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CTN’s Mission: Unite volunteers & organizations to transform lives through digital literacy
Tech & Aging

Seniors vs. all American adults 18+

Older adults have adopted technology at a slower rate.

Pew Research Center's Internet Project July 18-September 30, 2013 tracking survey.

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Today’s Journey

- The State of Technology
- The Path to New Technology
- New Technologies to Try
- Q&A
Tablets, Twitter, & Google
Oh, My!
The State of Technology
What does it feel like to have to learn new technology?
The Path to New Technology
Checkpoints

✓ Is it useful?
✓ Is it meaningful?
✓ Is it safe?
IS IT USEFUL?

What purpose does it serve?
Does it help life easier?
Will it save time?
Am I required to use it?
IS IT MEANINGFUL?

Will it connect you to loved ones?
Does it help attain life goals?
Does it relate to hobbies or interests?
Will it make you happy?
IS IT SAFE?

What is the source?
What do the reviews say?
Do you know others that use it?
Are there privacy issues?
Checkpoints

✓ Is it useful?
✓ Is it meaningful?
✓ Is it safe?
Taking Steps

1. Start — create an account
2. Play — have fun
3. Take risks — click any button
4. Cheat — ask a friend
5. Problem solve — find tutorials
6. Don’t give up!
New Technologies to Try
Devices

- Desktops
- Laptops
- Tablets
- Smart phones
- Phablets
Websites vs. Apps

Most available both ways

Apps are mobile friendly
Communication

Email
Chat/Messenger
Video Chat
Social Media

Facebook
Twitter
Instagram
Pinterest
LinkedIn
News & Information

NPR
Google News
Local news sites
Weather Channel
AARP
Entertainment: Music & Video

Pandora
Hulu
YouTube
TED talks
IMDB
Games

Yahoo! Games
Words with Friends
Candy Crush
Hobbies

Cooking
Reading
Astronomy
Brain Fitness & Education

Lumosity
Coursera
Grovo
Health & Wellness

Medline Plus
Med Watcher
Well Being Plus
Shopping

Amazon

Groupon

Your favorite store!
Travel

Google Maps
Trip Advisor
Kayak
Yelp
Internet Safety

OnGuard Online
LastPass
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Q&A
The End
Questions?

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