Apps for Learning on the Go

(a.k.a. "Apps, Apps and More Apps")
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Abstract:

We piloted the new VCCS Learning on the Go (LoGo) course for faculty during the Summer 2012 semester. Throughout the learning process, faculty who participated in the course were asked to identify mobile apps that can be used in the teaching and learning environment and apps that that can be used to help us be more productive both in our personal and professional life. We have created this Google Doc to share their list of apps with you. Credit goes to a group of VCCS faculty who participated in our pilot LoGo courses for identifying these apps as ones that may assist you in being more productive both in your personal and professional life, that may make an administrative task easier, and/or that may be used in instruction to enhance student engagement.

(**Disclaimer:** *We will attempt to keep this list up-to-date. Please be sure to check our information though in the applicable app stores as we cannot guarantee we have the most current information on cost and availability.*)

	App	Developer	Cost	Device / OS	Description
	Blackboard Collaborate Mobile	Blackboard, Inc.	Free	iPad, iPhone, iPod touch (iOS)	"Blackboard Collaborate™ Mobile – Collaborate on your mobile device! With Blackboard Collaborate Mobile, you can join web conferencing sessions right from your iPhone or iPad." NOTE: *This app must be enabled by your institution to function and is free for you to download. The app has been enabled by the VCCS.* "With Blackboard Collaborate Mobile, participants can join a live web conference for online classes, meetings, one-on-one tutoring, group projects, office hours, and much more. With Blackboard Collaborate Mobile, participants can: - View whiteboard content, including images, presentations and annotations - View shared applications and desktops - Communicate with moderators and other participants via text chat and two-way audio - Respond to yes/no and multiple-choice polling questions - Raise their virtual hand for questions or comments - Use emotions to indicate laughter, confusion, or approval - View the names, polling responses, and emotions of other session members - Participate in breakout room sessions"
	Blackboard Mobile™ Learn	Blackboard, Inc.	Free with licence	iOS, Android, Blackberry, Palm	Blackboard Mobile Learn makes it easier for you to keep up with your courses, by letting you access them whenever and wherever you want – now on WiFi and all carriers!

					If your school licenses Blackboard Mobile™ Learn, you'll be able to use the app for free. If not, you will need to purchase access for just $1.99 a year or $5.99 for life.
	BrainPOP	BrainPOP	Free	iPad, iPhone (iOS 4.2 or later) Also available on the web: http://www.brainpop.com/	"Learn something new every day! Bring learning to your fingertips with the BrainPOP Featured Movie app for the iPad, iPhone, and iPod touch. Watch a different animated movie every day, then test your new knowledge with an interactive quiz - free! For even more access to BrainPOP's award-winning content, choose an optional in-app subscription and enable kids to explore more than 750 Science, Math, Social Studies, English, Engineering & Tech, Arts & Music, and Health subjects right on their mobile devices. All movies are close captioned, so it's easy for them to read along."
	Calculator Pro	Apalon	$0.99	iOS and Android	"Calculator Pro for iPad is designed for everyone looking for simplicity and functionality. You can enjoy using a standard calculator for basic operations or extend it into a scientific one for more complex calculations. Just tilt the device into landscape mode! FEATURES: ● Two modes are available: do basic calculations in Portrait Mode or go advanced in Landscape Mode. ● Degrees and Radians calculations ● Memory buttons to help you out with complex calculations ● Adjustable themes: tap on "Gears" in top left corner and choose the one you like (e.g. Doodle theme, Classic theme, Hi-Tech theme) ● Accidentally input the wrong number? Just swipe with your finger to edit it!"

	Coach's Eye	TechSmith Corporation	$4.99	iOS and Android	Coach's Eye is hand-crafted by a small team, passionate about helping coaches and athletes take their game to the next level. We work everyday to make Coach's Eye your favorite coaching tool. If there's a way we can make it better for you, drop us a line. "Record it. Break it down. Get better." (NOTE: *Some faculty saw the value in using an app like this to record clinicals, lab work, speeches, etc.*)
	Doodle	Doodle AG	$2.99	iPhone and iPad (iOS) Also available on the Web: http://www.doodle.com	"The world's leading online scheduling service, **Doodle** takes the pain out of finding the right date and time for a group of people to meet and makes scheduling virtually effortless. The basic service is available for free on www.doodle.com with neither registration nor software installation required."
	Dragon Dictation	Nuance Communications, Inc.	Free	iPad, iPhone, iPod touch (iOS) There are also variations of Dragon for the Android and Blackberry.	"Dragon Dictation is an easy-to-use voice recognition application powered by Dragon NaturallySpeaking that allows you to easily speak and instantly see your text content for everything from email messages to blog posts on your iPad™, iPhone™ or iPod touch™."
	Dropbox	Dropbox, Inc.	Free	Android, iPhone, iPad, Blackberry, Kindle Fire Also available on the Web: http://www.dropbox.com	"Dropbox is a free service that lets you bring your photos, docs, and videos anywhere and share them easily. Dropbox was founded in 2007 by Drew Houston and Arash Ferdowsi, two MIT students tired of emailing files to themselves to work from more than one computer."
	EasyBib	Imagine Easy Solutions, LLC	Free	iOS and Android Also available on the Web: http://easybib.com/	"Create accurate MLA, APA, and Chicago style citations in seconds by scanning a book bar code or by typing the name of a book. Build and manage your works cited. Once done, email your citations and then export your citations to EasyBib.com's popular bibliography management service."

	Educreations	Educreations, Inc.	Free	iPad, iPhone, iPod touch (iOS 4.0 or later) Also available on the Web: http://www.educreations.com/	"Educreations turns your iPad into a recordable whiteboard. Creating a giant video tutorial is as simple as touching, tapping and talking. Explain a math formula, create an animated lesson, add commentary to your photos, diagram a sports play. With voice recording, realistic digital ink, photos and text, and simple sharing through email, Facebook or Twitter, now you can broadcast your ideas from anywhere."
	Essay Grader	Gatsby's Light Publications, LLC.	iPhone and iPod touch - $2.99 iPad - $5.99	iPad, iPhone, iPod touch (iOS 4.2 or later) Essay Grader is also available for the Mac and PC for $14.99 Gatsby's Light Publications, LLC supports a number of other apps...reference: http://www.gatsbyslight.com/apps.php	"Point and click to create a feedback comment sheet. Provide your students with exceptional feedback, and reduce your grading time with Essay Grader. By moving back and forth between a series of tabs and clicking appropriate comment fields, a feedback document is created for each essay you grade. The final assessment document can either be email directly to the student or exported to your computer for editing and printing."
	Evernote	Evernote Corporation	Free	iOS, Android, Blackberry, Windows Phone 7 Also available on the Web: http://evernote.com/	"Evernote is an easy-to-use, free app that helps you remember everything across all of the devices you use. Stay organized, save your ideas and improve productivity. Evernote lets you take notes, capture photos, create to-do lists, record voice reminders--and makes these notes completely searchable, whether you are at home, at work, or on the go."
	Explain Everything	MorrisCooke and Constructivist Toolkit, LLC	$2.99	iPad	Explain Everything is an easy-to-use design, screencasting, and interactive whiteboard tool that lets you annotate, animate, narrate, import, and export almost anything to and from almost anywhere.

	Fotopedia apps	Fotonauts, Inc.	Free	iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch Also available on the Web: http://www.fotopedia.com	Fotopedia is described as "an amazing photo-encyclopedia. "Discover the beauty of the world - for iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch." Check out the list of Fotopedia apps at http://www.fotopedia.com/products/
	GarageBand	Apple, Inc.	$4.99	iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch (requires iOS 5.1 or later)	"GarageBand turns your iPad, iPhone, and iPod touch into a collection of Touch Instruments and a full-featured recording studio — so you can make music anywhere you go. Use Multi-Touch gestures to play pianos, organs, guitars, drums, and basses. They sound and play like their counterparts, but let you do things you could never do on a real instrument. Enjoy a range of Smart Instruments that make you sound like a pro — even if you've never played a note before. Plug an electric guitar into your iPad, iPhone, or iPod touch and play through classic amps and stompbox effects. Gather your friends to play and record like a real band with Jam Session.* Use the built-in microphone or a guitar to record or capture any performance. Then mix up to eight tracks to create a song you can share in email or send directly to Facebook, YouTube and SoundCloud."

	GoodReader	Yuri Selukoff	$4.99	iPhone, iPad, iPod touch	"GoodReader® is the super-robust PDF reader for iPad - the #1 selling non-Apple app for iPad in USA in 2010! Mashable describes it as "a Swiss Army knife of awesome!" Reviews worldwide hail it as "essential," "the best," "magnificent" and "the killer app". With GoodReader on your iPad, you can read virtually anything, anywhere: books, movies, maps, pictures. Use it once and you'll be hooked. Soon you'll be wondering how you ever managed to use your iPad without GoodReader. GoodReader has earned its accolades by the way it handles huge PDF and TXT files, manuals, large books, magazines, and renderings of 100 mb and more with great speed. The ability to mark-up PDFs opens up new doors to GoodReader users who can now use typewriter text boxes, sticky notes, lines, arrows, and freehand drawings on top of a PDF file. Besides reading, you can also sync your files with remote servers: ● sync with Dropbox, SkyDrive, SugarSync and any WebDAV, AFP, FTP or SFTP server ● sync entire folders or individual files separately"
	Google	Google Inc.	Free	iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, Android Devices	"The Google Search app for iPhone and iPad. Search the web faster and easier with the latest Search app from Google. Get exclusive search features only available in this app. Now, newly redesigned for the iPhone. This app gives you full access to Google apps like Gmail, Calendar, Docs, and more."

	Google Earth	Google Inc.	Free	iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, Android Devices Also available for PC, Mac, or Linux: http://www.google.com/earth/index.html	"Fly around the planet with a swipe of your finger with Google Earth. Explore distant lands or reacquaint yourself with your childhood home. Search for cities, places, and businesses. Browse layers including roads, borders, places, photos and more. Visit the Earth Gallery to find exciting maps such as real-time earthquakes, planes in flight, hiking trails, city tours, and more."
	IM+	SHAPE GmbH	Free	iOS, Android, Blackberry, Java phones, Windows phones Also available on the Web: https://plus.im/	"Use IM+ to connect to Facebook, Skype, MSN/Live Messenger, GTalk, Yahoo!, AIM/iChat, ICQ, Twitter, Jabber, Renren, VKontakte, Odnoklassniki.Ru, Mail.Ru Agent, Gadu-Gadu, MeinVZ, SINA Weibo, mig33, Fetion, Mamba and Yandex IM. at the same time! Not to mention, it works on ALL popular mobile platforms. IM+ has the widest selection of unique features that you won't find in any other IM client. Plus, there's no cost per message, so you can send photos, videos, voice msgs, and IM for free!"
	iMovie	Apple, Inc.	$4.99	iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch (requires iOS 5.1 or later)	"Make beautiful HD movies anywhere with iMovie, the fast and fun moviemaking app that puts everything you need to tell your story at your fingertips. Browse and play projects in the Marquee view. Create spectacular trailers and thrilling movies in minutes. And share your finished projects with the world - right from iMovie."
	Inkflow	Qrayon, LLC	Free ($7.99 for the Pro version)	iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch (requires iOS 5.1 or later)	"Inkflow works like a word-processor for visual thinking. Capture your ideas as easily as with pen and paper, then arrange and reorganize them with your fingers!"
	Khan Academy	Khan Academy	Free	Phone, iPad, and iPod touch (requires iOS 4.0 or later)	"Khan Academy allows you to learn almost anything for free. View the complete library for over 3,200 videos. We cover a massive number of topics, including mathematics, statistics, biology, chemistry, physics, humanities, finance and history."

	Keynote	Apple, Inc.	$9.99	iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch (requires iOS 5.1 or later)	"Keynote makes it easy to create, deliver, and share stunning presentations on your iPad, iPhone, and iPod touch. No matter which device you're on, iCloud keeps your work up to date across them all — automatically. And the Retina display makes every slide a showstopper."
	Mathematics Mentor	Sparx IT Solutions Pvt Ltd	Free	iOS & Android	"Now learn and practice maths in an powerful yet interactive way by Mathematics Mentor – "your absolute math partner". The application follows the improved learning mythology and is advisable for intermediate level users with covering all imperative sections including Algebraic division, surd, remainder theorem, indices, area of triangles and geometric progression. The application focuses to improve your concentration power and memory skills for solving mathematics query in an effective way and helps you to instantly grasp the logic and results accordingly. Each of the maths topics has been clarified with the most suitable illustrations and explanation. Examine your skills by solving the test papers, which comprise of 5 questions on each topic. For additional maths drills and extra challenges click on "Get Question Paper" and enter your valid email address, Question Bank will be sent to you mentioned mailbox. By solving the math challenges & drills (sample test papers), the Mathematics Mentor sharpens your brain in a unique way to answer the queries instantly without taking extra long time for solving hard or time consuming problems. The application is highly intuitive for brain training and working out on a regular basis will enhance your mental arithmetic. To achieve the best results, follow the exact guidelines of mathematics mentor and soon you will grasp the things without actually cramming and taking stress. So try out now and let others know your skills!"

	Names In A Hat	Thomas Peters	$0.99	iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. (requires iOS 4.0 or later)	"Have you ever needed to randomly pick names out of a hat and not have the necessary materials to do so? You have the name, but what about a hat? There's not a fedora in sight. Your sleepless nights are about to end! Names in a Hat is just the tool you need to pick random names out of a hat. You can save multiple lists of names and teams, shake to pull a name out of the hat (tap is also available), auto select, select the random order of names, team select, review the last 25 recent drawings, and email results."
	neuAnnotate + PDF	neu.Pen LLC	$1.99	iPhone and iPad	"Read and annotate PDF documents. Annotate with drawings, highlighting text, text notes, photos and stamps. Annotations are compatible with Apple Preview and Adobe Acrobat! PDF files can be opened in neu.Annotate from any application that supports the "Open with..." menu command. This includes Mail, Safari, MobileMe iDisk, Dropbox and many others. PDF files can also be imported using iTunes File Sharing and from Dropbox. Annotated PDF files can be shared via email as well as exported to iTunes and Dropbox. Individual pages can also be shared in PNG and JPG formats, in addition to PDF." Languages supported include English, Chinese, German, and Japanese.
	Pages	Apple, Inc.	$9.99	iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch (requires iOS 5.1 or later)	"Pages is the most beautiful word processor you've ever seen on a mobile device. This powerful app has been exclusively designed for the iPad, iPhone, and iPod touch. Create, edit, and view documents wherever you are. Pages works with iCloud, so your documents stay up to date on all your devices — automatically. And the Retina display on the new iPad makes everything you do in Pages even more brilliant."

	Panopto Mobile Lecture Capture	Panopto, Inc.	Free	iPhone, iPad, or iPod Touch	If you are using the Lecture Capture tool, Panopto, then this app will allow you to view Panopto videos on your iPhone or iPad. Students can watch your videos from their iPhones or iPads anywhere they have wireless access. Or you can make your videos from your iPhone or iPad.
	Penultimate	Cocoa Box Design LLC (NOTE: *Evernote has recently acquired this best-selling iPad app*)	$0.99	iPad (requires iOS 3.2 or later)	"The original, easiest-to-use, and best-selling handwriting app for iPad. Penultimate gives you the fast, tactile gratification of writing on paper, with digital power and flexibility. Take notes, keep sketches, or share your next breakthrough idea -- in the office, on the go, or home on the sofa."
	Adobe Photoshop Express	Adobe Systems, Inc.	Free	iOS and Android	"Edit and Share - anywhere. Lets you use simple gestures to quickly edit and share photos from your mobile device. Choose from a variety of one-touch effects, or simply drag your finger across the screen to crop, rotate, or adjust color. Add artistic filters like Soft Focus or Sketch. And never fear: A copy of your original file is always saved, and you can undo and redo changes until you get just the look you want."

| | Adobe Photoshop Touch | Adobe Systems, Inc. | $9.99 | iOS and Android | "Transform your images with core Adobe® Photoshop® features in an app designed for tablets.

Combine images, apply professional effects, share results with friends and family through Facebook – all from the convenience of your iPad.

- Use popular Photoshop features designed for the tablet such as layers, selection tools, adjustments, and filters to create mind-blowing images.
- Use your iPad camera to fill an area on a layer with the unique camera fill feature.
- Select part of an image to extract by scribbling with the Scribble Selection tool. With Refine Edge, use your fingertip to capture even hard-to-select image elements, like hair, with ease.
- Work on high-resolution images while maintaining the highest image quality. Supports images up to 12 megapixels.
- Follow step-by-step tutorials to easily learn techniques the pros use for great-looking results.
- Search and acquire images with the integrated Google Image Search.
- Share images on Facebook and view comments right within the app.
- Browse an inspirational gallery for the styles and results you'd like to achieve.
- Use AirPrint for wireless printing of Photoshop Touch projects.
- Sync projects to Adobe Creative Cloud* and open layered files from Adobe Photoshop Touch in Photoshop CS6 or Photoshop CS5.1.
- Free membership to Creative Cloud gives you 2GB of cloud storage plus the ability to sync between tablet and desktop, access files from the web, and easily share with |
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	Poll Everywhere	Poll Everywhere	Free for audiences of 40 people or less	Web-based application: (www.polleverywhere.com)	Polling application..."Poll Everywhere replaces expensive proprietary audience response hardware with standard web technology. It's the easiest way to gather live responses in any venue: conferences, presentations, classrooms, radio, tv, print — anywhere. And because it works internationally with texting, web, or Twitter, its simplicity and flexibility are earning rave reviews."
	Qrafter and Qrafter Pro	Kerem Erkan	Free Pro version costs $2.99	iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch Requires iOS 4.0 or later	"Qrafter (Crafter) is a two-dimensional barcode scanner for iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch. Its main purpose is to scan and parse the contents of QR Codes. It can also generate QR Codes when you purchase the "Pro Pack"." NOTE: *An easy tool to use online to create shortened URLs and QR codes is the Google URL Shortener:* http://goo.gl/
	QR Reader	Free		iOS and Android	"The most simple & easy QR Reader - 100% FREE. Fast and effective. App opens instantly in real-time scanning mode. FEATURES ● Auto-detect scanning. Simply hold and point. ● Share using email, Facebook or Twitter, Foursquare, Flickr and more... ● Create your own QR codes ● Approve websites before visiting them. ● Export your scans by CSV ● Integrated web browser ● Integrated map view"

	QuickOffice Pro	QuickOffice, Inc. (NOTE: *Google has recently acquired this app.*)	$14.99 for iOS devices $19.99 for Android devices	iOS and Android	"With Quickoffice Pro, you get a powerful office suite that lets you open and edit Microsoft® Office documents, spreadsheets, and presentations, as well as, annotate PDF files – online and offline." "Quickoffice® Pro is the essential Microsoft® Office productivity tool for your iPhone or iPod touch that offers an intuitive and easy-to-use interface for advanced editing of Word, Excel, and PowerPoint files with an integrated file management solution with convenient access to multiple cloud service providers including Dropbox, Google® Docs, Box.net, Huddle and SugarSync."
	ShowMe	Learnbat, Inc.	Free	Also available on the Web: http://www.showme.com/	"ShowMe is the easiest way to create and share lessons on the iPad." "Turn your iPad into your personal interactive whiteboard! ShowMe allows you to record voice-over whiteboard tutorials and share them online. It's a radically intuitive app that anyone will find extremely easy to use, regardless of age or background."

| | Side by Side | Bao Lei | Free or Pro version $1.99 | Compatible with iPad (requires iOS 3.2 or later) | "Side by Side is a multiple-window reader/browser with offline reading and note taking capabilities. It turns the iPad into multiple resizable reading devices working in parallel.

You can browse webpages, download files, read documents, or take notes on each split screen.

When reading something on the iPad, e.g. a webpage or a PDF document, you might often need some handy tools on the side, e.g. a dictionary, a notepad, your email inbox, your facebook updates, an IM tool to chat with your friends, or a youtube video with your favorite background music. This app provides you plenty of possible ways to organize your beautiful iPad screen.

There are a lot more you can do with Side by Side. You can open a web-based game side by side and play together with your friend. You can also open two similar documents side by side to read and compare.

The start page in the bookmark list provides links to lots of interesting websites (e.g. games, tools) that nicely fit the split touch screen. It is frequently updated.

When you want to focus on one side, you still can cover the full iPad screen with one of the panels." |
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	Skitch	Evernote Corporation	Free	iOS, Android Also available for the Mac	"Express yourself with fewer words, emails and meetings…with Skitch! Use shapes, arrows, sketches and text annotation to get your point across fast. Mark up photos, screenshots, maps, and webpages then share them with anyone you like. Skitch lets you: ● Annotate: Add arrows, shapes and text to existing images ● Create: Draw something new ● Edit: Reposition, recolor and remove your annotations at will ● Share: Send your sketches and annotations over Twitter and email ● Present: Show your work in real time via AirPlay on Apple TV ● Remember: Save everything to Evernote for later Use Skitch to: ● Sketch and share ● Point out objects and locations in a photo ● Brainstorm design ideas with your team ● Identify a point of interest on a map ● Annotate a screenshot of your awesome high score ● Have fun! Skitch is part of the Evernote family of apps designed to help you remember everything."

	Storify	Storify, Inc.	Free	iOS and Android Also available on the Web: http://storify.com/	"Storify's award-winning storytelling platform is now available on iPad! Storify lets you create social stories by browsing social media streams and dragging-and-dropping photos, videos and updates into a story, along with adding your own text. Now, you can use your fingers to combine social media from Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube to tell your story from the iPad. Use Storify to: ● Tell a news story about something that is getting attention on social media ● Tell the story of a public event such as a conference or other live event where attendees are posting to social networks ● Tell the story of a personal event like a wedding, party or night out with friends ● Tell your company's story by using what you and your customers say on social media ● Tell your own story using the photos, video and updates you post on social networks to help you remember and share what is most important to you ● Tell your story of a conference" Example of how a faculty member at NOVA used Storify to engage her HIS 101 students: http://storify.com/atucker/chaucer-was-a-great-guy
	textPlus	Gogii, Inc.	Free or Pro Version $1.99	iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch (requires iOS 3.0 or later)	"Turn your iPod touch, iPad & iPhone into a FREE phone. Works on WiFi, 3G & 4G so you can text from anywhere. FREE."
	Timer+	Minima Software LLC	Free	iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch (requires iOS 4.2 or later)	"Timer+ is a simple countdown timer that can run multiple timers from a list of presets. It lets you pause and resume single or multiples timers and set timers with seconds. Presets can be saved. Timer+ will alert you even when it's running in the background."

	Vimeo	Vimeo, LLC	Free	iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch, Android, Windows Phone 7	The new Vimeo Everywhere app is the fastest way to watch, create, and share Vimeo videos on the go.
	VoiceThread	VoiceThread	Free	iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch (requires iOS 4.2 or later)	"Create and share dynamic conversations around documents, snapshots, diagrams and videos - basically anything there is to talk about. You can talk, type, and draw right on the screen. VoiceThread takes your conversations to the next level, capturing your presence, not just your comments. Anyone can join the discussion from their iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, Mac or PC."

Other apps highlighted by faculty include "Test Your English" (Android app by Martin Kupkovic), "Java Programming - Simple 'n Easy" (Real Simple Edu LLC), "Moore's Clinical Anatomy Q&A" (Wolters Kluwer Health), and "Click and Learn - HHMI's BioInteractive" (Howard Hughes Medical Institute).

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