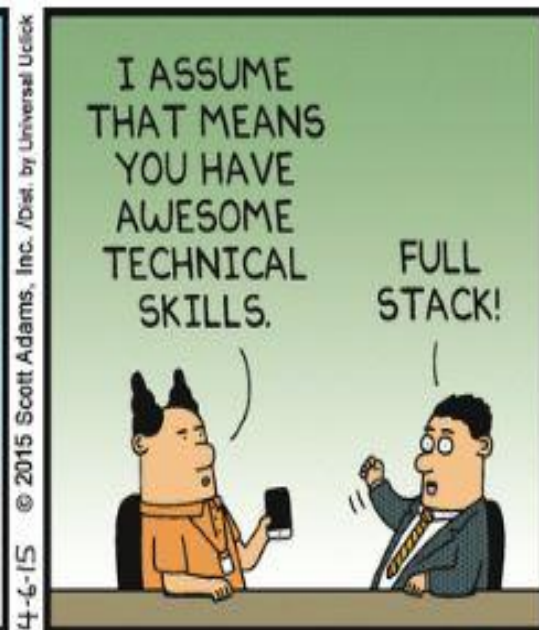




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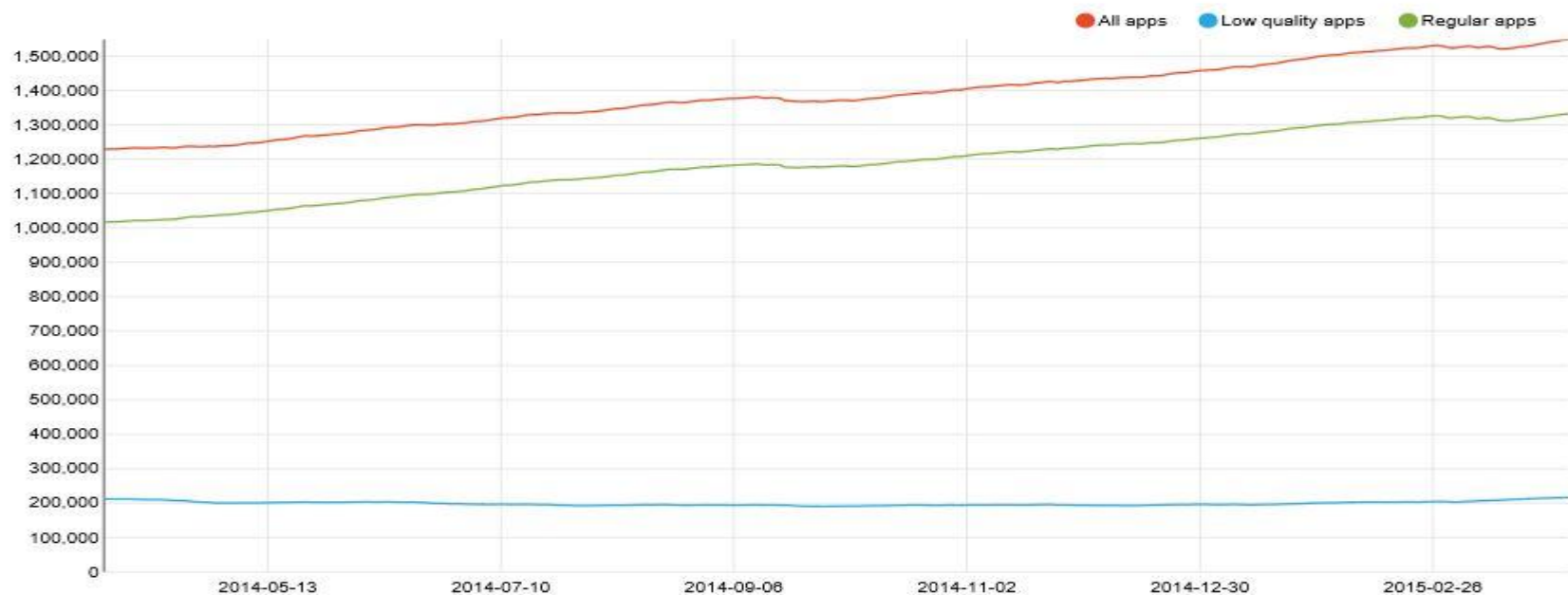
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Current number of Android apps in the market:

1,547,767

Percentage of low quality apps: **14%**

Android apps on Google Play



New Android apps per month



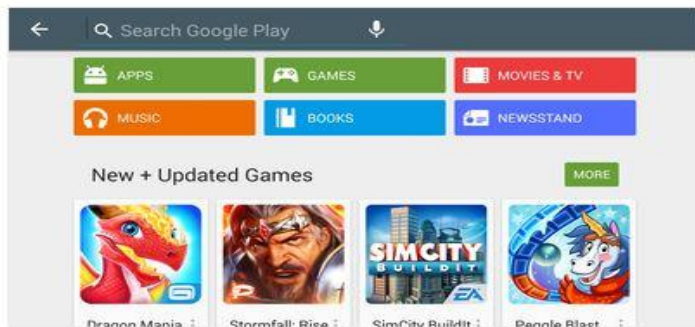
Great apps are easy to find — if you know how to look



Google Play has more than 1.43 million apps in its [app](#) section, and while bigger numbers are great for bragging rights, finding the apps you actually want in that haystack can get a little daunting. On one hand, it's a good problem to have plenty of apps for your Android. On the other hand, sometimes too much of a good thing can be, well, too much. How do you find the apps that you actually want or need on your phone?

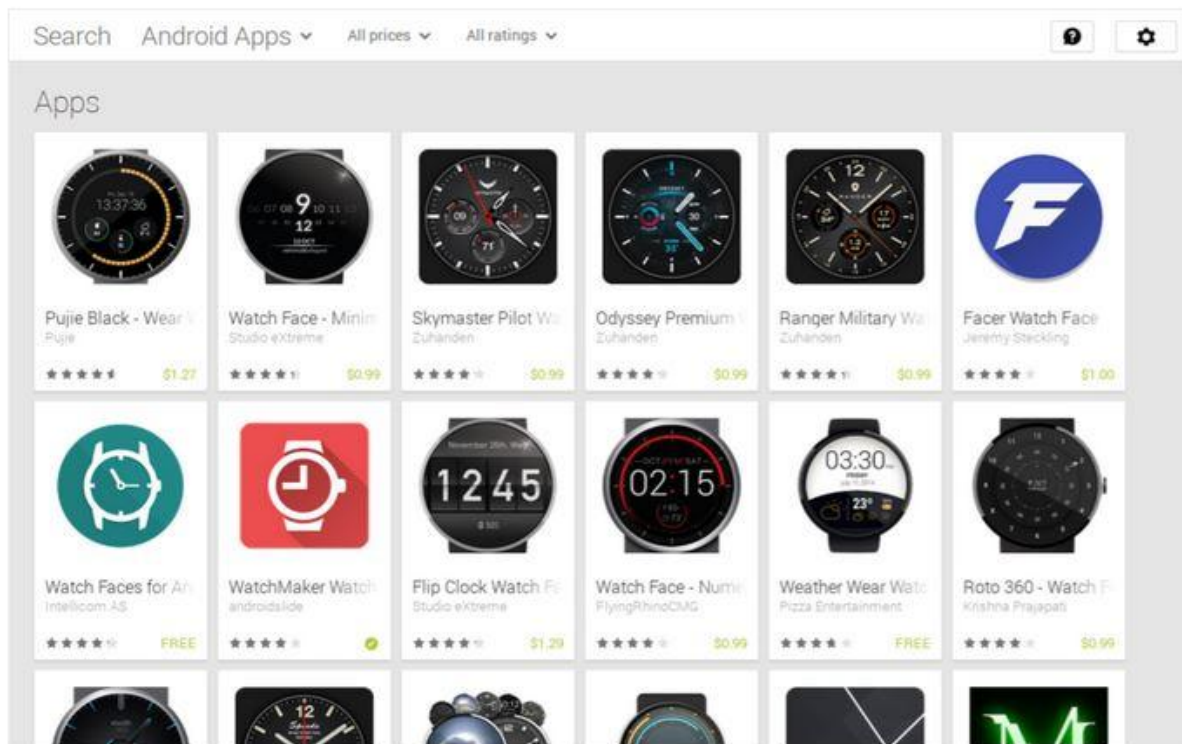
There are a few resources out there to help, and the first of them looks very, very familiar

Search me...



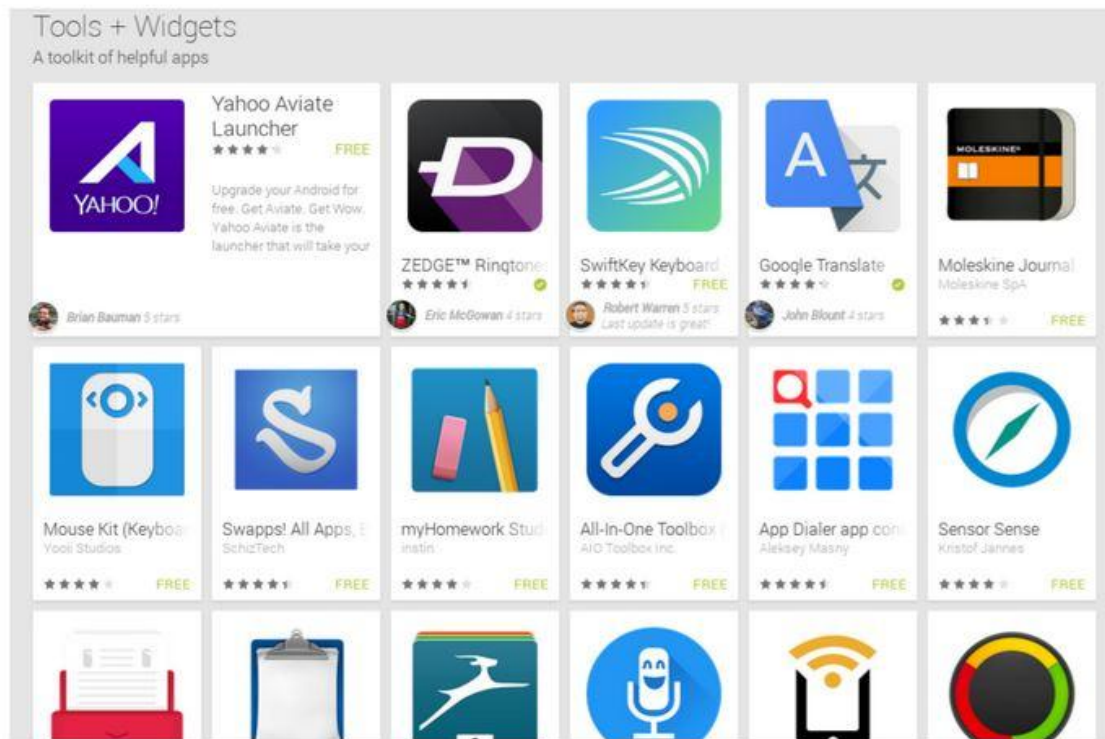
This first one's sort of a no-brainer. The quickest — and most times the easiest — way to find the app you're looking for is by searching for it. Google is a search company, and there's a search bar at the top of Google Play for a reason. (And searching from Google proper works wonders as well.) You can narrow your choices down to the app section, or any other section you're looking for.

However, there are a few caveats to using search to find [apps](#), first of them being that you need to know what you're looking for, or at least have a fairly concise idea of what you're looking for. This becomes even more important in broader categories.



If you can't search for an app by its specific name, be sure to search with as specific keywords as you can. It's easy to judge an app by its icon, but also try to pay attention to the name of company as well as the app. If the name sounds hinky, it probably is. While searching in the Play Store app on your phone or tablet, you can see ratings for apps in the search listings, but on the website from your [computer](#), you cannot. However, you can filter apps in the website search by both price and rating, so rather than scrolling past low-rated apps, you never even see them.

Collections



If you're looking for quality apps in a particular category, such as fitness or family-friendly games, all you may need to do is scroll down the Google Play home page. On both the main homepage and the app section's home page there will be collections of apps grouped by a certain theme, like New Year's Resolutions, or Spring Break travel apps. These collections are put together by Googlers and should offer quality content for your device... if they happen to be showcasing what you're looking for.

Google Play Top App Charts

Country: United States | Category: Overall | In App Purchase: All Apps | Date: Apr 7, 2015

United States - Overall 8:00am UTC-7

Highlight Free Paid Download CSV

#	Free	Paid	Grossing	New Free
1	Messenger Facebook	Minecraft - Pocket Edition Mojang	Clash of Clans Supercell	Texas Holdem FRGAMESST
2	Facebook Facebook	Attack the Light Cartoon Network	Game of War - Fire Age Machine Zone, Inc.	Fast & Furious Kabam
3	Pandora® Radio Pandora	Trivia Crack (Ad free) Etermax	Candy Crush Soda Saga King	Racing Fever Gameguru
4	Clean Master (Speed Booster) Cheetah Mobile	Five Nights at Freddy's 3 Scott Cawthon	Candy Crush Saga King	Remote Cont Best Remote C
5	Instagram Instagram	Bloons TD 5 ninja kiwi	Boom Beach Supercell	Taichi Panda Snail Games L
6	GO Keyboard - Emoji, Emoti... GO Keyboard Dev Team	Five Nights at Freddy's Scott Cawthon	Clash of Kings Ellex	Home: Boov I Behaviour Inte
7	Snapchat Snapchat, Inc.	Geometry Dash RobTop Games	Summoners War Com2uS	DomiNations NEXON M Inc
8	Super-Bright LED Flashlight Surpax Technology Inc.	Scribblenauts Remix Warner Bros. International Ent...	Farm Heroes Saga King	Modern Coml Gameloft
9	Candy Crush Soda Saga King	Terraria. 505 Games Srl	Hay Day Supercell	Solitaire touch-and-mal
10	Spotify Music Spotify Ltd.	Five Nights at Freddy's 2 Scott Cawthon	Slotomania - Free Slot Games Playtika	Real Steel Ch Reliance Big E
11	Netflix Netflix, Inc.	Tomb Raider I SQUARE ENIX Ltd	Marvel Contest of Champions Kabam	Fashion Story Storm8 Studio
12	Crossy Road Yodo1 Games	FOTONICA Santa Ragione s.r.l.	Big Fish Casino - Free SLOTS Big Fish Games	Hidden Objec Hidden Object
13	Subway Surfers Kiloo	THE GAME OF LIFE Electronic Arts Inc	Bubble Witch 2 Saga King	Five Nights A Hypercraft Sar
14	Kik Kik Interactive	Goat Simulator Coffee Stain Studios	Pandora® Radio Pandora	FINAL FANT# DeNA Corp.
15	WhatsApp Messenger WhatsApp Inc.	True Skate True Axis	Family Guy The Quest for Stuff TinyCo	Newborn Twi 6077g.oom
16	Skype - free IM & video calls Skype	LIMBO Playdead	Cookie Jam SGN	TAP SPORTS Glu
17	Jelly Jump Ketchapp	Grand Theft Auto: San Andre... Rockstar Games, Inc.	Pet Rescue Saga King	Angry Birds ! Rovio Entertai
18	Clash of Clans Supercell	Townsmen Premium HandyGames	Castle Clash IGG.COM	Cruise Kids - TabTale
19	APUS Launcher-Small,Fast,... Apus Group	The Room Fireproof Games	myVEGAS Slots Free Casino PlayStudios	Marvel Mighty DeNA Corp.
20	Temple Run 2 Imangi Studios	NBA JAM by EA SPORTS™ Electronic Arts Inc	DoubleDown Casino - FREE... Double Down Interactive, LLC.	Quiz Run VOODOO

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20	Temple Run 2 Imangi Studios	NBA JAM by EA SPORTS™ Electronic Arts Inc	DoubleDown Casino - FREE... Double Down Interactive, LLC.	Quiz Run VOODOO
21	Pinterest Pinterest, Inc.	MONOPOLY Electronic Arts Inc	Hit it Rich! Free Casino Slots Zynga	Star Wars Rel Disney
22	Surgery Simulator 8677g.com	Monument Valley ustwo	Slots - House of Fun! Play Now Playtika HOF	Rotate Artur Zająłski (i
23	Dubsmash Mobile Motion GmbH	Survivalcraft Candy Rufus Games	Madden NFL Mobile ELECTRONIC ARTS	Dr Jump Words Mobile
24	Candy Crush Saga King	Minima Pro Live Wallpaper Joko Interactive	FarmVille 2: Country Escape Zynga	Num Smash KonaMobile
25	Bingo Crush - Free Bingo Ga... FunGameStudio	Card Wars - Adventure Time Cartoon Network	Jackpot Party Casino - Slots Williams Interactive	Universal TV Ultimate Unive
26	ZEDGE™ Ringtones & Wallp... Zeedge	Ultimate Guitar Tabs & Chords Ultimate Guitar USA LLC	BINGO Blitz - FREE Bingo+Sl... Playtika Santa Monica	Waldo & Frier Ludia Inc.
27	CM Security Antivirus AppLo... Cheetah Mobile (AntiVirus & A...	HotSchedules HotSchedules	Wizard of Oz Slots Free Casino Zynga	Crazy Campir TabTale
28	Texas Holdem - Live Poker 2 S PRGAMESSTUDIO	Nova Launcher Prime TeslaCoil Software	GSN Casino GSN.com	Cinderella Fri Disney
29	Amazon Shopping Amazon Mobile LLC	Grand Theft Auto: Vice City Rockstar Games, Inc.	8 Ball Pool Miniclip.com	Clash of Islan Mid Core Gam
30	ZigZag Ketchapp	BlockLauncher Pro Zhuowei Zhang	Knights & Dragons GREE, INC	GIPHY for Me Giphy, Inc.
31	Trivia Crack Etermax	AllCast Premium ClockworkMod	Panda Pop SGN	Memes for M ZomboDroid
32	8 Ball Pool Miniclip.com	Torque Pro (OBD 2 & Car) Ian Hawkins	Puzzle & Dragons GungHoOnlineEntertainment	Talking Tom f Outfit7
33	Fast & Furious: Legacy Kabam	Scholly: Scholarship Search Scholly	Racing Rivals Glu	Sound Clips f Facebook
34	Yahoo Mail - Free Email App Yahoo	Aces of the Luftwaffe Premium HandyGames	The Simpsons™: Tapped Out Electronic Arts Inc	Bitmoji for M Bitstrips
35	Game of War - Fire Age Machine Zone, Inc.	FoxFi Key (supports PdaNet) FoxFi Service	Bingo Bash - Fun Bingo Ga... GSN Games	Sick Bricks Spin Master S
36	Despicable Me Gameloft	Backflip Madness Gamesoul Studio	Gummy Drop! Big Fish Games	Quick Hit Slo Dragonplay
37	Five Nights at Freddy's 3 Demo Scott Cawthon	Surgeon Simulator Boss Studios Ltd	DoubleU Casino - FREE Slots DoubleUCasino	My Newborn I TabTale
38	SoundCloud - Music & Audio SoundCloud	Dude Perfect Dude Perfect	Brave Frontier gumi Inc.	Ditty for Mest Zya
39	iHeartRadio - Music & Radio iHeartMedia, Inc.	Poweramp Full Version Unlo... Max MP	Heroes Charge uCool	Five Nights at Ketchup Mobil
40	Twitter Twitter, Inc.	Call of Duty Black Ops Zomb... Activision Publishing, Inc.	KIM KARDASHIAN: HOLLYW... Glu	Stickman Rus Ketchapp

Non-Google Apps: there are many places to get Android apps other than the Google Play Store. A simple search will get you many choices. However, these apps are not certified by Google as safe, and some risk is involved. Here is a list for your consideration:

[GetJar](#) The store supports Android, BlackBerry, Windows Mobile, iPhone and Symbian platforms. You can filter down to just the Android apps by the setting in the top right-hand corner of the screen.

[AppBrain](#) is an alternative way of browsing the official Google Play Store. AppBrain is incredibly useful for hunting down interesting apps on a larger screen.

[SlideME](#) lets you browse its catalogue of apps online or via an installable app called SAM that runs the whole experience on your Android device. This market focuses on promoting the work of small, independent developers.

[F-Droid](#) The very specific focus of F-Droid is free and open source software (FOSS) Android apps. It's pretty basic, but there is some categorization and the list is searchable. You'll find a big selection of free apps here and they all promise no tracking, no ads, and no dependencies. It's worth checking out for free apps, especially if you support the open source movement

The [OnlyAndroid](#) store offers a wide range of apps and differentiates itself with discounted apps. This includes a "Deal of the Day", where one app is offered at a significant discount for 24 hours.

[Mobogenie Market](#) With a large library of apps, Mobogenie Market is a viable alternative to SlideME. The interface is nice and modern, and the app even includes some extras like downloadable ringtones and the ability to download YouTube videos.

[Amazon App Store](#) has over 330,000 Android apps which can be downloaded. It features a free "App of the Day".

To install your downloaded (*.apk) app:

Step 1: Go to SETTINGS

Step 2: Click on APPLICATIONS

Step 3: Make sure that "UNKNOWN SOURCES" is checked

Step 4: Read the warning message and acknowledge if you are OK to proceed

Step 5: Tap on the downloaded file from your file manager to install

WARNING: Be careful when installing apps from third-party sources. Some apps can contain malware

Free apps everybody! Amazon's latest bundle is worth \$105

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SHARES



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Five Nights at Freddy's 2

Scott Cawthon

Free ★★★★★ 1,822



Cut the Rope

Zepher, ao

Free ★★★★★ 3,295



SUPER WHY!

PBS KIDS

Free ★★★★★ 318



World of Goo

3D BOY, LLC

Free ★★★★★ 1,171



Ruzzle

MAG Interactive

Free ★★★★★ 882



The Hidden World

Fire Maple Games

Free ★★★★★ 375



Atomus HD

SunLab

Free ★★★★★ 1,129



Impossible

Accelerato

Free ★★★★★ 140

Amazon has this really nice habit of giving away bundles of Android apps every once in a while, that are typically worth north of a hundred dollars. The latest such free bundle comes today and includes a variety of games, but not only.

Today's Free App of the Day Bundle contains 34 apps and games that are worth up to \$105.

Highlights of the collection include games like [Five Nights at Freddy's 2](#), [Cut The Rope](#), [Kingdom Rush Origins](#), [World of Goo](#), or [Guardians of the Galaxy: The Universal Weapon](#), which normally cost \$1 to \$5. This looks like a great opportunity to stock up with some fun games on a new account or just test out some new timewasters that previously cost some money.

There are also some productivity apps in the bundle, like [Servers Ultimate Pro](#), [Business Calendar](#), or [FolderSync](#).

POPULAR APPS FOR FINDING APPS:



Best Apps Market - for Android
BestAppsMarket.com by Fetch Mobile - March 11, 2015
Tools

Installed

i This app is compatible with all of your devices.

★★★★☆ (132,769)  +76278 Recommend this on Google



Appszoom - Best Apps
Appszoom - January 14, 2015
Tools

Installed

i This app is compatible with all of your devices.

★★★★☆ (5,485)  +3521 Recommend this on Google



News on Android
Pinenuts Android Developers - April 4, 2015
News & Magazines

Installed

i This app is compatible with all of your devices.

★★★★☆ (6,001)  +1686 Recommend this on Google



Dripler - Android Tips & Apps
Dripler - April 6, 2015
News & Magazines

Installed

i This app is compatible with all of your devices.

★★★★☆ (244,478)  +102985 Recommend this on Google

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- * Phandroid
- * Android Central
- * Android Police
- * Android Authority
- * Android And Me
- * AndroidSpin
- * TalkAndroid
- * Android Guys
- * Land of Droid
- * The Android Arcade
- * Droid Gamers
- * Android Apps
- * Android Headlines
- * Android Reddit /r/android
- * The Verge Android
- * Android In Canada
- * AndroidOS India
- * XDA Developers

MUST HAVE APPS ACCORDING TO GLENN:

Web Browser:	Google Chrome	Alternative: Dolphin or Firefox
Productivity:	Google Docs	Alternative: Docs to Go or Office Suite
Calendar:	Google Calendar	
Cloud Storage:	Box	Alternative: Dropbox or One Drive
Cloud Manager:	Sandisk Memory Zone or Unclouded	
Utility Tools:	Clean Master	Alternative: CCleaner or AVG Cleaner
Photo Viewer:	Gallery	Alternative: QuickPic
Stock Market:	Yahoo Finance	Alternative: World Stock Market
Delete / Undelete:	iShredder 3	Alternative: Dumpster
Quick Notes:	NOTY Notepad	Alternative: GNotes or Keep
Foreign Language:	Duolingo	Alternative: Tourist Language
News:	News Hog	Alternative: News Republic
Music Player:	Double Twist	Alternative: Play Music or Amazon MP3
Entertainment:	Movie Tube	Alternative: Popcorn Time or Viewster
File Manager:	Astro File Manager	Alternative: ES File Explorer
Wireless File Xfer:	SHAREit	Alternative: Web PC Suite
Podcasts:	Pocket Casts	Alternative: Double Twist
Password Safe:	Pocket	Alternative: mSecure
Customize:	Nova Launcher	Alternative: Icon Changer
Anti Virus:	AVG Antivirus	Alternative: 360 Security or Avast