

Exercise 3

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.

1. Google Maps: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/google-maps/id585027354>

Google Maps is free! This app can be downloaded from google play or the apple store, this means the google maps app is available across all platforms. Google Maps allows you to find directions from your current location to anywhere you want to go. You search for the destination within the map and are provided with multiple different routes to reach your end location. There is a time estimate available as well so that you are prepared to know how long your travel will take. This app is helpful for any user, especially truck drivers who need to go from point A to point B. Google Maps is not only an app, but you can also view their product on a web browser!

<https://www.google.com/maps>

2. Trucker Path: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/trucker-path-truck-gps-fuel/id782746890>

Trucker Path is an app that is downloadable on either google play or the apple store for free. This means this app is available across all platforms. The app was given hundreds of thousands of reviews too. The app allows truckers to find rest stops and parking along their journey. When a truck driver works long distances, they will likely always need to use one or more rest stop depending on the job available. Truckers need to sleep and take breaks to be safe on the road, this app helps them easily find the nearest stops. Truck Path offers real-time up-to-date parking and rest stops for ease of use. They even say their app is “by truckers, for truckers” (truckerpath.com).

<https://framer.truckerpath.com/trucker-path-app>

3. DAT One: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/dat-one/id1516702470>

DAT Freight & Analytics offer information on where to find truck weight stations amongst more. This app is available on google play as well as the apple store. This app is available across all platforms and is free for anyone to use. The DAT One app provides the ability to easily check the locations of weight stations along a driver’s path. They inform that this service allows the driver to optimize their route to the fullest and run their business efficiently. By providing real time details on certified stations, there is no room for error by the user. You don’t need to worry about showing up to a location and realizing it is closed after you arrive. These resolutions not only save time but money.

<https://www.dat.com/solutions/truck-weigh-station>