Are You Appy?

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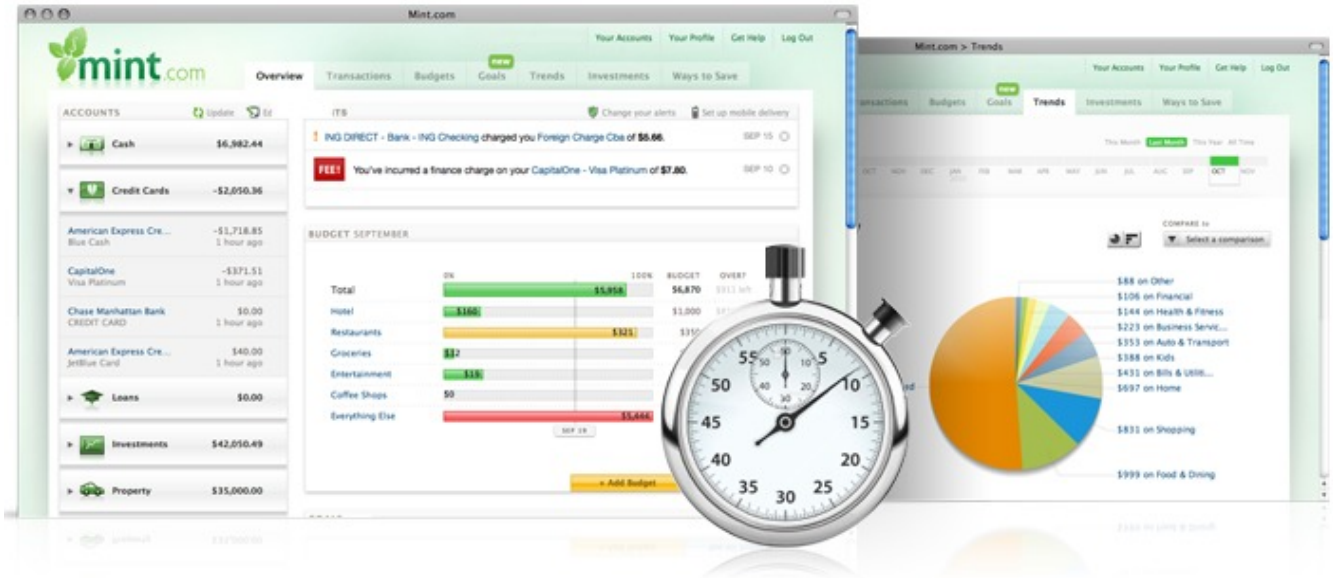
I'm sure you've heard the saying a time or two, "there's an app for that". Well it's true. In today's world of tablets, smart phones, and the like, the number of apps available has skyrocketed. In fact, you can even make your own with services like AppMakr [1]and iBuildApp [2].

The purpose of an app is to aid users by making everyday tasks easier and more efficient. But not all apps are as intuitive and effortless as they strive to be. Many users complain about inefficient app designs, a lack of useful information, and even confusing functionality – a few blunders that will make you want to rip your hair out.

Because of the host of apps with terrible reps, we've set out to find which apps will make you appy, and help you keep your hair. From managing your personal finances, to tracking your health and wellness regimen, to finding the best place to grab a burger, we've mapped out some of the best and most popular apps, to make your life just a bit easier.



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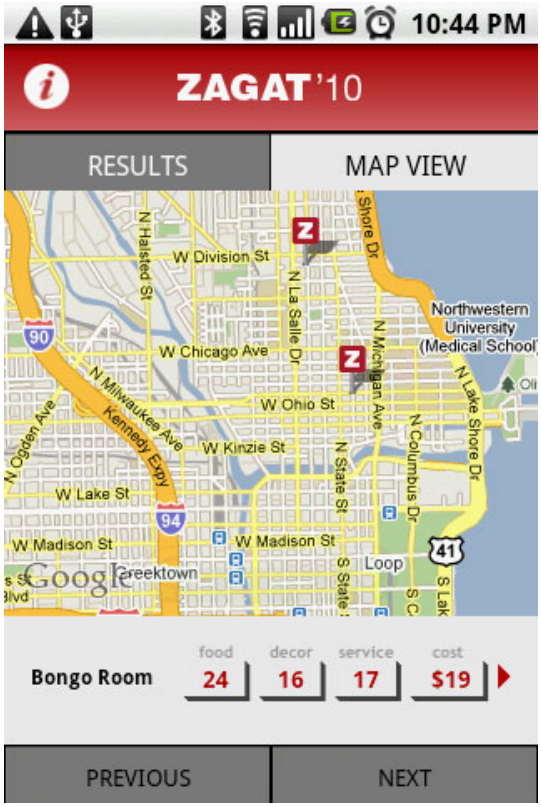
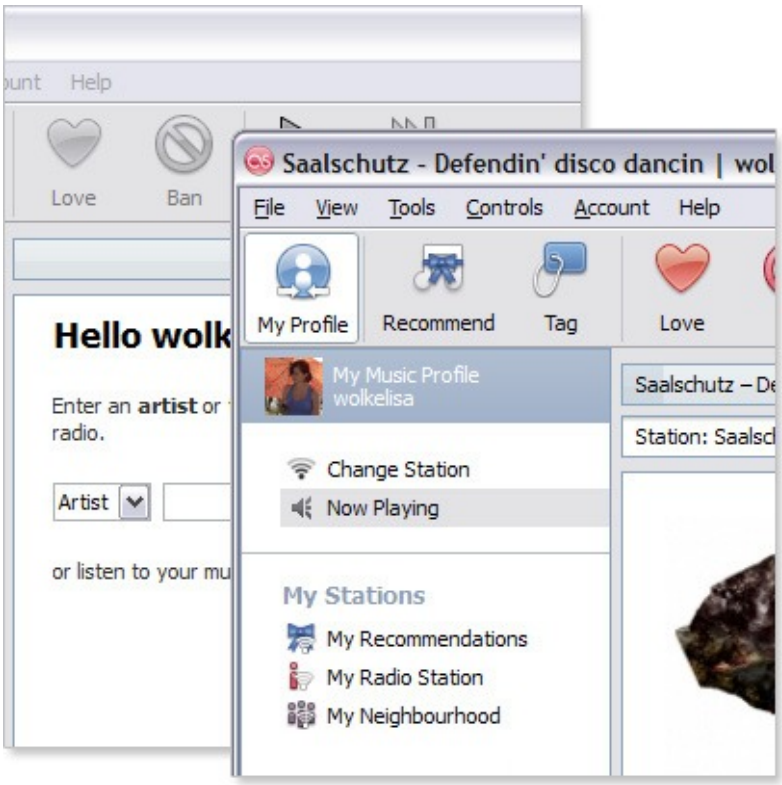
Mint [3]
Cost: Free
Runs on: Android & iOS
What sets it apart: Mint.com provides resources for managing your accounts, while staying on budget. Manage your funds with a host of tools and calculators, so comprehensive you really can't get it wrong. File your everyday expenditure into the Bills and Expenses category, where you can specify where each dollar was spent, and what you spent it on. Rent, car payment, groceries, etc., can all be neatly labeled. Although, the category is a little lackluster, and— an unfortunate

glitch – you can set up bill alerts, but you cannot view a calendar on the mobile version. So much for that feature!



Zagat To Go [4]
Cost: $9.99
Runs on: Android & iOS
What sets it apart: Zagat To Go is the go-to for restaurant reviews in the major metropolitan areas and foodie cities like New York, Tokyo, or Paris. The app gives you a year's worth of ratings and reviews for every Zagat-rated restaurant in 45 cities. One of the best perks – offline browsing – so you can browse restaurants without an Internet connection. Zagat To Go also offers neat features like a nearby restaurant listing, reservations functionality, and Foursquare integration. The biggest downfall – Zagat doesn't cover all cities, so check out the app description for a full list before you jump the gun.

MyFitnessPal [5]
Cost: Free
Runs on: Android & iOS (BlackBerry in progress)
What sets it apart: Talk about a public lifestyle, this health and fitness community app makes your diet available for all to see. Users link their account to either their Facebook profile or a defined circle of online friends. For better or worse, each weigh-in is broadcast to perhaps hundreds of "friends." The app features a daily counter which tracks nutritional intake. Makes you think twice about eating that chocolate bar, eh? You can easily determine if you are getting the recommended daily allowance of fiber and calcium, or if you are overdoing it on sodium and sugar.



Last.fm [6]
Cost: Free
Runs on: Android & iOS
What sets it apart: Last.fm takes music to the next level. It's a social music site that lets you share your picks with the Last.fm community. You can get the music recommendations according to your taste, add tracks to your playlist, purchase tracks directly from iTunes and tag the tracks. Did we mention you can keep a record of what you listen to? They're so excited about this feature they've made a name for it: Scrobbling. The Scrobbler automatically fills your library and updates it with what you've been listening to on your computer or iPod.

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