

Examining the Apps That Came with Your Phone

Your phone came with several apps already installed. This helps you get up and running quickly, without having to first download what are really essential apps.

There are three types of preinstalled apps found on most phones. You will find apps installed by Samsung (the manufacturer of your phone), including those that are built into the Android operating system. There also apps provided by Google, the developer of the Android operating system. And, in many cases, you'll find apps provided by your mobile carrier. You probably don't need or want them all, but it's good to know what's there. You can find all of these apps on the Apps screen.

Discover Samsung Apps

The following table describes those Samsung apps that typically come preinstalled on the Galaxy S6 and S6 Edge.

App	Name	Description
 Calculator	Calculator	Basic and scientific calculators (turn sideways to switch to scientific mode)
 Calendar	Calendar	Manage events and tasks
 Camera	Camera	Shoots digital photographs and videos
 Clock	Clock	Keeps track of time and sets alarms

App	Name	Description
 Contacts	Contacts	Stores and manages contacts for phone calls and text messages; can be synchronized with email and social media accounts
 Email	Email	Sends and receives email messages
 Emergency	Emergency Alerts	Receives wireless emergency alerts from the Commercial Mobile Alerting System (CMAS)/Personal Localized Alerting Network (PLAN); alert messages are provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security
 Gallery	Gallery	View, edit, and manage pictures and videos
 Memo	Memo	Write and save notes to yourself
 Messages	Messages	Send and receive text (SMS) and multimedia (MMS) messages
 Milk	Milk	Streaming radio service
 Milk Video	Milk Video	Streaming video service

App	Name	Description
 Music	Music Player	Plays audio files stored on your phone
 My Files	My Files	Accesses and manages files stored on your phone
 Phone	Phone	Sends and receives voice calls
 S Health	S Health	Plan, track, and manage personal health goals and activities
 S Voice	S Voice	Enables voice control of your phone, as well as voice entry and voice searches
 Smart	Smart Remote	Controls select Wi-Fi enabled Samsung TVs
 Video	Video	Plays video files stored on your phone
 Voice Recorder	Voice Recorder	Records voice memos and notes

Discover Google Apps

Google offers several popular apps that are preinstalled on many Samsung phones. Those that aren't preinstalled are available for free from the Google Play Store. (You might need a Google Account to fully utilize some of these apps.)

Google's apps are detailed in the following table.

App	Name	Description
 Gmail	Gmail	Email
 Chrome	Google Chrome	Web browser
 Docs	Google Docs	Word processor
 Drive	Google Drive	Online file storage
 Hangouts	Google Hangouts	Video chat
 Maps	Google Maps	Online maps and directions
 Google	Google Now	Collects and displays information of personal interest to you

App	Name	Description
 Photos	Google Photos	Photo storage and management
 Play Books	Google Play Books	Find, download, and read eBooks from the Google Play eBookstore
 Play Games	Google Play Games	Find, download, and play games from the Google Play Store
 Play Movies TV	Google Play Movies & TV	Find, download, and play movies and TV shows from the Google Play Store
 Play Music	Google Play Music	Find, download, and play music from the Google Play Store
 Play Newsstand	Google Play Newsstand	Find, download, and read magazines and newspapers from the Google Play Store
 Google Settings	Google Settings	Configures Google app settings
 Sheets	Google Sheets	Spreadsheets

App	Name	Description
 Slides	Google Slides	Presentations
 Voice Search	Google Voice Search	Search Google via voice commands
 Google+	Google+	Social networking
 YouTube	YouTube	Video sharing community

Discover Apps from Your Mobile Carrier

Most wireless carriers install some of their own apps on your new Samsung phone. For example, AT&T installs its own Locker, Mail, Messages, and Navigator apps (among others). Verizon installs its own Cloud, Messages, Navigator, and Voice Mail apps. You get the idea.

Most mobile carriers configure their apps to be the default apps on your phone. You can easily switch to using other similar apps, of course, following the instructions detailed earlier in this chapter. You may like your carrier's apps, or you may prefer alternate apps that perform the same functions. You're not required to use your carrier's apps; you can use the apps you want.

Discovering Other Fun and Useful Apps

What kind of apps can you install on your new Galaxy S6 or S6 Edge? The sky's the limit—although there are some apps that are more popular than others, especially with more mature users.

News

Want to keep up to date on the latest news stories? It's easy to pull out your smartphone, tap an icon, and find out what's happening in the world around you.

News and Weather Apps

App Name	Description	Price
ABC News	News from the broadcast news channel	Free
BuzzFeed	Trending news and entertainment stories	Free
CBS News	News from the broadcast news channel	Free
CNN	Headline and in-depth news from the cable news giant	Free
Feedly	Personalized news feeds from across the Internet	Free
Flipboard	Stories tailored to your personal interests, presented in a flip card-like format	Free
FOX News	News from the popular cable news channel	Free
Google News & Weather	Amalgamated information from the search giant	Free
Google Now	Stories tailored to your personal interests, presented as a series of onscreen cards	Free
NBC News	News from the broadcast news channel	Free
USA Today	News from the newspaper giant	Free
Yahoo! News	News, sports, and more in a single app	Free

Weather

What's the weather supposed to be like today? Are there any storms coming? These apps tell you.

News and Weather Apps

App Name	Description	Price
1Weather	Real-time forecasts and alerts, worldwide	Free
AccuWeather	Weather conditions, forecasts, and radar	Free
NOAA Weather	Weather forecasts and radar from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Free
Storm Shield	Storm-based alerts from NOAA Emergency Weather Radio	\$2.99
The Weather Channel	Weather news, conditions, forecasts, and radar from the cable weather channel	Free
Transparent Clock & Weather	Combination clock and weather widget for your phone's Home screen	Free
Weather & Widgets	Weather app plus widgets to display weather on Home screen	Free
Weather Timeline	Colorful app that summarizes the day's forecast, hour by hour	Free
Weather Underground	Hyper-local weather conditions and forecasts	Free
WeatherBug	Weather forecasts, alerts, and radar	Free

Sports

Whether you follow your local sports team or play a little golf yourself, there are sports-related apps you might find handy.

Sports Apps

App Name	Description	Price
BowlerSource	Bowling tournaments, news, and tips	\$4.99
ESPN	Sports scores, news, and highlights from the cable sports channel	Free
FOX Sports GO	Watch live sporting events from FOX Sports	Free
FreeCaddie Pro	Golf scorecard, hole flyovers, maps, shot measuring, more	\$2.99
MLB.com At Bat	News, scores, and other information from Major League Baseball	Free
NBA Game Time	News, scores, and other information from the NBA	Free
NFL Mobile	News, scores, and other information from the NFL	Free
SkyDroid Golf GPS Scorecard	Satellite maps of golf courses, tracks distance of last shot and to green, more	\$1.99
WatchESPN	Watch live sporting events from the cable sports channel	Free

Health and Fitness Apps

As we get older, keeping healthy becomes a full time job. Fortunately, there are apps to help you track your fitness, manage medical conditions, and stay safe in emergency situations. Learn more in Chapter 14, "Monitoring Your Health."

Social Networking

When you want to keep in touch with friends, family, and colleagues, turn to a social network like Facebook or Twitter. All the major social networks have their own apps that make it easy to participate directly from your smartphone. (See Chapter 20, "Using Facebook, Pinterest, and Other Social Media," for more information about social networking.)

Social Networking Apps

App Name	Description	Price
Facebook	Full access to the Facebook social network for reading and posting.	Free
Instagram	Full access to the image-based social network. Shoot and post to Instagram directly from the app, and use the app's camera filters to modify your photos.	Free
LinkedIn	Full access to the business-oriented social network.	Free
Pinterest	Full access to read and post to the Pinterest visual social network.	Free
Twitter	Full access to posting and reading tweets on the Twitter social network.	Free

Entertainment Apps

When you want to watch a video or listen to music, there are apps for that. Learn more about music apps and services in Chapter 18, "Listening to Music." Learn more about watching videos in Chapter 19, "Watching TV Shows, Movies, and Other Videos."

Online Shopping

With the right apps on your smartphone, you no longer have to fight the crowds at your local mall. Online shopping is just a tap away!

Online Shopping Apps

Retailer App	Price
Amazon Shopping	Free
Best Buy	Free
Costco Wholesale	Free
CVS/pharmacy	Free
Dick's Sporting Goods	Free

Retailer App	Price
eBay (online auctions)	Free
Etsy (homemade crafts)	Free
Groupon (daily deals and coupons)	Free
HSN Phone Shop (Home Shopping Network)	Free
Lowe's	Free
Meijer	Free
Menard's	Free
Overstock.com	Free
QVC	Free
Sam's Club	Free
Target	Free
The Home Depot	Free
Walgreens	Free
Walmart	Free

Simplified Operation

Many older users find their smartphones confusing; there are a lot of little icons on that small screen. If you want to simplify your smartphone experience, check out apps that replace the standard screen with something a little more simple—bigger icons and easier operation. Also useful are apps that let you control your phone via voice commands, or have texts and messages read aloud to you.

Apps for Simplified Operation

App Name	Description	Price
BIG Launcher	Simplified interface for those with vision issues.	Free
Dragon Mobile Assistant	Voice dictation for emails, texts, and more.	Free
Large Launcher	Displays a simplified interface with larger icons and easier operation. Ideal for those with vision problems.	Free

App Name	Description	Price
Simple Senior Phone	Similar to Large Launcher, replaces the standard Android interface with a simpler interface that includes bigger icons and an SOS function.	Free
Voice Reading (Read Aloud)	Reads aloud texts, emails, and web page content.	Free

Other Popular Apps

There are a lot more apps you may find useful for use with your Samsung Galaxy S6 or S6 Edge. Take a look at what's available.

Other Popular Apps

App Name	Description	Price
AARP	Get instant access to AARP member benefits and discounts (the app stores a copy of your membership card on your phone), plus articles, videos, and other information of interest to adults 50+	Free
Adobe Acrobat	Read PDF files on your smartphone	Free
Amazon Kindle	Purchase and read eBooks from the Amazon.com bookstore	Free
Call Confirm	Displays a confirmation screen when you're phoning a contact, so that you avoid dialing people by mistake	Free
Compass Level	Use your smartphone as a compass, level, or GPS device	Free
IMDb	The Internet Movie Database—facts and information about movies and TV shows	Free
Mint: Finance, Budgets, and Money	Manage your personal finances online	Free
Nook	Purchase and read ePub-format eBooks from Barnes & Noble	Free
OpenTable	Make restaurant reservations directly from your phone	Free

App Name	Description	Price
Pet First Aid	First aid information for household pets	\$0.99
Remember the Milk	Easy-to-use to-do lists	Free
Skype	Real-time video chatting	Free
Super-Bright LED Flashlight	Turns your smartphone screen into a flashlight	Free
Track My Life	Track how much time you spend doing various activities	Free
TripAdvisor	Details and review of hotels, restaurants, and other travel-related information	Free
Wikipedia	User-sourced online encyclopedia	Free
Yelp	Restaurant reviews	Free