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Smartphone, PC - po-TAY-to, po-TAH-to. Our devices are essentially all computers, right? So why not make them work together and make your life a lot easier? After all, it's 2015. Running different platforms is no longer an excuse for devices to act as if they exist in different worlds. These 10 tips will help you break the barrier between your desktop system and your Android smartphone and make them feel like harmonious extensions of each other.

1. Sync your storage Your computer has local storage, as does your phone - two separate virtual tanks disconnected from space. But with a smart cloud hug app and a few minutes of setup, device drives can act like they're one. The FolderSync Android app lets you sync storage between your desktop PC and Android smartphone. The secret lies in FolderSync, an Android utility that costs a mere \$2.87. (There is a free version, but it is ad-filled and offers limited functionality.) FolderSync works with a ton of cloud storage providers, including Amazon, Box, Dropbox, Google Drive and OneDrive. As long as the selected provider offers a companion program on the PC side (all i mentioned), you'll be ready to go. To get everything up and running, first install the app on your phone and follow the instructions to connect it to the cloud storage service of your choice. Set up pairs for any folders you want to keep linked to your computer - a folder containing your documents or downloads, for example - and create new folders in your cloud storage to match. Be sure to set the pair to use bidirem synchronization. You can choose to sync instantly if you want everything to be kept up to date all the time, or you can go to a more battery-friendly setting, like sync once a day if you don't mind a little latency. Now install the desktop app for any cloud service you are using. Open the app, find the paired folder you created, and prepare it for use. If you've paired a Documents folder, for example, you can put a shortcut on your desktop and dump all your existing documents on it. Then treat this folder as if it were a regular local resource. Everything you do on it will be saved on your hard drive and synced in the cloud, where it will automatically find its way to your Android device. Any change to your phone will make its way back to your computer in the same way.
2. Finding and protecting your phone Isn't it time to find your phone in its usual place among sofa cushions? Or, worse, get home from a day trip just to realize that you lost your device somewhere along the way? No Panic: Your computer can tell you exactly where your mobile friend is. It can even lock it remotely and delete it if necessary. All you need to do is log into your computer (or any computer, actually), navigate to google.com in the browser and type Find my phone in the search box. (You'll have to get into Google first -- which you'll probably want to do in a window if it's not your own PC.) In seconds, El Goog will give you a detailed map showing the last recorded location of your smartphone. By clicking on it, it will bring the full android device manager interface, where you'll find options to ring, lock or erase your phone completely then and there. There's a catch: your phone has to be set up beforehand to allow all of this to happen. Take two minutes now while your phone is safe and secure, and open the app called Google Settings on your device. (Note that we're talking about Google Settings, which is not the same as regular system settings.) Enter the Security menu and make sure that both remotely locate this device and Allow remote lock and erase are activated. Now take a deep breath, relax and think of something else to worry about.
3. Travel the instructions from your computer to the phoneMabe that your problem is not losing the phone, but rather getting lost. We all know that Google Maps is great at giving instructions, but you may not realize that you can only carry such guidance from your computer to your phone -- without requiring any software other than a regular web browser. You can send instructions to your smartphone directly from your PC via Google. This is simple: type Send instructions to my phone on Google while you are connected on any desktop system. You'll have a box asking you to enter the business name or address you're going to. Fill in the blank and click the Send command -- like magic, your phone will open the Maps app and be ready with the instructions as soon as you leave.
4. Give yourself a universal clipboard magazine how much easier it would be if you could tap Ctrl-C on your computer and paste that same text somewhere on your smartphone. Or vice versa - highlighting the text on your phone and pasting it into a document or email on your PC. A lovely notion, isn't it? Well, stop daydreaming and make it come true. A free* app called Pushbullet provides the power to create a universal clipboard that connects your desktop and mobile devices in a massively time-saving way. Install the app on your phone and install the companion app for your desktop system. Open the app settings on Android and make sure universal copy & paste is activated. That's it: your artboards are connected. Whenever you copy text to your computer, you can paste it instantly into your Android device - and whenever you copy text on your phone, you can paste it anywhere on your PC. All you need to do is use the regular system-level copy and paste commands, as you normally would.* Update: The clipboard function of this app is no longer free.
5. Share web pages, and filesWe're in pushbullet theme, take a minute to check the content sharing features of the app. Pushbullet makes it simple to send web pages, images and any other files between your computer and phone - no need for wires. The Pushbullet Android app makes it easy to share web pages, images, and from your PC to your Android smartphone, and vice versa. Whenever you find an item you want to share from your phone, use the regular Android sharing command - readily available in most apps and system processes - and select Pushbullet as the place where you want to share it. On the PC side, Pushbullet offers browser extensions that you can click when you want to share. Whether it's a web page or a file you're passing between devices, it will appear in a new window on the receiving system seconds after you send it.
6. Give yourself a reminderOGogle Now has a great reminder system that lets you set memos for certain times or even locations. You don't need to use your phone to create them, however: From any desktop browser where you're logged in, type Remind me on Google to pull a dialog box connected to Android. Then you can fill out your note along with wherever or whenever you want it to appear, and Google will drip your phone at the appropriate location or time. (You can also save a step and type the full command at once - Remind me to call Myrtle at 6 p.m., for example, or remind me to buy pickles when I get to LAX.) Want to see your reminders from a PC? Enter Show me my reminders in google.com. You'll receive a list of future and past reminders connected to your account.
7. Send yourself a noteReminders are useful when you have a future time or place in mind, but if you want to make a note that will appear immediately and be ready for immediate action, the Note command for you is what you need. Send a note to your phone directly from your PC by typing Note for yourself on Google and then your note. Type it into Google on your PC -- followed by the actual content of your note -- and everything you send will appear as a notification on your phone. You can then copy the text and/or share it directly in an app like Gmail or Google Keep.
8. Set an alarmNeed a complete alarm set on your phone? Do your computer's dirty work by typing Set an alarm on Google. That's the easy part; It's up to you to wake up.
9. Access the entire computer from your phoneWe could not talk about connecting your computer with your Android phone without mentioning the most direct connection of all: being able to access your entire computer from the screen of your smartphone. Thanks to Google's free Chrome Remote Desktop app, it's easier than ever to do. Accessing your desktop from your phone is easy, thanks to Chrome Remote Desktop. First, put the app on your phone and put the companion desktop app on your computer. (The desktop app will work on any platform where the Chrome browser can run.) Then pull the Android app the next time you enter your computer remotely. You can move around your desktop, manipulate files, and even run programs from the palm of your hand.
10. Control your phone from your computerLasta, but not least, the other side: Control your phone from your computer. Take an app called AirDroid and go to web.airdroid.com web.airdroid.com your PC. You can perform tasks such as sending and receiving messages and looking through missed calls. With the right device, you'll still be able to see your full Android home screen and control your phone from the full-size monitor. With this kind of cross-platform connectivity at your fingertips, there's virtually no limit to what you'll be able to accomplish.** Since those achievements revolve around, you know, syncing things between your phone and the desktop computer. Let's be realistic, okay? Related articles This story, 10 ways to gather your PC and Android phone was originally published by InfoWorld. Copyright © 2015 IDG Communications, Inc. Inc.