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Software

How to transfer data between desktop PC and Android-powered phones

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Abstract

Motorola® DROID, Google® Nexus One™, and other Android™-powered phones do not ship with software that synchronizes desktop PC contacts, calendar, tasks and notes. This is a departure from what many people have come to expect when they buy their phone.

Apple® iPhone®, for example, comes with iTunes®. This allows people to synchronize Microsoft® Outlook data to their iPhone. BlackBerry® comes with BlackBerry Desktop Manager. Palm® OS phones like Treo and Centro come with HotSync Manager.

But what can people with Android phones do to get their desktop data onto their devices?

This whitepaper will cover four software tools that synchronize desktop PC contacts, calendar, tasks and notes with Android-powered phones:

- CompanionLink®
- Google Calendar Sync
- Google Apps Sync for Microsoft Outlook
- HTC® Sync

CompanionLink

CompanionLink will synchronize contacts, calendar, tasks and notes from Microsoft Outlook, Microsoft Outlook BCM, Microsoft Exchange, IBM® Lotus Notes, Novell® GroupWise, Palm Desktop, ACT! by Sage and GoldMine with Android phones.

1 Wireless sync via Google



2 Secure USB sync



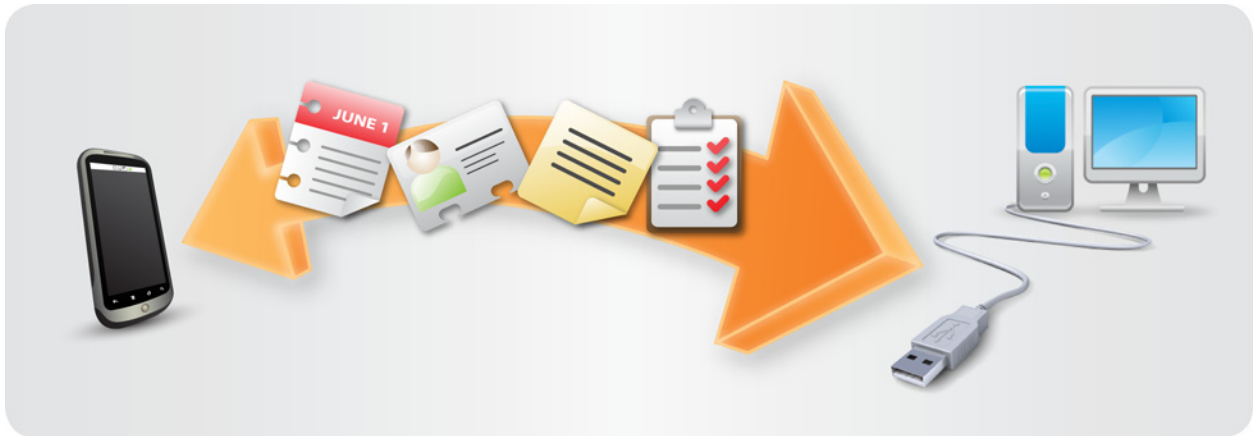
2 ways to sync with Android-based phones

Wired USB Sync (using CompanionLink)

Use the USB cable that ships with the Android phone to transfer PC contacts, calendar, tasks and notes. Data is securely synchronized without ever leaving the connection between PC and phone. As a result, data *will not* be hosted on a web-based service (like Google or Gmail).

CompanionLink installs on the desktop and works with an app for Android phones – called CL USB Sync – that installs on the phone. The app includes a two-way synchronization engine, custom Calendar app, a custom Tasks app, and a custom Notes app. Advanced features like categories, priorities, sort options, and search capabilities are included in the app.

More info on wired USB sync using CompanionLink. 



Wireless sync via Google (using CompanionLink)

Use a Google account to transfer data between PC and Android phones. CompanionLink will install on the desktop and sync contacts and calendar with the web-based Google account that is set up with the Android phone. Data is kept synchronized between desktop, Google, and phone.

More info about wireless sync using CompanionLink. 



Google Calendar Sync

Google offers a free tool – called Google Calendar Sync – to anyone with a Google or Gmail account. The software does two-way sync of Microsoft Outlook calendar events with a Google account. Once the desktop calendar data is synchronized with the Google account, the Android phone's integration with Google takes over to automatically transfer data to the phone.

More info about Google Calendar Sync. 



Google Apps Sync for Microsoft Outlook

Google offers a Microsoft Outlook plug-in for Google Apps Premier edition or Google Apps Education edition users. The former is a paid service; the latter is a service for educational institutions.


The Outlook plug-in keeps contacts, calendar, tasks, and email synchronized with the Google Apps account. Then, the Android phone's integration with Google Apps takes over to automatically transfer data to the phone.

More info about Google Apps Sync for Microsoft Outlook. 







HTC Sync

HTC Corp. – maker of devices like HTC Hero™, Nexus One and DROID ERIS™ – provides free USB synchronization software for their phones. The software synchronizes contacts and calendar data between Microsoft Outlook, Outlook Express, or Windows® Address Book to HTC phones.

More info about HTC Sync. 



Feature comparison – PC to Android sync options

	CompanionLink 	Google Calendar Sync 	Google Apps Sync for Outlook 	HTC Sync 
MS Outlook sync	+	+	+	+
Contacts sync	+		+	+
Calendar sync	+	+	+	+
Tasks sync	+		+	
Notes/Memos sync	+			
Email sync			+	
Multiple calendar sync	+		+	
Supports categories	+			+
Free phone support	+			+
Cost	\$39.95	Free	Free with purchase of Google Apps Premier or Education	Free with purchase of an HTC phone