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To my family.

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In this chapter, you discover various ways you can personalize your new Samsung smartphone. Topics include the following:

- → Personalizing the Screen Background
- → Personalizing Screen Settings
- → Personalizing Sounds and Notifications

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Personalizing the Way Your S7 Looks and Works

Out of the box, Samsung's Galaxy S7/S7 edge is a nice-looking phone. It's easy enough to learn how to use, the screens look good, and the operations feel natural.

That doesn't mean there isn't anything that you might want to change. Maybe you want a different screen background. Maybe you don't like the sounds of the notifications. Maybe you don't like notifications at all.

Well, you're in good luck. There are lots of ways you can personalize your new Galaxy S7 or S7 edge to make the phone better fit the way you like to use it.

Personalizing the Screen Background

One of the first things that many people personalize about their phones is the screen background. On the Galaxy S7, you can set different backgrounds for the Lock screen and the Home screens. You can choose from preselected wallpaper images, or use one of your own photos as the background.

Readability

When choosing background images and colors, make sure that there's enough contrast between the background and the foreground icons and text. Don't sacrifice readability for a cool-looking background.

Change the Lock Screen Wallpaper

The Lock screen is the screen that appears when you power on or unlock your phone. You can set the Lock screen to have its own background wallpaper, or to share the background of the Home screen.

- 1) Swipe down from the top of the screen to display the notification panel.
- 2 Tap Settings to display the Settings screen.
 -) Tap to select the Personal tab.
 - Tap Wallpaper.
- 5) Tap the down arrow at the top of the screen and select Lock Screen.

Home and Lock

To use the same image for the Lock and Home screens, tap the down arrow and select Home and Lock Screens.



- 6 Scroll through the available images and tap the one you want to use.
 - Tap Set as Wallpaper or...
- 8 To use a photograph as a background image, tap From Gallery. Your photo gallery opens.
- 9) Tap the photo you want to use.
- **10)** Tap Done.



11) Tap Set as Wallpaper to approve the image you've chosen.



>>>Go Further PICTURES FOR WALLPAPER

Many of us like to use personal pictures—of our partners, children, or grandchildren—as background wallpaper on our phones. As you've just learned, it's easy enough to choose a photo for your background, as long as that photo is already stored on your phone, in the Gallery. So if you have a picture you'd like to use, just make sure you save it to the Gallery first.

What about pictures you might receive via email or text message? Well, you can save these to the Gallery, also, just by using the "save" function within the appropriate app. For example, to save a picture you receive in the Messages app, tap the picture to display it fullscreen, then tap the Save icon at the bottom of the screen. Once in the Gallery, you can then select that photo for your wallpaper.

Change the Home Screen Wallpaper

You can similarly change the background image on your phone's Home screens. (Actually, on both the Home and Apps screens.)

- 1 Swipe down from the top of the screen to display the notification panel.
- 2) Tap Settings to display the Settings screen.
 -) Tap to select the Personal tab.
- **4**) Tap Wallpaper.
- 5) Tap the down arrow at the top of the screen and select Home Screen.
- 6 Scroll through the available images and tap the one you want to use.
- (7)
- Tap Set as Wallpaper or...
- 8 To use a photograph as a background image, tap From Gallery. Your photo gallery opens.



Tap the photo you want to use.

Tap Set as Wallpaper to approve the image you've chosen.

Motion Effect

Home screen wallpaper can display a motion effect, where the background appears to move slightly when you tilt the phone. To enable this effect, tap On the Wallpaper Motion Effect switch when you're setting the Home screen wallpaper.



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Change Your Phone's Theme

If you want a more radical change to the way your phone looks, you can change the phone's entire visual theme. A theme is a preset combination of background images, fonts, and icons that affect the look and feel of every system screen.

- 1 Swipe down from the top of the screen to display the notification panel.
- Tap Settings to display the Settings screen.
 -) Tap to select the Personal tab.
- Tap Themes to display the My Themes page.
- 5 One or more themes may be present on your phone. (Some carriers preinstall themes; some don't.) Tap to select one of these themes.
- 6 Additional themes are displayed in the Recommended Themes section. Some are free; some aren't. Tap to select one of these themes.
- 7 Tap More Themes to view additional themes online. The Theme Store opens.



Personalizing the Screen Background

- 8 Tap a tab to view themes by type: Categories, Featured, and All.
- 9 Scroll to and tap the theme you want.
- 10) Tap either the Download or price button.
- Samsung now downloads the theme. When the download is complete, tap Apply.
- When prompted, tap Apply to close all open apps and apply the new theme.



Personalizing Screen Settings

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- 13 To return to your phone's default theme, return to the Themes screen and tap Default.
- When prompted, tap Apply. This closes all open apps and reinstalls the original theme.



Personalizing Screen Settings

There are a number of other screen settings you can configure that help to personalize your user experience.

Screen Mode Options

There are ways to fine tune the way colors appear on your phone's screen. The Samsung S7 offers four different screen modes, each of which optimizes the color range, saturation, and sharpness of your screen in different ways, as explained in the table on the next page.

Which mode should you use? For the most accurate color rendition, Basic mode is best. If you prefer more vivid colors, however, you may like the Adaptive Display mode. For viewing movies on your phone, the AMOLED Cinema mode provides good results. And if you use your phone for editing digital photos, you'll get the best results from the AMOLED Photo mode. It all depends on what you want.

Screen Mode	Description
Adaptive Display	Dynamically adjusts images and videos depending on content. Provides higher color saturation than other modes. (This is the default mode.)
AMOLED Cinema	Optimizes display for movie playback.
AMOLED Photo	Optimizes display for photographic images. Provides calibration to the Adobe RGB standard, used in Photoshop and similar photo-editing applications.
Basic	Provides the most technically accurate color rendition— although colors may look less vivid than in other modes.

Set the Screen Mode

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You set your desired screen mode from the Display and Wallpaper section of the Settings screen.

- 1 Swipe down from the top of the screen to display the notification panel.
- 2 Tap Settings to display the Settings screen.
 - Tap to select the Device tab.
- Tap Display.



- 5 Scroll down and tap Screen Mode to display the Screen Mode screen.
- 6 Tap the desired screen mode. The preview picture at the top of the page changes to reflect the selected mode.

Screen mode — 5 Adaptive display



Set Screen Timeout

By default, the screen on your new smartphone turns itself off (and the phone goes into lock mode) if you haven't done anything in 30 seconds. Some people find this 30-second timeout too limiting, and want to extend the amount of time the screen stays lit.

- 1) Swipe down from the top of the screen to display the notification panel.
 -) Tap Settings to display the Settings screen.
 - Tap to select the Device tab.
 - Tap Display.



- 5 Tap Screen Timeout to display the Screen Timeout screen.
 - Select a new timeout value, from 15 seconds to 10 minutes.

Timeout and Battery Life

Leaving the screen lit for extended periods of time when you're not using the phone drains your phone's battery. Choose a shorter timeout value to conserve battery life.

Configure Smart Stay

Another way to keep the screen lit when you're using the phone is to enable the Smart Stay feature. Smart Stay prevents your phone from turning off the display as long as you're still looking at it. (It's a great feature if you use your phone to read eBooks or other onscreen content that might not require you to interact with the phone otherwise; it works by using the phone's front camera to detect your face.)

- Swipe down from the top of the screen to display the notification panel.
- 2) Tap Settings to display the Settings screen.
 - Tap to select the Device tab.
 -) Tap Display.



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0	5 minutes	
\bigcirc	10 minutes	



- 5) Tap Smart Stay to display the Smart Stay screen.
 -) Tap On the switch at the top of the screen.

Stay Smart?

Many people find the Smart Stay function to be less than useful, as it tends to shut off the display when you glance away from the phone. It also has problems when the phone is placed on a flat surface. For that reason, experiment with Smart Stay before you decide to use it full time.

Prevent the Screen from Turning On Accidentally

New to the Galaxy S7 is the ability to sense when your phone is in your pocket or purse, and not turn on accidentally if you happen to hit one of the keys. It's a great way to keep from wasting battery power—or accidentally "pocket dialing" your contacts!

- 1) Swipe down from the top of the screen to display the notification panel.
- 2) Tap Settings to display the Settings screen.
 -) Tap to select the Device tab.
 - Tap Display.
- Scroll to the Keep Screen Turned Off section and tap On the switch.


Display a Screen Saver While Charging

By default, your phone's screen turns off when you're not using it—even if the phone is plugged in and charging. If you'd rather the phone display a screensaver when charging, activate Daydream mode.

- Swipe down from the top of the screen to display the notification panel.
- 2 Tap Settings to display the Settings screen.
- **3**) Tap to select the Device tab.
- **1**) Tap Display.
- Tap Screensaver to display the Screensaver screen.
- 6 Tap On the switch at the top of the screen.
- 7 Tap the screensaver you want to display—Colors, Pandora, Photo Table, Photo Frame, or Google Photos. (Pandora and Google Photos only appear as options if you have those apps installed on your phone.)

Photo Screensavers

For the three photo screensavers, you can select from where the phone picks the photos to display. Just tap the Settings (gear) icon for that screensaver, and make a selection.



Configure the Always On Display

New to the Galaxy S7 and S7 edge is an Always On Display that displays information or an image when the screen is otherwise turned off. You can opt to display one of several clocks or calendars, or your image of choice.

- Swipe down from the top of the screen to display the notification panel.
- 2 Tap Settings to display the Settings screen.
- 3) Tap to select the Device tab.
- 4) Tap Display.
- 5) Tap Always On Display to open the Always On Display screen.
- 6 To enable the Always On Display, tap On the switch at the top of the screen.
- 7 Tap Content to Show and select from three types of content: Clock, Calendar, or Image. Skip to step 14 if you select Calendar or step 17 if you select Image.
- 8 If you selected Clock, tap Clock Style to determine which type of clock displays.



- 9 Tap to select the type of clock you want.
- (10) Tap the back arrow to return to the previous screen.
- 11 Tap Background Image to select a color image to display behind the clock.

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Clock style	
Background image	

- 12) Tap to select the desired background image.
- 13) Tap the back arrow to return to the previous screen.
- If you selected Calendar, tap
 Calendar Style to determine
 which type of calendar displays.



Content to show Calendar Calendar style 15 Tap to select the desired calendar style.

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- **16** Tap the back arrow to return to the previous screen.
- 17) If you selected Image, tap Image to choose the image to display.
- (18) Tap to choose one of the available images.

Low Power Display

Samsung claims that, thanks to its Super AMOLED screen technology, the Always On Display uses a very small amount of battery power—less power, in fact, than constantly turning on your phone just to view the time. I like it just for that reason; it gives me an always-on clock in my pocket.

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Personalizing Sounds and Notifications

Your Galaxy S7 phone can tell you a lot about what's going on. You can opt to be notified when you receive a new message or voice mail, when the phone requires some interaction from you, or when something interesting happens in a particular app.

How you choose to be notified is up to you. You can have the phone make a sound, vibrate, or display notifications on the Lock screen.

Configure Sounds and Ringtones

You can personalize your phone by choosing which sounds play for specific events:

- 1 Swipe down from the top of the screen to display the notification panel.
- Tap Settings to display the Settings screen.
- **3**) Tap to select the Device tab.
- **4**) Tap Sounds and Vibration.
- 5 Select a ringtone for when you receive incoming phone calls by tapping Ringtone.
- 6 Tap to select the ringtone you want. When you tap a ringtone, you hear a preview of that sound.
- 7 Tap the back arrow at the top of the screen to return to the Ringtones and Sounds screen.



- 8 Change the sound that plays when you receive a notification by tapping Notification Sound.
 -) Tap Default Notification Sound.
 - Tap to select the sound you want.
- 11) Tap the back arrow at the top of the screen to return to the Notification Sound screen.
- 12 Tap Messages Notifications to turn on or off message notifications.
- By default, you receive notification of messages on your phone. To turn off message notifications, tap Off the switch at the top of the screen.
- 14) Tap Notification Sound and make a selection to change the sound you hear when you receive a message notification.
- (15) By default, your phone also vibrates when you receive a message. To turn off this vibration, tap Off the Vibrations switch.
- 16 Also by default, previews of new messages are displayed on your phone's Lock screen and in popups when you're using the phone. To turn off these previews, tap Off the Preview Message switch.
- 17) Tap the back arrow at the top of the screen to return to the Notification Sound screen.

Notification sound 8 Set the default notification sound and notification sounds for apps such as Messages, Calendar, and Email. Default notification sound 9 Pure Bell 11 Default notification sound Peanut Piano Pizzicato Pure Bell Messages notifications 12 Roll Messages notifications On Notification sound Roll Vibrations Preview message Show previews of new messages on the lock screen and in pop-ups.

- 18 Tap Calendar Notifications to configure notifications about events on your calendar.
- 19 By default, you receive notification about upcoming calendar events. To turn off these notifications, tap Off the switch at the top of the screen.
- 20) Tap Notification Sound and make a selection to change the sound you hear when you receive a calendar notification.
- (21) By default, your phone also vibrates when it displays a calendar notification. To turn off this vibration, tap Off the Vibration switch.
- 22) Tap the back arrow at the top of the screen to return to the Notification Sound screen.
- (23) Tap Email Notifications to configure the notifications displayed when you receive email messages.
- 24) If you've set up one or more email accounts on your phone, you have the option of receiving notifications from those accounts. By default, you receive notifications when you receive email in these accounts. To turn off these notifications, tap Off the switch at the top of the screen.
- You can set different notifications for different accounts and types of senders. Tap Priority Senders to set a sound for contacts designated priority senders.



- 26 Tap an account to set sounds for all messages from a given account.
- 27) Tap the back arrow at the top of the screen to return to the Ringtones and Sounds screen.

Email Accounts

Learn more about setting up email accounts in Chapter 10, "Sending and Receiving Email."

28) Tap the back arrow again to return to the Sounds and Vibration screen.

- 29 Scroll down to the System section and tap Off the switch in the Touch Sounds section to turn off the sounds your phone makes when you tap the touchscreen.
- 30) Tap Off the switch in the Screen Lock Sounds section to turn off the sounds your phone makes when you lock and unlock the screen.
- 31) Tap off the switch in the Charging Sound section to turn off the sound your phone makes when you connect a charger.
- 32 Scroll down to the Key-Tap Feedback section and tap Off the switch in the Dialing Keypad Tone section to turn off the sounds your phone makes when you tap the keypad in the Phone app.
- Tap Off the switch in the Keyboard Sound section to turn off the sounds your phone makes when you tap the onscreen keyboard.



Dialing keypad tone

Play tone when the dialing keypad is tapped.

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Keyboard sound

Play a sound when the Samsung keyboard is tapped.

Configure Vibrations

You can also configure when and how your phone vibrates.

- 1) Swipe down from the top of the screen to display the notification panel.
- 2) Tap Settings to display the Settings screen.
 -) Tap to select the Device tab.
- 4 Tap Sounds and Vibration to display the Sounds and Vibration screen.
- 5 If you don't want your phone to vibrate when ringing, tap Off the Vibrate While Ringing switch.
- 6 Tap Vibration Intensity to change the intensity of the phone's vibrations.
- Adjust the sliders to the right (stronger vibration) or left (weaker vibration) for incoming calls, notifications, or overall vibration feedback.
- 8 Tap the back arrow at the top of the screen to return to the Sounds and Vibration screen.
- (9) Tap Vibration Pattern to change the pattern of the vibration.



- 10 Tap the vibration pattern you want—Heartbeat, Ticktock, and so forth. When you select a pattern, you feel a preview of that vibration.
- 11) Tap the back arrow at the top of the screen to return to the Sounds and Vibration screen.
- 12 By default, the phone vibrates slightly when you tap certain onscreen "soft keys." To turn off these vibrations, scroll to the System section and tap Off the Vibration Feedback switch.
- 13 By default, you'll feel a slight vibration when you tap the onscreen keyboard. To turn off this vibration, scroll to the Key-Tap Feedback section and tap Off the Keyboard Vibration switch.

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Vibration feedback

Vibrate when the Back key or the Recents key is pressed, and for certain actions, such as tapping and holding buttons.

Keyboard vibration

Vibrate when the Samsung keyboard is tapped.

Configure Notifications

Your Galaxy S7 displays a lot of notifications. Fortunately, you have some control over the notifications you receive.

- 1) Swipe down from the top of the screen to display the notification panel.
- 2) Tap Settings to display the Settings screen.



- **3**) Tap to select the Personal tab.
 - Tap Lock Screen and Security.
- 5 By default, notifications are displayed on the Lock screen. To hide these notifications, tap Notifications on Lock Screen.
- Tap Content on Lock Screen and then select to Show Content (displays detailed information), Hide Content (displays basic information), or Do Not Show Notifications (hides all notifications).
- 7 By default, your phone displays notifications from all apps. If you want to show notifications only from selected apps, tap Off the All Apps switch.
- 8 You can now configure notifications from each app individually. Tap On those apps from which you want to receive notifications; tap Off those apps from which you don't want to see notifications. (If the On/Off switch is shaded for a given app, you can't change its notification setting.)





Configure the LED Light

By default, the LED indicator on the front of your phone lights when charging or when you've received incoming messages or notifications. You can opt to turn this light off if you want.

- 1 Swipe down from the top of the screen to display the notification panel.
 - 2 Tap Settings to display the Settings screen.
 - Tap to select the Device tab.
 -) Tap Display.
 -) Scroll down and tap Off the LED Indicator switch.

Turn on Do Not Disturb

The S7's Do Not Disturb mode silences all calls and alerts during the time period you specify. This is good for keeping your phone silent while you're sleeping or during important meetings.

- Swipe down from the top of the screen to display the notification panel.
- 2) Tap Settings to display the Settings screen.
 - Tap to select the Device tab.
 - Tap Sounds and Vibration.
 - Tap Do Not Disturb to display the Do Not Disturb screen.



- 6 Tap On the Turn On Now switch to immediately activate Do Not Disturb mode.
- 7 Tap On the Turn On as Scheduled mode to activate Do Not Disturb according to a preset schedule.
- 8 Tap Days and select which days of the week you don't want to be disturbed.
- 9 Tap Start Time to set the time of day that Do Not Disturb is activated.
- 10) Tap End Time to set when Do Not Disturb ends.
- 11 Tap Allow Exceptions to set exceptions to the rule by selecting what things you want to be disturbed by.
- By default, Do Not Disturb mutes all calls and alerts. Tap Alarms Only to allow alarms to sound during Do Not Disturb time.
- 13) Tap Custom to set custom exceptions to Do Not Disturb.



No exceptions

Mute all calls and alerts.

Alarms only

Allow only alarms to sound or vibrate while Do not disturb is turned on.

Custom

Set custom exceptions that can sound or vibrate while Do not disturb is turned on.

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