

ANDROID CLUES 3

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Battery

If your battery doesn't make it thru the day, carry a spare, charge at your car or desk.

Available at Amazon.com Just enter your battery number like BW8X.

Charging cable (usb) can be plugged into transformer (best) or usb port on computer(slower).

Power

Hold down power switch for to turn SCREEN on or off or phone on or off.

Hold down power switch for 1 sec for Menu to turn off ringer (silent), airplane, or OFF.

Quick press to turn on/off screen.

Multi-tasking

While doing one thing (web site/phone/music), hit Menu and go to another. Hit original to return.

Its just like minimizing on Windows -- program keeps running (and running down battery).

Back Up

Contacts/People is your phone #'s & email addresses. Google updates within sec and keeps.

Backup Contacts (phone #'s), Apps, Photos, SD Card, Music, etc. Special backup apps needed.

Contacts and **Calendar** are backed up to **Mail.Google.com**. Other categories arent.

Get specialized free backup programs for each of the other categories.

AppBackup, BackupFree, AppUninstaller, AutomaticTaskKiller, etc.

Search on these names in Market/PlayStore.

Connect charge cable to computer and view phone as 2 hard drives.

Banking

Enter your bank name at **Play Store to get its App.**

Many now have a special App for Androids (B of America, Usaa, Regions, Amex, eTrade).

Capture ScreenShot by holding POWER and LowerVolume buttons

Popular Apps

(popular with me).

ALL THESE ARE FREE

Stock Ticker: Has up to the minute prices, with up/down for the day.

Stock Alert: great, prices/graphs for Daily, 5 day, 3 months, much more.

AK Notepad: keep notes and reminders. Being discontinued. Use **EVERNOTE**

Adobe PDF reader. Install. Some browsers now handle PDF files.

WeatherBug: Shows current & future temps, map with moving clouds, for multiple cities.

Voice Search: Say a store and get websites, phones, maps, and emails for the stores.

Antivirus: Antivirus, checks out every App or anything downloaded. I use VIPRE

BarcodeScanner: Uses camera to read store bar codes and gives prices at other stores.

AutomaticTaskKiller: Lets you kill Apps that are running and using your battery.

Documents-To-Go: Plays Power Point attachments.

DropBox: Install App and program on desktop and drop files into folder MyDropbox to see.

PdaNet: Tether your phone to Laptop via charging cable & use as modem for laptop.

TonePicker: Ring tones for phone, alarms, reminders, etc.

APPs: YouTube, eBay, Skype, Yellowbook, (you figure it out)

I have downloaded 150 apps and the phone is slowing down, so I'm deleting some. Died. Replaced.

Choose an Alarm, but one you can shut OFF. (Turn off using PullDown)

Clues

You can assign each person a unique Ringtone. Choose person, Tap, Menu, Edit, Options.
Use as GPS (turn it on!) to get directions ("turn right at..."). Keep Off til needed. Battery drainer.
Move your high-use Apps to a Home Page/Panel (you have 5).
Turn on Speaker to avoid radiating your head.
Charge from AC plug or USB (AC seems better).
Turn off screen to reduce power consumption (short press), especially when charging.
Top line is Notifications -- pull down.

Late Additions

You have 5 home pages: Center, left 2, right 2. Bottom row "sticks" (no move with page change).
To copy App from app list, select a home page with an empty slot. Then choose Settings/apps,
then Press and hold an App and a shortcut will be copied to a Home Page/Panel.
There are 5 ways to touch the screen: drag, tap lightly, tap medium, tap and hold.
You have memory of 500MB to 16 GB to run progs. Depending on model.
You have an SD card with 16GB to 32GB which isnt used for much, yet. Put music & movies.
Some programs don't run from the SD card, but if they ask, do it. Install **Move2SD** or similar.
Most **SD** cards are under the battery, some new ones are externally insertable.
There are many useful Android Websites. Use them. I don't.
Your eMail is also at: **Mail.google.com** View, edit, save, delete.
gmail.com has LOTS of useful features: Calendar, and Social Crap
Buy the RIGHT PLAN -- Phone use, Text use, Internet Use -- OR PAY DEARLY.
You can switch plans anytime (end of mo) -- make it fit. My TEXT is OFF at verizon.
If you just need a PHONE, then return Droid and buy a PHONE PHONE (prepaid).
Family & Friends plan: choose 5 for no-charge. Download bill into Excel and sort by Min Used.
Use **RECENT** for a ToDo list. I use **AK Notes** for things to forget to remember or EverNote
Get Unlimited Everything from Metro Telco for \$50/mo.
Voice: you can Voice Dial (havent tried), Speech from text (emails).
Unsolicited Sales calls: **Add To Contacts**, then **View**, then **Options**, then **IncomingDirectlyTo VM**
For driving Instructions, Voice Search: say **NAVIGATE TO** and you'll get Turn Left at Next...
I use Phone **Call Log** (Recent) for **ToDo** and **Tickler** reminder: add Appt to Dr's Name
Avoid radiating your brains: use Speaker or BlueTooth or ear plug/bud
GET MrNUMBER TO BLOCK CALLS

Browsers

The standard browser wasn't so good. Get **Dolphin(not HD)**, Opera (mini), SkyFire, & UC
Browser need helpers for: viewing attachments (video, Pwr Point, PDF, Flash, wmv)
Some helpers (my term) are included in some Browsers, some you need to download(free).
To go to the same website frequently/easily, make it a BookMark or a Shortcut.
Browsers on the new Droids are CRAP--cant enter a URL w/o it Searching GOOGLE !
Google has grabbed your Browser and thinks its in charge -- DELETE BIG Brother !
You can Email any webpage you see: Menu, gmail, insert destination addresses.
Everyone with an Android OS has a gmail account. Its your backup for Contacts and Calendar.
Use at least TWO email addresses (with different Passwords !): one for \$erious, other for other.
After entering a password wrong twice, Kill Browser and start over. (could get locked out after 3rd)
Don't give your Id and Passwords to Any program (for gathering balances).
Don't open attachments from friends--that's where the viruses come from -- "friends"
You have 5 home pages: Center, left 2, right 2. (or one home page and 5 panels)
Many browsers now are dual purpose: for searching and displaying

Market has been re-named **Play Store**. Tap tennis racket or plus sign to bring up keybd.

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