

# How to Customize OxygenOS

OxygenOS is the software that powers OnePlus devices. It's a clean and simple build of Android that features plenty of room for personalization. If you've just gotten a new OnePlus device and wish to learn how to customize OxygenOS, this...

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## Customizing the Home Screen

1. **Change the wallpaper.** Rather than use the default wallpaper, why not change it to one you really like? Press and hold down the home screen, touch the **Wallpapers** icon, and then select a new wallpaper from the options presented. These will include some stock wallpapers, your photos, featured photos, and any wallpaper apps you have installed.
2. **Change your icon pack.** The OxygenOS launcher allows you to switch to a different icon pack. Long press the home screen, select **Home Settings**, and open the Icon Pack menu from which you can choose from one of three preinstalled icon packs, or get and install new ones from the Google Play Store.
3. **Add widgets.** Widgets are an essential aspect of the Android experience, and adding widgets to your home screen can increase its functionality in addition to making it look prettier. Long press the home screen and click on **Widgets** to customize your home screen with widgets.
4. **Customize the Shelf.** The OxygenOS launcher comes with a 'Shelf', a customizable display that can be accessed by swiping right on the home screen. Access the Shelf and click the icon on the top right corner to customize it.
  1. If you wish to remove the shelf altogether, disable by long pressing the home screen, going to **Home Settings**, and flipping the shelf switch



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## **Customizing the Interface**

1. **Choose the theme you like.** OxygenOS features a system-wide theming mechanic, which you can access through



[Settings](#) > [Display](#) > [Customization](#) > [Theme](#). You can choose from a colorful, light, or dark theme. Additionally, if you own a special edition device, some device-specific options may be available.

2. **Tweak the accent color.** If you're not using a special edition theme, you can change the theme's accent color. Open the



Settings app, navigate to [Display Customization](#), and change the accent color to one you like. You can choose from the presets, or any custom color by touching the grey palette icon in the bottom right corner.

3. **Customize the ambient display.** Enable or disable the ambient display in



[Settings](#) > [Display](#) > [Ambient display](#). If enabled, you can choose what information is displayed on the ambient display in the same menu.

4. **Adjust navigation options.** Instead of sticking with standard virtual button navigation, try out OxygenOS's gesture controls. Go to the [Buttons and gestures](#) menu in settings, click on the [Navigation bar and gestures](#) option, and select the navigation option that you like best. You can choose to stick with a fixed navigation bar, use a 'hybrid mode' that features both gestures and buttons, or go the whole hog and exclusively use gestures, removing the navigation bar altogether for more screen real estate.
5. **Add quick gestures.** Want to quickly open the camera or turn on the flashlight? This can be accomplished through quick gestures. Under buttons and gestures, click on [Quick gestures](#). You can bind various functions to various gestures.
6. **Switch to a different font.** Found under the [Display](#) menu in settings, you can choose to replace the default font with OnePlus Slate, a special font created by the makers of OxygenOS. You can also adjust the font size, the option for which is found under the same menu.
7. **Customize the battery indicator.** Open the



Settings app and navigate to **Display** > **System** > **Status bar** > **Battery style**. Here, you can choose between a bar and a circle, or hide the indicator altogether. In addition, you can choose to show or hide the battery percentage indicator.

8. **Show or hide status bar icons.** Tired of seeing icons you don't need? You can use the icon manager found in the status bar menu to choose which icons show up on the status bar.
9. **Edit unlock options.** You can choose to enable face unlock and fingerprint unlock, in order to make signing into your phone easier. You can add faces and fingerprints under



[Settings](#) > [Security and lock screen](#) > [Device security](#).

10. **Change the fingerprint animation effect.** OnePlus implemented in-display fingerprint scanners starting with the OnePlus 6T. If you own one of these phones, you can change the animation that plays as the scanner scans your fingerprint. Open the fingerprint unlock menu and click on [Fingerprint animation effect](#). Here you can choose from several animations.

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## Customizing Advanced Options

1. **Customize animation speed.** Changing the animation speed to be slower or faster can make your phone's interface seem smoother or faster respectively. To change the animation speed, open the



Settings app and navigate to the [About phone](#) section. Repeatedly press the [Build number](#) section to enable developer options.

1. Navigate to [Settings](#) > [System](#) > [Developer options](#) and adjust the animation scales found under the drawing section. Find the sweet spot between smoothness and speed that you like best. A higher number means a slower animation, and vice versa. You can also disable animations entirely for the fastest experience.
2. **Hide the notch.** If you're using a device with a notch (OnePlus 6, OnePlus 6T, OnePlus 7), you can choose to hide the notch in the settings app, the option for which is found under [Display](#) > [Notch display](#).
3. **Use GravityBox to further customize OxygenOS.** This is an advanced tool that needs the Xposed Framework to function. Use the Xposed Framework with GravityBox for complete control over your device.

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