

Brief Introduction

Apps were developed for iPhones and iPads when mobile phones became smart, i.e. could access the internet and could run what was previously called programs. Microsoft also introduced Apps for Windows.

Programs were downloaded from web sites and then installed on PCs.

Apps short circuit this process as Apps are downloaded from App stores on Windows and mobiles and can be used immediately.

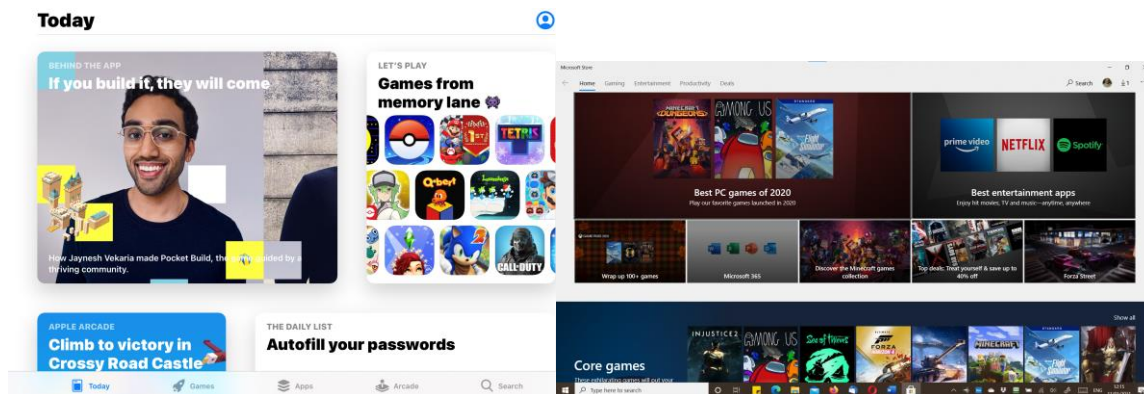
There are thousands of Apps available. Not only games but more important things like bank account access, maps for satnav, office applications like word processing, etc, etc....

Downloading Apps

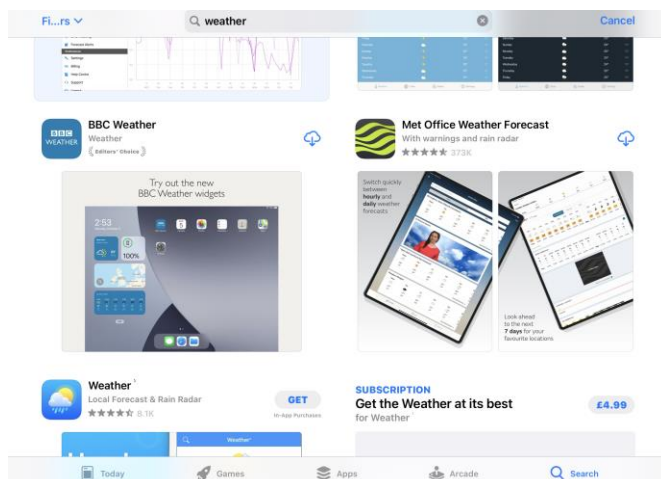
Open your App store or Microsoft Store on PC.

iPad

Windows



You can just browse around and click on something you fancy or search for something you want. My example is searching for weather on iPad...



Click on the name of an App that interests you to see further details to help you decide if you want to install it.

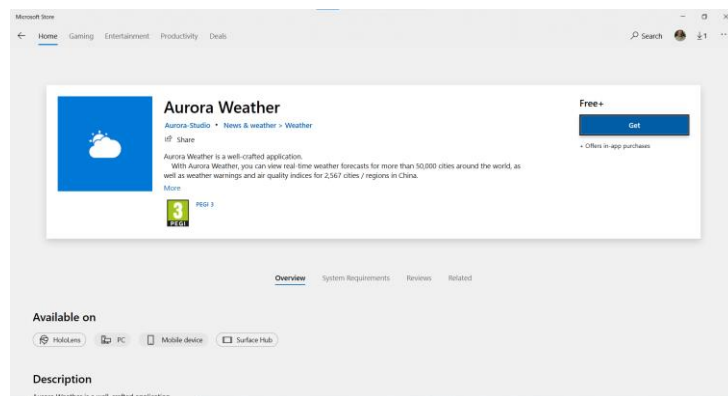
The little cloud with a down arrow or the "Get" button are the download buttons.

You can usually find free Apps. So, only pay for anything if you really think it is worth it. If the information about an App says "In-App Purchases" then the App will offer you a better version that you would have to pay for. Sometimes you can just carry on using the App but sometimes you only get to use the App for a limited time. You soon get used to the varying terms of use and get the most out of the system. It can seem odd that Apple sometimes appears to want to charge you for a free App but it sees the charge is £0 and does not charge you.



After pressing the download button, the App might ask you to sign in with your Apple/iTunes identity. Just fill in your details and the App will appear in one of your Device's screens.

This is how it looks on a PC, showing a different weather app:



Press the download button and install.

Recommended Apps

Mostly on iPad/iPhone, less on Windows. Mostly FREE

TED	Interesting lectures by eminent experts on all kinds of subjects. Endlessly fascinating.
MOST BANK ACCOUNTS	Quick access to manage your accounts.
MOST RETAILERS	From John Lewis to Argos and beyond.
ROYAL MAIL	No need to queue for a stamp at the Post Office.
MS OFFICE	All the Office programs to view Word etc.
GUARDIAN EDITIONS	Daily copy of The Guardian/Observer (£11.99 per month on iPad). Also gives unrestricted access to The Guardian on line.
ZOOM	Now needed for access to many U3A groups.
VARIOUS MAPS	Including what3words. Much more useful than a post code as it gives your exact location, even to your doorstep.
TRANSLATION	On iPhone. Have a conversation with somebody in a language you do not know.
TRAVEL APPS	Usual airlines, plus Eurostar etc.
COUCH TO 5K	NHS recommended app to get you moving. It worked for me.
NHS APP	Manage your NHS appointments, prescriptions etc. Also the Coop/NHS app to have your prescriptions delivered free.
BBC iPLAYER & SOUNDS	Watch/listen to BBC broadcasts when convenient.

This is just a sample of Apps available. Browse in the App Stores and you will find something useful and/or entertaining.