

Early Experiences with iPad

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- ❖ Tablet choice/purchase/delivery
- ❖ Initial irritations: no documentation and iTunes under Windows
- ❖ Apple fanboi rage at my disrespecting his object of veneration
- ❖ Purchased extended warranty – but questionable benefit; no Windows support upgrading iPad to iOS5
- ❖ Documentation for NOT self-explanatory device!
 - ORA books
 - Wiley books
 - Online help and documents
 - Help apps
 - First nugget from book: group icons by function
- ❖ Washington Apple Pi (WAP) & Mobile Lifestyle SIG
- ❖ Sync/backup data and apps
- ❖ iCloud replaces iTunes
- ❖ iOS5/iCloud replace MobileMe

- ❖ There's an app for that...
 - Cox apps: watch Cox TV channels on iPad, control DVR from iPad
 - Movies: IMDB (research movies); Netflix (watch them!)
 - Amazon
 - Publications -- many for personal/professional reading
 - Newsstand
 - Shop/dine/travel -- Google Earth, Yelp, OpenTable, Zillow
 - TV/Radio -- What'sOn?
 - Weather
 - Health
 - Finance
 - Etc.
 - Photos/music/email/IM -- not so much for me. Or just not yet!

- ❖ Bottom line -- still researching, not yet addicted -- but great potential



Later/Ongoing Experiences with iPad

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- ❖ Bought WiFi-only, no cellular connectivity – plenty adequate
- ❖ Bought middle storage model – 32GB, not 16/64GB (your mileage may vary)
- ❖ Used sparingly until after surgery, then “discovered” it
- ❖ Initially bought wraparound keyboard/cover; nice but replaced w/smart cover
- ❖ Documentation and help/information for NOT self-explanatory device!
 - It’s still not self-explanatory – and will never be
 - Seek correct material for YOUR iPad version – they’re different
 - Read books: O’Reilly, Wiley, etc.
 - Use online help and documents
 - Consult Help apps
 - Great/friendly Washington Apple Pi www.wap.org & Mobile Lifestyle SIG
 - Nearby Greenspring iPad Forum
- ❖ Problems upgrading iOS; research before starting and ensure need/compatibility
- ❖ Beware unique/expensive/proprietary/changing iPad connectors
- ❖ Small speaker for great sound; many such accessories available
- ❖ Very simple WiFi and Bluetooth connectivity
- ❖ Familiar with and using Apple ecosystem, will eventually likely buy iPhone

- ❖ There's an app for that... (and it’s easy/safe installing/experimenting/removing)
 - Frequent app updates – stay current to avoid conflicts and problems
 - Photos/music/email/IM – still not so much for me. Nor games.
 - Microsoft Office: free subset, paid full version
 - Communication (instant messaging, Twitter, Skype, Facebook, etc.)
 - Government/politics
 - Infinite online content (TED talks, LinkedIn, Wikipedia...)
 - Publications (NY Times, WashPost, Slate, BBC...)
 - Shop/dine/travel (airlines, Google Earth, Giant, GasBuddy, Angie’s List...)
 - TV/radio (every channel, station)
 - Weather/health
 - Finance (deposit checks!)

- ❖ New bottom line –enjoying and quite “bonded”; use daily