

New features of Android 8.0 on Samsung Galaxy S8

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When Samsung upgraded their phones with the new Android version, users always expect a few surprises about the changes Google has implemented in the base code. With the Oreo beta on Galaxy S8, Samsung did not disappoint us with the excellent keyboard improvements, adding new lighting effects to both sides of the screen and a color picker for the folders.

1. Samsung keyboard has major improvements

Samsung keyboard has some major improvements in the Oreo Beta version. From an available perspective, the keyboard has four different high contrast modes and resizing options. High contrast modes allow users to identify different parts of the keyboard more easily. Resize to make it easier to type and swipe.



Hello

Testing new Samsung keyboard

Ok
2 mins



Write a message



hello ok no happy sad sorry



Hello

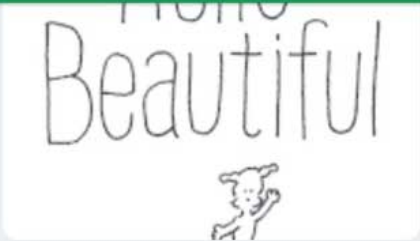
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Write a message





Hello

Testing new Samsung keyboard

Ok
3 mins



Write a message



For those who like texting and surfing social networks, this new version supports the original GIF image, the Emoji 5.0 and a temporary memory tray accessible from the keyboard.

1. 11 best Android keyboard apps

2. Channel announcement and pinning, temporary hide function

With the announcement on Android Oreo, Google has come up with a new way to control details of user notifications. Messaging and social network applications have different types of notifications, users can change the settings for each application.

A good example is Twitter, you can get many different notifications from Twitter like direct message notifications, new activities, like tweets. Many people want to receive notifications in the control panel for each of these categories and want to change the notification type for easy distinction. And this is the time when the announcement channel promotes its function.



< APP NOTIFICATIONS



Gmail

ON



App icon badges



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Mail

Sound and vibrate



MISCELLANEOUS

Miscellaneous

Sound and vibrate



Attachments

No sound or visual interruption



More settings in app





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APP NOTIFICATIONS

App icon badges



CATEGORIES

Compose new tweet

No sound



Direct messages

Sound and vibrate



Favorite users

Sound and vibrate



Followers

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Likes

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Mentions

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New tweet

Sound and vibrate



Retweets

Sound and vibrate



Syncing

No sound or visual interruption



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Snooze notification

15 minutes

30 minutes

1 hour

2 hours

CANCEL

DONE

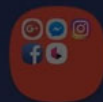
Android System Navbar Apps is displaying over other apps

NOTIFICATION SETTINGS

CLEAR



Google



Social



Dropbox



Play Store



Camera



Phone



YT Studio



Gmail



Hangouts



Chrome

Emergency calls only



3. Notification light effect on either side of the screen

Edge lighting (light on both sides of the screen) is a simple feature but in fact it is great. With Oreo, choose Edge lighting for Samsung Galaxy S8 and S8 + with multi-color effects. You also have the option to adjust the width and transparency of the two light effects on the side of the screen to see how clearly the message is displayed.

APPLY

CANCEL



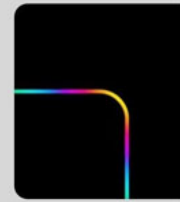
Effect



Color



Transparency



Width

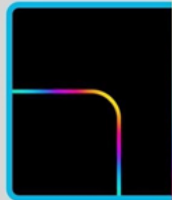
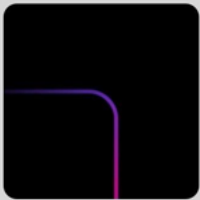


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Edge lighting

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Effect



Transparency



Width



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Edge lighting

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Narrow

Wide



Effect



Transparency



Width



4. Application shortcut

When you press and hold an application on the main screen with the Android Oreo version, you will see 5 context shortcuts. Users need to update the application to own this feature.



Google

Select multi.. Remove sho.. Disable

- Search
- Subscriptions
- Trending

And

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Duo



Photos



YouTube

+ ADD APPS





Select multi.. Remove sho.. Uninstall

New tweet

Send message

Profile

Search



gram



Facebook



Flamingo

+ ADD APPS



For YouTube, users can go straight to the page Subscriptions or check trends. In popular social media applications, such as Twitter, you can directly post a new tweet, message or search.

5. Hide the album in the Gallery library

With Android version 8.0 on Galaxy S8, you can hide the photo album in the library so that others cannot see the photo inside that album. The original Gallery application now has the option to hide multiple albums as you like. Note that this is not a safe way to hide albums, if you want more security users should use Samsung's Secure Folder with password protection.

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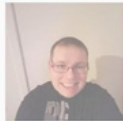
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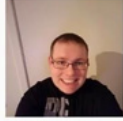
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Facebook

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Hangouts

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Instagram

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Messenger

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6. Choose colors for the folders

Now you can change the colors for folders on the home screen to easily distinguish them. When changing the folder color, the tool displays the current color and the color changes so that users can see the difference.



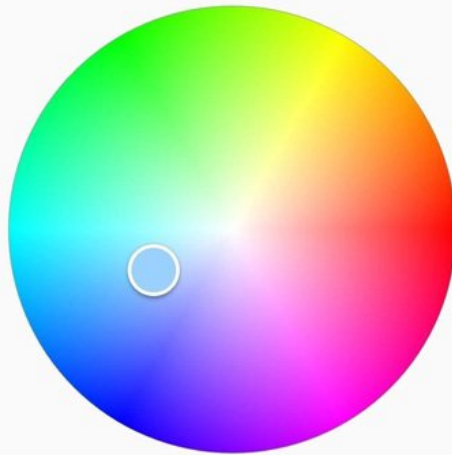
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Current



New



RECENTLY USED COLORS

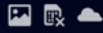


CANCEL

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+ ADD APPS





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Android Pay



Drive



Play Movies
& TV



Duo



Photos



YouTube

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Social



Dropbox



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Camera



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YT Studio



Gmail



Hangouts



Chrome



This feature depends on the theme in use and some themes do not allow you to select all colors. For example, when running a black theme, you can only select the folder color with gray or white tones.

7. Modify the 'About Phone' menu and search for settings

Samsung has revised the About Phone menu in the phone's main Settings list. Now, when you open this menu, you will see the phone number, model number, serial number and IMEI with a more accessible way.



< ABOUT PHONE



Galaxy S8+

EDIT

My phone number

UNKNOWN

Model number

SM-G955U

Serial number

[REDACTED]

IMEI

[REDACTED]

Status

View the SIM card status, IMEI, and other information.

Legal information

Software information

View the currently installed Android version, baseband version, kernel version, build number, and more.

Battery information

View your device's battery status, remaining power, and other information.





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Search



RECENT SEARCHES

Auto brightness

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My phone number

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Another small change in Settings is the search history with a timestamp. When performing a search, you will see a list of previous keywords sorted by time. This is useful when retrieving previously found applications.

8. Dual Messenger feature

The Dual Messenger feature, popular on Huawei and Xiaomi phones, has now become the standard of Galaxy S8. This feature is useful for Facebook and other social media platforms when there are two accounts. When you enable this feature, you will see a small orange icon in the bottom right corner of the app icon, which indicates that this is a secondary account.

< **DUAL MESSENGER** ⋮

Use two separate accounts for the same app. A second app icon will appear on your Home screen.

DUAL MESSENGER APPS



Facebook



AVAILABLE APPS



WhatsApp



Messenger



Supported apps will appear here after you install them.



Facebook



Facebook



Google



Social



Dropbox



Play Store



Camera



Phone



YT Studio



Gmail



Hangouts



Chrome



Currently only Facebook, Facebook Messenger and WhatsApp are the most popular applications that support Dual Messenger functionality on Galaxy S8.

9. Background color applies to text color on the lock screen

From now on, on this new Android version, the wallpaper will affect other parts of the phone interface. Specifically, Samsung has added a color that is almost imperceptible to the lock screen clock and other information. When the wallpaper has a certain color, the text on the lock screen will have the same color.

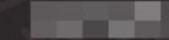
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Use fingerprint or swipe screen to unlock



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Use fingerprint or swipe screen to unlock



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10. Optional New Always On Display

There are already some new layouts for Samsung's Always On Display feature in Android Oreo.



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ALWAYS ON DISPLAY

LOCK SCREEN



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Type



Color



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