8 Secret Android Functions 90% of Users Don’t Know About

There probably isn’t a person now who hasn’t got an absolutely indispensable smartphone in their pocket. However, despite this fact, there aren’t many people out there who know about all the incredible things these devices are actually capable of.

We at **Bright Side** would like to end this vicious circle and tell you about 8 of the most fascinating features of Android.

The easiest way to save your battery power



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If you choose a black or simple dark background for your screen, the automatic pixel highlighting will turn off, and you’ll notice that your device keeps its charge for much longer. This feature isn’t available for all Android devices yet, but it’s already implemented on most Samsung smartphones and tablets. Give it a try!

Text-to-speech



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Not only can you read this article but you can also listen to it if you have an Android device. So if you prefer to hear incoming information rather than see it, go to Settings -> Accessibility and turn on the Text-to-Speech Output option.

Smartphone remote control



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Just go to Settings -> Security -> Device administrators, and check the boxes next to Android Device Manager, *Remotely locate this device,* and *Allow remote lock and erase*. Now if you lose your smartphone, you can locate and block it without losing your data via this website.

Turning on Guest Mode



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If you would like to temporarily give your phone to another person yet keep your personal data confidential, use Guest Mode. Swipe down from the top with two fingers, and touch the user icon on the upper right. The *Add guest* icon will appear, and you'll be able to choose which actions the person handling your smartphone will be allowed to take.

Screen magnifier



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People with poor eyesight often have no idea how much this feature can help them. Just go to Settings -> Accessibility -> Magnification gestures. Then you'll be able to zoom in on any part of the display just by tapping it.

Hotspot mode



You needn’t buy a separate 3G modem or a router to use the Internet on different devices because your smartphone can do this easily. Go to Settings -> Tethering and portable hotspot, and turn on *Portable WLAN hotspot*. That’s it!

Control your smartphone with head movements



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There are situations when you just have to use your gadget but your hands are otherwise occupied or it’s just too cold outside to take your warm gloves off. However, there’s a solution for this! After installing a free app called EVA Facial Mouse you’ll be able to control your Android device with movements of your head! The detailed guide on installation is here.

A secret game



Starting with Android 2.3 Gingerbread, Google puts a small secret present for users into all their devices. However, finding it may prove to be quite difficult. Here are instructions on how to do it despite the odds. First, go to Settings and choose About phone or About tablet. Quickly tap *Android version* several times, and when a small marshmallow shows up on the screen, quickly tap it again, and a special mini-game will open. You haven’t found it yet? Well, what are you waiting for?

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