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We live in an app-based world that not only affects our business lives, but also many social aspects, such as finding good restaurants, going on road trips and shopping. There are many options available, of course, so we asked some of *CPA Practice Advisor*'s contributors, Thought Leaders, and award winners for recommendations of their favorite apps and have added a few of our own for your perusal.

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- **Jim Boomer**, CPA.CITP, CIO of Boomer Consulting, uses [OpenTable](#) when he's looking for a restaurant. "It's easy to search for and find restaurants as well as make reservations directly from within the app." You can also earn points when

you make reservations online and receive coupons to use on future restaurant

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prescriptions a game. You can also filter your search results by geographic location, type of food, and price point.

We also love:

[About.com](#)'s Tech group recommends [Zagat to Go](#), calling it the king of restaurant reviews. Not all cities are covered, so check to see if yours is there before downloading.

[Thinslices.com](#) picks [Walgreens](#) as the top retail mobile app. Send photos to be printed at your nearby store, download coupons, refill prescriptions, get reminders to take medications, and earn points for doing healthy activities.

[Forbes](#) magazine likes the [CVS app](#) which is similar to the Walgreens app. Preview store inventory and even shop online to save yourself a trip. Use the app to find a clinic, and keep track of your special deals and rewards.

[TotalCustomer.org](#) picks [Nordstrom](#) as it's leading retail app for access to catalogs, online shopping, excellent customer service, and information on in-store events.

[CNET.com](#) gave top honors to the [Domino's Pizza app](#), called Dom, which lets you place an order for delivery or carry-out. Not only can you order from the entire Domino's menu, but you get instant access to estimated wait time and can see the progress of your order with the [Pizza Tracker](#)!

[Appadvice.com](#) gives high marks to [CrashSpace](#), an app that lets you upload pictures of your damaged auto and then it sends out the information to repair shops near you who will bid on your repairs.

Want to compare prices before you go to the store? [Fox News](#) recommends [ShopSavvy](#). Scan the barcode of an item you want to buy and ShopSavvy will compare prices at local stores and also online retailers so you get the best deal.

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