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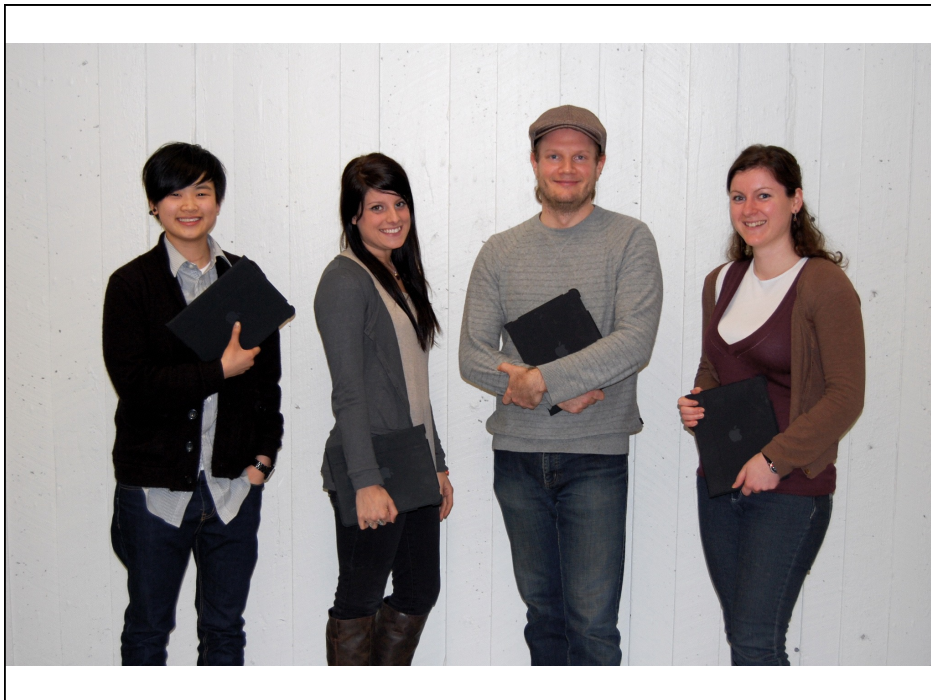
The iPad for Organization and Everyday Life

iPad Performance

•Light weight, amazing battery life &
 quick start-up time

•Multi-Tasking with Shortcut keys

•IPad as a Second Monitor via
 'DisplayPad' Application

DisplayPad

iPad On-The-Go

Commuting Companion

– 'VLC Player' Application

– 'Read It Later' Application

iPad and Organization

"Wouldn't it be great if USBs are replaced by 'something' else and limiting the use of hardwares and physical tools/ accessories?"
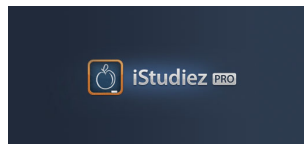
- Bonita

iPad and Organization

"The one really fantastic thing the iPad has done for me is to help me with my abysmal time-management skills" - Kris

iPad and Organization

"The iPad has been very helpful in sorting out all my dates and calming my homework anxieties" – Sarah

iPad extras!

"Yes, there may be "an app for that" (whatever "that" might be), but there are hardware add-ons for the iPad that are also really crucial." - Kris
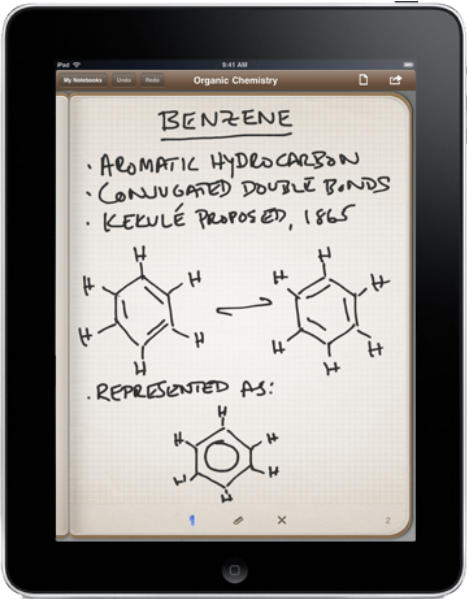
iPad extras!

"I'm ashamed to admit that I have become horribly self conscious about my personal grooming habits as result of this device. No matter how well I wash my hands, scrub my poor finger tips, a few minutes with the iPad yields a grubby streaky haze"
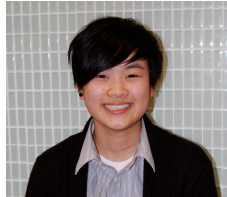- Kris

Penultimate

The iPad for Educational Use

Ashley

"When I first heard about the iPad, I was terrified. I am in the printing industry. I eat, breathe and sleep print. For the first couple of weeks with my iPad I felt extremely guilty. I'm using a device that is in direct competition with print. Little did I know, it would be a great asset to print."

Bonita

"While I was taking notes in class, the professor suddenly started drawing diagrams and explaining his ideas, so I'm like oh shoot what should I do. I found an app that lets you quickly draw diagrams and stick notes wherever you want. The beauty part is that you can export it as a saved image and insert it into any document… I am a paperless student."

Kris

"Incorporating an iPad into group work - as more than just fancy chart paper - could de-individualize and collectivize learning. ... [however] the impetus cannot come from the technology alone, iPad or otherwise. It must also come from the human side - students, schools and programs,   and their relations to the world beyond the walls of the academy."

Sarah

"The iPad plays   in collaboration. I have a group project that involves 7 people conducting food inspections & sharing information is key. Staying in touch is a struggle, but with the iPad I feel ahead of the curve. It is extremely useful to be able to type up my observations with excerpts from my class notes, and send them out while I am still at the premises."
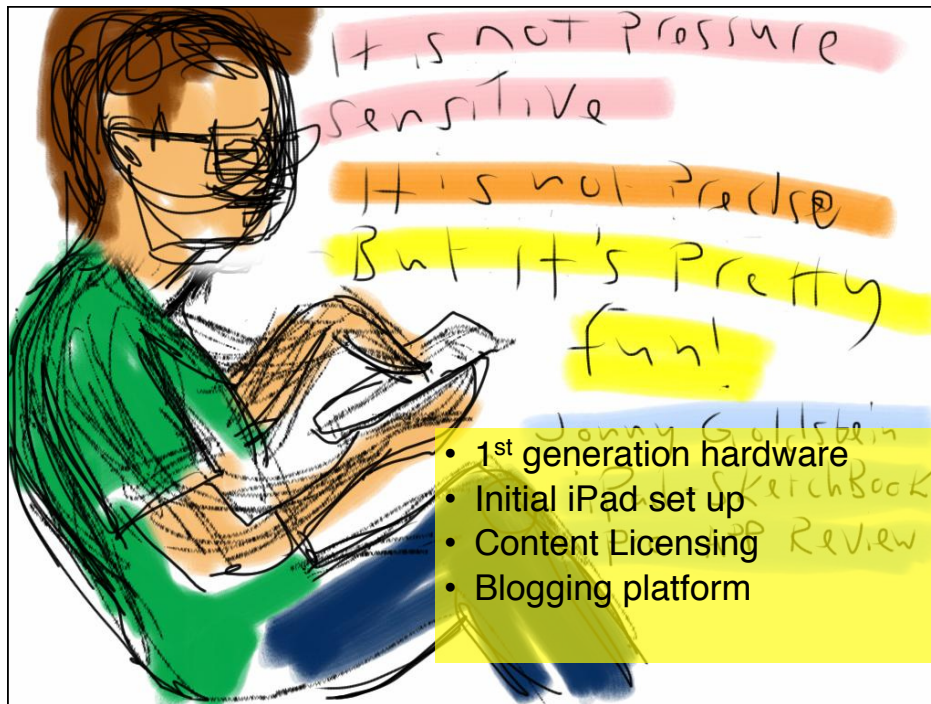
Things to consider

Ethics Approval

Students

- Sample Size
- Cross discipline
- Blogging Frequency

Technology

- License Transfers
- Gift Cards
- Peripherals
- Other devices

- 1st generation hardware
- Initial iPad set up
- Content Licensing
- Blogging platform

Loan Potential

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Risks
- Theft
- Loss
- Damage

Loan Potential

- Institutions lending iPads
  - MIT (on 4hr loan)
  - NCSU (on 7 day loan)
  - FDU (on 2hr loan, can't leave library)
  - Boston College (2 day loan)

- Preloaded with apps and App Store disabled

Is the iPad useful on a temporary basis?

- Apps suitable for iPad loan
  - eBooks, News Apps, Browser, YouTube…

- Opportunity to try new technology

- Consumption v. Production

"I use the iPad for things that involve my personal accounts (email, courseware, planner, annotate class notes. It would be difficult to start from scratch every time I wanted to use an iPad in the Library"

–Sarah

Wider Implications

- Project: iPad, not yet completed

- Luxury Item… to pervasive technology

- Designing for the iPad / Tablet.

Wider Implications

iPad for Academic Use
- Flexible / Fast computing
- Other Tablet Devices
- Consumption vs. Production

Questions?

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