Common Apps

Phones and tablets offer access to an almost unlimited number of apps. Apps are programs designed to help you accomplish different tasks.

To find all of the apps on your device, swipe down from your home screen. Some apps come with the device and operating system. These apps are already installed, and can’t be removed.

Other apps may be added by visiting the Play store. We’ll look at a some of the most essential apps for Communication, Core Functions, and Useful Accessories. Click or tap each topic to learn more.
Your device may have built-in apps for communication through phone, text messages, and email.
From the Phone app, you can make a call by pressing the Keypad, or you can call one of your saved contacts. The phone app may not be available on a tablet.
The Message app allows you to send Text Messages. Your current conversations appear here. You can tap this button to start a new conversation, or you can tap a current conversation to read new messages and send a response. Tap this box to type your message. Then tap the arrow to send it.
The Email app can be used to send and receive email messages. Visit the settings app to link your email account to your device. Tap Accounts and follow the prompts to add your email. You can add an email from almost any email provider.
Common Apps: Core Functions

Your smartphone or tablet will come with apps that are related to basic, core functions of the device such as web browsing, listening to music, taking pictures, and getting directions.
Google Chrome is the built-in web browser for Android devices. This app works much like a web browser on a computer. You can search the web or visit a website using the address bar on the top.
The Play Music app allows you to play digital music through your device. You can “sync” your device with the music on a connected computer, or you can purchase new music through the Play Store on your device.
The Camera app allows you to take photos. You can use this button to switch between camera modes. When you’re ready, tap this button to take a picture. Then you can use the Gallery app to view, edit, and share the photos you’ve taken.
The Maps app can find an address or get directions. In order to get live directions similar to a GPS, you must have a data plan and be connected to a cellular network. You may also need to give the app permission to view your location.
Your device will come with some basic accessories including a calendar, clock, calculator, and weather app.
The Calendar app allows you to look at a calendar and schedule events. Tap the plus sign to add a new event, or tap on a day to see details for an existing event.
In addition to displaying the time on your home screen the Clock app can be used as an alarm, a world clock, a stopwatch, and a timer.
The Calculator app has all the same functions as a basic handheld calculator.
The Weather app is accessed from the home screen, and can quickly pull up a 10-day forecast for your location. To add a different city, tap the button in the top right corner.
With these apps that are built-in to mobile devices, you have access to a variety of useful tools wherever you go.