

Using a Touchscreen

The traditional method of interacting with a computer is by using a mouse and a keyboard as the input devices. However, this has all changed with smartphones; they are much more tactile devices that are controlled by tapping and swiping on the touchscreen. This activates and controls the apps and settings on the phone, and enables you to add content with the virtual keyboard that appears at the appropriate times.

Gently does it

Touchscreens are sensitive devices and only require a light touch to activate the required command. To get the best out of your touchscreen:



If you are using your phone in an area where there is likely to be moisture, such as in the kitchen if you are following a recipe, cover the touchscreen in some form of light plastic wrap to protect it from any spills or splashes.

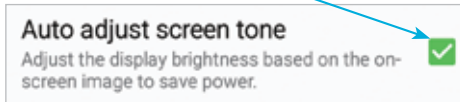
- Tap, swipe or press gently on the screen. Do not use excessive force and do not keep tapping with increasing pressure if something does not work in the way in which you expected. Instead, try performing another action and then returning to the original one.
- Tap with your fingertip rather than your fingernail. This will be more effective in terms of performing the required operation, and is better for the surface of the touchscreen.
- For the majority of touchscreen tasks, tap, press or swipe at one point on the screen. The exception to this is zooming in and out on certain items (such as web pages), which can be done by swiping outwards and pinching inwards with thumb and forefinger.
- Keep your touchscreen dry, and make sure that your fingers are also clean and free of moisture.
- Use a cover to protect the screen when not in use, particularly if you are carrying your phone in a jacket pocket or a bag.
- Use a screen cloth to keep the screen clean and free of fingerprints and smears. The touchscreen should still work if it has fingerprints and marks on it, but it will become harder to see clearly what is on the screen.

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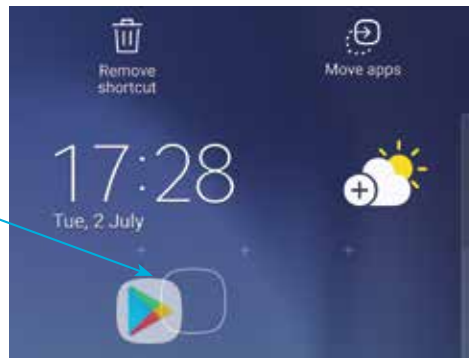
Touchscreen controls

Touchscreens can be controlled with three main types of actions. These are:

- **Tapping.** Tap once on an item such as an app to activate it. This can also be used for the main navigation control buttons at the bottom of the touchscreen, or for items such as checkboxes when applying settings for specific items.



- **Pressing.** Press and hold on an item on the Home screen to move its position or place it in the **Favorites Tray** at the bottom of the screen.



- **Swiping.** Swipe down from the top of the Home screen to access the **Notification panel** and the **Quick Settings**, and swipe left and right to view all of the available Home screens, or to scroll through photo albums.

