

Webinar: TFL WATAP AT Live Demo

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>> Martha Rust: Good afternoon, everyone. We're excited that you're able to join us for Wired Wednesday bits and bytes with TFL and WATAP.

If you have any questions, please feel free to put it down in the chat box below. We'll monitor it throughout the demonstration today. Please feel free to put your questions in there.

Thank you for joining us today. I think it's been a minute since we had a Wired Wednesday bits and bytes.

For you first timers, this is something WATAP and TFL we started this at the start of the pandemic as a way to show people that we are here and wanting to do demonstrations for people to feel comfortable to reach out to either one of our programs if you have questions about anything when it comes to assistive technology.

If you would like more information or more one on one demonstration of what you see here today or if there's other things you would like to have more one on one demonstration, give us a call... [Reading from PowerPoint].

Today we do have Maria Kelley who will be doing our demonstration today. You're in for a great surprise. I'm going to

pass this to Maria.

>> Maria Kelley: I'm going to attempt to share my screen. We were successful a few minutes ago. Hopefully we'll still have that level of success. Here are go.

>> Martha Rust: Hold on a second. I see Gina has a question. You didn't get the option to turn the captioning on. I want to address that before we get started.

Tori, is there a link that we can put it in the chat box for Gina?

>> Maria Kelley: How does that look, Martha?

>> Martha Rust: Great. Yay. I love when technology works.

>> Maria Kelley: For Wired Wednesday today I had intentions of demoing this app called procraster and then it kept crashing. So I decided to talk about Finish. The second row from the bottom of my screen you'll see an application icon with a purple check mark. Just a little bit brief history about this.

If you are curious and downloading it for yourself or a client you're working with, it's an application that cost about 99 cents. It's only available for iOS. If you're searching for it and type in Finish app it will be difficult to find. The full name is Finish procrastination app. It was developed by high school students who wanted to have a better handle on their assignments. I thought it was ambitious on their part to come up with a solution

that worked for them. I'm sure they're reaping the scheduling rewards and the financial rewards.

Some of the features I want to emphasize and go over today this is when you launch the app it gets you here. I've entered some appointments. The application when they developed it they broke it down into three levels of scheduling importance. So you see here they break it down into short-term tasks which pops up at the top of the application and mid-term tasks and long--term tasks. The way they differentiate that is the end user can decide how they define the time duration from beginning to completion of a task from 0 to X amount of days. They can determine a short-term task how many days and so forth. So if you go into the settings portion of the application, this gives you the opportunity to determine under reminder options turning it on and getting notifications and reminders when the due date is only or general notifications repeatedly.

If you want to watch the built-in tutorial prior to setting up the application settings it will be helpful.

This application is set up with mobile kip. Kip is a mobile advertising. They focus to provide tangible rewards to increase app engagement. So as individuals check off a particular task, they work towards receiving different types of merchandise or gift cards as you see here.

The individual who wish to use the reward system will register with their e-mail. I thought that was interesting.

The other thing I want to touch on is this is basically a pretty intuitive application in that you see here the full application. As you see my short-term task the first one you see here is call Martha. There's a feature in the settings where you can say improve your focus. There's three in my short-term applications that pop up. It's hard to see but it's right below that says more short-term apps. If you tap on that it will show the last task that's on that list for short-term. What the focus feature does is it collapses your task that are not immediately due, and it prioritizes the things that are tiered up and that you need to get done sooner on your list.

For example, calling Martha about Wired Wednesday if I choose it I will pop it open and those three dots on the right-hand side I can make modifications and add a note. If I can't remember her phone number I can enter it there. I won't have to look up her phone number. That's time saving.

A nice feature I like about this application is that you will see a bother me sliding option on the bottom. If I turn that on as you see here my first notification to call Martha will be at 9:45 on the day that I chose. If I surpass that time, it will bug me every hour until I select task is completed. So that can be helpful for those who tend to ignore our notifications.

The other thing is notes. Calling my colleague Francisco if I tap on the icon it shows me I entered his phone number. I can make that call without going back into the contacts. There's

a lot of flexibility in the notes feature of the application.

The other thing is in regards to the other tiers under the settings I can change the time lengths. If I want my short-term tasks to be listed as only one day because I want them to be more immediate, I can make those adjustments here.

The same with the mid-term time frames I can make those modification as well. If I make modifications for the short-term and I go to change the long-term it changes the long-term time frame.

What else can I tell you about this? If you look at my short-term tasks under enter data I can create a task that's reoccurring. That's what the arrows on the far-right hand side. So I have that scheduled from tomorrow at 9:30. If I swipe to the left I can get my options here. The check mark means I completed it. If I choose this selection I can actually have opportunities to forward it to myself. As an e-mail, text message, to notes, et cetera. The other thing is -- now I'm frozen. Great.

The other thing I can do is in regards to the focus icon that's the -- if you choose not to have that feature turned on, it will list all of your tasks that you created in both the short-term, mid--term and long-term sections. I found when those individuals who do tend to have some issues with visual clutter having that focus mode turned on can help with highlighting your tasks that are more priority loaded up on top of the areas of short-term mid-term and long-term goals.

So that's it in a nut shell. Are there any questions pertaining to this app before I go to the next one?

>> Martha Rust: I don't see any.

>> Maria Kelley: The next one I want to go over is called iStudiez pro. This is a virtual planner that was designed for college students but as I was getting more familiar with it, I think it would be a good tool for high school students. I chose this because I have a freshman in college. Her first day in college was today. I'm going to try to get her to use this in lieu of a paper planner. This application is available in iOS and Android applications and a desk top version for Mac OS. If you want cloud support there's a fee for that. It's an in-app purchase. For your desk top version there's a monthly and annual subscription for the application to run on your desk top.

I want to go through some features. You see on the bottom different views. The overview, a folder for assignments, a planner view. So if I go into planner, this is what it looks like. I already have the classes pre-loaded. I can change this. If the student is actually on quarters verses semesters that's easily modified by just selecting the icon there. You can change the times of when the semester quarter start from the beginning of the semester to the end and save that.

The other nice thing is in this view of planner view I have all of my classes on the left side. I select Spanish and it tells me where the classes are. If I go to biology it does the same

thing. For all the courses listed here.

The other nice thing about this application -- if I go into overview and I go by on the top of the screen you'll see I can choose the tab for schedule or assignments. So if I'm in the -- I'm sorry, the day or week. So right now I'm in day view. It tells me today is -- I'm on November T. Today is the 23rd. That tells me the schedule for the day. I can select for the week and it gives me a color-coded version of all of my classes. I can select my class from this. If I select anatomy lecture it gives me this break down of my name of my professor. If I select that I can have a photo. This is just a caricature of the professor. I can insert a real-life photograph of the professor. It has all the contact information and a break down for all the labs and lectures which can be easily edited by selecting the edit feature.

If I go back to planner, you'll notice at the top -- there's a little delay when I switch views. If I go into planner, I can go from my schedule to assignments. It lists what the assignments are and whether due. In 6 days my lab number 8 is due and to prepare for the quiz. The other nice thing you see here is a count down. Right above where the tabs for schedule an assignment there's 42 classes left. There's no exams left for this and I only have one assignment to complete before the class is done in 42 days.

I'm trying to remember which has an exam. One of the classes I created an exam. Here for calculus it says I have 22

classes left and 1 exam. So when I select this class it will tell me on the bottom what time my classes are. On the heading for exam it will tell you I have a mid-term exam between 4:10-6 p.m. at this location. The last thing I want to show you before I entertain questions is I can also add. If I go to assignments I can add an assignment and I will choose one here and I will say testing. Then the nice thing about this I can make the modification of when this is going to happen, I will say it will happen on October 1. Then designate if it is high or low priority. I say normal. I can choose a partner. I can select who I need to add to this particular assignment by opening up my contacts and selecting that person and saving it and that's listed down into that particular class. So I found that this could be a really helpful tool for individuals who are going to -- who tend to rely on paper planners. The nice thing about this if they pay for the ability to sync it and upload it to the cloud they can access this virtual planner across multiple platforms and devices. That's it for the demo today. Again, those two things was the Finish app which is available for only the iPhone and iPad for 99 cents. And then the iStudiez pro which is available across multiple platforms. Any questions? Love the iStudiez app!

>> Martha Rust: IStudiez pro was there a cost?

>> Maria Kelley: For iOS and android apps it's a free version and then if you want to have cloud services it was about \$2 in app purchase. For the web base or desk top version there's annual subscriptions, monthly and annual to utilize the software



program or application.

>> Martha Rust: Thank you. It looks like we have a couple comments. Heather said love the iStudiez app. I wish I had that in college. I think I would have been a lot more organized. Sal's question is do any of these sync with other calendars?

>> Maria Kelley: The iStudiez if you purchase -- if you upgrade from the free version it does integrate with other calendaring systems. I don't want to fully commit to it but I'm pretty sure it's outlook and perhaps the icalendar and I thought I read the Google calendar. So it does give you that option with a paid subscription.

>> Martha Rust: Great. Thank you. Any other questions? These look like they would be fabulous to try out. I used iStudiez app with some students a couple years ago. The pictures have only gotten better.

>> Maria Kelley: They're up grading it all the time. As you know, I think the challenge with a lot of these applications like procrastinator it hadn't been updated in a while. The iStudiez pro has regular updates to keep it running fresh.

>> Martha Rust: Great. It sounds like it can be used on the Android platform too.

>> Maria Kelley: It's across multiple. All of them. It's rare to find something that will run on windows, but this runs on windows desk top.

>> Martha Rust: Awesome. Any other questions? I don't

see any. While we're waiting, Tori, will you throw up the survey link? We do take these surveys very serious and would love to have your feedback about today's demonstration. I thought it was good. We want to know if there's other things you would like for us to demonstrate. I can't believe we're already at the end of September. There is the survey link right in the chat box area. Our next one mark your calendar will be October 7th with WATAP, and she will go over smart speakers verses -- echo verses Google or something like that. Thank you guys so much for joining us today. We hope to have you back in October.