'Notability' Named App of the Week, Available for Free

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Popular note taking app *Notability* has been named Apple's App of the Week, and as a result, it is available as a free download for the first time since it was released in 2011.

Notability allows users to make sketches, take notes, annotate documents, sign contracts, record lectures, and more. It supports input via a finger or stylus and includes palm rejection to make note taking easier.

In addition to touch-based input, the app has a built-in text editor and it also has the ability to record audio. *Notability* lets users import documents in a wide variety of formats, including PDF, DOC, and PPT.

Notability is a universal app and it has iCloud support, so notes can be transferred between the iPad and the iPhone. It also has support for several different services, including Dropbox, Box, and Google Drive.

As Apple's App of the Week, *Notability* will be available as a free download from the App Store for the next seven days

Pluses: Similar to Super Note, Notability has recording and typing features together. Where Notability wins: switching from typing to handwriting notes is as quick as picking up your stylus. Both apps are clear and easy to use. Notability allows the user to create various folder/tabs in which to organize notes. Their dual system of cataloging is very nice. Notability continues to record even as the user switches between apps.

Minuses: No tagging. I do not understand why these apps (this was complaint of mine for Super Note) do not include note tagging. Although Notability has a better folder/tab/catalogue system than Super Note, tags would still be a nice addition (if I am missing this, someone please school me). I found scrolling back up a page to see earlier notes, or previous pages, a little difficult. But that may just be a lack of familiarity with the app.

*I use Evernote and have for a very long time now, however, I've checked out Notability and see how it can be used with our web-based classes. Schoology works with it by being able to annotate and mark up assignments that students hand in to us. You can mark it up by voice and/or handwritten annotations. The only negative is, there is not an Android app for it, only Apple. ☹

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