

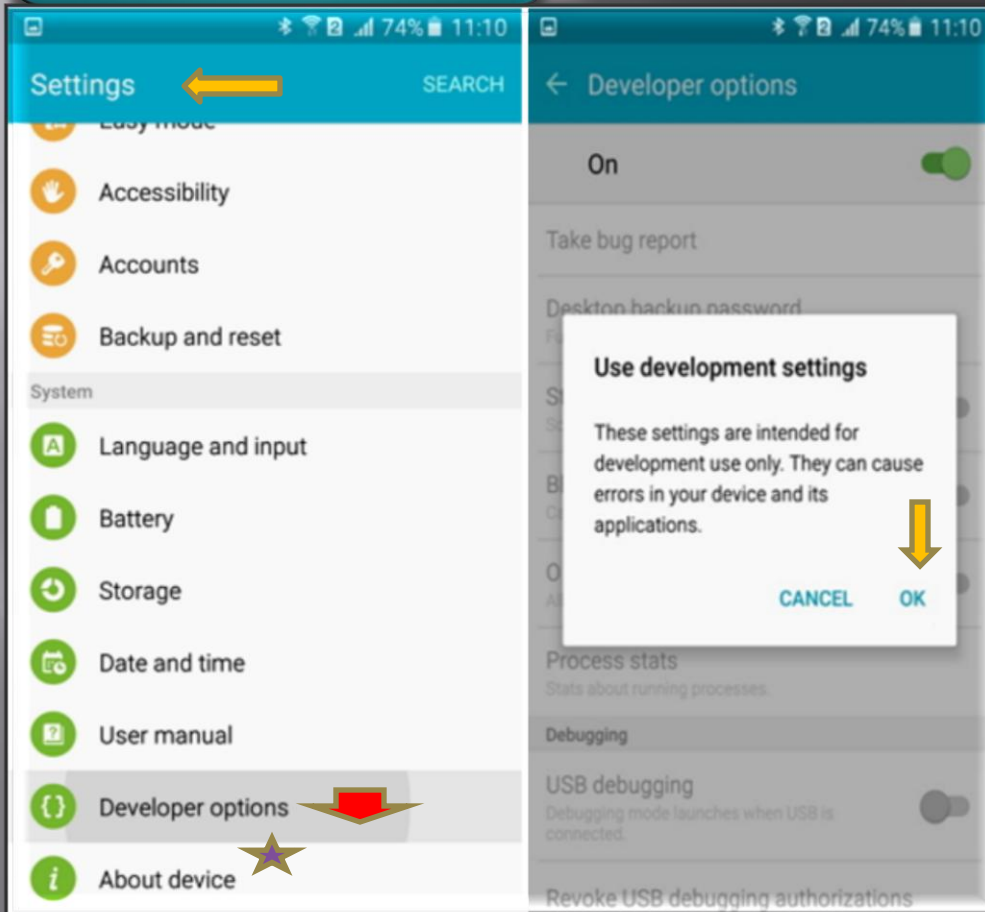
ANDROID HIDDEN TREASURES



DEVELOPER OPTION MENU



Hidden in the settings on your phone, (they are hidden by default) are settings used for debugging and testing Android APPs



How to enable Developer Options Menu ?

- Step 1.** Open **Settings** ←
- Step 2 :** Select **About Device** or **Device Info** ★
- Step 3.** Scroll to the bottom and select **About phone**.
- Step 4.** Scroll to the bottom and tap **Build number** 7 times.
- Step 5.** Return to the previous screen to find **Developer options** near the bottom. ↓

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TAKE BUG REPORT

- Tapping this option grabs the *current* log files on your device, packages them up and prepares them for sending to, well, whomever you want to have it. It takes a minute or two after you tap it, and you'll see a notification once it's ready. Tap that notification to send it on it's way. Swipe it away to cancel.

DESKTOP BACKUP PASSWORD

- You can use ADB to backup and restore things like apps and their associated data to and from your computer. This option forces a password on those backups, and they can't be restored without that password

STAY AWAKE

- Checking this box will force the screen on your phone to stay on anytime and every time it is plugged in. This works with a wall charger or your computer's USB port, and is a great way to make sure you burn images into your screen. Don't use this one unless you need to!

SELECT RUNTIME

- Here is where (for *now*) you choose to use Dalvik or ART.

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Enable Bluetooth HCI snoop log

- Sometimes, a developer (or security specialist) will need to capture and analyze Bluetooth HCI (**H**ost **C**ontroller **I**nterface) packets. Enabling this will place them in a file on the

Process stats

- Everything you ever needed to know about the running processes on your phone. Go ahead and tap it, then tap one of the entries. For the layman, it's just a lot of numbers, but for a developer debugging his or her app, this information might save the day.

USB debugging

- This is what allows your phone to communicate over the USB port on your computer via the [Android Debug Bridge](#) (ADB). You need to enable this to use things like **DDMS**, or to use ADB commands

Revoke USB debugging authorizations

- When you use a computer to debug over USB for the first time, you have to authorize it and set up a *keypair*. This setting revokes all those and forces you to do it again.

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Power menu bug reports

- Puts an option in the menu you see when you press and hold the power key to collect and send a bug report (as seen above). Very handy if you're testing something.

Allow mock locations

- This setting will let you manually write location information, making your phone think it is somewhere it really isn't. Besides cheating at foursquare, this is useful if an app uses location information.

Select debug app

- This setting lets you choose an application to debug. You don't really need to attach it to a debugger, but if you do it prevents error messages when paused on a breakpoint.

Wait for debugger

- This setting is greyed out unless you've set an app to debug. When set up and selected, it simply prevents the *chosen* application from starting until the debugger is attached. This is more application debugging stuff most of us will never need.

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Verify apps over USB

- Lets Google scan applications you installed via ADB for malicious behavior. This is a good thing.

Show touches

- Select this to see a visual cue on the screen when and where a touch was registered.

Pointer location

- This setting places an information bar at the top of your screen telling you the screen coordinates of the last place the screen was touched.

Show surface updates

- Makes the edge of a "window" flash when its contents are updated.

Show layout bounds

- Marks the edges of all the elements in a dialog so you know where any touch will activate them. Try this one, then quickly shut it off.

Force RTL layout direction

- Forces screen orientation for right to left language support.

Window animation scale

- Sets the speed for window animation playback. A lower number is faster

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Transition animation scale

- Sets the speed for transition animation playback. Again, lower is faster.

Simulate secondary displays

- This setting allows developers to simulate different screen sizes. It's pretty wonky.

Force GPU rendering

- Forces applications to use hardware 2D rendering if they were written to *not* use it by default.

Show GPU view updates

- With this setting, any view that is drawn with the GPU hardware gets a red overlay

Show hardware layer updates

- show the updates to the hardware layers rendered by GPU in a green light for the duration of the frame for the update occurs. Developers can optimize the performance of the app by ensuring the hardware layer updates are not abnormal.

Debug GPU overdraw

- Overdraw happens every time the application asks the system to draw something on top of something else. This setting lets you see when and where this is happening so you know if it is a problem

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Force 4x MSAA

- This setting forces multi-sample anti-aliasing (MSAA). Like any other computer graphics hardware, more AA makes things look better, but performance takes a hit.

Strict mode enabled

- This setting flashes the screen when an application uses the main thread to perform long, intensive operations

Show CPU usage

- Places a tiny window in the upper right of your screen with information about the CPU and how it is being used.

Profile GPU rendering

- This setting can either draw a graph on the screen, or write it to a file. The graph is a visual rendering of how hard the GPU is working. This is another really neat one to try.

Enable OpenGL traces

- This setting watches for OpenGL errors, and places them in the log file you chose when you started it up.

Don't keep activities

- This setting destroys (as in, forces everything closed) any and every application as soon as you leave the main view. Nothing good can come of this, regardless of what you might have heard on the Internet

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Background process limit

- Allows a custom setting of how many process can run in the background at once. Another one most of us shouldn't be fiddling with very often, if at all.

Show all ANRs

- This setting makes every process show an "App Not Responding" dialog if it gets hung – even background processes that the user did not start. Useful if one application is interfering with another.