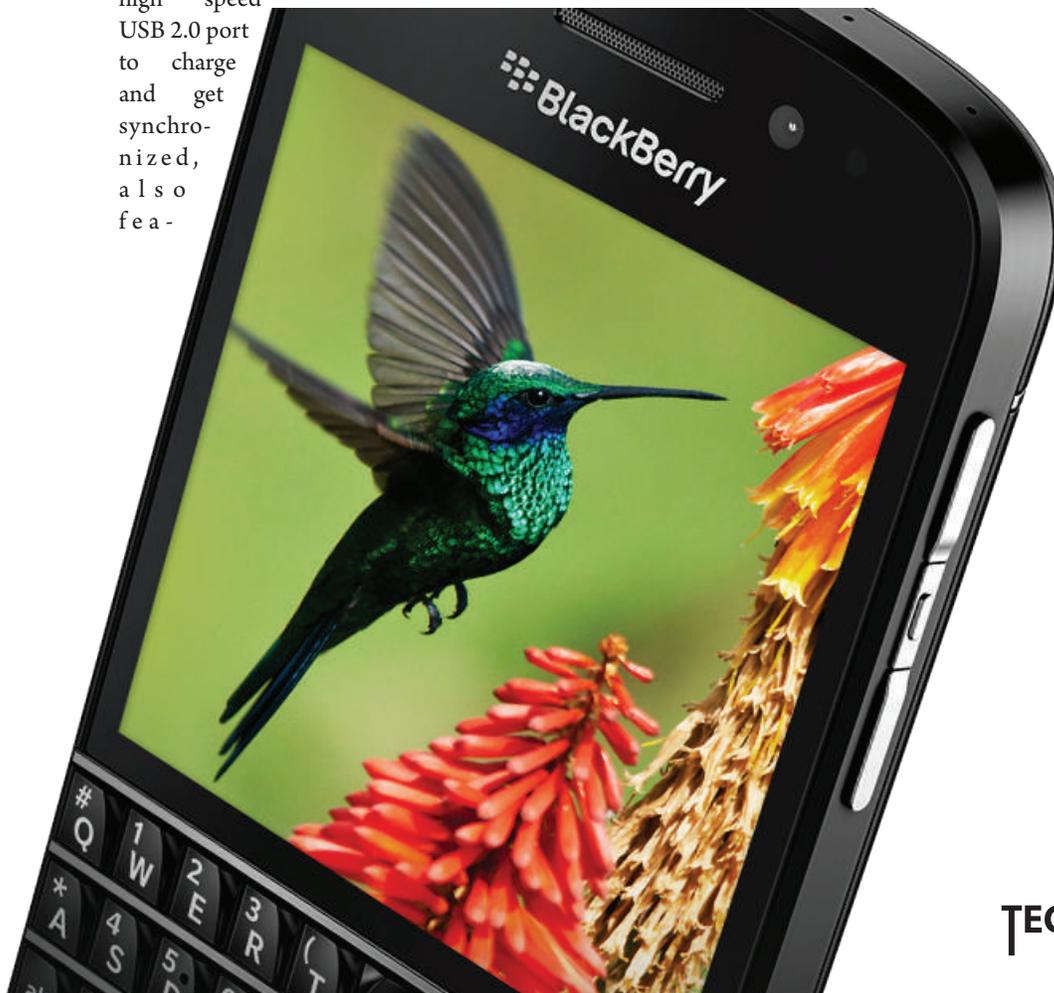
tured with HDMI port to connect with HDTV or projector. Screen display is provided with best resolution of 720 x 720 at 330 PPI with 24 bit color depth on a screen size of 3.1 inch diagonal.

BlackBerry experts have so far focused only keyboard styled smartphones with best possible messaging capability. Following the footsteps of BlackBerry, Palm Inc. experimented with stylish keyboard and powerful operating system but proved to be failing in comparison to iPhone styled tabs and phones. Palm's sets are no longer famous in mobile industry and seem obsolete.

Standard QWERTY sets of BlackBerry are much famous in Canada, America and were the largest telecom company in the world with sustainable growth

until iPhone hit the market leading to Android sets bombardment, BlackBerry was put aside from market like a baby penguin giving largest share of smartphones to iPhone and Android sets.

With the struggle of six years, BlackBerry came with modification to its operating system, new design innovations, increased processing capacity along with combination of HD touch screen display with BlackBerry pioneered keyboard. BlackBerry 10 type sophisticated operating system still is unable to offer unique features that could lower the customers of iPhone and Android to switch to Q10. It is being offered in BlackBerry's home country Canada for \$250.



Nokia released Asha 210 with dedicated Whatsapp button and Wifi



Nokia is ready to rumble again. As Nokia has unveiled today its new Asha 210 that is designed to offer consumers more social experiences at an affordable price of just \$70. What this means in worldly terms is that the social universe has just expanded for the partying/networking clique. And the perk is that it comes at a reasonable

rate. Desirable in its dimensions, there is a choice between Single or Easy Swap Dual-SIM variants, features a distinctly Nokia design and smart imaging that sets it apart from the crowd. It supports Wi-Fi to help people enjoy more of the Internet for less and is the world's first phone to have a dedicated WhatsApp button.

Nokia has already released handsets with button to support Facebook and same by HTC. But this time, it is a dedicated WhatsApp button and QWERTY keyboard for fast access to instant messaging. The Nokia Asha 210 buyers will get a free subscription to the messaging service by WhatsApp for life time. But for other 40 devices

of Asha series, this service will be free for only first year. After first year of free use, WhatsApp will charge a \$0.99 annual fee.

Nokia and HTC had already released handsets with Facebook-devoted buttons. But this is for first time that Nokia launched a set with WhatsApp button. It is analyzed that WhatsApp will be used as the text app of choice on the handsets, but suggested it would have limited impact on the wider mobile phone market Nokia's Asha 210 is using a Symbian-based operating system and will be targeted at consumers in emerging markets looking for a cheaper alternative to the Finnish firm's Windows Phone range and other companies' smart-phones.

With

Nokia Asha 210, you can bring your social life at your fingertips, As the Nokia Asha 210 has a QWERTY keyboard and a dedicated WhatsApp button for fast access to instant messaging. To celebrate the Nokia and WhatsApp partnership, WhatsApp is offering their service for free on all Nokia Asha 210 devices with the WhatsApp button for their lifespan. Combined with Facebook, Twitter and support for popular email accounts such as Gmail, the Nokia Asha 210 is designed to ensure that people are never more than a few clicks away from their friends and family according to a press release by Nokia.

The Nokia Asha 210 can capture and share great images every time as comes with a 2MP camera that can be accessed through a dedicated hardkey even when the keypad is locked. The smart camera also offers a choice of image capture, editing and sharing options, including Self-portrait and Fast editing.

Nokia's innovative Slam feature allows you to share photos and other content quickly, which comes built-into the Nokia Asha 210. It works by enabling the transfer of content such as images or videos to another Bluetooth-enabled phone without the need to pair devices.

Other key features for Nokia Asha 210 include:

- Social phonebook integration with the ability to launch WhatsApp direct from contact cards in the Phonebook
- Preloaded YouTube launcher for direct video streaming
- Chat screen notifications that keep users up-to-date on new conversations
- Single-SIM and Dual-SIM models featuring Nokia's exclusive EasySwap technology that enables consumers to change SIM cards without having to turn off the device.
- WiFi On/Off control button
- Nokia's renowned long battery life: up to 46 days with Single-SIM and up to 24 days with Dual-SIM

The estimated retail price for the Nokia Asha 210 is around 72 USD and it is expected to start shipping in the second quarter of 2013. The Nokia Asha 210 is available in yellow, cyan, black, magenta, and white.





Lenovo Thinkpad S431

Lenovo reveals S431 Ivy Bridge Powered Laptop which provides 15% more processing power and efficiency than previous models of ThinkPad. This New addition in Lenovo ThinkPad series S431 is announced right before Intel is going to reveal its 4th generations Haswell processors. It is good addition to the previous E431 and E531 ThinkPad models.

The new Lenovo laptop is premium addition to the ThinkPad series whose journey started from Year 2005 after it was purchased from IBM by this company. But it should not be

confused with T431S Ultrabook which was introduced earlier.

Display Dimension's Improvement

The S431 is a regular 14inch laptop with touchscreen display. A new technological advancement is implemented to embrace the 14inch display in a 13inch chassis board. With this improvement, the visible screen is more than previous model. The display is designed with all compatible new features of Microsoft Windows 8, like gesture and facial recognition, multi touch sensitivity.

With the help of this new feature, screen rotation can be flat 180 degrees. This provides access to the model graphical touch base user interface of Windows 8. Keyboard provides six Windows 8 optimized keys for better navigation.

Better User Experience

The new ThinkPad model provides Windows 8 compatible new features as Multi Finger Touchscreen to make it easy to select applications, swipe screen and ease of use in resizing features. The navigation is easier with six hardware keys on keyboard.



The overall touch experience of Windows 8 adds in value to the technological advanced style and feature rich laptop.

Processing Power and Storage

S431 is powered by the Intel's 3rd generation core i7 processors. The

voltage chips being used in this model are standard ones. As the chips in use on Ultrabooks is energy efficient.

Lenovo have provided the flexibility to get 8GB of RAM and storage capacity of 500GB. With this approximately 150,000 audio songs and 250 full length DVD/HD movies can be stored.

Official sources of Lenovo haven't disclosed the type of drive to be provided with it. Regular 2 USB 3.0 ports are provided with the model. Keeping in mind the requirement of additional USB ports requirement, another feature like ThinkPad

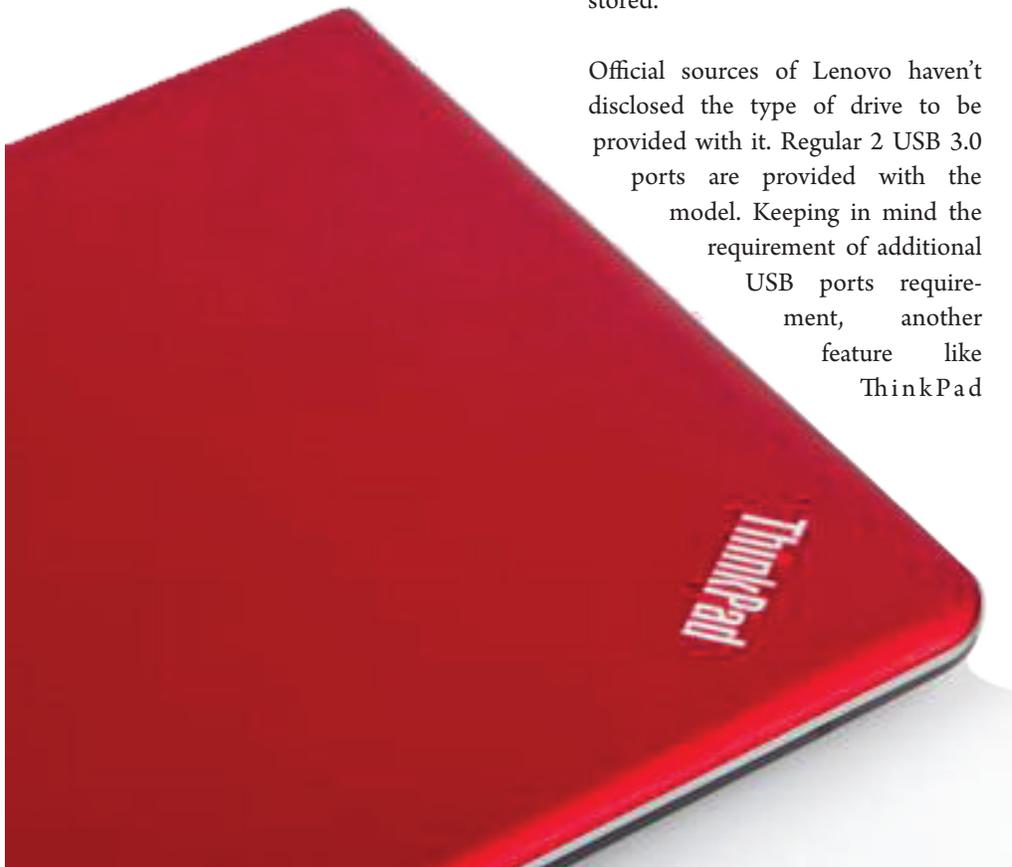
OneLink Connector is used which can be connected resulting in additional gigabit Ethernet port, one regular HDMI port and few additional USB 3.0 ports.

Battery Life

Officially Lenovo have announced the battery life of nine long hours. This is quiet good if true.

Availability

The model will be available in June 2013 under the brand name S431 with approximate standard price tag of \$700 or \$699. This price is cheaper than laptops of same processing power and storage capacity with such latest features. The OneLink Connector can be bought from 21st May 2013 but price is not yet announced. One tweet is found on Lenovo official account mentioning that another \$509 price version can be launched too which will not have touchscreen features.





Sony Xperia Tablet Z

Sony has opened today booking for its latest tablet Sony Xperia Tablet Z in US. This smashing new technology is available in two memory sizes. A 16 GB Tablet model is priced \$499.99 while an upgraded memory model of 32 GB Xperia Tablet Z is rated \$599.99. It is also available in 2 colors i.e. black and white.

This new Xperia Tablet is just 6.9mm thick with weight 17.5 oz. While it is very slim with 10-inch slat. It runs on Android 4.1.2 Jelly Bean operating system. Other exciting specs of Sony Xperia Tablet Z includes Exmor R 8.1

megapixel camera, 1.5GHz quad-core Snapdragon processor, 32GB storage with 2 GB RAM and 10.1-inch 1,920 x 1,200 display with Mobile BRAVIA Engine 2 tech.

Sony announced that the shipment date is 24 May, 2013 for pre-orders. While a free cradle is also available for those who book the tablet before May 24, 2013



SAMSUNG GALAXY TAB 3.7.0



Samsung has announced the launch of the third iteration of the smallest range of tablets from its portfolio, the one with 7" screen. The new Galaxy Tab 3 7.0 is a tablet from the intermediate range, which will be available in both a Wi-Fi version and a version with 3G connectivity which support calls. How fun does that sound?

The new Galaxy Tab 3 7.0 tablet is smaller and lighter than its predecessors, taking the design of the Galaxy Note 8.0 and other phones launched by Samsung in the past year. It offers a screen with a diagonal of 7" and a resolution of 1024 x 600 pixels, the

hardware platform consists of a dual-core unknown processor clocked at a frequency 1.2 GHz, a RAM memory capacity of 1 GB 8 GB or 16 GB of internal storage, MicroSD card and a battery with a capacity of 4000 mAh.

Galaxy Tab 3 7.0 has the following dimensions: 188.0 x 111.1 x 9.9 mm and is weighing 306 grams, making it one of the lightest tablets available on the market today. Facilities also include a 3-megapixel main camera and a 1.3 MP front camera, GPS, Bluetooth 3.0 adapter and 802.11 a/b/g/n wireless interface.

Its Wi-Fi version will be available from May. The HSPA version, that will offer voice options and even a proximity sensor if you intend to use the tablet as a giant phone, will be available from June.

The main rival for the tablet will be the Google Nexus 7 device launched last year, which still has technical advantages such as quad-core Tegra 3 processor. But this one lacks 3G which Samsung tablet offers. Of course, the Samsung Galaxy Tab 3 is handy and portable, things highlighted by Samsung. For those who want a small tablet from Samsung, this is the perfect model



Acer Iconia W3

World's Smallest Windows 8 Tablet

Amazon revealed the world's first smallest screen Windows 8 tablet device yesterday. It is Acer Iconia W3 according to web store. Acer president Jim Wang was busy at the same time presenting computer accessories and large display electronics in New York.

Acer launched one Windows 8

notebook and an Android Tablet PC on Friday. Company shares less than one percent in this market right now. Acer Iconia A1 is recently pushed in United States and its effect on company sales will be visible in second quarter of 2013.

According to Amazon's online

preview, the specifications of Acer Iconia W3 are mentioned below;

- Screen size of 8.1 inch with screen resolution of 1024×768 which matches to Nexus 7
- Model name: Acer Iconia W3-810-1600
- Operating System: Microsoft Windows 8

- Duel Core Intel Atom Processor is enough to power the full version of rich GUI based operating system

Screen size of 8 inch good but the current trend in market is the buying lead for 7 inch tablets and is mostly low cost with the power of Android OS. Microsoft and Acer need to push some innovations to make it stand out of the Android crowded tablet market.

The main competitors in American, European and Asian market are only Google OS. Because iOS have market reach of more than 39% but that has different price structure and trend.

Price is also an important factor. Initial price by Amazon's store given is \$379.99 and is competitive in comparison to other available Android devices. It is not yet final to offer at this price in market. Let us see the official reveal and launch time from company executives.

Windows 8 is full features operating system in comparison to

Google OS. It is being offered at much low cost with only \$50 more than iPad mini price. The innovative style of Acer and low price along with Microsoft OS can give an edge in developer's market while existing desktop Windows users may also incline towards it.

Tech Giant Microsoft have only 3% market share in mobile operating systems and receives a reasonable fee from tab manufacturers based

on number of licenses.

While on the other Google does not force any license fee to companies who make and ship its operating system with their devices like Tabs, Smartphones and TVs. So it is growing deep in market. It is fast, reliable and offers lot more valuable free applications with free access from Google Play Store.



LG COMPETES WITH THE MASSIVE OPTIMUS G PRO



It seems like Koreans like it big. The Galaxy Note II is already big enough and it seems that LG will want to compete with the behemoth with its 5.5-inch Optimus G Pro. The Optimus G Pro will be considered a phablet since it is too big for a phone yet a bit too small for a tablet. Nevertheless, it is one working device.

The Optimus G Pro has the same screen size as the Note II but it has a slimmer profile thanks to a smaller bezel at its side. The screen is a beautiful full HD IPS display which is much higher than the resolution of the

Galaxy Note II (720p). This puts the Optimus G Pro at a pixel density of 400 ppi, much higher than most smartphones today.

Inside the Optimus G Pro is a quad-core Snapdragon processor that clocks at 1.7GHz with 2GB RAM supporting it. It runs on Android version 4.1.2 and not the latest update of 4.2.2. Nevertheless, the differences are minimal. There are two cameras, 13MP at the back with another 2.1MP at the front.

Like the Note II, the Optimus G Pro is made out of plastic and the back can

be replaced with a Quick Cover. This allows the device to do wireless charging as well as give access to a huge 3,140 mAh battery. There is also a microSD expansion slot as well. It comes with 32GB worth of storage although you can bump up 64GB more through a microSD card.

All in all, it is certainly a phone with a lot of features but will it be able to compete with the Galaxy Note II? Specification-wise, this is certainly a better phone but you be the judge. What do you think of the Optimus G Pro?

Acer Announces Aspire P3 Ultrabook



Acer had recently made a global press conference held in New York City and with it comes a lot of announcements. There have been plenty of updates as well as new products that were announced. One of it is an Ultrabook convertible called the Aspire P3. The Aspire P3 is the company's first convertible Windows 8 Ultrabook. The device can be used as both a laptop and slate with its screen can be angled forward or folded down.

The Aspire P3 certainly looks good with its metal finish. It has an 11.6-inch screen that is not full HD. This is

also an advantage as at that resolution, the pixel density can put quite a strain on the eye. Display on the Aspire P3 should be good to most people although it might be a bit too reflective for some.

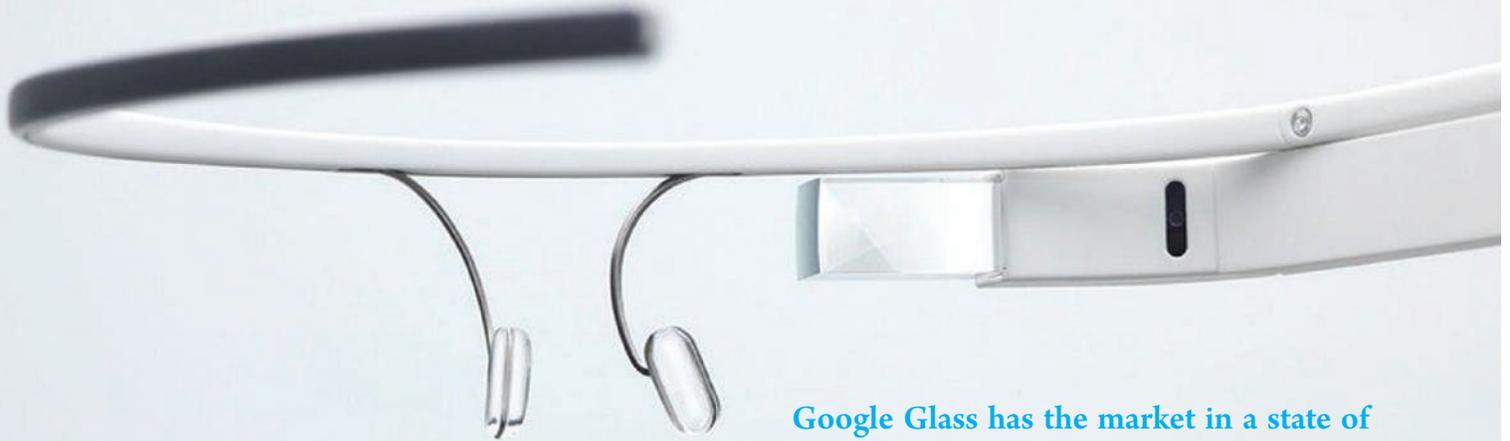
This Ultrabook will be powered with an Intel Core i3 processor which will be upgradable to an i5. In addition to that, it will come equipped with 4GB worth of RAM as well as 60GB of SSD. There isn't news about whether there is an extra hard drive slot but if not, you will have to make do with the limited storage. You can also connect

the device to an external hard drive but that would be quite the trouble.

The device feels snappy with thanks to the SSD but once installed with a lot of software, it will start to take its toll on the processor. There is also a USB port at the side, a mini-HDMI port as well as a headphone jack.

In addition to that, there is a faux-leather Bluetooth keyboard case that is given on the basic package. In any case, the Acer Aspire P3 starts at a price of \$799. Will you be interested in one of these?

"The Anticipated Google Glass"



The high technology world has its share of sensationalism and so a sensible approach would be to take every new item that arrives with a grain of salt. Skepticism is a necessary partner of the gushing glee that is so marked a feature of the lonely crowd. Whatever the case, Google has come up with a brand new piece of technology that will change the way people think of computers and computing. Prototypes of the device are already being road-tested by thousands of people who are like high tech guinea pigs.

Google glass is a product that is bound to be up for sale when the next year rolls in. The people who will be buying this wearable technology are divided into optimists and pessimists. The former view it as a giant leap for the future of computers. As for the latter, they don't see eye to eye with their Pollyanna partners. For them the Brave New World aspects of this mechanical/electronic/silicon sealed and seamless device are too frightening to even contemplate.

What gives? The fact is there have always been prophets of doom who have spelt

trouble for mankind at every little novelty that enters the event horizon. But their prognostications and jeremiads don't matter in the long run since humanity takes things normally as they come. Normal people are not exactly conservative but neither are they radical. They face life and the joys it brings them with a positive attitude. Every day is a new day for them.

Those who have been lucky enough to actually use Google Glasses have only praise for them. They say that it is a window to another world. The first thing that comes to mind upon employing what looks like an ordinary pair of spectacles, but is not an ordinary pair of spectacles, is the sheer freedom, exotic energy and level of excitement it generates in the user. To just use the word "innovation" or even "creativity" does not do full justice to the concept that is Google Glasses.

Google Glass has the market in a state of anticipation and anxiety alright. The whole computer miniaturized in the form of a pair of spectacles is definitely the new hope for millions of wannabe whiz kids. But the question is will it meet the hyped-up expectations created by Google?

People are curious about this. They want to know what it is really all about. Does it match the hype? Will it deliver? Is it a hoax? Well, though there are a few issues, such as what will people who already wear glasses do, mostly the device has people on the edge of their seats. Its prismatic display screen is so cool that it makes the most advanced cinema look passé in comparison.

The real attempt by Google Glass has been to do away with all the computer accessories and let you wear your computer like a pair of spectacles with you all the time. All those devices you had to attach with your computer and remain stationary can now be handled while you are mobile. Will that be a curse or blessing? That remains to be seen. For now, Google has its hands full with this novice technology that is making the other creators jealous and all worked up.

Fitbit Flex Wireless Activity and Sleep Wristband



Have you ever wanted to track your sleep and progress of your daily activity? If you have \$100, you might just be able to do so with the Fitbit Flex. It is an activity and sleep wristband that tracks your sleep cycle as well as your daily activities.

The Fitbit Flex is essentially a wristband with a monitor inside it. The simplistic design might turn some people off. Suffice to say that on a first glance, people can easily mistake it as a simple silicon band instead of a complex device. It is made out of matte plastic and has a brushed metal button to clip it to your wrists. Inside it holds the tracker which is a small black removable piece.

Inside it is also an accelerometer that not only tracks your activities but at the same time, work as a way to

control the device. Users can tap the Fitbit Flex twice to tell them how close they are to their step goal and five times to tell the device that you are about to sleep. Inside it is also a silent alarm that can wake you up at a certain time.

It allows you to sync wirelessly with your mobile devices via Bluetooth 4.0 which is also the latest battery saving technology available only to certain phones at the moment. Users can easily sync their Fitbit Flex with an Android or an iOS device. The battery life of the Fitbit Flex is expected to be around five to seven days which is definitely a long time.

At only \$100, the Fitbit Flex beats its competitors by at least \$30. It also comes with most if not all of the features that are available from its

competitors and most importantly, it is the most value for money activity tracker wristband so far.

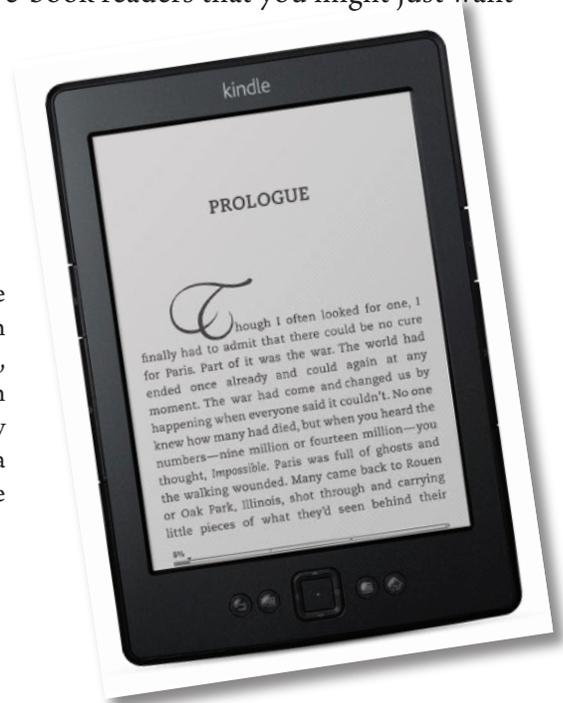


E-Book Readers Comparison

Today's society is going digital and this is also the same case with printed media. Books are now being digitalized and as such, there are plenty of e-book readers for you to choose from. Here are some great e-book readers that you might just want to take a look.

Amazon Kindle

Considered one of the most prominent e-book readers in the market, the Amazon Kindle is number one for a reason. Amazon is currently the biggest e-book seller at the moment and as such, the Kindle is benefiting from the enormous library that Amazon has to offer. There are also plenty of perks that you can get by being an Amazon Prime member as well. The Kindle starts at a price of just \$69 and can go as high as \$399.99 for the Kindle Fire version.



B&N NOOK Simple Touch with GlowLight



If you don't like advertisements like the ones Amazon is promoting on its Kindle devices, you can opt to go with the NOOK Simple Touch with GlowLight by Barnes & Noble. The soft glow that the device has is perfect for low light reading. You should also take note that B&N is also one of the biggest e-book sellers and as such, you should be looking forward to a good choice of books available as well. The GlowLight version of NOOK Simple Touch is available at a price of \$119.00.

KoboGlo

If you want something that does not impose as many restrictions as Amazon and B&N, then the Kobo GloeReader might just be the one for you. It has a similar specification with the NOOK but also with added perks such as the capability of reading EPUB formats and more. You can even expand the memory up to 32GB if you find the need to do so.



Olympus Releases New PEN E-P5

Olympus is one of the best companies so far when it comes to micro four-thirds cameras. Its signature PEN series is a beauty and the Olympus PEN E-P5 is the new addition to the series. The good thing about the new PEN E-P5 is that it makes use of a classic design instead of the modern one that Olympus has been using for its past cameras. This distinguishes the PEN E-P5 with other Olympus devices out there.

Before the official announcement, the PEN E-P5 had already made its debut unofficially via leaked images and specifications. As such, these tallies with one another and what you have here is a beautiful product with amazing specifications. It is powered with a 16 megapixel sensor with five-axis stabilization. In addition to that, you can also shoot full HD 1080p videos at a frame rate of 30 fps. The screen on the other hand is a 1.04M dot 3-inch touchscreen that you can tilt up and down.

Impressively, the shutter speed goes up to 1/8000 although we rarely find any

use of such high shutter speeds. Most of the time, you would be using these speeds to enable more shallow depth of field in sunlight. The ISO range on the other hand is between 100 to 25,600 giving the PEN E-P5 a stellar performance in low lighting conditions.

What is even better about the device is that you have a short start-up time of just 0.5 seconds. This allows you to capture images in split seconds. The technology found in the OM-D devices

is also put inside the E-P5. This means that you can focus on the subject quickly with no regards to the lighting condition.

However, there is no built-in viewfinder although you can definitely choose to purchase one separately. The device is available at a price of \$1000 body only or \$1,450 with a 17mm f/1.8 lens with a VF-4 electronic viewfinder



27-inch Monitor Comparison

A lot of people like it big and when it comes to monitors, big is certainly better as you have more screen estates that you can make use. 27-inch is certainly the sweet spot for many as it isn't too big or is it too small for you to place on a desk. Here are some great 27-inch monitors that you can definitely check out.

Apple Thunderbolt Display



without a doubt that many Apple made products are of high quality. The Apple Thunderbolt Display is one example of it. It sports a high resolution display of 2560x1440 pixels which is equivalent to 4x720p displays in a 2 by 2 configuration. However, to

connect to this device, you will need to have a Thunderbolt port in the first place. If not, consider the LED Cinema Display instead as that makes use of a Mini Display-Port cable instead. The steep price of \$999.00 might be a major turn off for most but if you are serious

and have the money to spend, then the Apple Thunderbolt Display is your ultimate choice.



Dell UltraSharp U2713HM Monitor

you are a professional and are looking for an accurate monitor, then consider the UltraSharp U2713HM by Dell. Like the Thunderbolt Display, it comes

with an IPS panel and also with the same resolution. There are plenty of options that you can customize and at the same time, it also has an ergonomic stand. There

is a USB 3.0 port at the back as well if you need those. You can get the U2713HM at a price of \$799.99.



ACHIEVA Shimian QH270-Lite

You may not have heard about the ACHIEVA Shimian but it is certainly the buzz at the moment. This monitor comes from South Korea and is certainly one not to be messed with either. It comes with an A-grade panel which is almost of similar quality to the Apple Thunderbolt Display. It also has the same resolution of 2560x1440 but with a few disadvantages. The LITE version is the cheapest but will cost around \$350. You also need a DVI-D port so this restricts the Shimian to just desktops.

15 Fabulous Apps for Work Creativity and Play you need on your iPhone

App-Solutely Applicable

When you look at the number of different apps that have flooded the market in recent years, you also notice that they are a world unto themselves. There is so much variety that you may be excused for being spoiled for choice. The phenomenon of over-choice rules in the contemporary scenario and it is a maze for the mind to navigate through. To make a long story short the top 15 apps that you can install in your iPhone for vocational, artistic or enjoyment purposes are listed below:

Vibrant Viber

A new arrival that has the oldies scrambling for cover, Viber is a wonderful device for both iPhone and Android. It allows you to make phone calls and send SMS messages to those who matter, free of cost. The only catch is that those contacts have to be Viber users themselves. Be warned though, there may be hidden charges if you use a 3G Network. On the whole, it is a very good app, one definitely worth fitting into your iPhone system.

Find Your Path

A fairly joyous app, Path prides itself on its capacity to allow you to get upfront and personal with those who are close to your heart in terms of endearment. This could be immediate or extended family. It is a much better way of communication than blogging which is a cruder system.

Where Google Talks

Another option that is completely free like Viber, Beejive for GoogleTalk allows you to converse on Google from the domain of your iPhone. A cool app if ever there was one.

Hoot to Find Your Suite

HootSuite lends you access to polymorphic profiles even when you are away from the iPhone or for that matter the iPad. You can have a Facebook business page and even post tweets from this owlsh app.

It's a Tough Jungle Out There

Tungle makes you an able roadster so that you can set your timetable from the comfort of your car (provided, of course, that you have an iPhone).

Yikes! It's Skype

This is the world's smartest conversational platform-cum-tool. Besides contacting family and friends you may conduct interviews using its video-conferencing module. Oh, and the added benefit is that it's free!

Need for Tumbleweed

Tumblr makes things so easy for busy people. It makes it a cinch to attach photos from elsewhere to your blog. Now, could you ask for more?

Friendship is Forever

Facebook makes the art of friendship take a quantum leap. The world of networking buddies opens up to you thanks in no small part to the app made available by Facebook. But stay on the alert since it has a tendency to crash now and then.

Along Came a Camera

Camera+ is the app that is appropriate for those who wish to match their photographic capabilities with the competitive crowd. They may also modify photos using C+ if they want to.

Shutterbug

PhotoSync ought to be installed and then it is free delivery of photographs anywhere your heart wants to without going through the hassles of email.

The Flame Does Flicker

Flickr gives you the option of options. Share an album of well-chosen snaps with loved ones. And all you will require is your iPhone. That's it!

I Want to Make a Movie

iMovie lets you make video clips of anything ranging from your pet's antics to the sky of birds and post it via PhotoSync. A must-have app.

Climate Control

The Weather Channel gives you the news so that you can be prepared if it suddenly starts to rain. Once again, the fee is nil. So be cheerful and rejoice as long as the weather's sunny!

Doodle Bug

Weather Doodle is a very lovable app which gives you room to create a tiny colorful logo of clouds/sun/rain/snow that is both cute and pretty. Only for 99 cents this app will have your inner child laughing like never before.

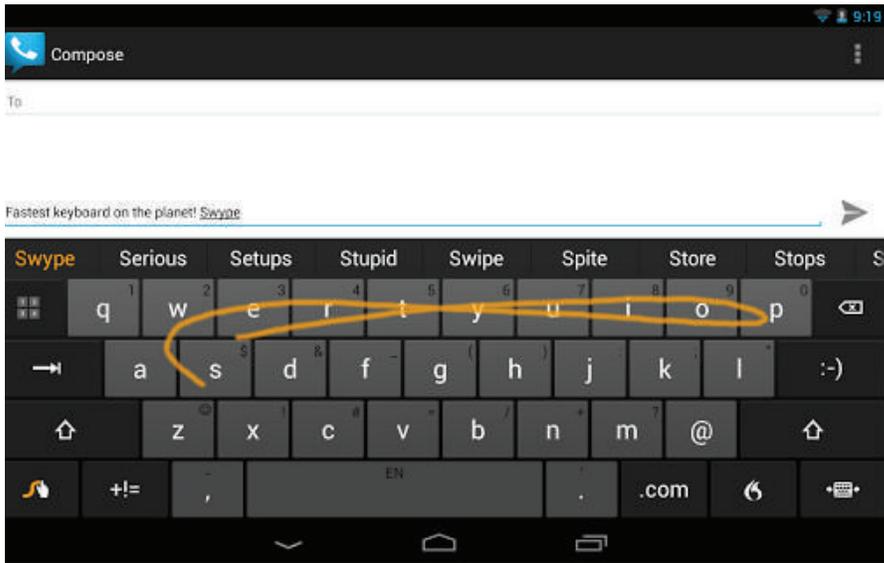
Emoticons? Gee!

"Emojee Free!" lets hundreds of emoticons loose so that you can attach them as signaling convoys in your chatting activities. You won't live to regret the cute little bouncy smiley faces doing all sorts of things just to make your dayA.

These apps are only a sample of the most popular and famous ones. There are so many others that it sends the mind into a vertiginous spiral. Start with them first and then you may progress to other greener pastures.

Top 10 Apps to have on your Android smartphones

Google's Android for smartphone and tablet PC is dominant operating system since six quarters of sale. The top apps change from time to time according to number of downloads usage and rating. Here I will list top 10 apps both free and paid of this week.



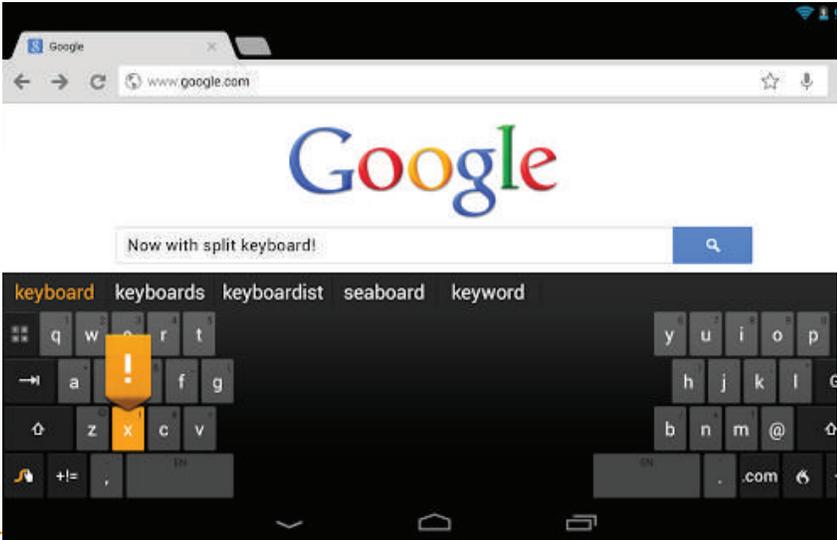
1. Swype Keyboard

We all type and work but SWYPE has developed a unique application for replace the traditional soft and hard keyboard. It is paid app and can be purchase from Google Play for \$0.99.

Swype's latest version is 1.5.3.15724 and supports all Android operating systems which are 2.2 or up. More than 250 million have purchased the application and growing more in popularity every day. This app has been used to make Guinness world record of fastest typing.

Developer:
<http://www.swype.com/category/get-swype/>

Note: The app is available for Windows 8 mobile, Symbian, BlackBerry 10 and iOS.

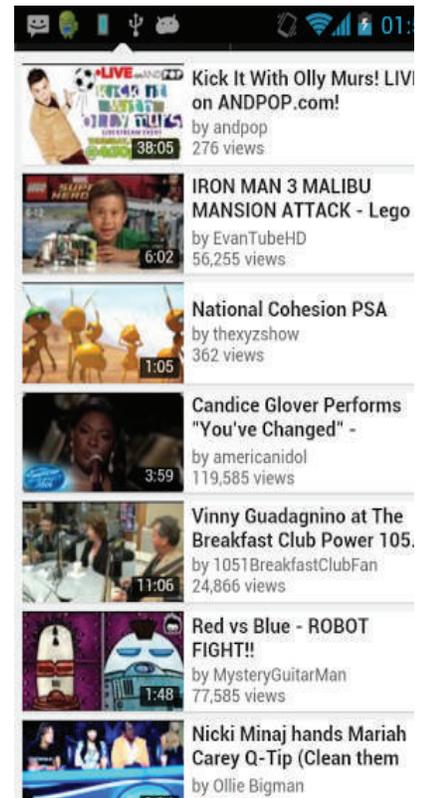
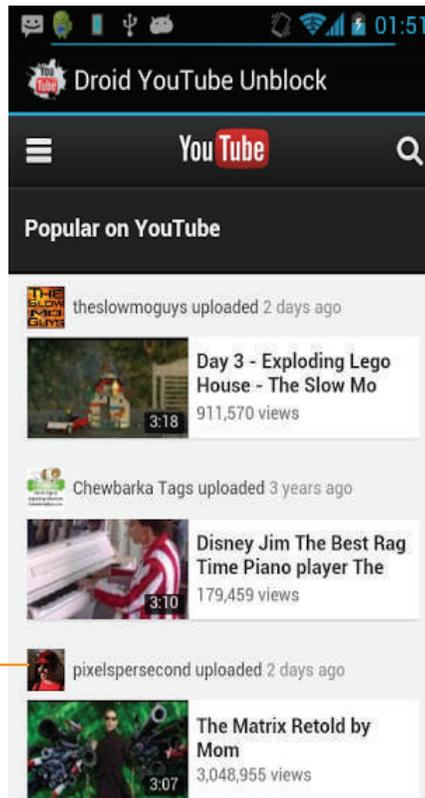


2. Droid – Unblock YouTube

YouTube is world's largest free video sharing website by Google. Due to content and privacy concerns many governments have blocked it nationwide. Due to its demand, the unblock apps are becoming popular which works on proxy rules. Droid is providing this service to unblock YouTube using a USA or Europe random proxies.

The app is free to use and can be installed on version 2.2 and up. The application is very popular but you could face some proxy issues so it does not work on all networks. As a whole it is excellent code effort.

Developer: <http://phoneapps99.com/>



3. LINE – Free Calls & Messages



Line is grossing the top chart in over 40 countries. It has more than 160 million users. The major numbers of users of it are from Russian, China, Spain, Thailand, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Macau, Switzerland, Saudi Arabia, UAE etc.

The main features are to send and receive messages without any limitation and fee. Free is dominant word in this tiny tool. It supports all 2.1 and all versions above it. You can also send recorded video and voice messages to the recipient.

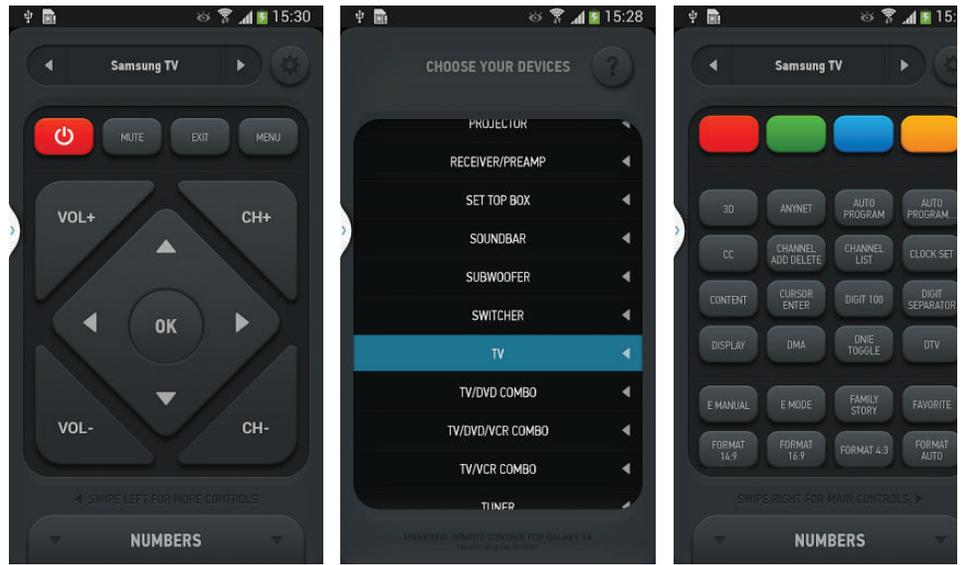
Developer: <http://line.naver.jp/en/>

4. Smart Remote for Galaxy S4

S4 is taking lead in smartphone industry and hottest Android pick of 1Q13 in USA according to comScore. Everybody uses television with remote. Color Tiger developed the app for this purpose and targeted the S4 model to use it as IR transmitter. The app is not configured for one model of TV, it is customizable and you can adjust for any TV.

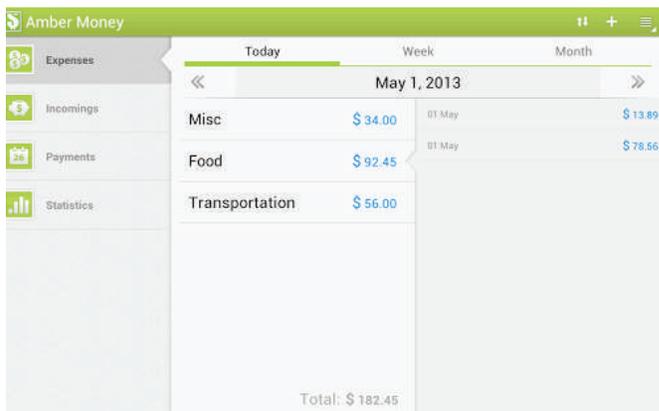
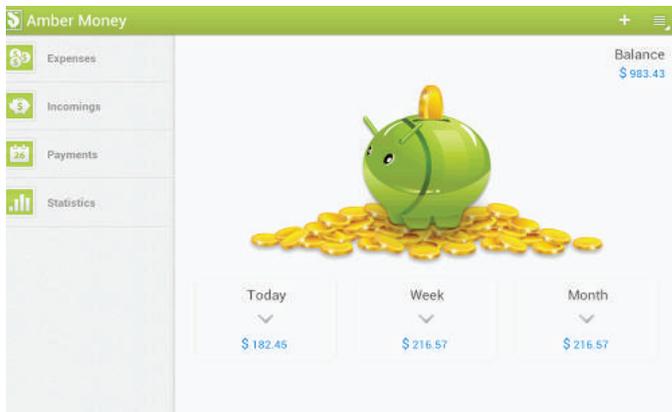
But the app is not free and is offered for \$9.99. After its launch the sale boosted and rating is extra ordinary of 4-5 stars of all from all users. You can use it to change channel and volume.

Developer: <http://www.colortiger.com/remote/>



5. Amber Money

You can try “Amber Money” for free and use its basic personnel finance management features. For more advanced, you have to buy a premium annual license for \$0.99. It is good to manage the cash received, expense and outstanding list. You can also set alarms for important payments either debtor or creditor.

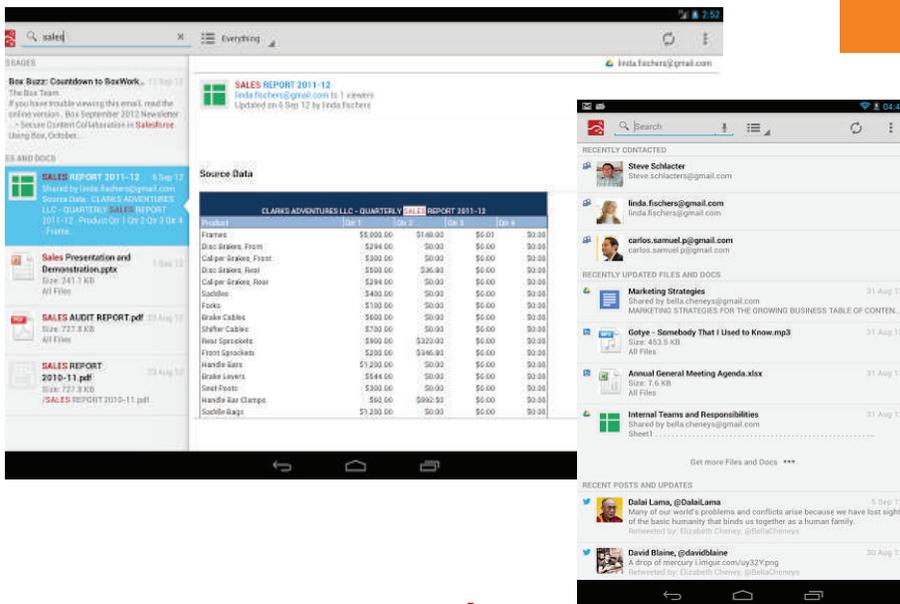
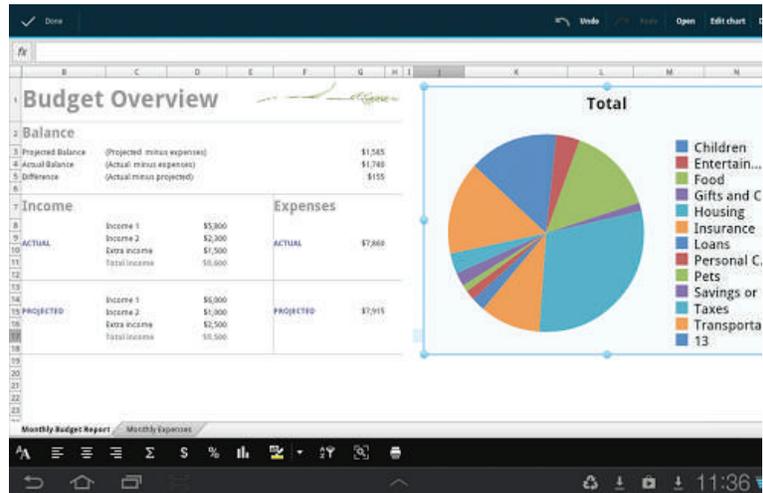
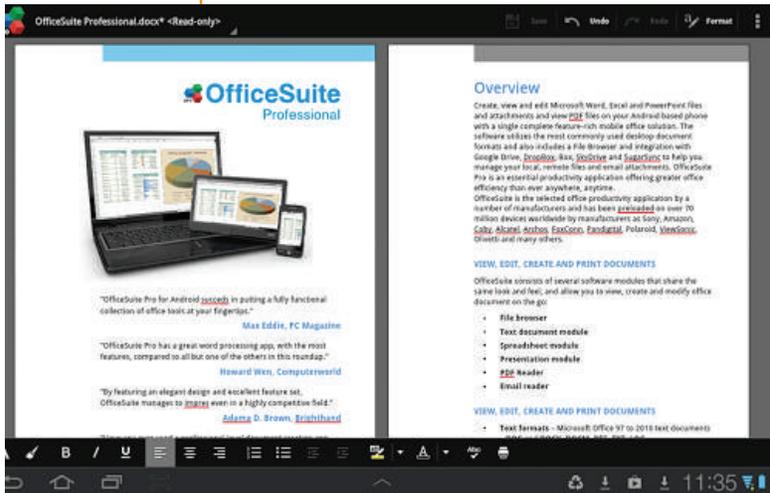
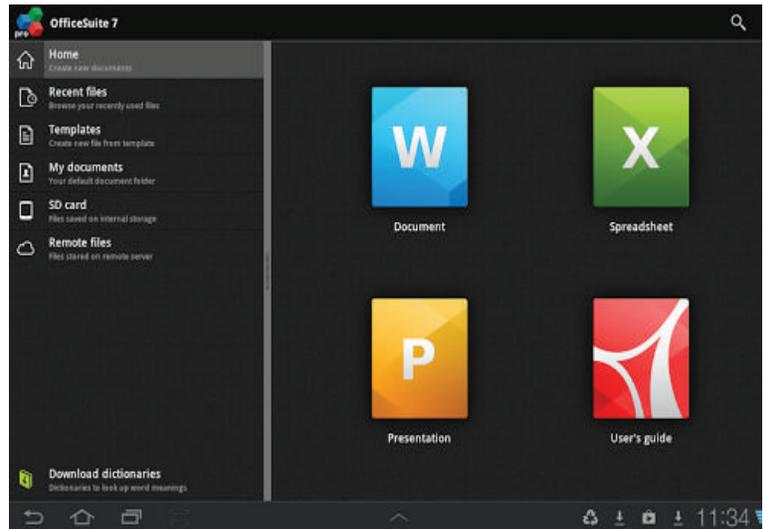


6. MobiSystems OfficeSuite 7

Smartphone devices are growing in popularity especially android. Consumers love to stay on one device instead of switching from one to another. Microsoft is dominant with Windows OS and its own MS Office versions. When it comes to tablet PC or Google OS, it does not support.

Here many third party developers have provided solution for it but the one mentioned is leading and most beneficial than others. Although it is not free and is offered for \$14.99 but it is worth paying for the functions that you are provided with. It supports all MS Office formats and their rich editing options.

Developer:
<http://www.mobisystems.com/mobile/android/>



7. CloudMagic

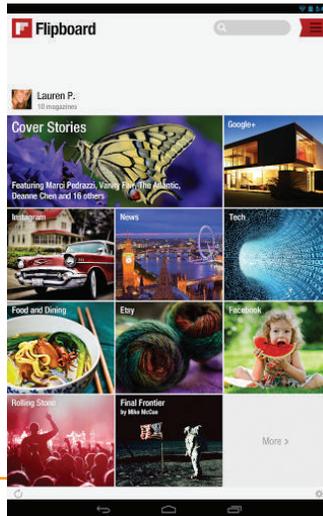
Everybody has account on Gmail, Hotmail, Twitter, Dropbox and Facebook along with other leading companies. They do not provide cross search features. Here comes Cloud Magic which offers such advanced features. It is offered for only \$4.99 per month with full features while you can use it free version without paying anything with limited functions. Rating is very good with average above 4 and supported all major versions above 2.1.

Developer:
<http://www.cloudmagic.com/>

8. Flipboard: Your News Magazine

Life events are part of life. Every device, smartphone or tab is loaded at least with one app for news. Flipboard is new emerging news app with millions of downloads. It is complete free to try and use. It collected news from social media and news agencies to present in a readable style like magazine.

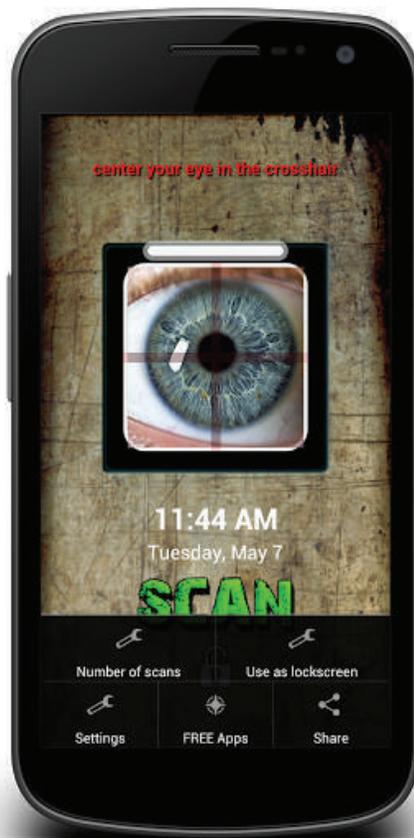
Developer:
<http://www.flipboard.com/>



9. Eye Scanner Lock Free

It works on new idea in Android Play market. The app is free to use and gives advanced feature of locking and unlocking device with your retina print. It offers both features as entertainment to get retina prints or eye scans and secure your device too.

Developer:
<http://www.furioussoftware.com/>



10. Clone Camera

I have included app from all major categories but left the pictures and graphics for the last spot. Here comes the best camera cloning application which can be used to give 4 clones at the same time. It is premium app for \$1.82 for life time. It is easier to duplicate a specific place and extend your place in photo competition on Instagram or Ogle.

Developer: Peta-Vision



Make your own multiplicity photos on Android!



27 awesome filters & Various editing options!



Easy & smart composing!



Top 10 Apps to have on your Blackberry smartphones

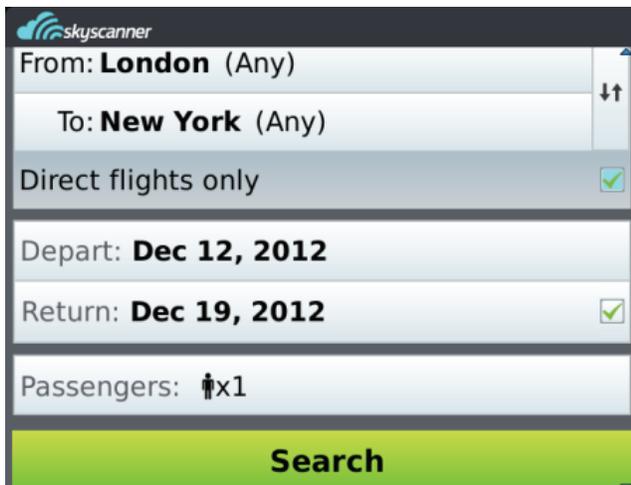
BlackBerry has lost its dominance in market since many years due to trending smartphones and touch fever branded mainly by Apple. Still company is trying to come back with its latest models like Q10, Z10 and Q5. These are shipped with its latest operating system "BlackBerry 10".

The app world of RIM has different trends as compared to Android. Users are mostly inclined to picture editing, security and messaging. The latest top 10 apps are given below;

1. Skyscanner

Skyscanner is highly rated app of BlackBerry world. It is a standalone application that gathers flight data and route information from more than 1000 airlines. The routes data is compiled from hundreds of routes. Artificial Intelligence module picks suitable flight plan and route for your travel custom travel purpose. The sole theme is to deliver you cost effective travel plan to save time and money. It is free and developed by Skyscanner.

Developer: <http://www.skyscanner.net/>



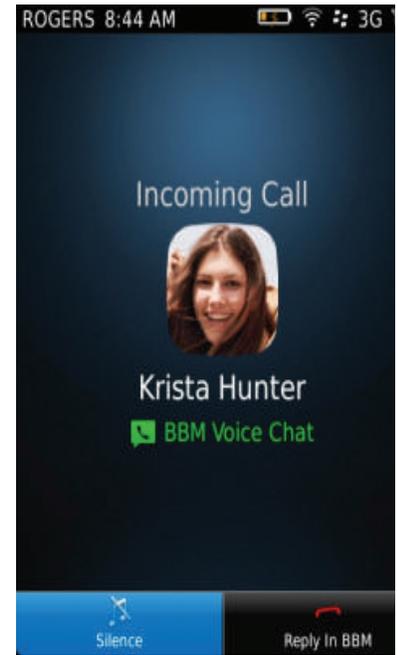
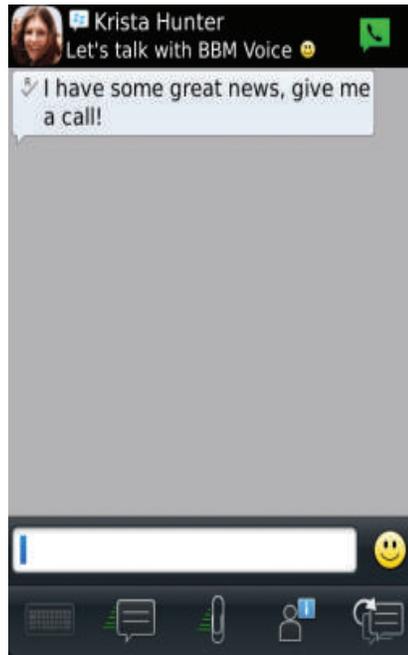
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2. BlackBerry Messenger

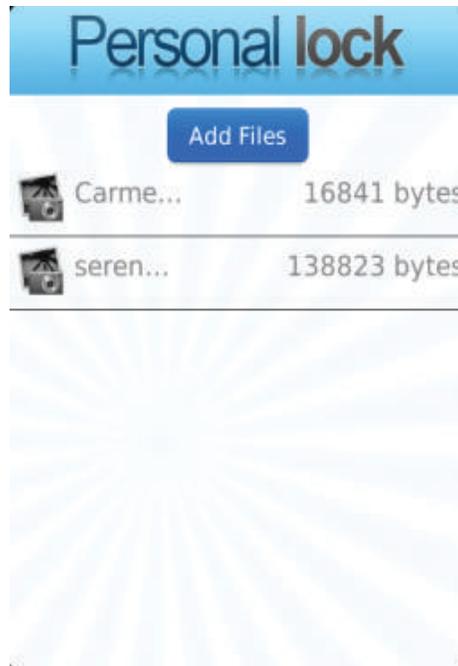


BlackBerry Messenger is free of cost and developed by Research in Motion Limited. The latest version 7.0.1 gives free communication medium for all BB devices with operating system 4.5 or higher. It is integrated with core BB conversation module and switching is possible to Voice and vice versa. You can also stay connected with Wi-Fi connectivity. It is mostly rated five stars and reviewed by more than 524,737 users.

Developer: [Research in Motion Limited](#)



3. Personal Lock Premium – Hide Pictures – Videos – Files



Personal Lock Premium is offered for sale on BB App world for \$1.99 after heavy discount of 75 percent. It is worth paying as it offers lot of security features. After you purchase its license, you can hide specific folders, videos or files with a certain password. Security lock can be attached with specific files too as well as on folders. It supports BB 10 smartphones along with backward compatibility up to 5.0. It is not free but still rated high with extensive users and their positive feedback.

Developer: [Newgen Photographics](#)

Top 10 Apps to have on your smartphones

Google Maps

Available to iPhone and Android

Google's Maps is available for download on all major mobile operating systems. Android OS comes built-in with Google Maps. You can download for Apple iOS from iTunes where it comes among top downloaded applications.

For US, this app can guide you from one point to another. It can pinpoint restaurants, shops, public transport facilities and street view also.

G Maps is close integrated with GPS sensors. If your smartphone have an external or built-in GPS, it will guide you more than a humans can would.



facebook®

A social media network with more than 1.1 billion accounts cannot be neglected. Everybody user require this application.

With app, you can stay in touch with your friends and family without using

Facebook

mobile web browser. You will be able to chat, share pictures, videos and update your timeline status.

Facebook supports the app for iOS, RIM OS, Android and Windows mobile.

Instagram

Another social media network Instagram is active now days with more than 60 million users. The differentiating factor is its photo filters and lenses. The productivity capacity with lot of user accounts makes it a must have app for your feature rich phone.

App has ability to deliver you notifica-

tions from other users, subscriptions from reporters or news agencies. It fulfills the demand to be in touch with your favorite news events and portray your life in form of pictures.

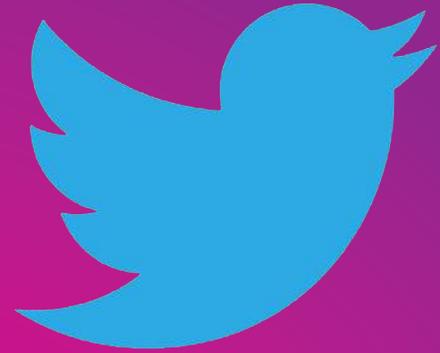
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Twitter

The twitter is best tweeting engine. Tiny tweeting is necessary for every business. App facilitates to post tweet, and review notifications. With millions of users and businesses on twitter, it is an important app to stay in touch.

The app can be downloaded from [-twitter.com/download/-](https://twitter.com/download/).



Pandora

Music is the heart beat for me and many others. It is food for soul and stress eating too. Free cannot be discarded and here Pandora box comes in focus among thousands of available smartphone applications.

You can listen to free music, and make your personnel library according to genre, singer or language. It is all free with small ads that you need to listen. You can also be a premium user which will be ad free content.

Netflix

Streaming and online TV is long in focus. Netflix is the most widely used application. It does not serve you without subscription.

App has large number of channels and recorded show to view. You can

organize the content according to your personnel choice.

Recently company CEO announced to on air their copyrighted content. The first such show was "House of Cards" which could not gain audience.



YouTube

Google's world best free video sharing platform cannot be forgotten. Although many countries have ban on it, but still it is the largest social network for videos.

Company has introduced a local app to install on iOS, RIM OS, Win OS

and Android. A tiny app helps you to see more than 2 million videos on your small screen.

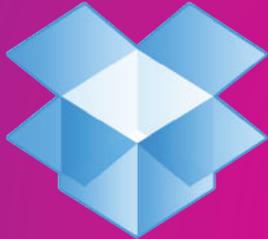
The app can be used to view videos, upload your recorded ones, edit and share right from your smartphone screen.

amazon kindle

Kindle

E-book reader from Amazon was in market before tablet and touch devices started to capture the market. Now it is available to download as an app from iTunes and Google Play Store.

Users can see their premium content using the app directly or can download to view it offline. You can buy new book or magazine directly from online mega mart Amazon.



Dropbox

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Dropbox is ahead in cloud storage and started service long before Google Drive and Microsoft Sky Drive jumped in.

Smart devices have less space usually

like 2, 4 or 8 GB mostly and are extended using SD cards. This app provides another possibility to store your files on cloud. You can choose to manually upload files or sync a specific folder.

Skype

Skype is now part of Microsoft Tech Giant. Hotmail.com is switched to whole experience of Outlook.com. Microsoft claimed to gain more than 100 million users. SkyDrive is also introduced for smartphones with

ample free storage. All these apps and services from Microsoft are closely integrated with Skype. Being a researcher, I could not ignore a need of plus 1 billion users.



4 Apps

to improve personal and work productivity

Everyone wants to improve productivity of their work. Increase in productivity means that more things can be done in a shorter period of time. This means that efficiency needs to be increased and with that comes plenty of applications that can contribute to increase in productivity.

Evernote

If you haven't got this application, then you are definitely missing out a lot. It is one of the best note-taking application that you can get and more. With the Skitch tool, you can draw your notes amongst many other things. In fact, you can even get your company to use Evernote as well because the business version can scale big enough to fit any type of organizations.

Cloudon

Another popular application that is available to both iOS and Android users is Cloudon. This app gives you access to Microsoft Office from your mobile devices. Files that are already in a cloud service such as Box.net or Dropbox can also be accessed through Cloudon. Do take note that for Android users, there are reports that the application may be slow but since it is free, do give it a shot.

Expensify

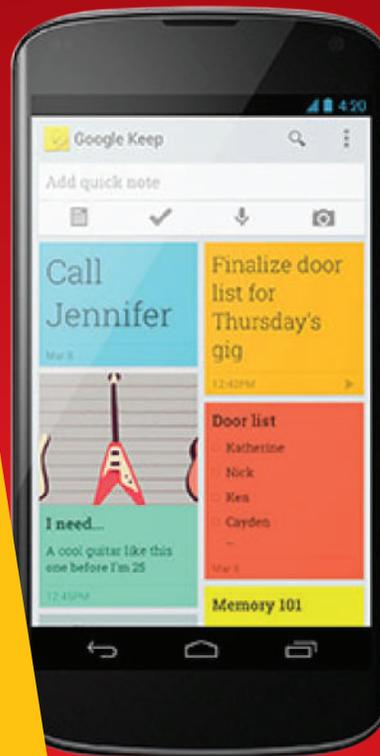
Do you need to keep track of your expenses for claiming purposes? If so, Expensify might just be the right application to do that. It allows you to import your bank or credit card statement, billable items, receipts and many more. You can even import receipts from Evernote. The best thing about this application is that it is free and is available even for BlackBerry users.

GoToMeeting

For a company, GoToMeeting might just be a great application to get everyone in a meeting even when they are not around. You can share documents, screen and many more. However, it can be a bit steep considering that it costs \$49 a month or \$468 per year. Nevertheless, it is still a better option for a company than Skype.

Note-Taking Apps to Try

Competition is healthy and as such, there are plenty of choices around. If you have ever find yourself in a situation where you are searching for the most efficient note-taking application, consider checking some of these apps that we are recommending.



Catch Notes

Catch Notes is a powerful note-taking application that is also attractive. Setting up an account is rather easy as you can do so with your Facebook or Google account. After that, you can create voice notes, photo notes as well as text notes. Reminders can also be set. Your notes can be put into categories and can quickly be accessed through a wheel-like navigation. Catch Notes also allow you to set a passcode for sensitive notes.

SomNote

If you want a note-taking application that can also attach media files or

documents, you can make use of SomNote instead. SomNote allows you to store your notes in multi-colored folders. There is also a free 100MB cloud storage for every SomNote accounts.

Spring Pad

One note-taking app that is slowly rising is Spring Pad. It is both a note-taking and a bookmarking application. You can sign up through your Facebook, Twitter, Yahoo or Google account. Creating and organizing your notes is easy as you can create notebooks to differentiate your notes. You can certainly add a lot to Spring Pad. For example, you can

add product, movies, checklists and many other things. These templates make it easy for you to work using Spring Pad.

Any.Do

This app is more of a to-do list than note-taking. However, it is simply powerful enough to double as a note-taking application. You can set alarm that can be put as once or recurring. In addition to that, you can even speak instead of typing should you feel like it. Any.DO is available across multiple platforms, even on computers. So, you can be sure that your notes are synchronized between all of your devices.



Google I/O 2013: Glass on top with Privacy Concerns

Google Developers I/O 13 is over with lot of focus on development. The theme of conference is YOU. No new hardware products were introduced. This 6th one was different from previous with no physical gadget out. Google has introduced many updates to APIs, Glass development Kit (GDK), Google+ Hangouts and Maps.

There has been a lot of negative feedback about the overall impact of Google Developer I/O 13 conference. But as a technical expert I would say that company has streamlines its services for more effective turn out. Instead of launching any new physical product following the trend of last five such events, total focus was on development and code.

Google Glass

The concept to create a wearable personnel computer has been achieved a year ago. Its industrial design is perfect with its simplicity and scalability in focus. Isabelle Olsson said the product created hype after gigantically launching through adventurous team. She is one of member among product designers.

A lot of development and innovation helped to achieve the objective to merge operating system and device as one wearable glass traditional glass. Timothy Jordan discussed it in event. Google Glass engineer Charles Mendis and Project Director Steve Lee addressed the benefits of this project. They said that instead of creating backend and frontend code separately, our team worked to open source it as one. The same

code of APIs we use is delivered to use. It is not Microsoft, Facebook and Twitter where you do not have access to even kernel files are not in your access. Code is made available under GDK (Glass Development Kit) name.

Company handed over 2000 glasses to members last year. And 8,000 members have received in this year out of 10,000 applicants. The public retail release date is yet not clear.



Google Glass “Prescription Edition” Seen in Google I/O

There are always plenty of surprises at Google I/O and this year was the announcement for an unlocked, stock Android Samsung Galaxy S4, amongst many other things. In addition to that, Google Glass had also slowly made its way to the event and with it, a version of Google Glass equipped with prescription glasses was seen at the event.

The prescription version of Google Glass isn't something new. In fact, it had already been announced at the Project Glass Google+ page. They mentioned that there will be a prescription solution for Google Glass in the near future. In fact, with the modular design made by

Google, users can certainly add frames and lenses that can match the user's taste and needs. One of the prototypes of the prescription version of Google Glass had already been used by a member of the Glass team, Greg Priest-Dorman. However, there is also another member of the crowd at Google I/O that wore a prescription Glass.

When asked, Google had confirmed that the prototype that the member of the crowd wore make use of the same software in the Explorer Edition of Google Glass. However, the hardware is modified in such a way that it can be placed on a prescriptive frame

and glass. This particular version of Google Glass is still being experimented by Google and there is no telling when it will be made available for the public.

At the moment, the list of applications for Google Glass is increasing. However, with limited number of devices available, there will not be much demand for these apps until Google Glass goes out commercially. Nevertheless, it is interesting to see the constant development that Google has in place for its new piece of equipment.

BlackBerry CEO May Announce Lower Priced Mobile Phones

According to official sources, CEO of Research in Motion (RIM), also known as BlackBerry, Thorsten Heins will address a three day annual conference in Orlando, Fla. It is expected that company will introduce low priced models to reach out for broader audience. RIM has face tough time during last few years. It is facing continuous decline in sales. In last year's smartphone market status, BlackBerry is taking only 5.2%.

Recently company has launched Z10 touchscreen smartphone and Q10. The QWERTY model Q10 is combination of pioneered BlackBerry Keyboard along with HD Touch display. These last two models are shipped with latest BlackBerry 10 operating system. Starting sales of Z10 in UK and Canada was record setting in RIM history. The coming Q10 is also getting good feedback. May be company can take some leap in current market with these models.

It just pushed the stock by 25% only. The conference which is officially known as "BlackBerry World" will address these issues and satisfy its investors. We are expecting these issues which will be focused.

- New RIM OS benefits over competitors
- A lot of new updates had been introduced in 10.1 version
- Developer support is extended to make the list of apps extensive like Google Play for Android
- The app library is not crowded and mainstream applications yet not available. For example, Instagram and Netflix have declined to develop app for BlackBerry OS.

Until now company has focused on executive marketing in industry. There is no confusion that BlackBerry was the ultimate choice for executives and businessmen. But the scenario is changed and drastic improvements hit the personnel computing and telecommunica-

tion technologies.

To increase sales and compete with feature rich low cost Android device, company is expected to announce the launch of low cost mobile phones in next quarter. Company CEO needs to boost revenue and gain the trust of investors again. To fit in this a broad range of devices are required. Executive sets with high price range and along with low priced devices also.

Another rising market mainly dominated by Apple iPads is also a main field of competition. BlackBerry introduced PlayBook as a tablet PC. But it could gain any momentum in market. The three day conference will host a music night also featuring Alicia Keys along with Miguel and Alabama Shakes. It will be stream online along with conference for free on RIM official website.

Speeding Up Your Computer (Windows)

Do you find that your computer becomes slower as time passes? Sometimes, the only solution would be to do a clean install of your Windows operating system again. That should always be the last resort because there are many ways of speeding up your computer.

Switch to SSD

Solid-state drive has been around for quite some time but most people are still using the traditional hard disk drive. If you find that your computer is being slowed down by your hard disk, then you might want to upgrade to SSD. The speed of an SSD can be as much as 10 times faster than the conventional hard drive. As far as boot ups are concerned, what used to be a few minutes can be easily cut down to as low as half a minute. The downside of SSD is that it is more expensive as compared with the normal hard drive. The price per GB can easily reach \$1/GB or more.

Increase the amount of RAM

If your computer has 2GB or even 4GB worth of RAM, then we recommend that you upgrade to at least 8GB. This is because memory upgrades are often the cheapest and most beneficial. By upgrading your RAM, it reduces the page file that is present on the hard drive. Instead, it will make full use of your RAM. A 4GB stick may cost as low as \$30 to \$40 so be sure to do this.

Disabling startup applications

Startup applications are often the culprit of slow boot time. If there are many unnecessary applications, consider disabling them instead. Click Start+R and type "msconfig.exe". Then click on Startup and disable the application that you do not need. Some of the applications that you might want to let it be enabled are antivirus and malware detection applications. Other applications that you may need such as Google Drive or Dropbox should be left enabled.

Increasing Account Safety Online

The accounts that we hold on the internet holds massive information. Like many people, you wouldn't want to jeopardize your online accounts. There are many ways of you protecting your privacy and the sanctity of your accounts but be warned: some of these methods can be troublesome but will definitely decrease the chances of having your accounts hacked by other individuals.

Using Password Manager

Having a password manager has a lot of perks. One of the biggest perks is that you can individualize your passwords. While you can also do that without the need of a password manager, you probably would not be able to memorize something like fr)8wr0[} let alone multiple instances of that. There are many password managers that are available but we highly recommend Lastpass. This is because Lastpass is one of the most reputable password managers that are available online. In addition to that, you can also integrate Lastpass

with various internet browsers as well as your mobile phones.

Two-Factor Authentication

Another way to greatly increase the safety of your accounts online is to have two-factor authentication. This means that you need to pair your account with your mobile device so that whenever you log in from a new device, it will ask you to key in the authentication key that it will send through SMS or a mobile app. By doing so, it prevents your accounts from being compromised regardless of whether they have your online credentials or not.

Use Private Browsing on Public Computers

Whenever you are using a public computer, it makes much sense to browse through the private browsing feature found in most internet browsers. Private browsing will not allow browsing information to be kept inside the computer. Once you close the browser, your browsing history and cache will be automatically deleted. This is definitely a must-do for anyone. In fact, we recommend that you do so even while doing online banking on your private computer.

Best ways to improve your android smartphone Security

With the increasing competition of the technology, there is increased risk of external security threats. As we all know it is always recommended to use your expensive electronics in smart way. Don't get confuse, it is not really difficult; all you have to do as follows.

If you are a regular android user then this would be very easy task. However, however, even if you are a newbie to smart phone still things are manageable (just refer manual or Google it). This does help you protecting you android phone from any kind of external threats.

Add password security

Every android phone and device comes with password protection option. It always good to have a secured entry mechanism to your android device/mobile using a password security access (you can have a secured pattern also) password security increases the level of protection and prevents hackers and intrusions.

Install Antivirus App

This is most known and most used method to protect android device. Smart phones have multiple options to getting antivirus app. You can download it from Google Play store. There are free versions and paid versions. Fact that you should know is that the antivirus apps which installed in android devices and android smart phones would operate more or less similar to the virus guard of your computer. Please ensure that the installed antivirus app is reliable. Always recommended to installed

apps from a known source such as Google play store (previously known as android market)

Refrain from Rooting

Next most important thing is avoid from rooting. Once you root it will eliminates any restriction software which prevents any intrusion and attacks. Unless you have great amount of knowledge about the android software and hardware do not take the risk of rooting.

Use reliable and trusted Apps

Always use apps from the recommended source. Simply just stick to Google play store. (Android market). Apps from different markets and sources may contain malicious malware which would cause security threat to your android devices. And I

have seen that some people download cracked versions of apps from some torrents and from some unknown sources. But we highly recommended you to download apps from reliable source to avoid risks.

Use Secure Wi-Fi

Many of us are tempted to connect to the free Wi-Fi networks that are available. We always happy to see "Free" isn't it? However, it is advisable to operate only through trusted networks. In fact when not in use, it is recommended that you shall disable the Wi-Fi. This is real easy step to take. Most of above recommended ways are common and simple. There are only few steps to you to follow which can make a big difference to the security level of your android device.



Applications to Try for Rooted Android Devices

A lot of Android users now root their device so that they can unlock various features that need low-level access. As such, there are plenty of applications that make use of the rooted status of the Android device. Here are just some of the applications that you should try for your rooted Android device.

Orange Backup

Do you need a full Android backup solution that can allow you to revert back to the most recent state of your device? If so, Orange Backup is the application to go with as it not only allow you to create a full Android backup from the application but also upload the backups to the cloud. It is a free application that is certainly worth to check.

Greenify

One way of tackling the problem of applications consuming the battery is to use Greenify. It will help you to identify and hibernate battery-sucking applications whenever you are not using them. This concept is different as compared with freezing the apps which makes the program useless. Hibernating the applica-

tion will not completely disable their functions.

Market Helper

If you have a tablet device that is not a mainstream product, such as the ones made in China, you will most probably need to have this app. It will transform the phone or tablet into a popular device of your choice. This means that you can bypass the restriction in the Android market and download that device-specific application

Font Installer

If you want some new fonts on your Android device, then you will

need to get this application. There are hundreds of fonts that you can install. You can even add in new one by saving it on your device and install it through the device storage.

Root Uninstaller

Through this application, you can freeze, uninstall or even hide a bloatware or an application that you do not need. It has a thorough list that you can do the actions above but be sure to know the functions of the applications before you delete them.

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