



**Simplemind+:** Allows you to create mind maps, collect your ideas in one place and improve your brainstorm productivity. Instead of mundane text versions, the mind maps allow you to visualize and connect your thoughts, plus you can hyperlink, share and export them as needed.

## Organization & Focus

**Brainwave Sharp Mind:** Induces optimized mental states ideal for school, exam preparation, confidence, problem solving, memory, creativity, confidence and learning

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# SDS Guide to Study Apps & Tools

# Essential Tools for Studying, Time Management, Organization, and Focusing



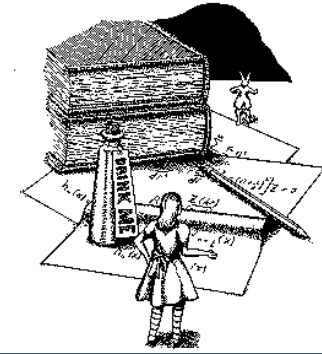
# Time Management

**RescueTime:** This gives you an accurate picture of how you spend your time to help you become more productive every day.

**Study Buddy:** Improve your study habits by keeping track of your study time versus distraction time, get efficiency reports, plus use timers and warnings to get you back on track from those breaks that just linger.

**Nozbe:** Organizes your tasks according to the location where you'd perform them—whether it's home, office, online, etc. It also has a team-oriented tasks option, like group message boards.

**StayFocusd:** This Chrome extension blocks your biggest time-wasting sites. It works like a timer, and asks you to set the maximum time you want to waste on your customized time-killer sites before they're blocked.



## Essential Tools for Studying

**Dropbox:** A free file hosting service that allows users to share and access photos, documents and videos anywhere

**instaGrok:** An innovative educational search engine that combines sophisticated semantic technology with an interactive user interface to make learning more engaging, personalized and fun for everyone.

**JotNot Pro:** Processes pictures of documents, receipts, whiteboards, blackboards, and handwritten notes, making them easier to read, print, and share with others.

**PDF Annotater:** PDF annotators should allow users to underline, highlight, or strikethrough text, add a note, and write on the PDF (preferably via both keyboard text and handwriting). \*\*

**OCR Software:** Turn scans of paper documents, PDF files, and digital photographs into searchable and editable formats. ++

**Evernote:** productivity tool that allows you to capture all your ideas, thoughts and images in many different ways, eg with voice, notes or images.

**High Speed Scanner:** optically scans images, printed text, handwriting, or an object, and converts it to a digital image. \*\*\*

**Zotero:** Whether you need to create footnotes, endnotes, in-text citations, or bibliographies, this will do all the dirty work for you, leaving you free to focus on your writing. It also collects all your research in a single, searchable interface. You can add PDFs, images, audio and video files, snapshots of web pages, and really anything else.

**AudioNote:** Combines the functionality of note-taking and voice recording apps to create a powerful tool that will save you time while improving the quality of your notes. By synchronizing notes and audio, it automatically indexes your meetings, lectures, classes, interviews—you name it.

**Purdue OWL:** The OWL offers over 200 free resources on grammar, punctuation & other mechanics of writing, style guides, help for writer's block and more.

App availability varies across platforms.

\*\* A variety of products exist in this category

++ JHU provides SensusAccess and Kurzweil

\*\*\* JHU provides scanners across campus

