

Android Tablets for the Absolute Beginner

This will guide you through the basics of setting up and navigating your Android tablet and take you through some practical uses.

Connecting to a Wi-Fi point

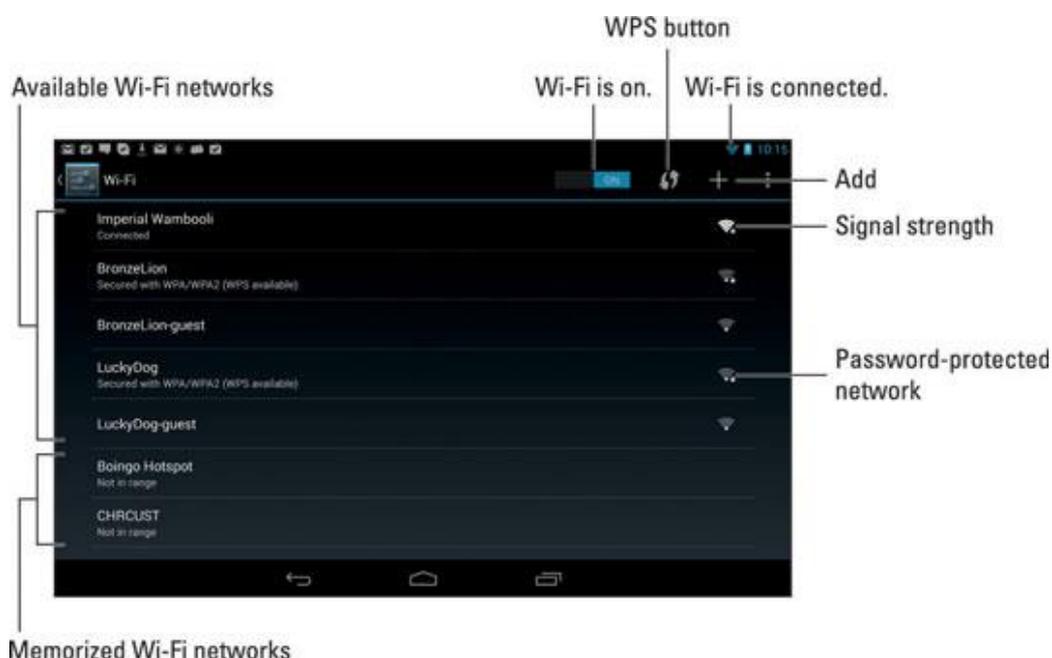
Open the Settings app:



Choose Wi-Fi

On some Samsung tablets, you find the Wi-Fi item on the Connections tab. Choose Wi-Fi to view a list of available Wi-Fi networks on the right side of the screen. Otherwise, the list shows up full screen.

Choose a wireless network from the list.



If prompted, type the network password

Touch the Show Password check box so that you can see what you're typing; some of those network passwords can be **long and complex!**

Touch the Connect button

The network is connected immediately. If not, retype the password.

Downloading and installing apps



The primary way you'll install apps on Android is by opening the **Play Store** app on your phone or tablet. You'll find the Play Store in your app drawer and most likely on your default home screen. You can also open it by tapping the shopping bag-like icon at the top-right corner of the app drawer. Once in the store, browse or search for an app and tap the Install button to install it.

Browsing the internet

How to search the web using the Smart Search bar on an Android

1. Launch Google or Google Chrome from the Home screen.



2. Tap in the Smart **Search** bar at the top or middle of your browsers screen.
3. Type in some keywords or a phrase you would like to **search** the internet for.
4. Tap on the Go button at the bottom right of your screen, then select the entry you are looking for.

Security and safety of your device

Set screen lock on an Android device

You can set up a screen lock to help secure your Android phone or tablet. Each time that you turn on your device or wake up the screen, you'll be asked to unlock your device, usually with a PIN, pattern or password. On some devices, you can unlock using your fingerprint.

Set or change a screen lock

Important: To ensure your automatic and manual backups are encrypted with your screen lock, use a PIN, pattern or a password.

1. Open your phone's Settings app.
2. Tap Security.
 - If you don't find 'Security', go to your [phone/tablet manufacturer's support site](#) for help.
3. To choose a type of screen lock, tap Screen lock.
 - If you've already set a lock, you'll need to enter your PIN, pattern or password before you can pick a different lock.
4. Tap the screen lock option that you'd like to use. Follow the on-screen instructions.

Screen lock options

You might find different options depending on your phone. For more info about screen lock for your device, go to the [manufacturer's support site](#).

No lock

- None: Your phone/tablet stays unlocked. This gives no protection, but you can get to your home screen quickly.
- Swipe: Swipe your finger across your screen. This gives no protection, but you can get to your home screen quickly.

Standard locks

- Pattern: Draw a simple pattern with your finger.
- PIN: Enter 4 or more numbers. Longer PINs tend to be more secure.
- Password: Enter 4 or more letters or numbers. A strong password is the most secure screen lock option.

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