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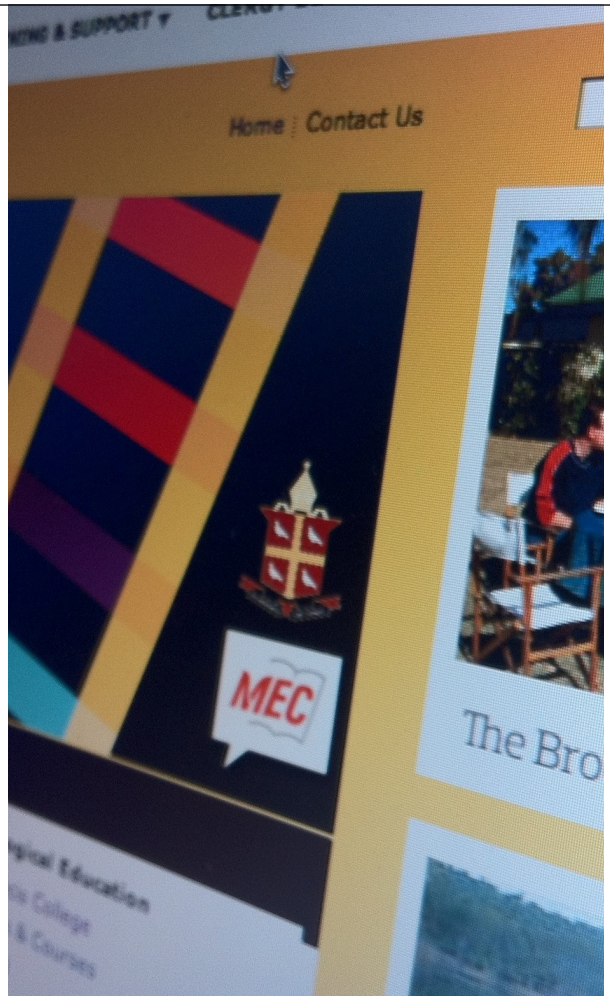

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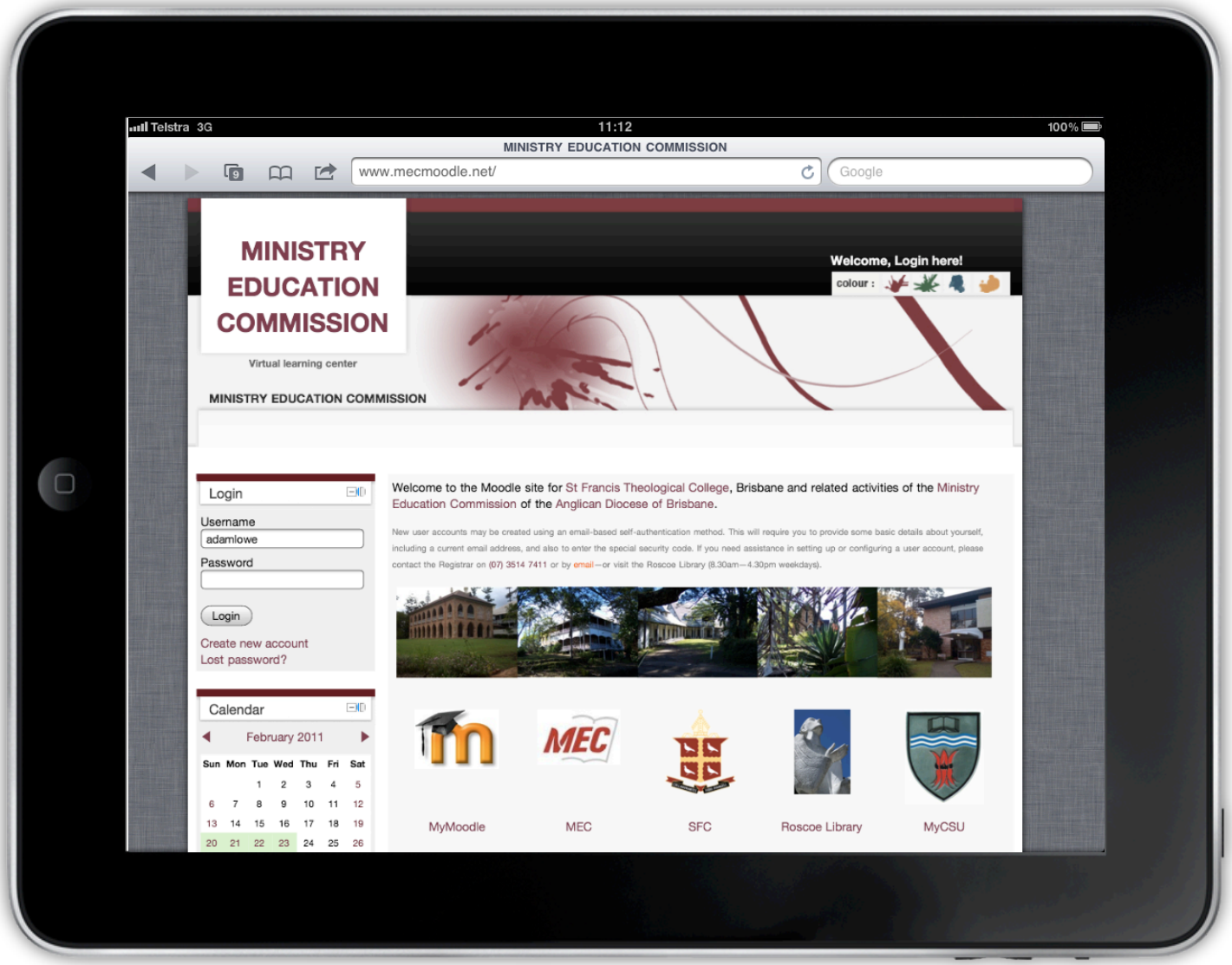
Technology as a Tool

- [a] Backing Up & Files
- [b] Note-Taking
- [c] Writing
- [d] Researching
- [e] Using the Bible
- [f] Referencing



Moodle: The hub for study

Key Moodle Constructs

- Homepage
- Course Page
  - Overview & Topics
  - Participants
- Resources
  - Files & Folders
  - LMS (Learning Management System)
  - Text, Page, URL
- Activities
  - Assignments
  - Chat
  - Choice (similar to a poll)
  - Database
  - Forum
  - Glossary
  - Lesson (a series of HTML Pages)
  - Quiz
  - SCORM
  - Survey (Standardised)
  - WIKI
  - Workshop (with Peer Assessment)

[a] Backing Up & Files

- Products: Dropbox (cf. Carbonite)
- Add-ons: iPhone, iPad, Android, BB.
- Consider: Your internet connection, paid service for more GB
- Demo: Dropbox

- Cost: 2GB Free
- Available: Browser, Windows, Mac, Linux, iPhone, iPad, Android, BB.
- www.dropbox.com

Demonstration: Dropbox

[b] Note-Taking

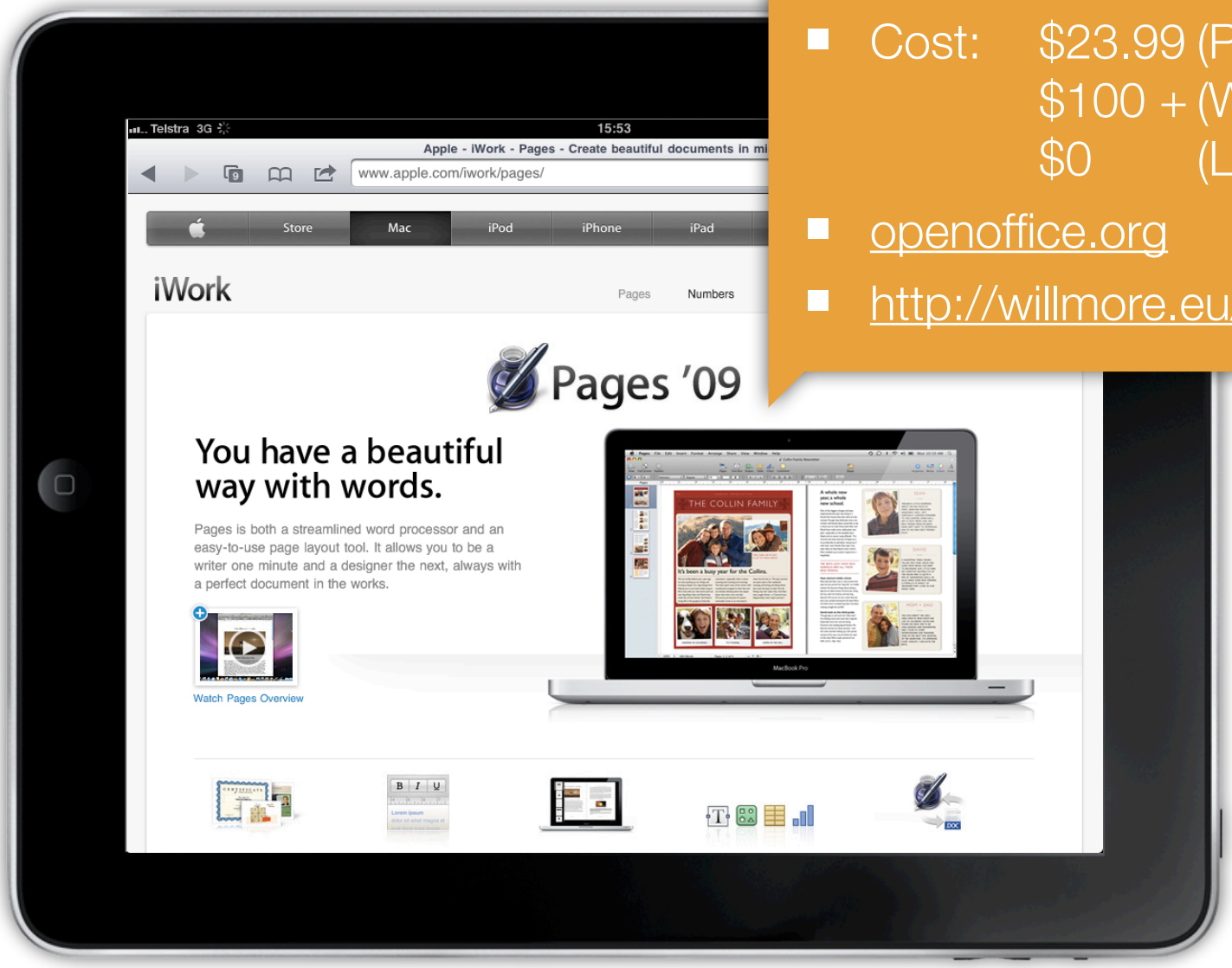
- Products: Evernote (cf. Microsoft OneNote)
- Add-ons: iPhone, iPad, Android, Windows Mobile, BB, Palm.
- Consider: How you arrange your notes.
- Demo: Evernote

- Cost: Free (premium available)
- Available: Browser, Windows, Mac, iPhone, iPad, Android, Windows Mobile
- www.evernote.com

Demonstration: Evernote

[c] Writing

- Products: Microsoft Word, Apple Pages, OpenOffice, LaTeX
- Add-ons: Isolator (Mac), Ghoster (Windows), turnitin.com
- Consider: Compatibility, cost, usability, styles
- Demo: Pages and Isolator

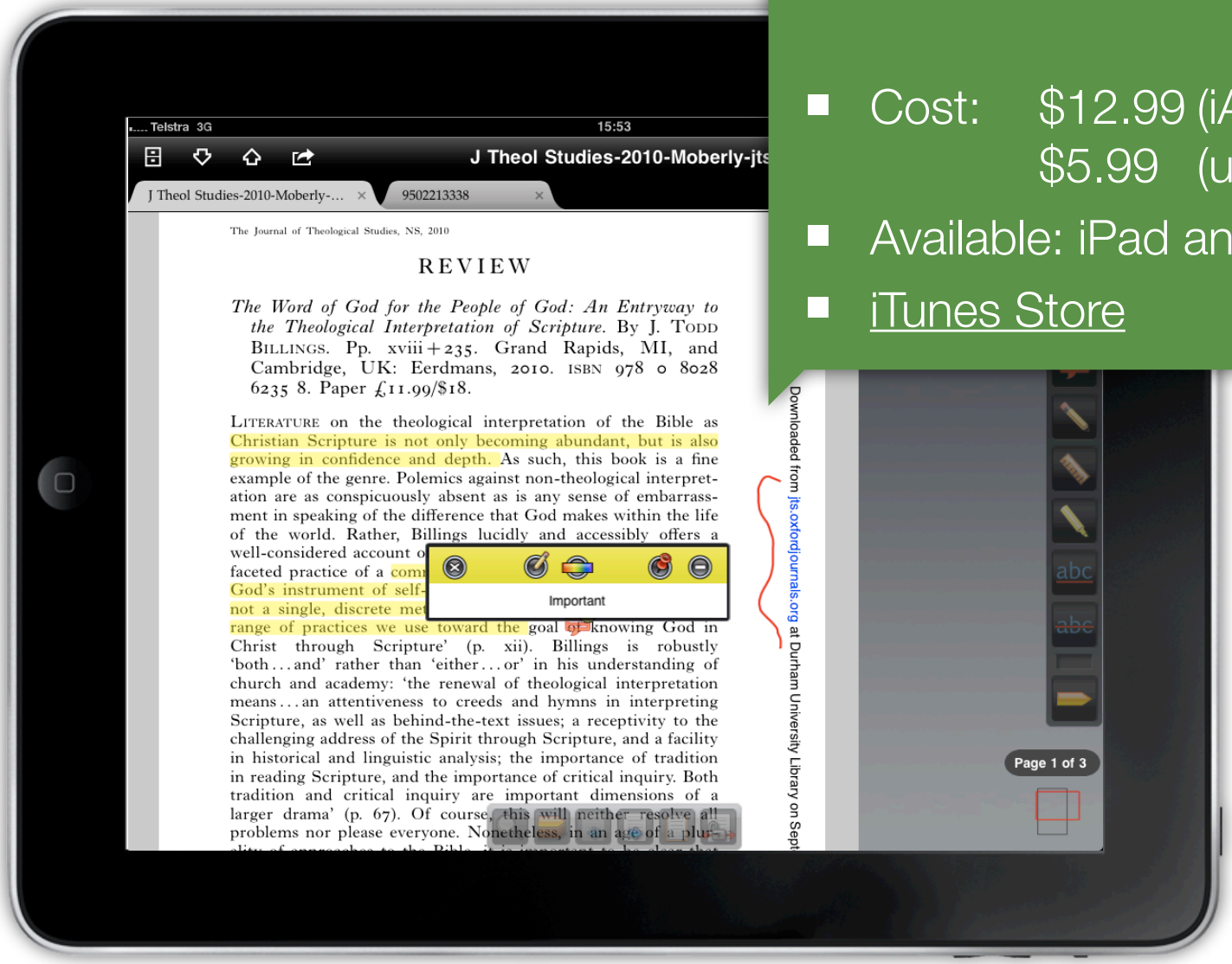


- Cost: $23.99 (Pages)
  $100 + (Word)
  $0 (LaTeX & OpenOffice)
- openoffice.org
- http://willmore.eu/software/isolator/

Demonstration: Pages & Isolator

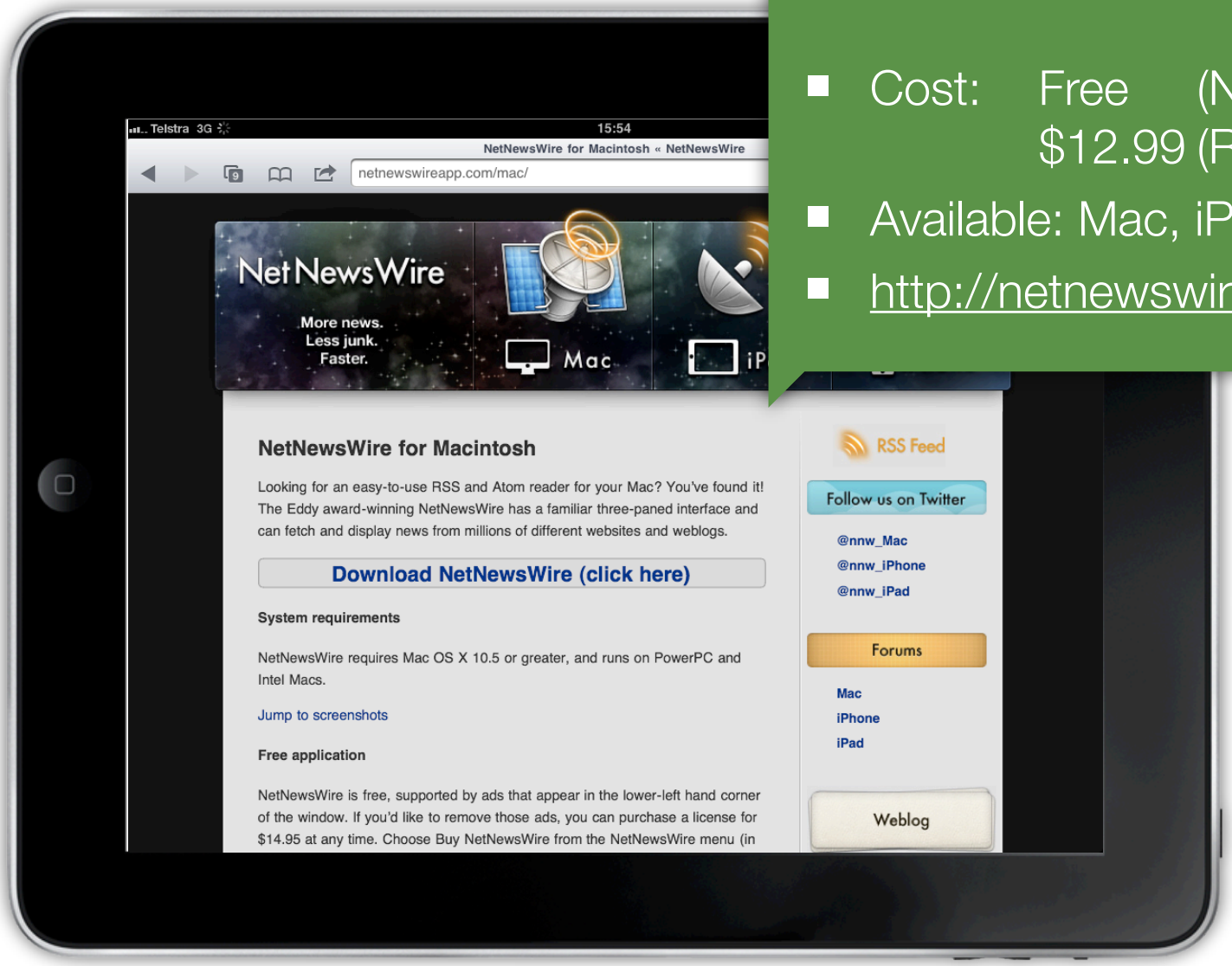
[d] Researching

- Products: eReaders (iPad, Kindle, Android Tablets)
- Products: Databases, Google Scholar, Journal Webpages
- Products: NetNewsWire/Newsgator/FeedDemon, Google Reader
- Consider: Push vs Pull research
- Demo: iAnnotate (iPad), Saved Search, Retrieve RSS



- Cost: $12.99 (iAnnotate)
  $5.99 (uPAD)
- Available: iPad and iPhone
- iTunes Store

Demonstration: iAnnotate & uPAD

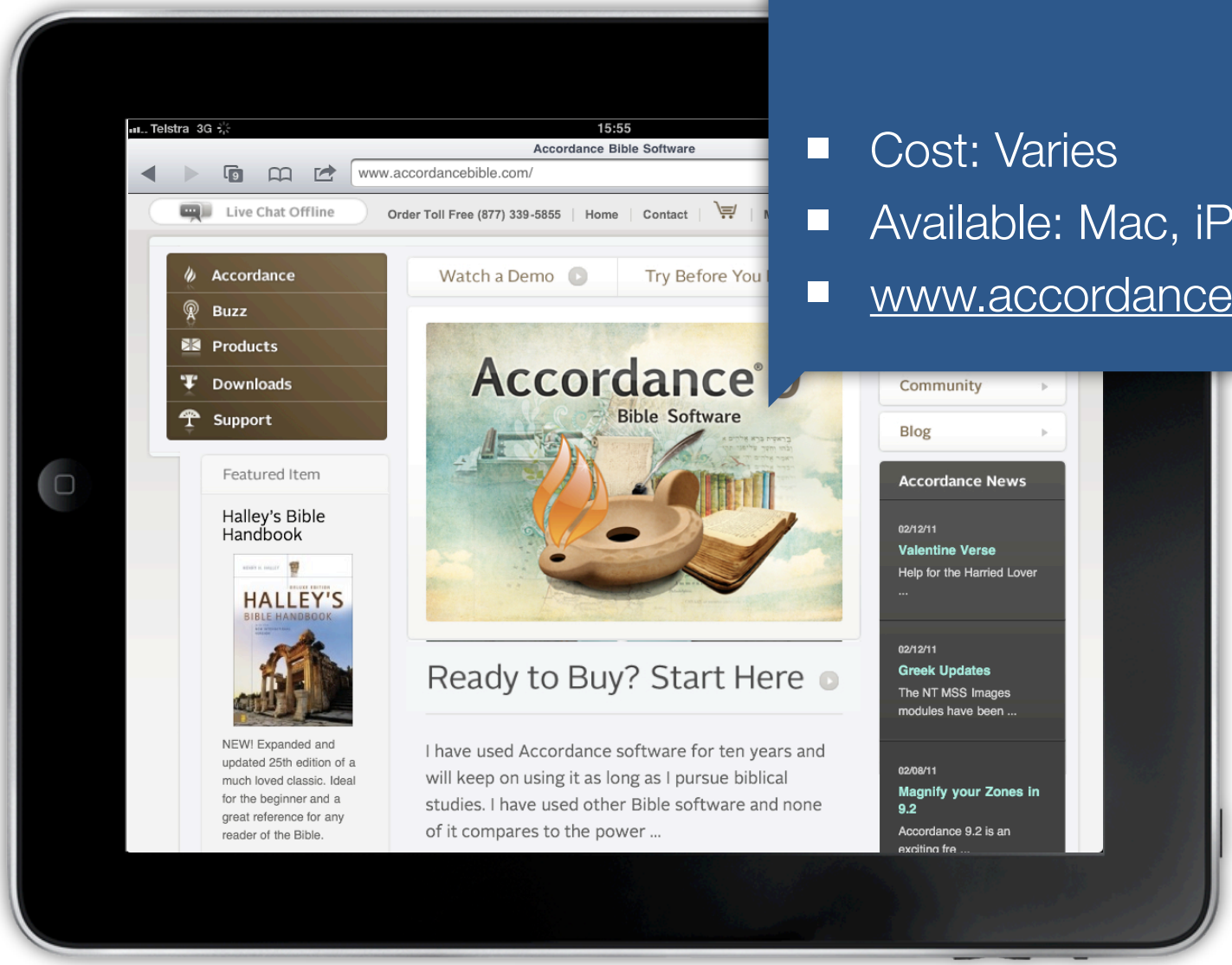


- Cost: Free (NetNewsWire)
  $12.99 (Reeder)
- Available: Mac, iPhone, iPad
- http://netnewswireapp.com/

Demonstration: Saved Search & RSS

[e] Using the Bible

- Products: Accordance, BibleWorks, Logos, OliveTree
- Add-ons: iPhone, iPad, Android, Windows Mobile, BB, Palm.
- Consider: Usability, cost (over time)
- Demo: Accordance

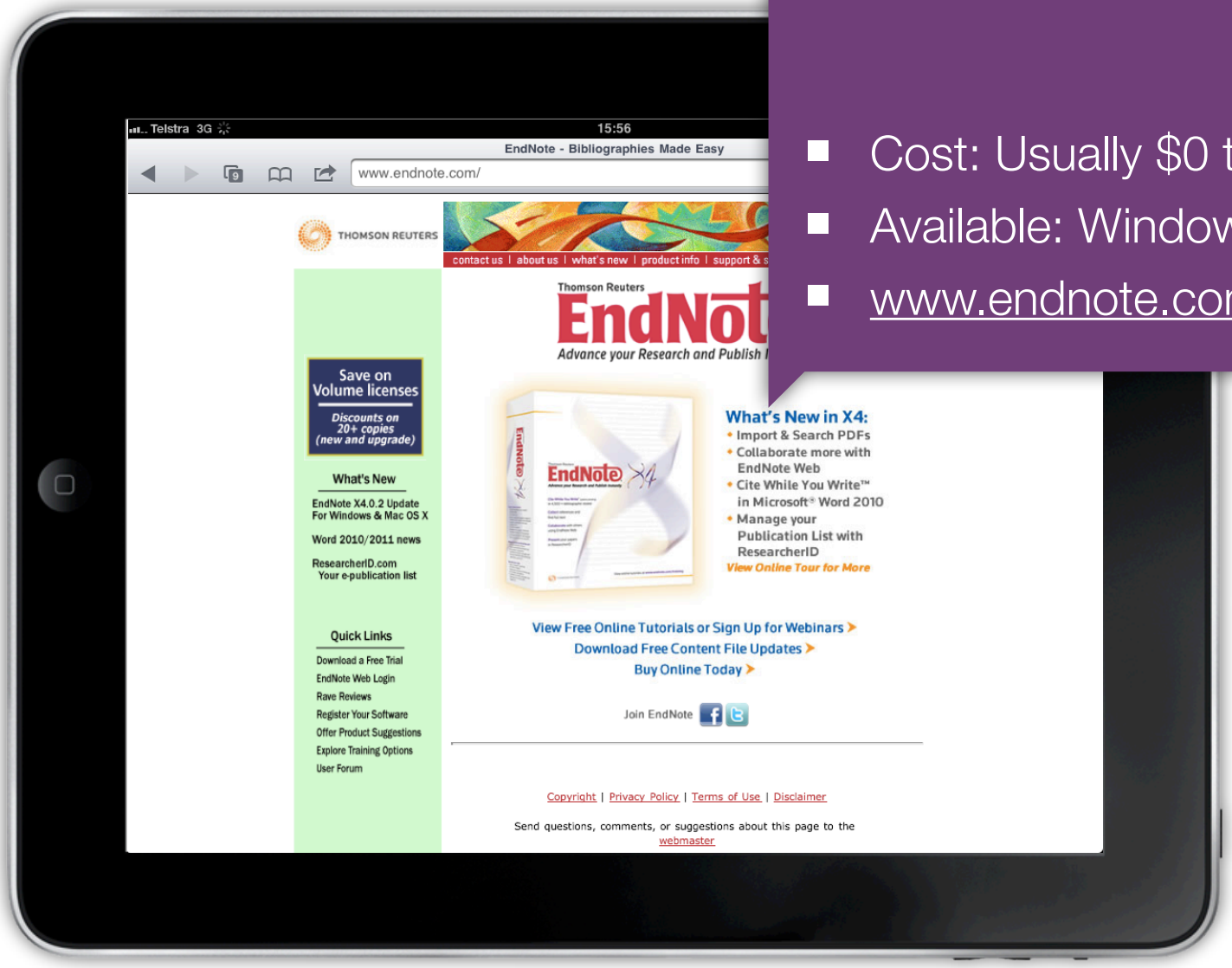


- Cost: Varies
- Available: Mac, iPhone, iPad
- www.accordancebible.com

Demonstration: Accordance

[f] Referencing

- Products: Endnote, BibTeX
- Consider: Building a reference library
- Demo: Endnote (organising your research, importing & exporting references)



- Cost: Usually $0 through University
- Available: Windows, Mac
- www.endnote.com

Demonstration: Endnote

			Windows	OS X	Linux	iOS	Android	WMobile	Palm	BB	Browser
[a] Backing Up & Files											
Dropbox	Free *	www.dropbox.com	●	●	●	●	●			●	●
Carbonite	$54.95/year	www.carbonite.com	●	●		●	●			●	●
[b] Note-Taking											
Evernote	Free*	www.evernote.com	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
OneNote	With Office	www.microsoft.com/onenote	●			●		●			●
[c] Writing											
Pages	$23.99	Mac Applications Store		●		●					
Microsoft Word	With Office	www.microsoft.com/office	●	●				●			●
OpenOffice	Free	www.openoffice.org	●	●	●						
LaTeX	Free	www.latex-project.org	●	●	●						
Isolator	Free	willmore.eu/software/isolator/		●							
Ghoster	Free	Search donationcoder.com	●								
TurnItIn	Free	Through CSU Website									●
[d] Researching											
NetNewsWire	Free *	www.netnewswireapp.com		●		●					○
FeedDemon	Free	www.feeddemon.com	●								
GoogleReader	Free	www.google.com/reader									●
InstaPaper	Free	www.instapaper.com	○	●	○	●	○	○	○	○	●
uPAD	$5.99	iTunes Store				●					
iAnnotate	$12.99	iTunes Store				●					
[e] Using the Bible											
Accordance	Varies	www.accordancebible.com		●		●					
BibleWorks	Varies	www.bibleworks.com	●								
Logos	Varies	www.logos.com	●	●		●	●				●
OliveTree	Varies	www.olivetree.com	●			●	●	●	●	●	
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EndNote	Free	Through CSU/Uni Website	●	●							○
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