

If you're a frequent flier you want as much information as you can get about your flights. Your preferred airline's app probably shows you any updates and delays but this third-party app "Flighty" gives you more information than you ever thought was possible. This is an app that gives you some of the same information the pilots get. It's suitable for people who have to pick up frequent fliers at the airport too.

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Information is important if you fly a lot or if you pick people up at the airport. But how do you get that information? I'm Jamey Tucker, coming up with a smartphone app that gives you the same information pilots get

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WHEN YOU'RE TRAVELING, FEW THINGS ARE WORSE THAN GETTING TO THE AIRPORT ONLY TO FIND OUT YOUR FLIGHT'S BEEN DELAYED OR CANCELED.

INFORMATION FROM ALL OF THE MAJOR AIRLINES IS BETTER THAN IT USED TO BE, BUT THERE'S STILL LOTS OF ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT FOR FREQUENT FLIERS. OUR CONSUMER TECHNOLOGY REPORTER JAMEY TUCKER HAS FOUND A SMARTPHONE APP THAT GIVES TRAVELERS SOME OF THE SAME INFORMATION THE PILOTS ARE GETTING.

PACKAGE SCRIPT

The app is Flighty and it's been highly rated by travelers for years. It's filled with lots of data updated for fliers, at about the same time the pilots get the information.

Here's how it works: flighty locates flight information in your email and begins tracking the flight. Flighty begins sending updates on the airplane and any changes to boarding, takeoff, landing, and baggage carousels. You'll see the route as filed by the pilots.

A quick glance and you'll see information about the plane itself. and whether it has been on time the day you fly.

All that's good, but what's great are the live updates through push notifications. If a plane is running behind schedule you'll see it on your phone and Apple Watch before your airline can send it.

Flighty can predict whether a flight will be on time based on inbound traffic for the last 25 hours, and airspace mandates. Flighty says it has FAA access and claims it can send travelers information about delays, even before the pilots get them. There's a free version with limited data. For frequent fliers, the premium version is \$6 a month or \$48 a year. I'm Jamey Tucker and Flighty is the app of the day.

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SORRY ANDROID USERS, FLIGHTY IS FOR IPHONES ONLY.

WEB STORY

If you travel frequently by air, or if you frequently pick up those frequent fliers at the airport, you know that information about delays is important. A 20-minute delay could save you a dash through the concourse or time in the cell phone waiting area.

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A quick glance and you'll see information about the plane itself. How old it is, the date of its first flight, where the plane is coming in from, and whether it has been on time the day you fly. You'll see the forecast for takeoff and landing as well as a reminder of any time zone change.

There's also contact information for the airline. Phone, website, and Twitter which is how many airlines connect with passengers.

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