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13 Simple ways to stay efficient while you work

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In a constantly digital life, optimizing your workflow is one of the easiest and most effective ways to bolster your productivity. Plus, finding new ways to complete old tasks can help you pull yourself out of a rut while saving tons of precious time.

Sometimes the littlest of changes can have a tremendous impact on how you do your job, so look below for 13 simple ways to stay efficient while you work:

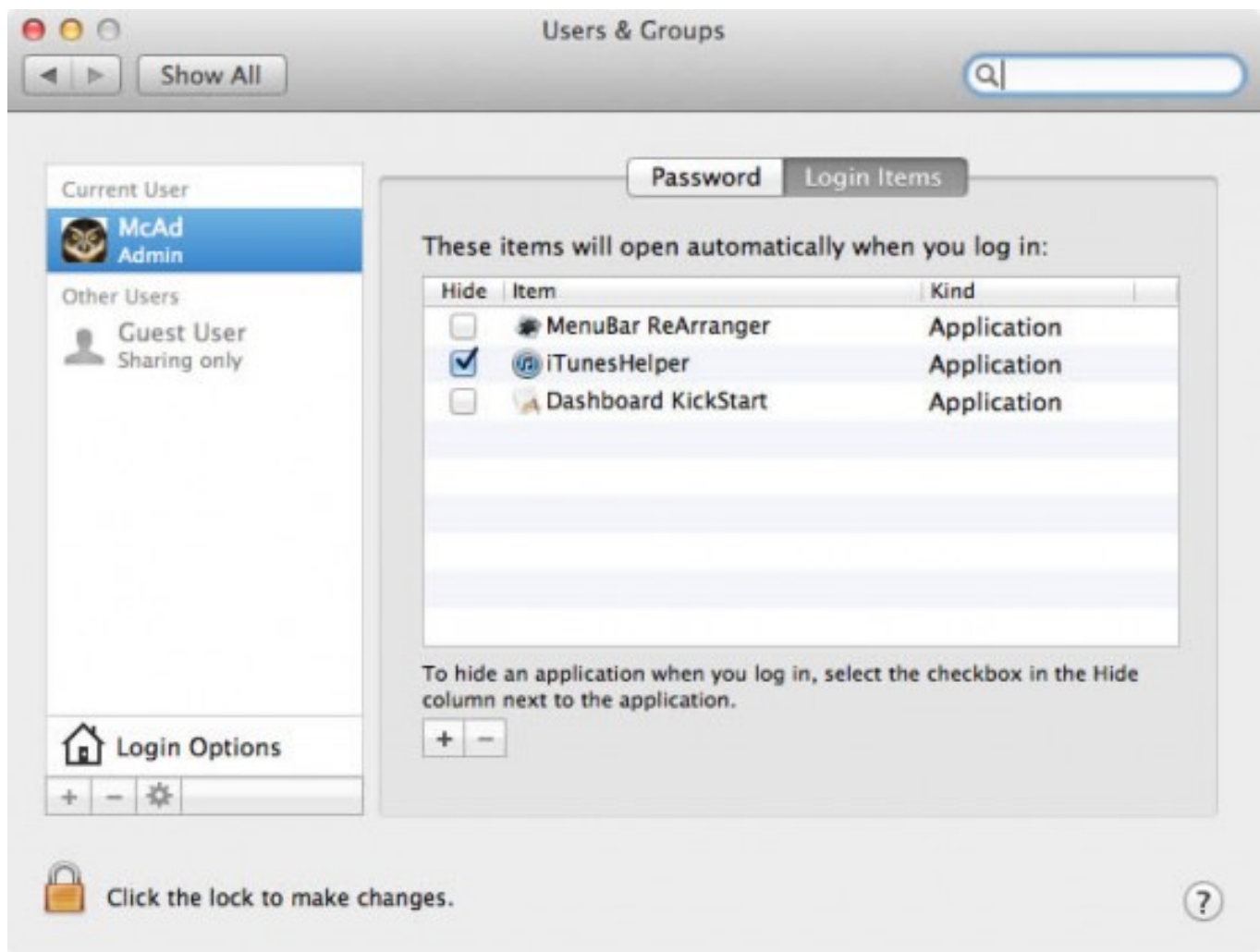
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How To Control All The Startup Apps On Your Mac

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Your Mac has plenty of action going on behind the scenes. One of them is the list of login items; those apps that startup when your Mac starts up.

To check what starts up on your Mac, open System Preferences, select Users & Groups, then click the Login Items button. That gets you a list of apps or utilities that start up when your Mac starts up.



Click the plus + sign and add other apps to the startup list. Or, use [Startupizer](#) and gain even more control of what apps start up, when they startup, and under what conditions they startup.

This nifty app gives you more granular control of each app that starts up, as well as details about the app.

You can even set the time of day for the app to startup, or have it startup at a different time from a different location (if you're on the road using a MacBook, for example).



Personally, I like the delay launch feature. Set specific apps to launch x-number of minutes after startup, or at a specific time during the day; even on specific days of the week.

Startupizer even gives you uber geek controls to manage apps during the startup process by assigning modifier keys and certain actions to each apps. Press a key, this happens. Don't press the key, something different happens during the startup process.

It even knows whether your Mac is connected to a power source or on battery, and can launch apps accordingly. You can also setup specific app launches when your Mac wakes from sleep.

This is very handy, not expensive, but a little geeky to figure out all the options

File Viewer is cool, useful, free, and does more than the Finder to view files. Drop a file onto File Viewer and it displays file information, video information, permissions, and more, on over 60 different Mac file types.

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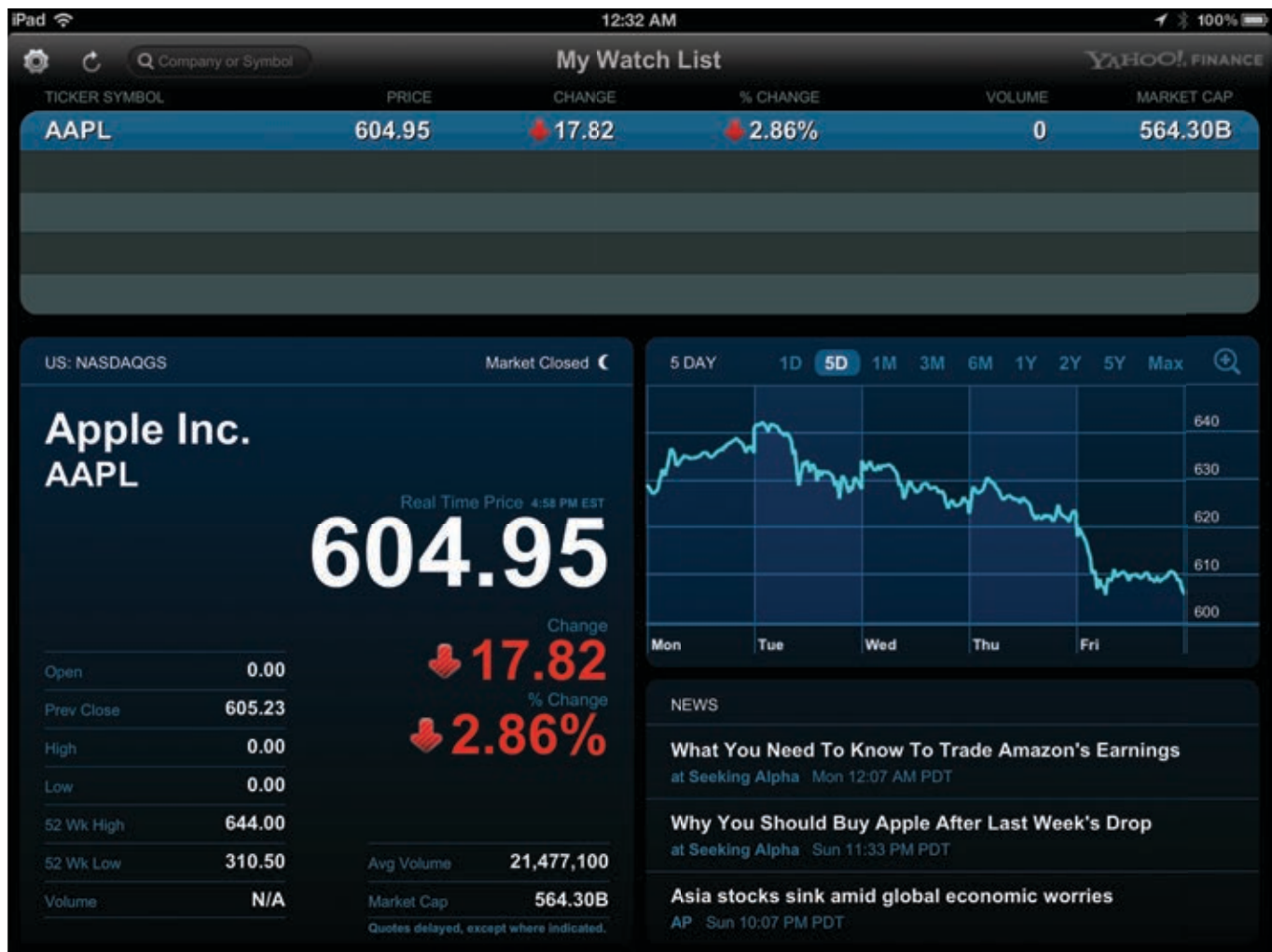


Filemaker Go (is now free for iPad and iPhone)

DocuSign Ink (streamline signing eDocs)

Ever gotten a request to sign a document after being sent a PDF and cringed at the thought of Printing, then Signing, then Scanning, then emailing it back? This streamlines that entire process!

MarketDash (Stock info.. competitor to Bloomberg)

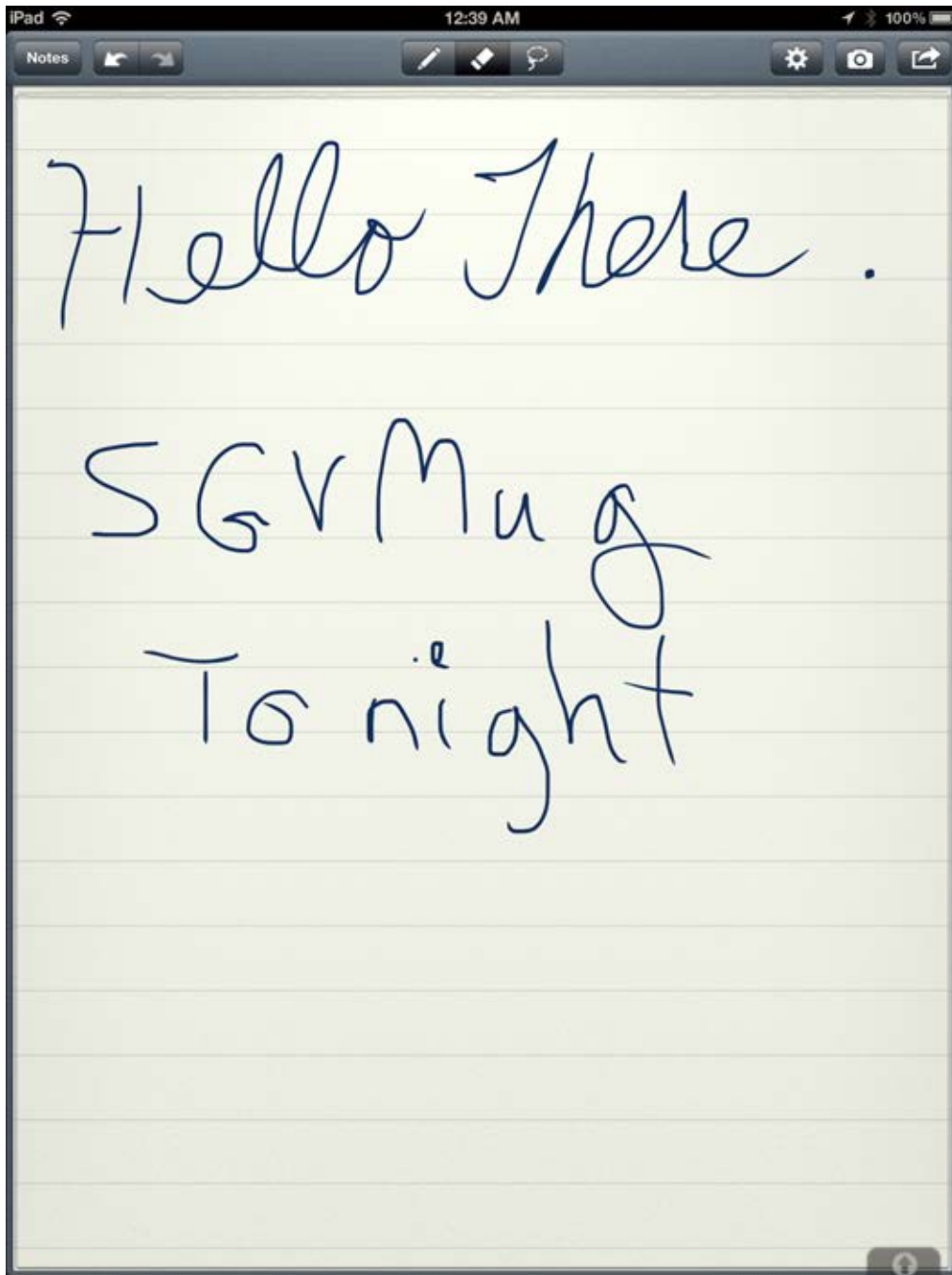


iA Writer (focus on your writing!)



QuickVoice and Voice Assist (2 nice Voice to text Dictation apps for older ipads even!)

MyScripts Memo (translates handwriting to Text.. and very well!)

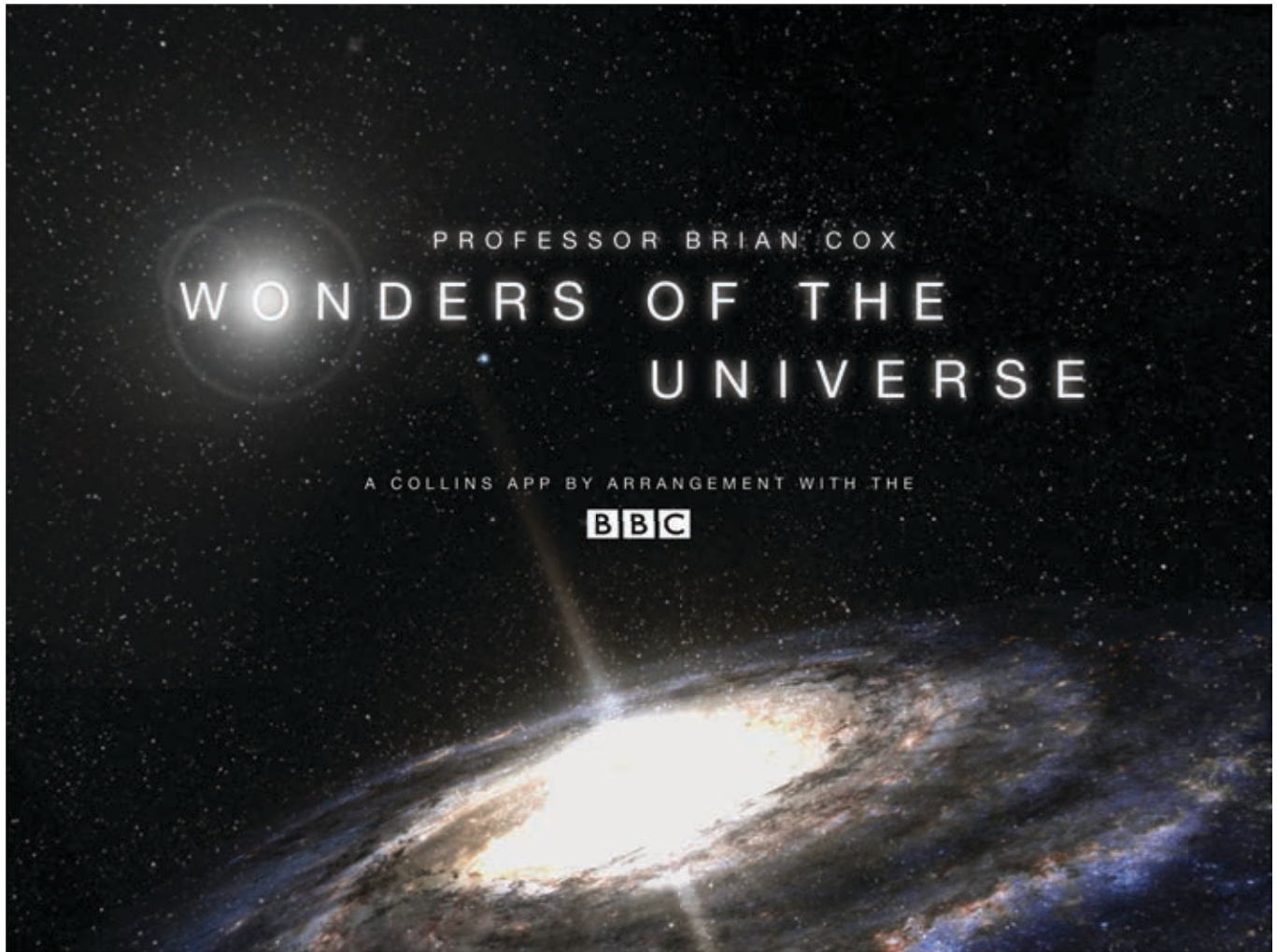


Paper (break-thru Graphics creation App)

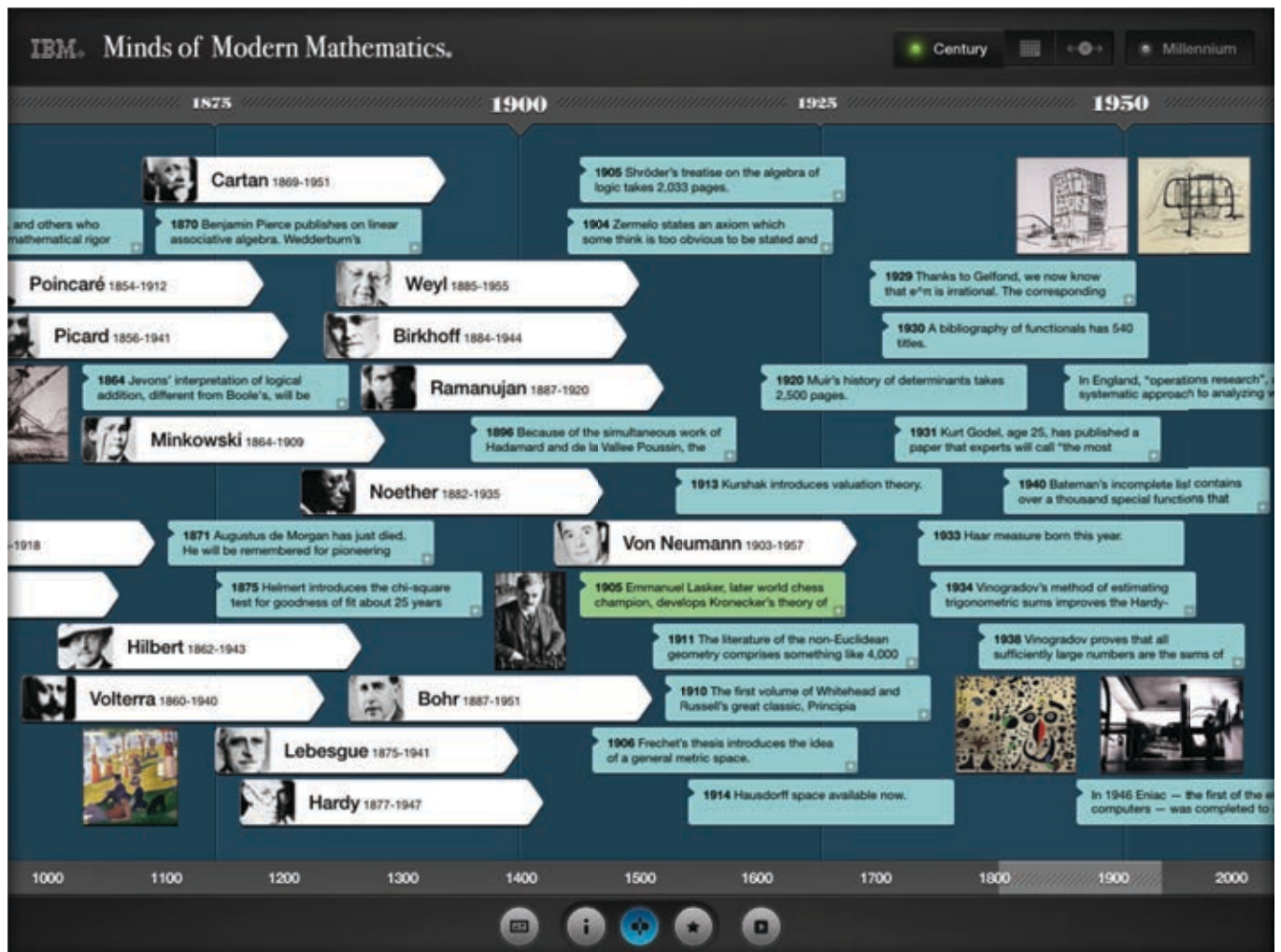


Wonders of the Universe

(incredible Science app
by professor Brian Cox)



Minds of Math (IBM's presentation of the greatest Mathematicians)



Apple TV

How to control Apple TV with a third-party remote

by [Chris Rawson](#)

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Here's a cool [Apple TV](#) feature that you probably didn't know about, particularly if you're like me and the third-generation Apple TV is your first foray into Apple's "hobby" device. In addition to the pre-packaged and somewhat spartan remote and Apple's more [full-featured Remote app for iOS devices](#), it turns out you can [control your Apple TV with virtually any third-party remote control](#). We first wrote about this feature [about a year and a half ago](#), but we're guessing there are a lot of Apple TV newbies out there since the recent update, so it's worth a refresher.

On your Apple TV, head into Settings > General > Remotes. There, you'll find an option called "Learn Remote." From there, it's a simple matter of following onscreen instructions; press and hold the button on your remote that you want to have control the corresponding function you see on your TV.

In addition to the basic navigation functions, you also have the option to program more advanced playback functions. This will allow you to set up fast-forward, rewind, next chapter, and a handful of other functions on your third-party remote.

The whole procedure is pretty drop-dead simple, but results will vary depending on your remote. I didn't have any issues setting up the basic navigation functions on the remote that came with my surround sound system, but no matter what I tried I couldn't get the playback controls to pair up with my Apple TV. At the very least, having the basic nav functions let me toss the standard Apple TV remote in a drawer, so that's something.

This is one feature that Apple doesn't go out of its way to advertise, but like many other things Apple's done, I now find myself wishing everything worked this way. If my TV had a programming function like this, I could finally get down to one remote control without having to shell out extra money for a universal remote.