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Thread: [Why Root Your Android Phone? \(My top 6 reasons\)](#)

CJamie - April 13, 2015, 4:47 am

Welcome Guys!!

To root or not to root? That is the question. Rooting your Android device definitely push you up a level or two in your geekdom. It requires a certain level of commitment, at least a little savvy, and even a modicum of risk. So, why would you want to bother?

So listed below are my Top 6 Reasons Why You Should Root Your Android Phone ;

1. A wide Range of Apps

If you've spent much time in Google Play, you know you're not exactly hard-up for good apps. But why settle for good when you can have great. Once you're rooted not only can you get more apps, but the apps you have access to can get way down deeper into your phone's brains. In some cases you'll be able to do things that carriers, manufacturers, and/or Google may not want you to do. Some will allow you to do things of questionable legality. For example, Network Spoofer uses your device to set up a fake wireless network. When your houseguests sign in, you can make ever image they see inverted, or all of the text fuzzy. It's a harmless prank, but of course it could (but shouldn't!) also be used for stealing passwords and other nefarious things.

2. The latest OS updates

Dammit, why am I always three updates behind. This may be the most common complaint among Android users, less than half of whom have made it as far as Jelly Bean. Between the Google, the carriers, and the hardware manufacturers, there are a whole lot of shenanigans behind closed doors that determines when (or if) your phone gets an upgrade.

Android's developer community, on the other hand, is a hardcore bunch. They're often able to get the new OS onto a phone months before the carrier releases the update, often along with a few bonus features. Once you're rooted, you just have to find the OS version you want (optimized for your specific device), and it's generally extremely easy to install the latest and greatest.

3. Changing the Interface

Android enthusiasts rightly hate the software skins that hardware manufacturers use to brand their devices. They're often bulky, ugly, unwieldy, or just downright not as clean and functional as stock Android. They're also a big reason those OS updates take so long. You're almost always better off without.

So root! Once you do, you can download and install any number of custom-built ROMs (different versions of the Android firmware). Some of them are highly customized and tweaked to add features, and others are basically just stock Android. Cleaning off an ugly skin can be like a breath of fresh air.

4. Speed or battery life boosts

Phone starting to get laggy? Or maybe you're having trouble making it through the day on a single charge? Rooting allows you to install customized kernels (the software that enables the OS to talk to

the hardware, basically) that are optimized differently. Some are made for low-power consumption, and some are built for speed. You can also use an app like Set CPU, which enables you to overclock or underclock your phone's processor, and set rules for usage.

5. Infinite Features

Beyond just customizing your phone's existing features, rooting helps you pile on all kinds of wonderful new weirdness. You'll love it.

Want to hook up your PlayStation controller to your phone for better gaming? You can. Want to set rules for callers to decide who can and can't call you when? Why not. Maybe your carrier has blocked certain apps, or an app isn't available for the country you live in? There are Market Enabler apps that trick your phone (and Google) into thinking it's on another carrier or in a far off land. Nervous about connecting to the public Wi-Fi? Wifi Protector will keep you safe from all kinds of ARP, DOS, and MITM attacks. Or, you could put the new Android 4.2 camera on your non-Jellybean phone. Accidentally deleted something you wish you hadn't? Undelete might just save your bacon. The possibilities are virtually limitless.

6. Better Backup

There are apps out there that kiiiiinnnda back up your phone, but generally it's pretty surface level stuff (contacts, pictures, music, etc.). Once rooted you can go way, way deeper. Grab an app called Titanium Backup. Not only can it back up all of your apps, but it can back up all of the information stored in those apps. So if you've been doing great in Temple Run but you want to wipe your phone and start fresh, you can use Titanium to back up and then restore the game, and you'll be right where you left off. It's a nice security blanket if you're going to be messing around deep in your phone's brain.

In spite of all these benefits, only you know whether rooting is right for you. For some people it's just not worth the time and effort. For others, it's a godsend that allows them to use their phones in a better way and for a longer time. If you decide to take the plunge, read up and make sure you follow instructions carefully. After that, go hog wild. It's your phone, after all.

For example, you can set your processors to go into overdrive when you're playing a graphically intensive game, but have them draw the bare minimum power when the screen is off. Or the best app in the market is Titanium backup.

Hope this helps you make your mind whether to root your device or not...

Atom™ - April 13, 2015, 7:29 am

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AYOOB - April 13, 2015, 7:31 am

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Your welcome mate!

If you need any help or advice feel free to PM me! Here's my another thread telling how to ROOT ANY ANDROID DEVICE - <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4776631>

It might help you and yeah there are other methods also like you can search your phones name and add the keyword 'root' on <http://www.xda-developers.com/> They even have the custom roms and all for rooted devices

cheers

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I'd recommend that you install expose module after rooting... It's one of the must have apps I will be doing a thread on that soon.

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(Apr 13, 2015 08:00 AM)Sandler Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thank you for these reasons, I never thought of new phone updates or even overclocking it Your welcome mate! Will be doing more threads on that... Stick around pal :P

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Atleast give credits next time: <http://gizmodo.com/5982287/reasons-to-root-your-android-device>

Eitherway thanks for posting.

Aceman - April 13, 2015, 9:00 am

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Thanks in advance.

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Thanks in advance.Well,

Depends how you define "a level higher" by rooting. If it matches the reasons I gave above then, yeah you should definitely root your device!

The main downside of rooting is that if anything goes while rooting your phone, your device might go in the state of soft brick.

In easy terms it means that your phone will no longer boot up, it will just show a blank screen. It can be prevented but that will take up practically hours.

And yeah, It may also void the warranty of your device

Thus there is a safer method of rooting - <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4776631>
I recommend that you go through <http://www.xda-developers.com/> if you want more info and custom rom's etc.

Bama - April 13, 2015, 10:27 am

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(Apr 13, 2015 10:27 AM)Alabama Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Great post. I've been thinking about rooting my Note 4, but I think I'll wait until it starts to get laggy.Thank You sir,

I'd say that you root your Note 4 instead of waiting for it to get laggy, as you can have the advantages as listed in this thread.... Up to you totally
cheers

Private Network - April 13, 2015, 10:49 am

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Ok thanks, will root it when I have it in my hands again.

Its an old shit device I don't even use so seeing what I can do with it.

Scymo - April 13, 2015, 11:02 am

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CJamie - April 13, 2015, 11:05 am

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<http://www.xda-developers.com/how-to-root-the-htc-one-m7-and-install-recovery-xda-developer-tv/>

Follow the instructions and you will be able to root your HTC One (m7)...

cheers

Tohka Yatogami - April 13, 2015, 11:08 am

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2. This method requires root access. You can overclock the cpu of your phone i.e. increase the number of processes taking place in one second to improve battery life.

3. Install Apps like Greenify which hibernates (Force Stop) the background running apps which consume a lot of battery.

Hope this helps you sir

cheers

CJamie - April 14, 2015, 1:53 am

Really nice! Looks like you put a lot of effort in it! Thanks this made me decide to root my device. I don't know what you are exiled for but please come back soon and keep up the good work! ;)

CJamie - April 19, 2015, 9:19 am

Thanks jendara!! I'll be posting another thread on Best Apps for Rooted Devices soon. Thanks for your support!

CJamie - May 12, 2015, 5:42 am

Thanks for the support guys. Seems that this helped a few make up thier minds whether to root or not.

theripper08 - May 17, 2015, 7:56 am

I recommend rooting
Can use lucky patcher
For hacking

CJamie - May 17, 2015, 8:18 pm

Yeah well, lucky patcher can patch apps, modify them but not hack. Yes, you can make a free purchase but it still isn't hack. Thanks for your feedback!

Doctah - May 19, 2015, 11:34 am

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1. That's not true anymore.

2. Overclocking decreases phone's life and also doesn't do what you say it does.

3. That's not what Greenify does exactly either.

Davy - May 19, 2015, 11:38 am

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TrollFacedManiac - May 19, 2015, 11:42 am

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I'm not a Robot - May 19, 2015, 11:49 am

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Never heard of a bootloop from rooting, nor random shutdowns, and hard bricking is literally impossible through rooting.

CJamie - May 19, 2015, 7:58 pm

Well bootlooping and a bricked device can occur if, you don't root your device properly. Like you've gotta select the right version of the root file with your phone and the correct options on Odin. If not, these will result in a bricked device.

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Thanks for your feedback! Hope this makes your mind about rooting your phone.

TwilightxSaga - May 21, 2015, 12:02 pm

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raamee - May 21, 2015, 1:04 pm

My reason:

[Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=tQUHXoFpPul]

D3RP - May 22, 2015, 12:47 am

I root to tether the right way without bypass bullshit.

CJamie - May 22, 2015, 8:43 am

(May 22, 2015 12:47 AM)D3RP Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I root to tether the right way without bypass bullshit. Yeah, that'll be another valid reason mate.

SIM-2285183 - May 27, 2015, 12:42 am

You should also provide the cons, rather than provide one side of the argument.

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Cydia on Android is the xPosed Framework, only available for Jellybean and above.

Lollipop is supported, too!

Razor 1911 - July 18, 2015, 10:55 pm

finding apt method for rooting your phone in specific is essential and it only takes mere 5 mins of googling, best thing about Android is that its open source and rooting enables it by taking off all the restrictions put in place by companies, giving us full potential of our handset.. nice thread, i agree everyone must root their phone after certain time however take extra precautions while installing a new rom

Mcbride - July 18, 2015, 11:57 pm

Need to root a lenovo a328 phone but I don't want to fuck it up. Anyone who has ever rooted this particular phone, please help

ExaFLOPS - July 19, 2015, 8:45 am

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Good Luck rooting your device, PM me if any help needed.

invisiblehunterg - September 5, 2015, 1:12 am

most important can recover data from it
by rooting

Cost - September 5, 2015, 2:30 pm

So I was wondering whether or not to root my brother's galaxy s5. He has a wifi password that I need as well, but he doesn't remember it lmao. I was thinking of rooting his phone to find the password, but since I have to backup everything will the wifi passwords be erased?

AuntEsther - September 5, 2015, 3:08 pm

Nothing says tech madness like a brand new fresh spanking unlocked bootloader and a crispy new ROM.

Stapleton - February 1, 2016, 6:06 am

I agree with the above points. However, I'd like to mention that getting a Nexus devices increases your change of getting latest updates.

KazerTheAmazer - February 4, 2016, 2:58 am

Don't forget good old Bugtroid, most features of which require a rooted device i.e brute forcing & packet sniffing.

kaansoylu07 - February 9, 2016, 11:57 am

You are true. But root your phone if you know how to use rooted phone. Don't root your phone if you don't know how to use it.

vacnorth - February 13, 2016, 6:48 am

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jenymat - February 14, 2016, 4:25 pm

Thank you for the topic, I will quickly root my phone :)

NabucoDonosor - February 19, 2016, 12:53 pm

Interesting topic I will see if I do this

Lusy - February 24, 2016, 12:17 pm

Thanks for the topic, helps somebody like me who didn't fully understand the benefits of rooting;)

Hopsin - February 26, 2016, 1:46 pm

All smartphones can rooted or there are exceptions?

Sent via Sony Z1 Compact

James Burnham - March 19, 2016, 5:15 am

A nice thread. Thanks for the contribution.

UnknownG. - March 21, 2016, 12:53 pm

Agree with you, in the end, I always root my phones... damn it. ^^

daleski75 - March 22, 2016, 12:30 pm

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mlgdankkid2006 - March 22, 2016, 4:22 pm

half of these are redundant and #2 has nothing to do with rooting your phone

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that's not exclusive to android though. if you're rooting an android, you can even more easily root an iphone

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you're aware that you can edit apks without rooting, right?

kosuo9909 - March 27, 2016, 4:29 am

Definitely the ability to customize your phone.

Speed your device up by a good 30%.

Access to many features, which a normal android user can't have.