The new app every movie lover needs



Hi friends! Welcome to the first-ever edition of *Installer*. My hope here every week is to be your guide to all the best and *Verge*-iest stuff in the world. My original pitch for this was just "what if we just found all the cool apps/videos/creators/whatevers every week and put it all in one place," and that's what *Installer* is here to be.

Normally, these won't start with a long preamble about How It All Works, but seeing as we've never done this before, I'll try and explain things as we go. First and most important: *Installer* absolutely positively does not work without you. I'm going to do my best to find great new stuff every week, but I'm also hoping you'll tag me in funny posts, DM me hilarious memes, and email me (installer@theverge.com) links to all the best stuff you encounter all over the web. We're going to make this thing great together every single week.

There are two ways to get *Installer*: on theverge.com every Sunday morning or in newsletter form every Saturday. Subscribers get a full day's head start. *But David*, you're

saying, *I hate email. Who needs more email*? I'm with you — I don't like reading newsletters in my inbox either. But I have solutions!

- Many RSS readers, like **Feedbin (link)**, **Inoreader (link)**, and **Feedly (link)**, give you an email address you can use to send newsletters like this one straight to the app. Personally, I do all my newsletter reading through Feedbin in **Reeder (link)** on iOS and **Feeder ()** on Android, and it works great.
- You can also use a read-later app, some of which also offer email addresses. **Matter (link)** is a good one for Apple users, and **Omnivore (link)** and the (still-in-beta) **Readwise Reader (link)** work across lots of platforms.
- A lot of folks I know have an email address they *only* use for newsletters, which is probably the simplest and cheapest workaround. Or you can always break that AOL email out of retirement for just this purpose.

Oh, one other formatting thing. Wherever you see bold text and a "(link)," that's something you can try, read, download, whatever — I'll try and link directly to as many things as possible. I'll also link related stories and information throughout, but click on a "(link)" and you'll always go right to the good stuff.

Alright, enough of that. Let's get to the good stuff. This week, I've been testing the **Kagi search engine (link)**, reading about **how to hack a card shuffler (link)**, getting back into **Supernatural boxing (link)** on the Meta Quest, watching and trying to figure out ***Full Circle* (link)**, and binge-listening to the ***Spy Valley* podcast (link)**. I also have a new note-taking app to tell you about, an animated show I think you're going to like, and some tips on how to use my favorite new browser. Let's go.

(Again, the best part of *Installer* is your ideas and tips.

What do you want to know more about? What awesome tricks do you know that everyone else should? What app should everyone be using? Tell me everything: installer@theverge.com. And if you know someone else who might enjoy *Installer*, forward it to them and tell them to subscribe here.)

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The internet is full of tips and tricks. Some of them are great! Most of them are useless. In this space, every week, we’re going to learn how to use our stuff better from the people who know best: the ones who actually make the products.

First up: Josh Miller, the CEO of The Browser Company, which makes a browser called **Arc (link)** that continues to be one of the most interesting new apps on the market. Arc is finally available for all Apple users to download (and he swears Windows is coming soon!), so I asked him for a few tips for new and newish users. Here’s what he came back with:

- “Create two *Spaces* — one for work and one for personal — and add a *Profile* to each to keep your email logins and data separate (church & state)!”
- “As you start pinning tabs, make sure you right-click to Rename each one to something short and sweet — you’ll be amazed how much cleaner and personal your internet feels.”
- “Drag-and-drop a tab on top of your open webpage to create a Split Screen setup instantly. Multi-tasking without multiple windows FTW!”
- “Next up, this one is for David — create a third space

and call it ‘Media’ or something, and then use it with Arc Mobile as a read- and watch-later list. Keeps focus during the day, and a fun pile to go through on nights and weekends.”

- “Finally, and you’ll have to trust me on this since it sounds silly: please pick a fun Theme color for each Space, and use Boosts to change the fonts and colors of your most-used apps. Your internet is better when it reflects your vibe, not some corporation.”

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I want to know what you’re into right now as well! Email installer@theverge.com with your recommendations for anything and everything, and we’ll feature some of our favorites here every week. Thanks to everyone who already reached out — here’s a few of the ones I got this week:

“I have yet to find a song recognition app for Apple Watch that works better than **SoundHound (link)**. The thing I love the most about SoundHound is a feature I didn’t even know I wanted: live lyrics for the detected song on my watch. It’s really cool and useful, and I don’t think there’s a single app other than Soundhound that does it (including Shazam, owned by Apple!).” — Xyan

“My current obsession gadget is the **System76 Launch keyboard (link)**. Thing is amazing, metal build, made in Colorado, works on every OS… and of course RGB.” — Lee

“For travel, I will recommend: **Flighty (link)** for live status of planes. This app saved us hours of pain in our recent trip

to Europe where the budget airlines were changing terminals at the last second without informing us. **Tripsy (link)**, a travel itinerary app I don't know how I traveled without before. Just open the app and it will show you what you are supposed to be doing now, along with any documents that are required for it." – Dev

"An app called **Beeper (link)** is a fully realized all-in-one messaging app based on Matrix that preserves the open-source nature of the protocol and its surrounding apps. It's a startup by Eric Migicovsky, founder of Pebble. I just got early access last week, and it's amazing, with even more potential." – Luke

"A recent iOS app I've been loving is **Sink It for Reddit ()**, which greatly improves the Reddit mobile experience through Safari. After the loss of our beloved Apollo, I tried the official Reddit app. It was such a terrible experience, battery life took a massive hit, and everything felt so clunky. Sink It now feels by far the best way to experience Reddit. Anything to avoid their own horrendous app." – Richard