

How to activate and remove developer options on Android devices

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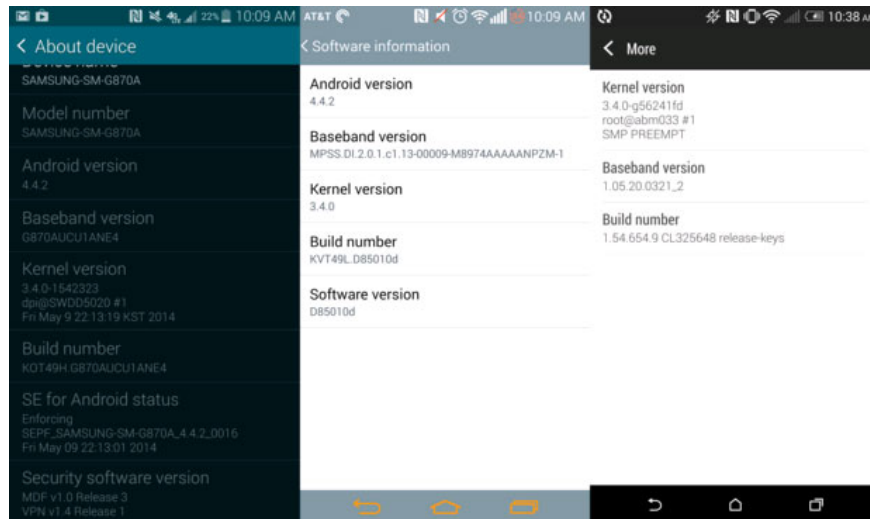
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Google has cleverly hidden this feature in the device's settings to hide it from the general user. Activating the developer option will make it easier to customize your Android phone.

Below is a guide to activate and remove developer options

1. Activate developer options.

What to do before activating is to find the **Android Build** code in **Settings** .

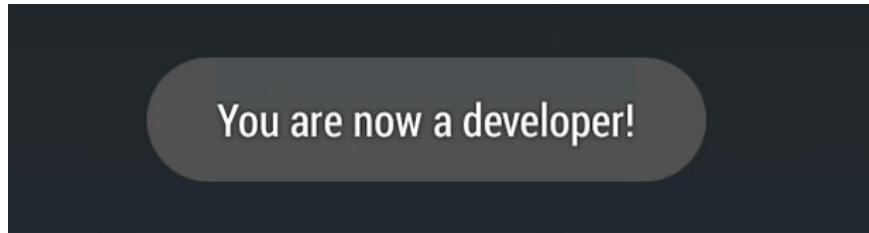


Manufacturers of phone and tablet devices (*OEM*) do not place this option in the same location, even if it is performed by the same operation. Below is the link to find the Build Number on the device:

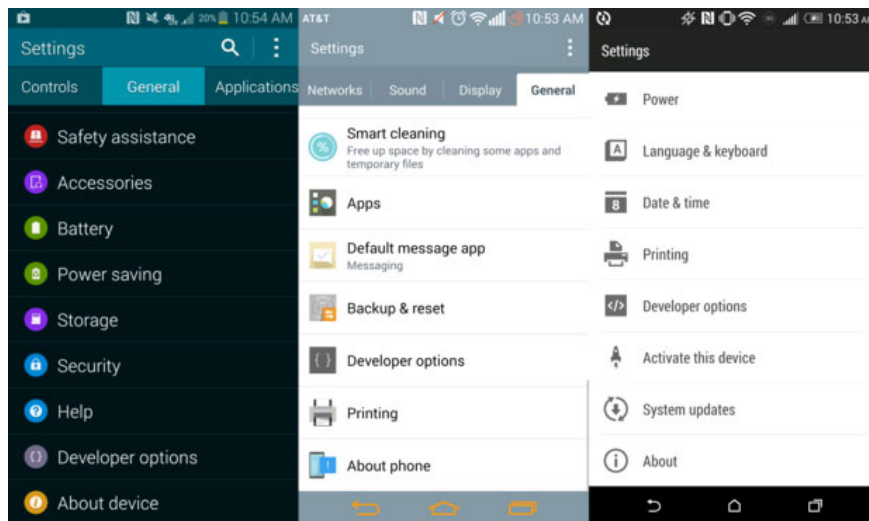
1. **Popular Android phones:** Settings> About Phone> Build Number

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1. **LG G3:** Settings> About phone> Software Information> Build Number
1. **HTC One (M8):** Settings> About> Software information> More> Build Number

After you've found the *Build Number* , click on this item 7 times in a row. After 2 touches, a small notification box will appear with the words '*X steps away from being a developer*' with the countdown every next touch.



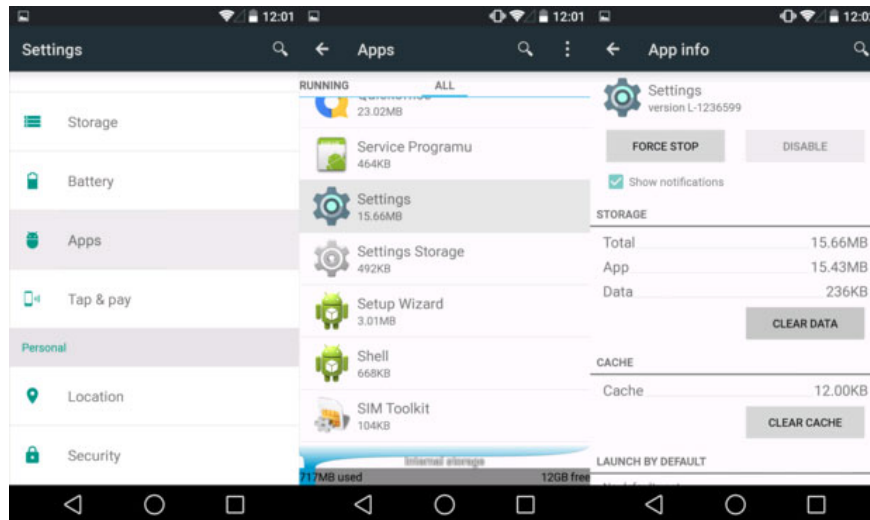
After 7 touches, the developer option will be unlocked and usable. They can be found in the main settings (*General*) of **Settings** . Access the *Developer* settings, you can do things like enable USB debugging (*a prerequisite to 'lang'*).



2. Remove developer options

Removing developer options is possible but not for all Android devices. The only way to do this is to restore all settings to the original settings.

This will cause **Samsung Galaxy S5** or **LG G3** to return to the same state as when shipped. Luckily for those who own a **HTC One M8** or a universal Android phone, restoring settings can still retain some important data for you.



Go to **Settings > Apps > Settings > Clear Data**. A window will appear asking you to confirm, click **OK**.

Note that this method is applicable to many Android phones and tablets.

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