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Apple launches official iPhone, iPod touch Web apps directory

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Apple on Thursday afternoon launched as part of its website an official directory of iPhone and iPod touch Web applications, reinforcing its stance that third-party developers should focus their developmental efforts on Web 2.0 applications that function only under the embedded version of its Safari browser.

The move, [anticipated](#) by *AppleInsider* earlier this week, underscores the Cupertino-based firm's commitment to maintaining the security and integrity of its mobile Mac OS X platform by disallowing native application development by anyone other than itself.

The [new applications directory](#), fashioned after the company's official Dashboard widget list, includes over 200 third-party Web-based applications optimized for either the iPhone or iPod touch — which share a similar hardware makeup.

The Apple directory breaks applications down into categories such as Games, News, Sports and Weather. Each application listing provides a short description of that application's function, the name of its developer, associated web addresses, and the date the application was approved and posted to the official company list.

Apple encourages developers to [submit](#) their Web applications to the directory and provide [feedback](#) on the current concept. The company also provides a [guide](#) explaining how developers can get started writing Web applications for the iPhone and iPod touch.

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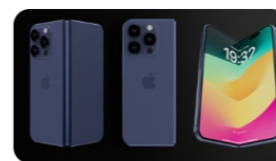
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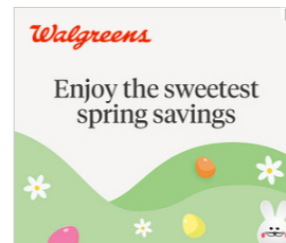
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im glad they have this directory now!

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Yeah, no doubt. Let the user decide if they want Web 2.0 apps or native apps. We want a free market for the iPhone.

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its nice knowing whats available. I'm all for this.

i was looking around and noticed an app called jkPassword.... SEEMS SPOOKY to me. hehe... Is apple ensuring that the web apps are safe? I guess thats all up to the end users discretion.

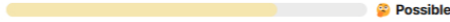
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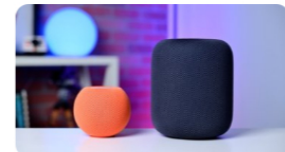
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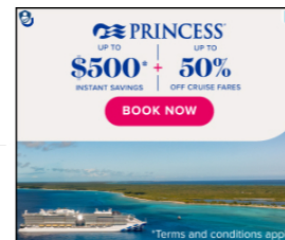
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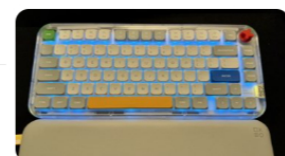
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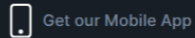


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