

News and information

ANDY Tan (right), 39, reads the "3.5-inch edition" of The Straits Times, a news reader app on his iPhone.

"I am always on the move. With this app, I can keep up-to-date on breaking news whenever I get a chance – like while waiting for meetings to start," says the mechanical and electrical manager of a local construction firm who bought his iPhone 3G S earlier this month.

Andy spends most of his 12-hour workday away from the desk. He allows his two primary school daughters to use his phone for their Web-based homework.

A host of different types of local



apps can be found for smartphones. In addition to news portals, the apps provide updates on the weather, announce 4D results and dispense other information.

The Straits Times

For Android and Nokia phones and the iPhone

Breaking news in familiar categories like World, Money and Sports, such as in the online version of The Straits Times, but downsized for the phone screen.

Once the the app launches, it downloads all the available stories so you can read the news offline to save on data charges.

On the iPhone version, you will also receive weather updates and major stock market indices.

Park-a-Lot Lite

For the iPhone

A handy app that tells you the parking rates at different buildings and tourist attractions. Its useful Browse Nearby Carparks function

lists alternative parking areas within a 500m radius.

Trafficam SG

For the iPhone

A simple app for viewing LTA traffic camera footage. Bookmark the cameras you would usually check on – like the ones at the Woodlands Causeway or the Central Expressway – for faster access.

SG Buses

For Android phones and the iPhone

A simple listing of the bus services available at bus stops. Arrival times for SBS services are also shown.

4D

For the iPhone

A must-have for those fond of the 4D lottery. Not only are the latest results shown, you can also check all the results from up to three years ago. Thinking of a lucky number? Punch it in and see how often it has been the winning number in the past.

Android Weather@SG

For Android phones

From PSI readings to humidity levels, this app tells you all you want to know about the weather forecast for Singapore – for the next three hours to three days ahead.

Fleas & Fairs Singapore

For the iPhone

An artistically designed listing packed with photos of the various flea markets in Singapore from the Thieves Market to Zouk Flea and Easy.

Fashion Asia-Touch

For Nokia phones

Essentially a pretty advertisement app for F J Benjamin brands like Raoul and Gap, this app also offers some style tips and allows you to upload your fashion ensemble to share with others.

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