

The most frustrating moments are when you need your phone to respond immediately. Opening the camera sometimes means waiting so long that you miss the photo entirely. Even notifications pause before loading, turning a quick glance into another wait. Over time, you use your phone less, not because you want to be away from it, but because each interaction feels like too much effort.

Settings to make your Android phone run smoothly again

Adjust animation speed for a smoother feel

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Storage

Internal storage	22.0 GB / 64 GB
SD card	Not inserted
OneDrive	Not signed in
Google Drive	Loading storage info...



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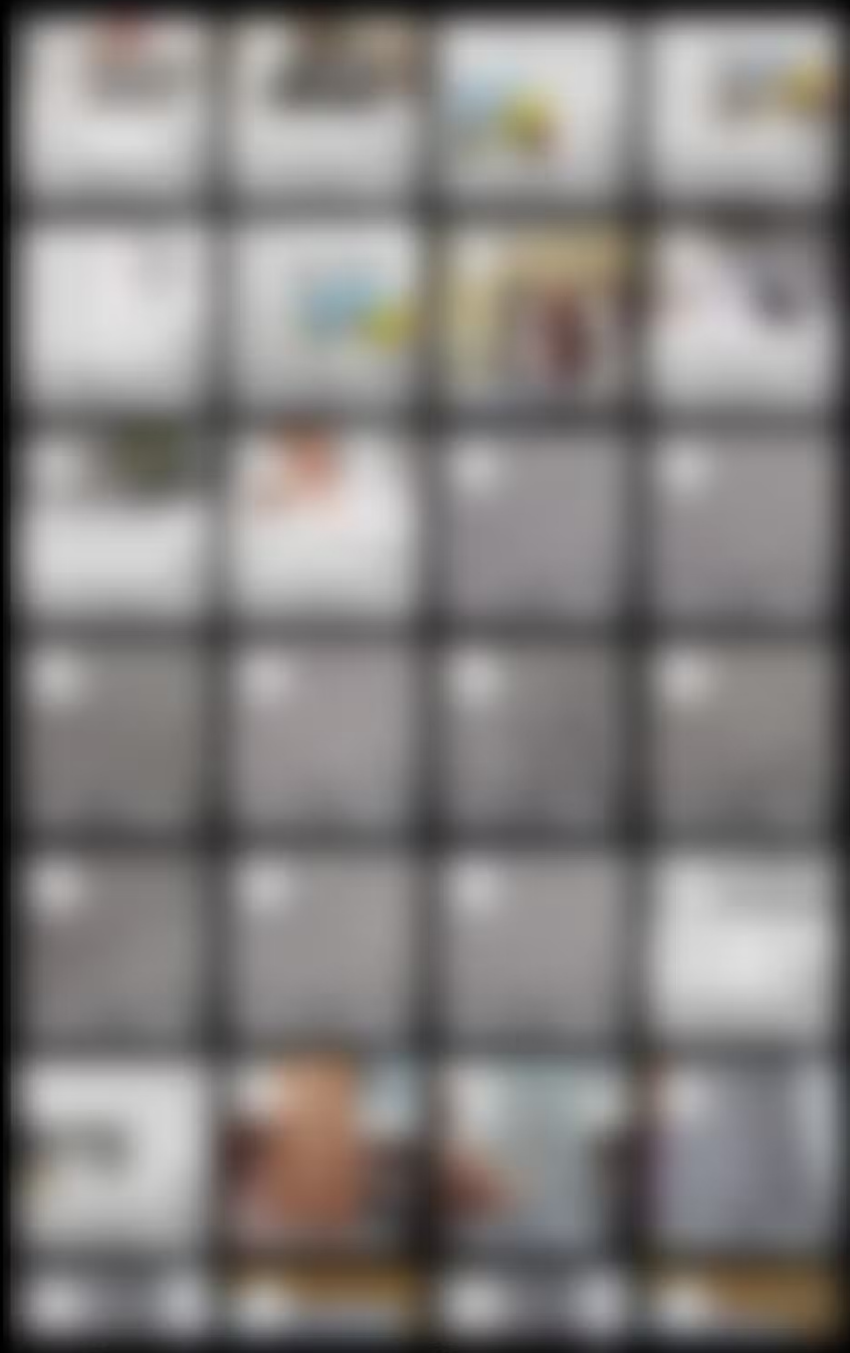
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
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Images


446 MB



 **Move**

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Chrome
140.0.7339.123

Space used

App	28.74 MB
Data	234 MB
Cache	23.67 MB
Total	286 MB



Clear data

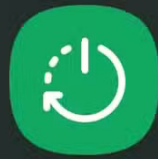


Clear cache





Power off



Restart



Emergency call



Medical info



Side button settings



After weeks of sluggishness, some users have tried all the usual fixes to get their phones running faster. They've looked through settings that might be slowing down their Android phones, deleted apps they haven't opened in months, deleted old downloads, and moved photos and videos to cloud storage to free up space. They've also cleared cached data from apps that are using too much memory and restarted their phones regularly, hoping to clear whatever's causing the lag.

However, the improvement didn't last long, and the phone soon slowed down again. When the lag returned, many people dug deeper into the settings, hoping to find a permanent solution.

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Show layout bounds

Show clip bounds, margins, etc.



Force RTL layout direction

Force screen layout direction to RTL for all locales



Window animation scale

Animation scale .5x

Transition animation scale

Animation scale .5x

Animator duration scale

Animation scale .5x

Simulate secondary displays

None

Minimum width

360 dp

Simulate display with cutout

Default



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Show clip bounds, margins, etc.

Window animation scale

- Animation off
- Animation scale .5x
- Animation scale 1x
- Animation scale 1.5x
- Animation scale 2x
- Animation scale 5x
- Animation scale 10x

Cancel

Transparent navigation bar



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Force RTL layout direction

Force screen layout direction to RTL for all locales



Window animation scale

Animation off

Transition animation scale

Animation off

Animator duration scale

Animation off

Simulate secondary displays

None

Minimum width

360 dp

Simulate display with cutout

Default

Transparent navigation bar




Make navigation bar background colour



When you go into the settings, there's a toggle for controlling how fast Android animations play. It's in Developer Options, hidden by default. Animations are the little visual effects that play when you open apps, switch screens, or scroll through menus. They make the phone feel smoother, but also create a slight delay before anything happens. Slowing them down won't make the hardware faster, but it will eliminate that extra lag and make the phone more responsive.

This is exactly what needs to change on the phone.

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Product name	Galaxy M13
Model name	SM-M135FU/DS
Serial number	RZ8TA19E2FX
IMEI (slot 1)	356414814997006
IMEI (slot 2)	359158944997009

Status information

Legal information

Regulatory information

Software information

Battery information

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One UI version

6.1

Android version

14

Google Play system update

1 June 2025

Baseband version

M135FUXXSBEYH1

Kernel version

4.19.198-28701120-abM135FUXXSBEYH1
#1 Mon Aug 4 15:02:34 KST 2025

Build number

UP1A.231005.007.M135FUXXSBEYH1

SE for Android status

Enforcing
SEPF_SM-M135FU_14_0001
Mon Aug 04 15:14:59 2025



Knox version

Knox 3.10
Knox API level 37

Service provider software version



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Window animation scale

Animation scale 1x

Transition animation scale

Animation scale 1x

Animator duration scale

Animation scale 1x

Simulate secondary displays

None

Minimum width

360 dp

Simulate display with cutout

Default



1. Open **Settings** and scroll to **About phone** .
2. Tap on **Software information** and look for **Build number** .
3. Tap **Build number** 7 times and enter your PIN or password when prompted. Your phone will confirm that Developer Options are now enabled.
4. Go back to the main Settings page and open **Developer options** .
5. Scroll until you find **Window animation scale** , **Transition animation scale** , and **Animator duration scale** .
6. Change all 3 from **1x** to **0.5x**.

You can also try turning them off to compare. I prefer 0.5x because it retains some motion while still feeling faster. If you don't see these when scrolling, use the search bar in settings and type "animation scale".

On some phones, the Build number appears inside the About phone section instead of under Software information. Following these steps will make your phone feel brand new again, and there are other ways to make your Android phone feel like new again for anyone who wants to explore more options.

This won't turn your budget phone into a flagship , but it's enough to make you think twice about upgrading. Reducing the animations makes everyday use feel faster and smoother. If your phone is slow, try this tweak before buying a new phone. It only takes a few minutes to set up, and you can always change it back if you don't like it.

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