

What is storage on my phone

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We've all experienced that moment of dread: You're about to capture a video of your dog or cat doing something especially cute or hilarious. But then, the pop-up of doom: you're out of space on your Android phone. You might have lost that moment, but there are plenty of ways to free up space on your Android phone to keep something like that from happening again. Good storage management is important for making sure you've always got the space you need, when you need it. Here's how to keep track of the applications that are hogging up precious space on your Android phone, make room for new apps, photos and other content, and even add more storage to your device. Freeing up space By navigating to your Android device's Settings app and clicking on the Storage option, you'll be able to look at an at-a-glance view of your storage. Up top, you'll see how much of your phone's total storage you're using, followed by a breakdown of different categories that use up space on your phone. For me, it's Photos & videos that take up the most space, followed by Music & audio. If you download a lot of mobile games or movies, your readout will look different. Under the amount of space used there should be a button labeled Free up space. This is an automated way to clear out unwanted junk from your phone, chosen by category, including Backed up photos & videos, Downloads, and Infrequently used apps. You can choose from the categories individually by checking the empty box on the right-hand side of the listed items. But if you want everything gone, it's less time-consuming to hit the empty box on the right-hand side of the category name. Once it's got a blue checkmark, click Free up space on the bottom-right side of the screen. Uninstalling apps You can uninstall your infrequently used apps in one click using the steps above, but there are other ways to delete apps from your phone, too. Often, I find myself downloading apps or games and forgetting about them, leaving them to take up space that could be filled with photos and videos of my dog. To see all of your apps in one place, open the Google Play Store app and click the Menu icon on the top-left. Navigate to My apps & games, then Installed. You're able to scroll through these applications. To uninstall them, you'll want to click on the particular app. From there, there are options to Uninstall and Open. By hitting Storage at the top, you can mass-delete apps by selecting multiples with checkmarks. Hit Free up space at the bottom to delete. Backing up photos On Android phones, it's easy to back up your photos using Google Photos, which stores images privately on the cloud. To turn it on, you'll need to open the Google Photos application and sign into your Google account, if you haven't already done so. Click on the Menu icon. Hit Settings, then click Back up & sync. There's a toggle button next to Back up & sync to turn the feature on or off, with other settings available for what to back up and when. Once your photos are backed up, they can be safely removed from your device without fear of losing them — you can always download them from the cloud when you want them. Open the Google Photos application, then select the photos you want to remove (you can select these individually or do this in batches.) Click the More icon, which looks like three vertical dots, and navigate to Delete from device at the top-right of the screen. Using a memory card Some Android phones have extra slots for memory cards, often microSD cards. This is an easy way to add extra storage to your phone without having to delete everything you love off the device. First, check your specific phone's instructions to see if it's compatible with memory cards, and, if so, which kinds of cards it accepts. Memory card in hand, turn off your phone, insert the memory card into your device, and turn your phone back on. A notification called Set up should appear to help you install the card. From there, you're able to choose if you want to use the memory card as portable or internal storage. Portable storage is used for music, photos, and videos. You're able to move this data from device to device if you want or need to, but apps can't go in this sort of storage area. Internal storage is used for applications and data that come from your device's store, and they won't work if you remove the memory card and use it on another device. To move apps from your phone to a memory card, go to the Settings page under Apps. Click the app you'd like to relocate to the memory card and hit Storage. Click Storage used and hit Change. Choose the new memory card and proceed from there. Contact us at letters@time.com. When selling your phone, it is essential to find out its storage capacity (GB). GB is short for gigabyte, which is a unit of data storage capacity that approximately equates to one billion bytes. This number will tell you how much built-in storage your phone has. Knowing your phone's storage capacity before placing the trade-in order is important as it will determine, in part, how much money you will get for it. The higher the GB, the higher the value of the handset. The way that you can check the storage of your phone will depend on whether you have an iPhone or an Android device. In Case You Have an iPhoneOpen the Settings menu, scroll down and tap on General. At the top select About and scroll down looking for Capacity. The two or three digit number against Capacity will indicate your iPhone's internal storage.The way that you can find your Android phone's storage capacity will depend on the manufacturer and there is also a variance between models. Typically, storage capacity information is stored in Settings > Storage, however if you have a Samsung phone, you can find the total storage capacity information under Settings > Device Care.The capacity may show as a slightly lower number than the total number (for instance 62.5GB for a 64GB phone), but this is because brand-new phones come with the software installed that takes up a significant amount of space, additionally over the time you've owned the phone, you've used a portion of its built-in storage.What Do I Do If I Can't Turn the Phone On?If you are unable to turn the device and access the Settings menu, you can look at the device's original box where it will have the storage information written on it. In case you do not have the device's original box, then you can use an IMEI checker tool online which will provide you with your device's storage specification.The IMEI number of your phone can be found either on the back of the device for most Android phones and iPhones older than the iPhone 6. For newer iPhones, it will be printed inside the SIM tray when you eject the SIM card.See more posts by Antonia iOS and iPadOS monitor the storage on your device by analyzing how much space each app uses. You can also check the storage on your device in Settings, iTunes, or the Finder on your computer. If your device is low on storage, it automatically frees up space while installing an app, updating iOS or iPadOS, downloading music, recording videos, and more. To make more storage available, your device can remove some of your items, like streamed music and videos, files in iCloud Drive, and parts of apps that aren't needed. It also removes temporary files and clears the cache on your device. But your device only removes items that can be downloaded again or that aren't needed anymore. Go to Settings > General > [Device] Storage. You might see a list of recommendations for optimizing your device's storage, followed by a list of installed apps and the amount of storage each one uses. Tap an app's name for more information about its storage. Cached data and temporary data might not be counted as usage. In the detailed view you can: Offload the app, which frees up storage used by the app, but keeps its documents and data. Delete the app, which removes the app and its related data. Depending on the app, you might be able to delete some of its documents and data. If your device is almost full and can't free up space, you might get a Storage Almost Full alert. If you see this alert, you should check the storage recommendations or you need to offload some less-used content like videos and apps. The used content on your device is divided in these categories: Apps: Installed apps and their content, and content stored in "On My iPhone/iPad/iPod touch" directory in the Files app, and Safari downloads Photos: Photos and videos stored in the Photos app Media: Music, videos, podcasts, ringtones, artwork, and Voice Memos Mail: Emails and their attachments Apple Books: Books and PDFs in the Books app Messages: Messages and their attachments iCloud Drive: iCloud Drive content that has been downloaded locally to your device. This content can't be automatically deleted. Other: Non-removable mobile assets, like Siri voices, fonts, dictionaries, non-removable logs and caches, Spotlight index, and system data, such as Keychain and CloudKit Database. Cached files can't be deleted by the system. System: Space taken by the operating system. This can vary based on your device and model. In the Storage section of Settings, your device might offer recommendations for optimizing your storage. Tap Show All to see all the recommendations for your device. Read the description of each recommendation, then tap Enable to turn it on or tap the recommendation to review the contents you can delete. On a Mac with macOS Catalina 10.15 or later, open the Finder. On a Mac with macOS Mojave 10.14 or earlier, or on a PC, open iTunes. Connect your device to your computer. Select your device in the Finder or in iTunes. You'll see a bar that shows how much storage your content uses, divided by content type. Move your mouse over the bar to see how much storage each content type is using. Here's a list of the types of content on your device, and what each type includes: Audio: Songs, audio podcasts, audiobooks, voice memos, and ringtones. Video: Movies, music videos, and TV shows. Photos: Content in your Photo Library, Camera Roll, and Photo Stream. Apps: Installed apps. The content of the apps is listed under Documents & Data. Books: Books books, audio books, and PDF files. 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