

Module 5 - Chapter 5 Exercise

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Internet access from smartphones and tablet devices has greatly improved the work environment of long-distance truck drivers. Using your favorite search engine, identify at least three apps that a trucker might use to do two or more of the following: obtain routing information, manage fuel consumption, find truck stops or truck-friendly rest areas, record what they have hauled and where they have hauled it, track required permits, locate Department of Transportation weigh stations, maintain electronic log books, or find potential loads and place bids to carry them. For each app you identify, write a paragraph that explains what the app does, how much it costs, and on what type of devices it runs.

Weigh My Truck

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.catscale.weighmytruck>

This app helps truck drivers determine the weight of their current load. They can drive onto a weighing scale and with their linked account any important information will be relayed to them. The location of the stop will be tracked along with their measured weight. This information can then be automatically emailed on up to 5 email accounts. For a truck driver this is helpful because it reduces the need for them to physically write the information down and do the extra work of passing along work logs. This app is currently free and runs on both Android and IOS

Gas Buddy

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gbis.gbandroid&hl=en_US

Gas Buddy is an app that tracks gas stations around the world and their current fuel prices. This helps truck drivers who are in new areas because they can find convenient or close stops while also getting the best prices. The app allows you to earn "GasBack" (like cashback) which are refundable points that you earn through purchases. You can then use these to buy Gas. In addition to this you can maintain fuel logs and keep track of how much gas you purchased along with the price. This app is free and available on both Android and IOS

Google Maps

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.google.android.apps.maps&hl=en_US

Another invaluable tool to truck drivers would be Google maps. This is one of the most popular mapping tools and can give you directions to almost anywhere. Google Maps holds a huge database for global maps and with the app you can easily get directions. You can add custom stops along the way for fuel or food making your commutes more convenient. In addition to this there are multiple different views for the maps so you can see up close pictures or just a route overview. The app gives live updates on traffic, lets you know how long it will take and the total distance. This app is free and available on both Android and IOS.