

Samsung Galaxy Phone Settings

Introduction:

All devices have settings where you can customise the device to your liking, although some models do vary, and new ones are added with each upgrade. The Galaxy range is one of the more popular Smartphone ranges and has up to 93 separate settings divided up into 19 sections within its Operating System. Navigating through these settings can be very daunting, so here is a breakdown of them all at this time (Sept 2025), with explanations to help understand when and how they are used, if at all, on your phone.

How to find the settings on your phone:

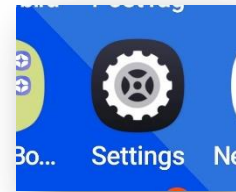
Option 1:

On the Home Screen- swipe slowly from the top right-hand corner, which shows the quick settings menu. At the top, you press the GEAR WHEEL



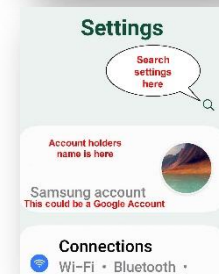
Option 2:

On one of your Home Screens or on the All Apps Screen there will be a GEAR ICON



Next Step:

Once in the Settings Menu, press the Magnifying Glass Symbol to search



Understanding more about settings

If you want more details on how a particular setting works or the options, use the AI Chat feature: *Google Gemini*



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All the Settings in 19 Sections:

Network & Internet

- Wi-Fi: Connect to available networks, manage saved networks, toggle Wi-Fi on/off, configure advanced features like Wi-Fi Direct.
- Mobile Networks: Manage SIM cards, configure mobile data usage, access network operators, set up APNs, and enable or disable roaming.
- Hotspot & Tethering: Share your mobile connection via Wi-Fi hotspot, USB, or Bluetooth tethering; set passwords and data limits.
- Data Usage: View and restrict background data, set data limits, monitor usage by app.
- VPN: Add, configure, and connect to Virtual Private Networks for secure browsing.
- Airplane Mode: Disable all wireless connections quickly.

- **NFC and Payment:** Activate NFC, add payment methods, and configure contactless payment.
- **Private DNS:** Configure advanced DNS settings for privacy and security.

Connections

- **Bluetooth:** Pair and manage devices, rename devices, share files.
- **Nearby Device Scanning:** Automatically discover and connect to compatible devices.
- **Mobile Hotspot:** Set up and customise your phone as a hotspot.
- **Data Saver:** Restrict apps from using data in the background.
- **Ethernet:** Configure wired connections via USB adapters.

Sound & Vibration

- **Volume:** Adjust ringer, media, notifications, and system volumes individually.
- **Vibration:** Set vibration patterns for calls, notifications, and alarms.
- **Ringtone:** Choose and customise ringtones for calls and notifications.
- **Do Not Disturb:** Set schedules, allow exceptions, and silence unwanted interruptions.
- **System Sounds:** Customise touch sounds, keyboard feedback, charging sounds.
- **Dolby Atmos:** Enable enhanced audio experiences for media and calls.
- **Sound Quality & Effects:** Adjust equaliser, adapt sound for earphones.

Display

- **Brightness:** Manually adjust or enable adaptive brightness.
- **Screen Timeout:** Set how long before the display turns off automatically.
- **Screen Mode:** Choose between vivid, natural, and custom colour profiles.
- **Font Size & Style:** Customise font size, change font type.
- **Edge Screen:** Enable and configure edge panels, lighting effects.
- **Navigation Bar:** Choose button layout or enable gesture navigation.
- **Dark Mode:** Enable or schedule dark mode for the entire system.

- Screen Resolution: Select FHD+, WQHD+, or adjust resolution for battery life.
- Always On Display: Configure AOD settings—clock style, notifications, images.
- Screen Zoom: Adjust the scaling of UI elements.

Wallpaper & Themes

- Wallpapers: Choose or download wallpaper images, set for home or lock screen.
- Themes: Browse and apply themes for icons, colours, and system look.
- Icon Packs: Change app icon styles for personalisation.
- Lock Screen Style: Customise clock, shortcuts, and wallpaper appearance.

Security & Privacy

- Screen Lock Type: Choose PIN, password, pattern, fingerprint, or face unlock.
- Biometrics: Set up fingerprint, facial recognition, or iris scanning (on supported devices).
- Secure Folder: Store apps and files in a protected workspace.
- Find My Mobile: Enable device location, remote locking, and data wipe.
- App Permissions: Manage what data and features apps can access.
- Privacy Controls: Configure ad preferences, diagnostics, and usage data sharing.
- Location Services: Enable or disable location tracking, set app location permissions.

Accounts & Backup

- Samsung Account: Sign in to access Samsung services and cloud storage.
- Google Account: Sync contacts, calendar, apps, and backup to Google Drive.
- Other Accounts: Add work email, Microsoft, or social media accounts.
- Backup & Restore: Use Samsung Cloud or Google Backup for device data.

- Smart Switch: Migrate data from your old device seamlessly.

Advanced Features

- One-handed Mode: Shrink screen for easier use with one hand.
- Multi Window: Run two apps side by side.
- Bixby Routines: Automate device actions based on time, location, or activity.
- Motions & Gestures: Enable lift to wake, double tap, swipe to call or send messages.
- Direct Share: Quickly share content with frequent contacts or apps.
- Game Launcher: Organise and optimise gaming experience.
- Smart Pop-up View: Show notifications as floating windows.

Device Care

- Battery: View usage, enable power saving, schedule charging.
- Storage: Manage free space, delete unused files, analyse data usage.
- Memory: Optimise RAM, clean up background apps.
- Security: Scan for malware and secure your device.

Notifications

- Notification Style: Customise how alerts appear—banners, pop-ups, badges.
- App Notifications: Turn notifications on/off for individual apps.
- Status Bar: Configure icons, battery percentage, and notification showing.

Apps

- Default Apps: Choose preferred browser, messaging, and assistant apps.
- App Management: Install, uninstall, or disable apps.
- Permissions: Adjust app permissions for camera, mic, location, and more.
- Special Access: Configure access for system overlays, usage data, and battery optimisation.

Accessibility

- Screen Reader: Enable TalkBack, select reading speed and voice.
- Visibility Enhancements: Adjust contrast, colour filters, and magnification.
- Hearing Enhancements: Subtitles, mono audio, sound balance.
- Interaction Controls: Assistant menu, touch and hold settings, universal switches.
- Physical & Motor: Enable switch access and custom responses for mobility.

Software Updates

- System Update: Check for, download, and install the latest Android and security patches.
- App Updates: Keep Samsung and third-party apps current via Galaxy Store or Google Play.

General Management

- Language & Input: Set system language, keyboard layout, and input preferences.
- Date & Time: Adjust time zone, date format, and automatic updates.
- Reset: Factory reset, network reset, or settings reset options.
- About Phone: Device info including model number, software version, IMEI, and serial number.
- Legal Information: Review open source licenses, privacy policies, and terms of service.

Connections to External Devices

- Smart View: Mirror your screen to TVs and displays.
- Bluetooth Devices: Pair headphones, speakers, and wearables.
- USB: Connect to PCs, transfer files, or enable USB debugging.
- Printing: Set up wireless printers and services.

Cloud & Accounts

- Samsung Cloud: Sync photos, contacts, and more.
- Google Services: Manage sync preferences for Drive, Photos, Gmail.
- Other Cloud Providers: Add Dropbox, OneDrive, and more.

Parental Controls & Digital Wellbeing

- Digital Wellbeing: Track screen time, app usage, set goals.
- Parental Controls: Set limits on apps, content filters, manage children's accounts.

Help & Support

- User Manual: Access device guides and tutorials.
- Tips & Tricks: Learn about features, shortcuts, and troubleshooting.
- Contact Support: Get help via chat, phone, or in-store.

Developer Options

- USB Debugging: For connecting to development tools and software.
- Animation Scales: Adjust speed of system animations.
- Background Processes: Limit background tasks for performance.
- Mock Location: Test GPS and location-based apps.

Summary

Samsung Galaxy phones combine powerful performance with a user-friendly interface, and the Settings menu is at the core of that experience. From basic settings to advanced features, taking time to explore these options ensures that your device works precisely the way you want. Whether you wish to tweak performance, bolster security, or simply personalise your home screen, the Settings menu offers a wealth of possibilities for every user.