

Ed Software Evaluation

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Title: Total Recall - Mind Map

Type of Software: Tools: Graphic organizers can be used to enhance/initiate learning. You can map out your lessons, facts, or next steps using this app. Teachers can use this app to create graphic organizers or visuals that will help them in their lessons.

Version: Version 5.0

Publisher: Michel Neuhaus, Zyense

Target Audience: 4+

We think 8+. Students can read and have a good grasp on organizing. They can understand graphic organizers better. It may be used for students even younger.

Curriculum/How it might be used in our class: This could be used in any subject type. You can create maps for social studies with family trees or timelines. You could create cause and effect maps or any kind of circle map for science. English could connect story plots or basically any information. This app would be used as a graphic organizer for the students to record information with. The teacher could also create charts, maps, or graphic organizers for presentation or as a handout for the students.

Possible Environments and Why: This could be used by a single person or by a group for a mind map for a project. The teacher could use it to create a handout for the class. You don't need Internet for this app past the initial download, unless you want to send the finished product somewhere.

Cost: Free. \$1.99 full app unlocked.

Paragraph Describing App: This is an easy to use app. You go into the app and hit the plus sign. This allows you to create and name a new map. When you go into your new map, there is a toolbar at the bottom. You can hit the plus sign there to create new text bubbles. The plus sign is also where you can create links from bubble to bubble. You could delete it (the link or bubble) later by hitting the minus sign and tapping on it. There is also a splash symbol in the toolbar that allows you to change the color, shape, and text size of the bubble. This feature

also allows you to arrows between the bubble. Once you're out of these feature, you can add text on the bubble. You can hit the play button and the bubbles will begin to move. We don't see the point for this feature, but kids may enjoy it. When you're finished with your mind map, you can send it as a mind map, PDF, image, or text. You can also duplicate your mind maps if you wish to have differing versions.

Impressions of Software: We definitely see possibilities for this app in taking notes or creating graphic organizers. We like how simple the app is. There are no distractions or unnecessary features. It's easy to learn and easy to navigate. Our students could definitely master this app. This simpleness does mean that there aren't a lot of options for different links between the bubbles or for the shape of the bubbles. We were also a little disappointed that there weren't different fonts to choose from in the text feature. Overall, it's a great little app that can be used in just about any subject.

Does it pass APPS: We would both us this in our classrooms to make graphic organizers. Students can use this app in projects and presentations and the teacher can too.