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iOS / Apple TV



Apple TV update adds channels for Vevo, Disney, Weather & Smithsonian

The Apple TV set-top box was updated on Tuesday with a number of new dedicated channels: Vevo, Disney Channel, Disney XD, Weather Channel, and content from the Smithsonian. The launch of new content options on Apple TV comes just days after it was revealed that Apple had inked a deal with Vevo to provide music video content to its HDTV accessory. Apple has been steadily adding channels to the Apple TV through new dedicated apps throughout 2013. The last major update came in June, when Apple added HBO Go, WatchESPN, Sky News, CrunchyRoll and Qello. Established programming partners on the Apple TV also include Hulu Plus, Netflix, Major League Baseball, the National Basketball Association, the National Hockey League, Vimeo, YouTube, Flickr, and The Wall Street Journal. The next major direction for Apple TV may be live and on demand content from cable providers. Apple is said to have been working with Time Warner Cable to provide streaming content to existing cable subscribers without the need to have a dedicated table box.

<http://appleinsider.com/articles/13/08/27/apple-tv-update-adds-channels-for-vevo-disney-weather-smithsonian>

How to Speed Up a Slow, Aging iPhone or iPad

Don't Update iOS (or Your Apps)



This may seem counterintuitive, but when your device starts nearing the end of its life, updating to the latest version of iOS can actually slow it down a lot. This was a **big problem with the iPhone 3G and iOS 4**, it was a problem with the original iPad and iOS 5, and will probably continue to be a problem as newer devices age. All those new features require more resources, and when your device reaches a certain age, it doesn't always have the resources to give up. So, if your device is around two years old and has one last update coming in, it may be best to ignore it.

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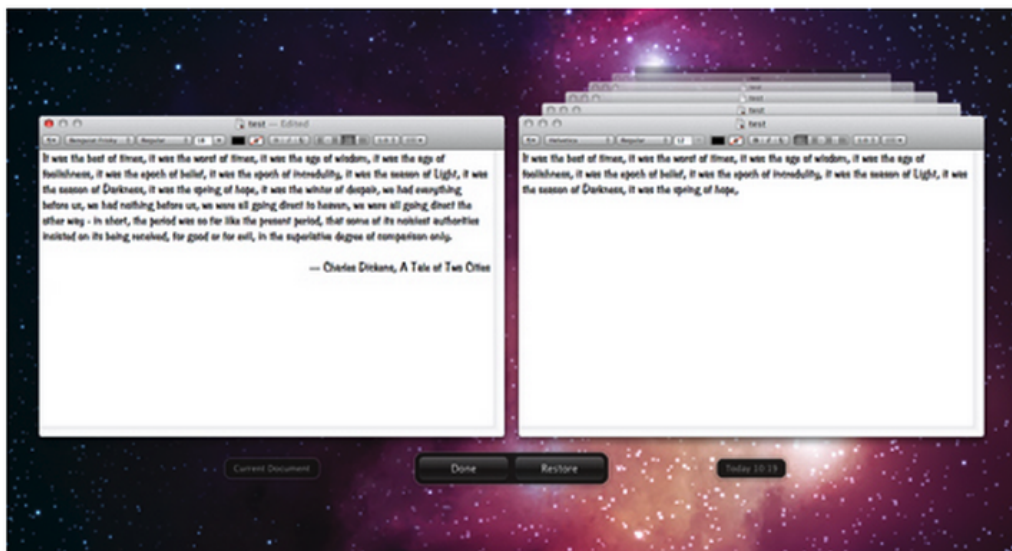
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1. Look up words on a Mac

Just right-click a word in compatible apps like TextEdit, Safari and Mail, and select Look Up Word. You'll see pop-up definitions from the venerable Oxford Dictionary, Apple's own dictionary, and also Wikipedia.

2. Retrieve old versions of a file on a Mac

Made a regretful change to that document? If you're using a built-in app like TextEdit or Preview, click the file's name in the title bar and select Browse All Versions. Now you can move back in time to find a version before you made the edit – recent saves will be listed on the right of the screen.



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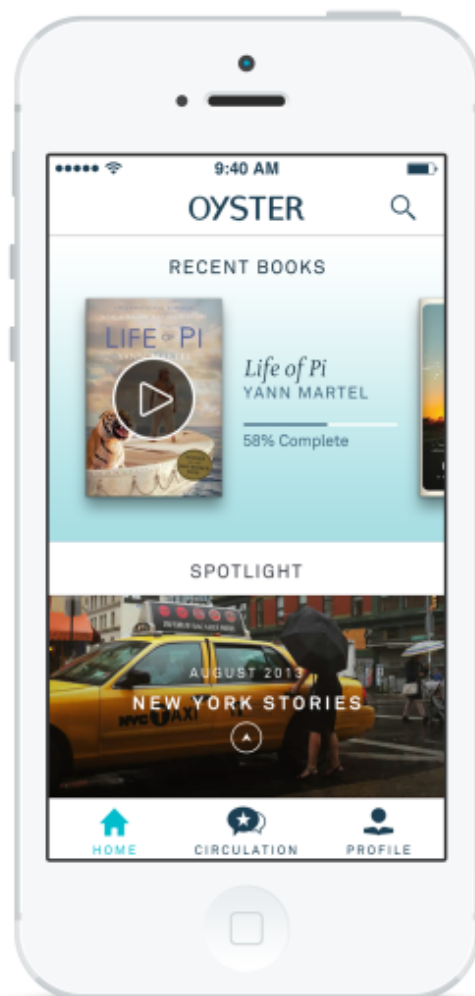
As of now, the world has a platform that brings the power of Netflix-style recommendations and all-you-can-eat buffets to bear on one of the world's oldest and greatest products: books.

Today, New York-based startup Oyster is launching the beta version of its iPhone app. (You can request an invite at Oyster's website). For \$9.95 a month, you get unlimited access to the 100,000 titles from a range of publishers, including HarperCollins and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. (Penguin Random House, Simon & Schuster, Hachette, and Macmillan are so far notably absent from the list of announced partners.) You also see what your friends are reading, get recommendations and staff picks, and find books sorted by curated categories, such as "Sports Stories," "Business Essentials," and "Popular Science." All of this is packed into a highly usable mobile experience.

It is, essentially, the Netflix model applied to books and built for mobile first.

For now, Oyster is an iPhone-only experience, but founders Eric Stromberg and Willem Van Lancker say they hope it will one day be on any device that is connected to the Internet. An iPad version is coming next.

Something like Oyster was always going to come along at some point. Netflix has shown the power of the subscription-platform model for movies and TV shows, as has Hulu. Spotify has shown it for music. NextIssue has done it for magazines. Someone might try it for news. Indeed, Berlin-based startups Readmill and Dot Dot Dot have already attempted something similar for books, albeit with a smaller range of available titles and no major publishing partnerships. With \$3 million in seed money from Founders Fund, SV Angel, and others, Oyster has the resources to be a serious aspirant to the "Netflix for books" title. (Disclosure: Founders Fund is an investor in PandoDaily.)



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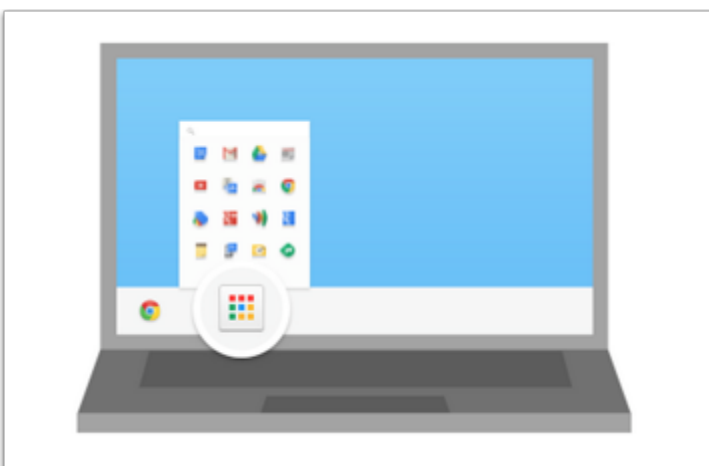
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How the NSA snoop-proofs its Macs

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Back in 2010 the NSA published “Hardening Tips for Mac OS X 10.6 ‘Snow Leopard’” (PDF) which I shared about a year ago. In this article the author brings us up to date with Mountain Lion and even Mavericks settings you might want to adjust in light of the information Edward Snowdens has exposed about the NSA's ability to circumvent much of our encryption schemes.