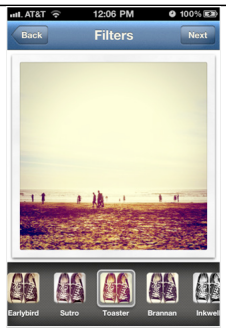
What do these apps have in common?

They can all start your husband's car from inside an airplane! Just kidding. Isn't that commercial annoying?

No these apps have nothing in common, except that they have all gained the approval of Ms. Inspectress Gadget. Read on for my ode to six awesome iPhone Apps.



Instagram, free

If you're like me, you're constantly updating your billions of social networking sites, for work, for pleasure and sometimes just because you're bored. I love taking pics with my phone to upload, but it's annoying because:

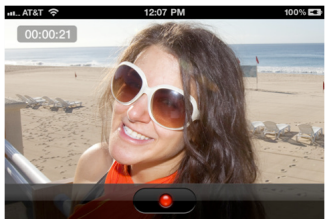
A) the photos look too terrible to publish and

B) you have to manually upload to Twitter, Tumblr, Facebook, etc. individually.

Instagram is a really cool, free app that allows you to take or choose an existing photo, tweak it with different filters, tilt-shift to make it look extra

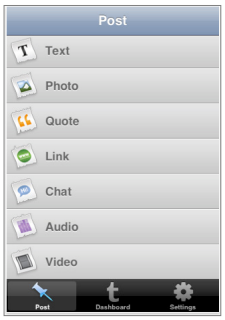
cool, then upload at once to as many social networking sites as you like. Plus, each pic is also readily available for the Instagram community to enjoy.

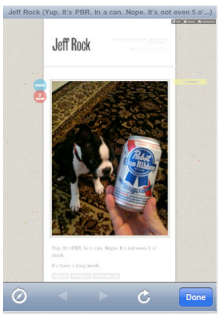
No more sad pictures taking up precious gigs in your iPhone.



Videolicious, free

Videolicious is similar to Instagram in that it makes good use of Apples cameras. Videolicious creates bomb videos from photos, your itunes and videos. You can create voiceovers and edit to your heart's content. You can even automatically send editorial videos to national mags like Lucky and Martha Stewart living for possible consideration on their Web sites.





Tumblr, free

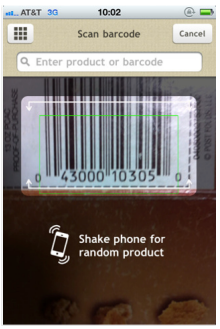
Tumblr is a site that's growing wildly in popularity. It's a hybrid of blogging and tweeting, which allows you to upload quotes, high-res images, videos, music, photos, links and just about anything else to your page. Those following you can then "re-blog" your creations, or "love" them, which then puts your photos, tunes or vids on their tumblr sites for more to see. This app helps you update your page at the touch of a button.

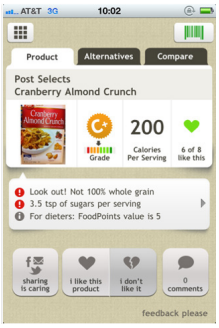
Winterbells, .99

Winterbells is an iPhone version of a popular game from the much loved Orisinal flash site of simple and cute games. In this one, sweet music plays as your bunny hops into the sky on bells as you collect points. You can play it forever.

Katy Perry's Revenge 2, free

I think the title of this app alone is worth downloading it. If you've ever played Tap Tap you know how addicting it can be- you simply tap circles to the beat of a song, similar to DDR or Guitar Hero. Katy Perry's Revenge is two free Tap Tap games to her latest songs Firework and E.T. The full versions of the songs play as beats zoom toward you and fireworks shoot around in the background. I'm embarrassed by how fun this is.





Fooducate, free

It can be easy to breeze through supermarket aisles and just throw whatever comes in a 100-Calorie pack into your cart. Fooducate is an app that lets you scan barcodes of foods, then see how healthy they are on an A through F scale, based on sugar, fat, carbs and other factors. You can also check out comments or reviews on items. You may even learn that those Ho-Hos are actually worth the fat because everyone agrees they're super delicious. Probably not, though.