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Nearby Share: How to Transfer Files Between Two Android Phones

Better late than never. Android’s file sharing, Nearby Share is finally here.
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Nearby Share relies on both Bluetooth and Wi-Fi for quick file transfers

HIGHLIGHTS

Nearby Share enables quick file transfers between two Android phones
The feature is similar to Apple’s AirDrop
Phones on Android 6.0 or higher support Nearby Share

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For almost a decade, Apple users have had AirDrop that allows users to share files between Apple devices in a jiffy. Now, Google has also come up with its own version of AirDrop for Android called Nearby Share. Google has been working on this new file sharing feature since 2019 and now it is finally available for a bunch of Android smartphones. In this guide, we tell you everything you need to know about Nearby Share on Android.

Nearby Share: Supported devices

Google says, Nearby Share is available for phones on Android 6.0 or higher. To check if your Android phone supports this new feature, follow these steps.

Go to your phone's Settings > scroll down a bit > select Google.
Tap Device Connections.
If your phone does support Nearby Share, you'll find the option on the next page.
Now go ahead and Tap Nearby Share to customise its settings.
You can turn it on or off. You can also select your Google account as well as set the device name. Moreover, you can also set your device visibility, along with having a control on the data usage.

Nearby Share: How to use and transfer files

Whether you want to share a photo, a video, an app from Google Play or even your location from Google Maps, Nearby Share can handle it all. Wherever you spot the Share button on your Android phone, you can use Nearby Share. To know how to share files using Nearby Share, follow these steps.

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Open the file that you'd like to share > tap the share icon > tap Nearby Share. Your phone will now start searching for devices nearby.
The person you're sending the file to will also need to enable Nearby Share on their Android phone.
Once your phone detects the receiver's phone, you simply tap their device name. Simultaneously the receiver will need to tap Accept on their phone to start the transfer.
Within a few moments, depending on the files you have shared, the transfer will be complete.

This is how you can share files between two Android phones using Nearby Share.

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Bought a new Android Phone? Congratulations! Now you might be looking for easy ways to transfer all the important data from your old Android phone to the new one.

With millions of apps available in the market, it is obvious to get confused in selecting which app to use to transfer the data.This article will discuss the best 10 apps among which will easily transfer data from one Android device to another.

So, let’s begin with the list of Apps:

AppsGoogle Play Store Rating

SHAREit
4.1

Samsung Smart Switch
4.3

Xender
3.9

Send Anywhere
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AirDroid
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AirMore
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1. SHAREit

The first app on the list is one of the most popular and favorite apps of the time: SHAREit. All you need is the downloaded app on both the devices between which the data is to be transferred. The devices need to be connected via

Wi-Fi and once that is done, you can see the files you can transfer.

Files of any type like movies, songs, documents, pictures, apps, and much more can be transferred using SHAREit. The receivers can select the files and apps they want to receive without bothering the sender. With SHAREit, you can transfer the files with the speed up to 20 Mb/ second. Not only this, with its CLONEit feature, you can also copy the important data from the sender device within a few minutes.

2. Samsung Smart Switch

Another free app that allows transferring data from one Android device to another wirelessly as well as using a cable is Samsung Smart Switch. It mainly supports Samsung Galaxy devices and even comes preloaded in some Samsung devices like S7, S8, S9, Note 8 and Note 9. It allows the transfer of the data between any two Android devices (Lenovo, HTC, Motorola, etc.). The app can also transfer data between two Android devices through the SD card even.

You can transfer contacts, calendars, pictures, music, text messages, and much more. Another main advantage of using Samsung Smart Switch is that it even allows the devices to connect with devices of other platforms like iOS, Windows, and Blackberry for transferring useful files and folders.

3. Xender

Xender is another user-friendly app for Android users to transfer the data from one Android device to another Android device. All you need is to connect the devices through a hotspot and it doesn’t require any wire, cables, or data connection to transfer files of all types. It allows its users to transfer pictures, videos, messages, games, contacts, and much more.

Not only this, but Xender also allows its users to connect four different devices at the same time to transfer the data. You can even transfer the data across different platforms like iOS and Windows and even to PC without any PC side software installation. Xender can share files at a speed of 40 MB/ second without any restrictions in transferring large files.

4. Send Anywhere

Send Anywhere lets its users transfer the data with maximum protection with strong 256-bit encryption and that is why it is the favorite of maximum users is. The app comes for free with in-app purchases but contains ads. It is a cross-platform and a secure Android data transfer app that lets you transfer the data by entering a special 6-digit code or by scanning the QR code to connect. You can share the data without the help of the internet and mobile data. The data can be shared with multiple people using a custom link.

The app also has cloud storage where the data or files can be stored and then shared with any device. The transferred data is not on any server and can send any number of files and other data. One can also go for Send Anywhere Plus using which data of up to 50 GB can be shared at a single time.

5. AirDroid

Recommended by various tech websites like PCWorld, CNET, BGR, and Lifehacker, AirDroid is one of the best apps to transfer the data at a good speed and on different networks. AirDroid not only lets you transfer the files and folders from

one Android device to another Android device but also enables its users to control their Android devices wirelessly using their computers. Even if the screen of your Android device goes blank, you can still do what you will be doing normally on the phone and even can trace the phone if by any chance it gets lost. You can transfer the files from Android to PC and vice-versa.

Another benefit of using AirDroid is that its users can also back up their files from phone to computer while sharing the clipboard between the two devices. The only limitation of using AirDroid is that it does not allow the transfer of data to multiple devices.

6. AirMore

AireMore is a management tool for Android and iOS devices which allows the transfer of data from Android to Android, iOS to Android, and vice-versa. Multiple data types like pictures, videos, messages, and documents can be transferred using AireMore. It comes free of cost and allows its users to move, store, and stream data using an internet connection.

With the latest version of Airemore, you can even store your data on the free cloud storage and save your phone’s space.

7. Zapya

Another best high-speed file sharing app on the list is Zapya. It is a cross-platform app that allows data transfer between Android, iOS, Windows Phone, MAC, etc. Using Zapya, you can connect four devices and transfer files of all formats among them using QR code.

Zapya comes with instant messenger feature which allows its users to chat and share streaming content with the nearby group of friends. With Zapya’s phone replication option, you can also backup and transfer files and folders from old phone to new phone. Zapya is free of cost with no display ads and in-app purchases.

8. Bluetooth File Transfer

Bluetooth File Transfer is one of the most underestimated file transfer apps but in reality, it comes with a fast inbuilt file browser and a clean User Interface. You can share files over a Bluetooth connection using the Android Bluetooth File Transfer App. All the files are transferred using a secure connection as authorization of incoming connections is mandatory while using this app. You can also use the integrated browser to move, copy, cut, and delete items you want to and even zip and unzip files with encryption.

9. LG Mobile Switch

Using LG Mobile Switch, the users can transfer the data from either Android phone or iPhone to a new LG Android phone. The data can be transferred using a Wi-Fi or a cable. It allows easy and fast transfer of data of different types like call logs, messages, contacts, pictures, videos, audio, etc. from an Android device to an LG phone. The app easily transfers the data but the only limitation is that it cannot transfer the data which is stored in the cloud like Google Drive and iCloud.

10. Huawei Backup

Huawei Backup is actually for backing up all the important data in any form like contacts, pictures, videos, call records, apps, etc. on a storage device or in the cloud. This backup is encrypted with maximum security and can even be saved

in the memory cars, USB drivers, or clouds. From the place of storage of data, the data can be easily transferred to any new Android device hassle-free.

Each of the app mentioned in the list has its offerings but, according to the ratings given by the users, LG Mobile Switch has received the lowest ratings making it the least favorite of all the users while Send Anywhere tops the list among all the 10 apps.

There are many apps in the market which transfer the data from Android to Android but, from a plethora of apps, the above-mentioned 10 apps are the most efficient and secure apps to transfer the data. Now, the final decision to select the best-fit app depends upon your requirements.

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10 best Android backup apps and other ways to backup Android

Never forget to backup your data! In this list, we'll check out the best Android backup apps and some methods!

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You should always back up your files. It’s one of the most important things a person needs to do with their electronics. You never know when things will go wrong and you don’t want to lose any of your stuff when such events occur. Thankfully, there are plenty of ways to backup your files and apps on Android. For this list, we’ll take a look at the best Android backup apps. Unfortunately, with native tools becoming more popular, the app scene for this is getting a little weaker. Generally speaking, unless you’re a root user, your best options are usually cloud storage and Google’s native backup, but we talk about that more in depth below!

Also, don’t forget that Google plans on backing up your phone for free anyway so do take that into consideration.

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Autosync by MetaCtrl
Price: Free / Up to $9.99

Autosync is a series of backup apps by MetaCtrl. They are available for Dropbox, Google Drive, OneDrive, Box, and MEGA as separate apps. Each one lets you backup files automatically. Files also sync both ways. Thus, if you upload something to Drive, Autosync for Google Drive puts it on your device and vice versa. Users can choose sync intervals, the types of files that go to the cloud, and more. It also includes Tasker support. The premium features include support

for files larger than 10MB, multiple folder syncing support, a passcode setting, no ads, and improved support options. There are multiple tiers of premium. A single $1.99 removes ads, $4.99 adds support for larger files and multiple folders, and $9.99 gives you everything. The developer is working on a universal app where you can pay for the services you use instead of downloading separate apps as well and we'll keep you up to date about that as we update this piece.

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Buggy Backup Pro
Price: Free

Buggy Backup Pro is actually a decent backup app for applications. It can copy APK files to your internal storage or cloud storage as you need. Those are the actual APKs and install perfectly fine. At least, they installed fine during our testing. You can also share APKs, check the package name, the app version, and date installed. Some additional options include an uninstall option, Material Design, and an auto-backup function in case you want to be lazy with it. This isn't nearly as powerful as root-only backup apps like Titanium Backup. However, this is about as good as it can possibly get for non-root users. Please be sure to follow the app's instructions, though, as some people didn't and lost all of their data.

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The Best

Backup Your Mobile
Price: Free (with ads)

Backup Your Mobile is another basic solution for backup apps for those who don’t need a lot of features. It can backup a lot of things including apps, system settings, SMS, MMS, call logs, and other various bric-a-brac. The UI is fairly simple and using it to backup stuff should only take a few minutes of poking around. It looks antiquated, but it’s not like you’ll use this app more than a few times. Some have reported the occasional bug. Thus, your mileage may vary. Thankfully, it’s free so it won’t cost you anything to try it.

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G Cloud Backup
Price: Free / $3.99 per month

G Cloud is a cloud storage option, but one specifically for device backups. It can automatically or manually backup your SMS messages, contacts, photos, videos, music, documents, call logs, and other various files. It can even backup your settings in some cases. You can configure automatic backup for favorable circumstances like when your device is charging and also connected to WiFi. The service gives you 1GB for free and you can earn more free storage with various little gags in the app. It also boasts a $3.99 option for unlimited storage. This isn’t like Google Drive or OneDrive or anything like that. It’s a cloud storage service specifically for phone backup material and that’s kind of neat. G Cloud has no association with Google whatsoever.

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Google Photos
Price: Free (first 15GB of space) / Optional subscription prices vary

Google Photos kind of counts as cloud storage. It automatically backs up and restores your photos to Google Drive. It requires actual Google Drive space (starting June 2021), but it’s a lightweight, hands-free, automatic method to do so. The app also has a bunch of extra features, including the ability to view photos on your device, remove photos from your device if they’ve already been backed up, and it’ll automatically sort stuff into albums. There alternatives if you don’t want to use Google’s ecosytem. We also recommend Amazon Prime users check out Amazon Photos (Google Play link) since that’s free. It’s still a great option but not as great as it was when it was free.

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Migrate (root only)
Price: Free

Migrate is a handy tool for root users who flash a lot of ROMs. It basically backups up everything. That includes apps, app data, app permission settings, SMS messages, call logs, contacts, screen DPI settings, and even your default keyboard option. You back everything up and the app creates a flashable ZIP file. You flash your new ROM and then flash the ZIP created by Migrate. The ROM boots up, you let the restore process finish, and that's it. This is still a very new app with plenty of little bugs. It is, after all, still in beta. Thankfully, the only people who can even use it are root users so you all know what you're in for here. This competes favorably with Titanium Backup if we're talking about strictly backing up apps and such.

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Resilio Sync
Price: Free / $30-$50 / $29 per month (business use)

Resilio Sync is among our favorite cloud storage apps and easily one of the best backup apps. It works almost exactly like any other cloud storage service. However, instead of backing up to some mystery server somewhere, you back up your files to your own computer. It takes a little while to set up because you need to connect your phone and your computer together so they can sync up. Otherwise it works like any other cloud storage app. You backup your files and they appear on your computer where you can do what you want with them. The files are encrypted as well for an added layer of security. This is a great option for people who like the idea of cloud storage, but don't want large companies holding their private data. The free version works fine for basic uses. You may need the pro version if you want more control.

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Solid Explorer
Price: Free trial / $2.99

Solid Explorer is a file browser app with plenty of functionality for backups. It supports micro SD cards along with various cloud storage services. Thus, you can backup your files all in one interface. It’s not the only file browser with this access and we also recommend MiXplorer Silver and its above average cloud storage support. In any case, the process is relatively easy. You go in, pick the files you want to backup, and then back them up to either your micro SD card or your cloud storage account. Additionally, Solid Explorer has support for FTP servers and other forms of self-cloud style data backup.

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Swift Backup
Price: Free / Up to $7.99

Swift Backup is one of the newer Android backup apps on the list. The app supports both rooted and non-rooted devices. Non-root features include apps, SMS (with experimental MMS support), call logs, and applied wallpapers. Root access adds app data, permission data (useful for Magisk users), and WiFi network configurations. It uses the cloud to backup data and includes support for Google Drive, Dropbox, ownCloud, Nextcloud, and custom WebDAV and NAS as well. The premium version adds things like scheduled backups for things like call logs and launcher icon shortcut backup. The UI is a bit of a learning curve for some, but it’s a respectable backup app regardless.

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Titanium Backup (root only)
Price: Free / $5.99

Titanium Backup is an essential tool for root users. It’s been stable for ages, receives frequent updates, and has tons of features. Unlike many other backup apps, Titanium Backup is pretty much exclusively for root users without many features for non-rooted devices. You can freeze and uninstall bloatware, backup applications (along with app data), backup to cloud storage, and plenty more. The Pro version comes with far more features, including 1-click batch restore, syncing to cloud storage, and a whole lot more. This is the past and present king of backup apps for root users and everybody knows it.

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Other ways to backup your stuff
There are other ways to backup various parts of your device. You won’t typically see the kind of depth that you’d see with one of the applications listed above, but with a little housekeeping, you can have a device that restores pretty much

everything within an hour without the help of a backup applications. We'll cover these briefly but our own Jonathan Feist covers them more in depth in his Android customization series.

Google Backup and OEM backup apps
Price: Free (usually)

Android has the capacity to backup all of your stuff for you. You can access the options in the Settings menu of your device. It can backup a bunch of info, like the apps you have installed, some system settings, and more. OEMs such as HTC, Samsung, and LG usually have backup apps pre-installed on their devices as well. You can easily backup your contacts, SMS, passwords, call history, and other stuff. How much you can backup depends greatly on whether you go with your Google account or an OEM account. They're all usually free, come installed already, and usually work pretty well.

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Manual Backups
Price: Free / Some apps cost money

You can access most of the files on your device. Using a file manager (or by hooking your phone up to a computer in MTP mode), you have immediate access to all of your music (in the Music folder), videos (in the Video folder), and even your photos (in the DCIM folder). It's quite easy to move all of these files to your PC for safe storage while you switch phones. You can also back then up to the cloud (share to the cloud storage app of your choice) and even use your Micro SD card if your phone has expandable storage. It's tedious and it'll still take a while to transfer everything over. However, it's a reliable solution and it doesn't require your personal data hitting the cloud at all.

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Cloud Saving
Price: Free / Varies

Tons of apps have cloud syncing features all on their own. Many browsers, including Google Chrome and Firefox let you sign into an account where you can sync your Internet history, bookmarks, logins, and other browser data. Apps like Pocket Casts let you sync your podcast subscription list. Some cloud storage apps like Dropbox, Google Photos, and Microsoft OneDrive can automatically backup your photos. Many, many games have cloud saving via Facebook or Google Play Games. You can even save your contacts to your Gmail account and they will automatically sync with any phone that logs into your Google account. Passowrd manager apps like LastPass are great for backing up your login data. Before going down the rabbit hole to back up everything, check out what may already be backing itself up on your device!

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