

7 Ways To Use An iPad Mini Retina To Help In Your Job As WLAN Professional

I've been on a journey to find the best possible tools to support me in my personal and professional life. I'd like to share a few things about my current 'go to' tool of choice.

I've tried way too many options – searching for one with a form factor and capabilities that support my lifestyle and needs. Right now, the winner has been an iPad mini retina. I went with the 128GB version – not cheap – but it opens up an entire world of possibilities with having so much digital storage available with you most of the time.

Many of the items listed below can be accomplished with the smallest 32GB version – but I'd recommend the extra storage – you can make this small, light-weight device, also second as an archive for all of your media, and a very portable one at that.

Perhaps I'll leave all the actual apps I use for another blog – this one is to merely give a quick overview of what is possible when you have a high-resolution screen, Wi-Fi, Cellular, fast CPU, and lots of digital storage space in a form factor that fits in your pocket and has available accessories to connect it to an HDMI cable to watch movies in your hotel room, or a console cable to help with a terminal session deep in a data center rack.

I've also started using:

Communication Center

- Email / SMS
- Facetime / Skype / Lync
- GoToMeeting / WebEx
- Web Browsing
- Twitter / Facebook / Google Plus
- Cellular Internet
- Wi-Fi Hotspot
- Share Files / FTP Client & Server

Working Documents

- Word/Excel/PowerPoint
- Pages/Numbers/Keynote
- PDF Editing
- Taking Photographs
- Audio Recordings
- DropBox Sync

Training Center

- Presentations
- TED Talks
- Training Videos
- Tech Pubs
- Course Materials
- Second screen during hands-on exercises

Technical Publications Repository

- User Guides
- Reference Guides
- White Papers
- Research Materials
- Evernote Repository & Access
- PDFs of all Kinds
- Technical Books
- Technical Specifications and Protocols

WLAN Professional Toolbox

- Mapping / GPS
- Documentation / Photographs / Notes
- Vendor Tools
- WLAN Tools
- IT Tools / Network Tools
- IT and Network References
- Terminal Emulator/ SSH
- Throughput Testing / iPerf / IXIA Client

Personal Digital Assistant

- Contact List
- To Do Manager
- Clock / Timer / Alarms
- Pedometer
- Maps/GPS
- Weather
- News
- Stock Market
- Photo Album
- Calculator

Media Archive/Entertainment Center

- Games
- Movies
- Music
- News
- Books
- Audiobooks
- Magazines

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