

Productivity Apps for the Android Platform: Create, Share, Capture, Connect

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CREATE: QuickOffice Pro

<http://www.quickoffice.com>

- Cost: \$19.99 Android Market and Nook Color. Also available, QuickOffice Pro HD (\$19.99) for Honeycomb OS tablets (e.g. Motorola Xoom, Samsung Galaxy Tab 8.9 & 10.1v, HTC Evo View, etc.). Free version allows you to view documents only.
- Purpose: Create, edit and share Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint presentations.
- Additional Features: Access files from GoogleDocs, Dropbox, Box.net, and several other file sync utilities. Includes free PDF viewer. Compatible with Windows and Mac.
- Similar applications include: Documents to Go, AndrOffice (OpenOffice compatible)

SHARE: Dropbox

<http://www.dropbox.com>

- Cost: Basic = 2 GB Free storage; 50 GB @ \$9.99/month; 100 GB @ \$19.99/month. Additional free storage may be earned by completing several "quests" under the Get Started tab or by referring friends (up to 8 GB).
- Purpose: Work on files from any location on any device and syncs them automatically to all your devices with Dropbox installed. Share individual files with anyone via a "public" link. Share any file or folder with other Dropbox users.
- Additional features: May access previous versions of files at the Dropbox site. Some integration with Android apps (See <https://www.dropbox.com/apps>) and computer applications. Excellent help pages on the Dropbox site and many other helpful tools including a Wiki (<http://wiki.dropbox.com/>) and Blog (<http://blog.dropbox.com>). Compatible with Mac, Windows and Linux OS via download.
- Similar applications: Box.net, SugarSync

CAPTURE: Evernote

<http://www.evernote.com>

- Cost: Free for up to 60 GB of uploads per month, with limited file types. \$5/mo or \$45/yr for up to 1GB of uploads per month and unlimited file types.
- Purpose: Idea capturing through notes, pictures, or website clips (via desktop application). "Capture all of your thoughts, ideas, and inspirations, into a single place. Access everything whenever you need it from your PC, even when offline [with download]."
- Additional features: Files are searchable, including text within images. Some integration with desktop and smartphone applications (See <http://www.evernote.com/about/trunk/>). Great "how-to" videos on the site (<http://www.evernote.com/about/video>). Compatible with Windows and Mac via desktop client (separate download). Work offline via desktop client.
- Similar applications: Springpad, Catch (formerly 3Banana)

CONNECT: Wyse PocketCloud RDP/VNC

<http://www.wyse.com/products/software/pocketcloud/index.asp>

- Cost: Free. Pro version (\$14.99) has no advertisements, allows connections to multiple computers, provides remote computer sound, includes technical support, and includes certified VMWare support.
- Purpose: Connect remotely to your office computer via Remote Desktop, VNC, or VMWare.
- Additional features: Encrypted connections, keyboard optimized for Android, easy setup and intuitive functions. Compatible with Mac and Windows. "Companion" enables full access to Flash content.
- Similar applications: Remote RDP, Remote Desktop Client