

Your Fantastical and USPS Account Cheat Sheet - TCMUG 10-19-17

- **Fantastical**
 - Fantastical is a terrific **calendar app for your Mac, iPhone, iPad and Apple Watch** that uses natural language to enter events.
 - This means you can type in "lunch with bill at Toojays at 3 pm tomorrow" and Fantastical will know what you mean
 - In the Mac version, there's a mini-window in your menu bar, which is handy
 - Fantastical uses the same calendar data base as the Apple Calendar program, and it does this automatically.
 - On your Mac or iPhone, you can use dictation to speak your events into Fantastical, which is really handy.
 - Chris has explained how to enable your iPhone or iPad for voice entry at a previous meeting.
 - To use voice entry on the iPhone, just tap the microphone icon in the on-screen keyboard and start talking. Simple as that.
 - Fantastical has many other wonderful features. Check them all out at **<http://www.flexibits.com>**
 - Consumer alert: Fantastical Mac costs real money — 50 bucks for the Mac version and 5 bucks for the iPhone version. But to me, it's worth the convenience.
 - At the flexbits website, you can download a 21-day free trial (or buy it). You can also check out several videos that demonstrate all the program's features.

- **See what's coming in the mail before it arrives with a US Postal Service account.**
 - This feature is called "Informed Delivery." I use it to see what important mail will arrive on a given day, and what junk mail I can ignore.
 - Each morning by 8, I get an email that shows me a scan of every piece of mail that will arrive that day or in coming days.
 - If you don't get a mail piece, you can contact the Postal Service to get it delivered.
 - Also, there's an **"Informed Delivery" app** you can get for your iPhone or iPad where you can see what's coming in the mail on your iOS device.
 - To do this — and several other neat things — you will need an account.
 - This is free, and it's easy to do.
 - On your Mac, go to **<https://www.usps.com>**
 - In the upper right hand corner of the program window, select Register to create your account. In addition to signing up for "Informed Delivery," you can also:
 - print shipping labels.
 - request a package pickup.
 - buy stamps and shop.
 - manage PO boxes.
 - print custom forms online.
 - file domestic claims.
 - set a preferred language.
 - You can also register for an account with the iPhone app.

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