

MyTodos

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What are the uses of MyTodos?">What are the uses of MyTodos?

- MyTodos is an online to-do list that is designed to allow people to quickly and easily keep track of and change their commitments and schedules.
- It offers a convenient way to avoid scheduling conflicts.
- It takes the place of wall calendars to make scheduling easier.
- With MyTodos, you can create any number of projects, each one color coded to differentiate it from the other commitments. 3

What does it do?">What does it do?

MyTodos provides a simple, **free** way for members to keep track of their schedule over the internet, rather than relying on planners and paper calendars. It is a free website that only requires an internet connection or a mobile device with 3G (or higher) capabilities. 1

Who uses MyTodos?">Who uses MyTodos?

People who use MyTodos are often:

- Anyone who wants to keep track of important dates and avoid scheduling conflicts
- Anyone who easily forgets commitments or schedule conflicts. 2

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[About MyTodos](#)">[About MyTodos](#)

- Title: MyTodos
- Owned by: David Brady
- Created as an example application for the book "Spring par la Pratique," by Julian Dubois. 4
- Site was Published: April 2006 4
- MyTodos was designed after "Benjamin Franklin's [description] of a notebook where he lists life's most important virtues arranged in columns which he used to guide his life." - David Brady 4

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- MyTodos is a quick and easy way to keep track of appointments and dates.
- It offers an easy alternative to paper calendars and planners, which can be forgotten or misplaced.
- The website also offers a universal chat feature, which allows users to instant message with other MyTodos members, to allow for easy communication. 2
- MyTodos is free, and offers an unlimited amount of "projects" – categories into which a user can sort dates and appointments.
- Offers a Habit Maker feature which allows members to key in meetings or events that occur at regular intervals without having to enter individual dates.
- Allows members to put in Motivational Reminders, like exercise or study.
- Color coordinate your MyTodos for easy organization.
- Keep track of how much you have done by marking the percentage complete.

I. History">I. History

I.1 Development of MyTodos">I.1 Development of MyTodos

MyTodos was launched in April of 2006. David Brady worked with a creative team to create MyTodos as an example application for Julian Dubois' book, *Spring par la Pratique*. The website is still under construction, and is currently following a To-Do list of its own. *Yet to come: *a complete site makeover, the ability to integrate MyTodos with Google calendar, a notes section, the ability to use events and notifications, ability to enter data (like weight) so members can see their progress graphed over time as well as the feature to create and customize your own "trackables." The task management site offers a feedback option for users to make suggestions and comments about the site, and they "love to hear from [users]." 4

I.2 How does MyTodos work?">I.2 How does MyTodos work?

- MyTodos is a free and simple online to-do list that is available and can be used by anyone.
- The site includes many helpful options to those with demanding schedules, including:
 - A to-do list
 - A page that includes a weekly layout
 - A global chat page
 - A feedback option
 - Drag and Drop feature
 - Icons representing activities so the user does not have to type everything out
- The to-do lists on MyTodos can be shared with friends and contacts. Once one becomes a user of MyTodos, one can subscribe to the site's RSS feed. This allows the user to receive their friends' updates on their to-do lists as well. 2
- For an example of how to use MyTodos, watch this video.
- To register, follow these instructions:

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The screenshot shows the MyTodos homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with "Welcome" and "Register" buttons. The main heading reads "Your free easy-to-use handy-dandy online todo list". Below this, there is a "Drag and Drop Calendar Interface" showing a calendar for March 2008. To the right, there is a "Login" section with fields for "Login" and "Password", a "Remember me for 30 days" checkbox, and "Submit" and "Reset" buttons. Below the login section, there are links for "Not a MyTodos member yet? Register" and "Forgot your password? Click Lost Password to recover". At the bottom, there is a "Now with Live Chat" button and the MyTodos.com logo. A green callout box on the right side of the page contains the text: "Signing up for MyTodos is simple! First go to MyTodos.com. The homepage will look like this. Then you will click on Register."

The screenshot shows the MyTodos registration page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with "Welcome" and "Register" buttons. The main heading reads "Congratulations on taking your first step to keeping organized!". Below this, there is a "User information" form with fields for "Login", "First name", "E-mail", "Password", and "Verify password". There are "Submit" and "Cancel" buttons at the bottom of the form. A green callout box on the left side of the page contains the text: "You will then arrive at this page. There are a few quick things you need to fill out in order to create an account with MyTodos. After you fill out this information, click Submit."



I.3 Additional information about MyTodos">I.3 Additional information about MyTodos

- The MyTodos lists are also searchable -- if a user wants to find a list related to a certain task, he or she can search the name of that particular task and MyTodos will pull up all related content from anywhere in the user's lists.
- MyTodos offers a global chat feature that allows people to chat with someone on their list group. Shared list chatting is being worked on, but hasn't been released. 2
- If the user wants advice or help from fellow group members, MyTodos offers the option to invite group members or teachers to view your lists. When using MyTodos, groups can collaborate together after finding a time that works with all schedules that can be posted on MyTodos.
- When other members have a change of schedule or a new action on their to-do list, fellow groups members have the option of being notified by the "New Updates" action. 2
- MyTodos also offers an expanded calendar and the "Habit Maker". Habit Maker works as a reminder tool by inserting icons into the calendar. As an action is completed the user can then click the appropriate icon and keep up with the list of activities, and therefore, visually see his or her progress. The user is also able to check off each item as he or she completes them; additionally, there is a percentage bar that allows the user to see what percentage of his or her list is done.
- MyTodos has been reviewed in various "Getting Things Done" comparisons on sites like LifeHacker.com. 4

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II. How does MyTodos relate to other applications?"> II. How does MyTodos relate to other applications?

II.1 Comparison to competitors">II.1 Comparison to competitors

MyTodos has several competitors: Thyrmer, Vitalist, Remember the Milk, Ta-Da List, and more. MyTodos is set apart from its competitors, however, by several unique aspects:

- MyTodos offers the “drag and drop” function. One of the competitors, Todoist.com, offers dragging and arranging the list, but it requires that you edit and save. In comparison, MyTodos is more efficient in that it offers the ability to organize lists in an easier and quicker manner. 3
- MyTodos is completely free. It only requires a username and password.

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		MyTodos	Ta-da List	Todoist	Vitalist
Basic Functionality					
Deadlines	●	Yes	No	Yes	Partial
Priority	●	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Tags	●	No	No	No	No
Notes	●	No	Partial	No	Yes
Repeating Tasks	●	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Search	●	Yes	No	No	Yes
History	●	Yes	No	Yes	No
Public Sharing	●	Partial	Yes	No	Partial
Goals	●	Yes	No	No	No
Status	●	Yes	No	No	No
Integration					
Email Reminders	●	No	No	Partial	Yes
SMS Reminders	●	No	No	Partial	Yes
Mobile Phone Support	●	No	No	Yes	Yes
RSS Lists	●	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
IM Support	●	No	No	Partial	No
Google Gadget	●	No	No	Yes	Yes
Twitter Support	●	No	No	Partial	Partial
Firefox Extension	●	No	No	Yes	No
OpenID	●	No	No	No	No

Information for this chart obtained from Toodledo's website. 5

II.2 Unique uses">II.2 Unique uses

- MyTodos is completely free, unlike some of its competitors.
- It offers a universal instant-messaging feature that can be used for easy communication between group members.
- MyTodos utilizes a drag-and-drop feature to simplify shifting dates and commitments around on the planning page.

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III. Real-world application">III. Real-world application

III.1 Educational Lesson Plans">III.1 Educational Lesson Plans

While MyTodos works well on a day-to-day basis for tasks such as :

- Grocery shopping
- Doctor's appointments
- Organizing test dates and homework
- Anyone who just need some help coordinating group meetings. 1

i. Elementary">i. Elementary

1. Observation of Growth: In this lesson plan, the students will have to use MyTodos to keep track of watering times, as well as to record daily plant growth.

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2. Poetry: In this lesson, the students will need to use MyTodos to share various poems they have written with the rest of the class.

[Poetry.doc](#)

[Poetry.pdf](#)

3. Times Tables: In this lesson, the students will use MyTodos to keep track of various homework and quiz dates.

[Times Tables.doc](#)

[Times Tables.pdf](#)

4. Dinosaur Detective: In this lesson, the students use MyTodos to track important dates of paleontologists and their discoveries.

[Dinosaur Detectives.doc](#)

[Dinosaur Detectives.pdf](#)

5. Natural Resources: In this lesson, students will use MyTodos to schedule their project presentations over natural resources and how they are used on the farm.

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ii. Secondary">ii. Secondary

1. Macbeth: In this lesson plan, the students will use MyTodos to keep track of group meeting dates and quiz dates for the unit.

[Understanding Macbeth.doc](#)

[Understanding Macbeth.pdf](#)

2. Calorie Counter: In this lesson, the students will use MyTodos to keep track of the amount of calories they have consumed over a one-week period.

[Calorie Counter.doc](#)

[Calorie Counter.pdf](#)

3. Creating Career Profiles: In this lesson, the students will use MyTodos to create a mock schedule following a career they have chosen to research.

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[Creating Career Profiles.pdf](#)

iii. Post-Secondary">iii. Post-Secondary

1. Biology: Scientific Journal Articles: In this lesson plan, the students will have to use MyTodos to keep track of due dates throughout the length of the project.

Biology: Scientific Journal Articles.doc

Biology: Scientific Journal Articles.pdf

2. Iterated Integrals: In this lesson, the students will need to use MyTodos in order to keep track of the various quiz dates throughout the unit.

Iterated Integrals.doc

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3. Descriptive Activity: In this lesson, the students will use MyTodos to get feedback for the poems that they write in class.

Descriptive Activity.doc

Descriptive Activity.pdf

III.2 MyTodos in Business/Industry">III.2 MyTodos in Business/Industry

1. Business: In business, MyTodos can be used to connect with clients over instant messenger, as well as to keep meeting times organized.

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IV. Demonstration of educational value">IV. Demonstration of educational value

- MyTodos can help students keep track of and organize their weekly activities and school assignments.
- The site allows students to perform a daily check of the things that are due for class, which will reduce the amount of missed assignments.
- The site allows students or anyone to manage their projects online.
- The users are able to edit and remove projects, check and/or update the status of the project, and differentiate between projects by color coding them on the planning section of the website.

All of these ideas make organization so much easier, because students (and teachers) no longer have to worry about losing their planner or assignment notebook.

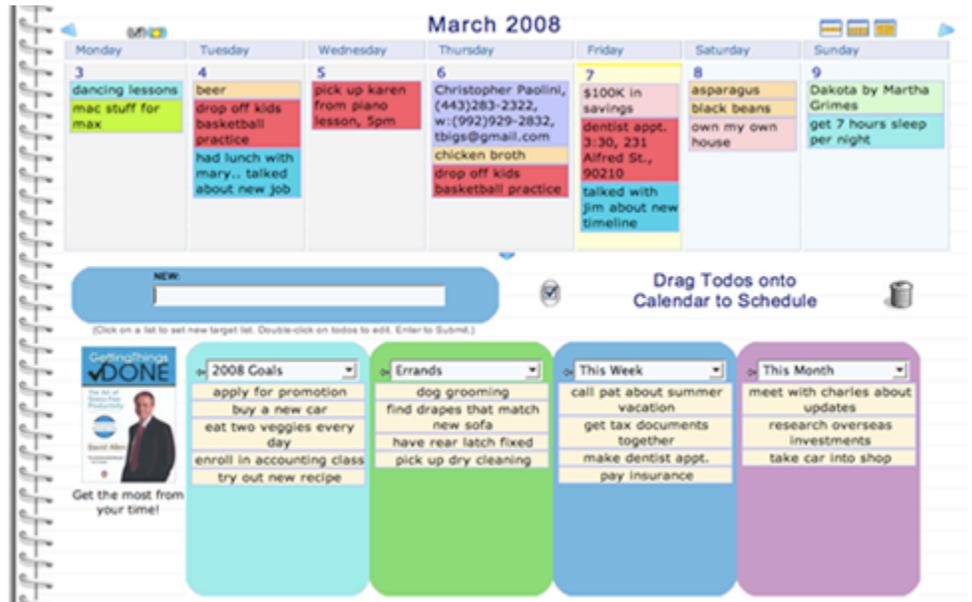


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V. How is MyTodos used internationally?">V. How is MyTodos used internationally?

-Provide examples and/or information about how this application can be used in countries outside of the United States.

- My Todos can be useful no matter what country you live in.
- It is beneficial to **everybody** and **everyone**.
- MyTodos allows their users to connect with people all over the world with the chat feature that is provided.
- MyTodos permits all users to provide feedback. The site is open to new ideas from all users, as well as news about bugs, glitches and any other suggestions the users might have.
- MyTodos uses the i18n internationalization standard so in theory it should be able to support any language in which the messages file is translated. However, it currently only supports English, Spanish & French. 4

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