Looking to the future: M-learning with the iPad

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Might Apple’s new iPad gain unprecedented traction in education, or is just another example of the over-hyping of new devices in a time of technological determinism (Postman, 2000)? This paper explores the potential affordances and limitations of the Apple iPad in the wider context of emergent mobile learning theory, and the social and economic drivers that fuel technology development. Against the background of effective teaching and learning, the functionality offered by the iPad, and its… Read more
Learning with iPad focuses on using the iPad to learn at all ages, with sections highlighting learning through play, programming, exploring space through apps like Star Walk 2, using textbooks in iBooks, using apps like Notability and Coursera for learning, and exploring free courses on iTunes U. Hobby-based apps are also included in a "Never stop learning" section. Tim Cook has remained optimistic about iPad sales, however, suggesting that the company's future product pipeline (which includes the rumored "iPad Pro") and its efforts in the enterprise market will ultimately cause iPad sales to grow again. "I believe the iPad is an extremely good business over the long-term," he said. -Created by Andrew Murray in February, 2011 -Revised and updated by Craig Chubb and Jaime Tong in February, 2012 -Revised and updated by Amanda Bourdon in February, 2013 -Revised and updated by Rocky Lam in March, 2014 -Revised and updated by Trevor Price in February, 2015. The first generation iPad was released by Apple in April 2010. Apple continues to release newer models of the iPad, where in 2011, the iPad 2 was released. The addition of the retina display was introduced in 2012. The iPad mini iPad Likes and Dislikes For the announcement, U Richmond took over a classroom to hold an "AppleFest," complete with an apple bar, clicker polling, and multiple screens and smartboards displaying feeds during Apple CEO Steve Jobs' presentation. The university currently has several mobile device programs running. "We're doing a lot looking at the future of journalism, of newspapers and magazines," he explained. "It's pretty dismal in the print version. Publishers have had a little bit of success on the Internet and a little bit of success with the iPhone and some other touchscreens. "What the iPad brings to the table is this issue of convergence. We've talked about it in our university for several years, but what does it mean? Now you see what it means.