

Popular Apps

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Spotify



Spotify is a music streaming service. The basic functions are free but contain advertisements and you can only listen to music on 'shuffle' mode. If you want no ads and to be able to listen to specific songs on repeat you need to pay a monthly subscription fee.

Amazon

Amazon is the best known online shopping site; the app allows you to quickly order items, see your order history and browse more effectively.



Shazam



When you hear a familiar tune but can't remember the name, you can activate Shazam and the app will listen in and inform you what song you are listening to.

Pinterest

Pinterest is a social network that allows you to save link and pictures; it's mainly used for visual content such as crafts, styling tips, interior design and recipes.



Facebook



Facebook is the best known social network. People use it to connect to friends and share photos and experiences. The app allows you to stay logged in for immediate access and you can set up notifications that will alert you if you receive new comments.

Google maps



Google maps is a good map service and, with sufficient data allowance on your phone, it can replace a sat nav device; the route planning services are accurate and easy to use.

YouTube

YouTube is one of the best resources online; from gardening tips to makeup tutorials, video instructions on how to knit to music videos, YouTube has it all, and for free.



Twitter



Twitter is another social network, best known for its brevity; users are restricted to 1-2 short sentences and it contains mainly pithy commentary on news and current affairs.

Instagram

Instagram is a social network where users share photos of their everyday lives; some accounts focus on interior design, some on travel, some share inspirational quotes.



WhatsApp



WhatsApp works best on mobile. This app allows you to message friends and family. It works well for sharing photos and videos and having group chats or organising events such as birthday parties or class reunions.

Candy Crush Saga

Candy Crush is a very popular puzzle game, and slightly addictive. It is a good example for in-app purchases; playing the game is free but if you need too many attempts to beat a puzzle you need to either wait until you can play again or pay for more attempts.



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