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# how to Sync your ANDROID to your Desktop

If you're just getting started with your Android phone, you'll need to set up a Google Gmail account. First up, open a Gmail account and sync everything you can with it. You'll want to sync your contacts, your calendar, and whatever else you can to your new account. Google's flurry of services—Maps, Buzz, YouTube, and more—all tie seamlessly with Android's interface, so using them all with a single account from your phone makes your Android experience much richer.

## Media

For syncing music, videos, and pictures to your Android phone drag and drop files onto a micro SD card.

## E-mail

If you really want to embrace Android, you have to embrace Gmail. The Android Gmail client is simply more feature-rich than any other e-mail option. If you're not going to use Gmail as your personal e-mail, you'll have to manually set up your e-mail using POP3, IMAP, or Microsoft Exchange ActiveSync, which is supported by almost all Android phones. Select the general Email icon from the app selection screen and input your details there.

## Contacts

After you've set up a Google account, you can import your contacts. Access your contacts by tapping Android's Contacts icon. To get your contacts into the Google account, you'll have to export them from your existing software as a CSV file. You can also import your contacts from Outlook, Outlook Express, Yahoo Mail, or Hotmail by exporting them to a CSV file. In Yahoo, for example, click Contacts, then Tools, then Export, and select the Yahoo CSV option. To import the CSV file, open Gmail on your PC (not your phone!), click the Contacts tab on the left-hand side, then click the import button. Select the CSV file in Google from wherever you stashed the CSV file on your PC.

## Calendar

All Android phones support Google Calendar, Google's online calendar program. Many also support Microsoft Exchange calendars. If you use a different calendar program, you'll have to sync it over to a Google calendar to see it on your phone.