

Android tips and tricks
Your Android Device

Understanding your device

This section is all about understanding your Android device including

- Phone navigation
- Settings
- Downloading and using Apps
- Software updates
- Customising your home screen
- Troubleshooting
- Where to learn more

Phone Navigation quick tips

- To access all apps, swipe up from your home screen.
- Swipe down anywhere on the screen to access notifications.
- Swipe down twice to access phone controls including sound, brightness, WiFi, Bluetooth, music controls and connected home control devices.
- The navigation panel provides quick easy access to home, back button and app switcher buttons.

Settings

- Sounds and Vibration
- Display
- Screen timeout
- Lock Screen
- Smart Lock
- Biometrics and security
- Advanced features
- Accessibility
- About phone

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Apps

- There are a lot of Apps available, some which may be used for fun or creativity and some which may increase accessibility or productivity.
- You can search for an App through the google play store, using either the name or key words.
- You can also use forums or a search engine to find apps that might suit your needs.
- Check the ratings and reviews of apps to determine whether there are common issues or bugs

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Download apps demonstration

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Software Updates

- Software updates are a set of changes to the software on your device that will update or improve it.
- Sometimes software updates can change how you use your phone.
- They are often released to resolve specific security vulnerabilities or bugs.
- Updates can be installed either manually or automatically.
- Some apps will only run on later versions of software.

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Software updates demonstration

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Customise your home screen

- Can reduce visual clutter
- Increase the useability of your phone and ensure that it is easy to locate regularly used apps
- The number of apps displayed on your home screen can be adjusted in the settings menu

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Customise home screen demonstration

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Widgets

- Links to apps that provide more information instead of a static icon.
- Calendar and Weather widgets are quite useful.

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Trouble shooting

- If you are having difficulty with your device, try the following:
 - Force close all applications
 - Check that your internet is connected
 - Check your mobile data is on
 - Turn your phone on and off again
 - Check whether you need to perform a software update.
 - Be aware that software updates can impact certain apps or settings on your device.
 - Check which settings you have enabled
 - Certain accessibility settings such as switch control will impact other accessibility settings such as the Assistant menu. The talkback setting will also impact how you use your phone, and which gestures you need to use to open menu items.

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Where to learn more

- Open Tips in your phone settings. This has a link to the user manual, as well as tips on how to use your phone more productively.
- Android.com (make sure that you are looking up the operating system that you have downloaded on your phone. The site will automatically show you information about the latest operating system)
- Android help centre (<https://support.google.com/android/?hl=en#topic=7313011>) or (<https://support.google.com>) and type in Android help into the search bar.

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