

## Kindle Fire HD7

### *Why do I need a Kindle Fire HD? How can I use this in my teaching?*

With the Kindle Fire HD 7, you can instantly check email, read textbooks, and browse the web. Weighing less than one pound, the Kindle Fire is lighter and more portable than an iPad or Samsung Galaxy Tab. With free, low priced, or already installed apps, you can perform the same functions on your Kindle as you would on your computer. By uploading your computer documents to the Amazon Cloud Drive, you can access them on your Kindle and view or review what you need to right before class.

In [an article from EdTech Magazine](#), author Tom Jordon, University of Wisconsin's network operations center manager, writes about the positive uses of the Kindle Fire on college campuses. He mentions that while it has "minimal external interfaces (power button, micro-USB port, and a headphone jack)", it "excels at media management". The article also discusses the benefits of the e-reader application, which would definitely assist in classes where books need to be repeatedly accessed.

### *Okay, so can I try one out?*

The Instructional and Information Technology Group has a tablet to lend to instructors. Please see the Assistant Director for more information on how to borrow it.

### *How do I set up a Kindle Fire?*

To set up your Kindle Fire, you first need to register the device to an Amazon account. Complete set up directions can be found [here](#).

### *How do I put apps on my Kindle? How do I take them off?*

How to download/uninstall an app:

You can download applications from the Amazon Appstore for Android by looking through suggested apps or searching for specific ones. Further information can be found on the [Kindle Support](#) page.

That page also has information on what to do if you accidentally purchase an app.

## *How do I protect my data when I'm done?*

For factory default settings, swipe from the top of the screen down.

More > Device > Reset to Factory Defaults.

## *Okay, I have a Kindle Fire HD. Now what?*

Suggested apps to get you started:

### *Free:*

- **TED:** If you like TED talks or use them as part of class material, this app could give an easier way to search for specific topics of talks. You can browse by themes or tags.
- **Attendance:** Easy way to keep track of student attendance. Syncs with a Google Spreadsheet that hosts student information.
- **Evernote:** You can create documents and notes and then access them from any device that also has Evernote. You can also edit documents and view/mark PDFs
- **Adobe Reader:** You can easily view and annotate PDFs with Adobe Reader.
- **Merriam-Webster Dictionary:** Free dictionary in case you need a quick reference or definition for your class. Offers voice search, synonyms, antonyms, and origins.
- **Dropbox:** Dropbox is like an online flash drive—you can save any documents, photos, and videos to Dropbox and then access them anywhere. While you may not find the Dropbox app directly in the Kindle store, Kindle Fire owners say you can download it directly from the Dropbox website.
- **TeachersTube:** This is basically a version of YouTube that is only for teachers. It includes a variety of videos that may assist with lesson plans and/or give ideas to supplement.

### *Paid:*

- **Chrome Sync** [\$99 or 99 coins]: If you have Google Chrome on your computer, you can visit your bookmarks and view your history on your Kindle with this application. Your Google documents will also sync from your computer to your Kindle.
- **Tab for Gmail** [\$99 or 99 coins]: Gmail on your Kindle Fire. With this app, if you have a Gmail account, you will have all of the Gmail features on your tablet.