



# Android™ App Performance Report

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## A Executive summary

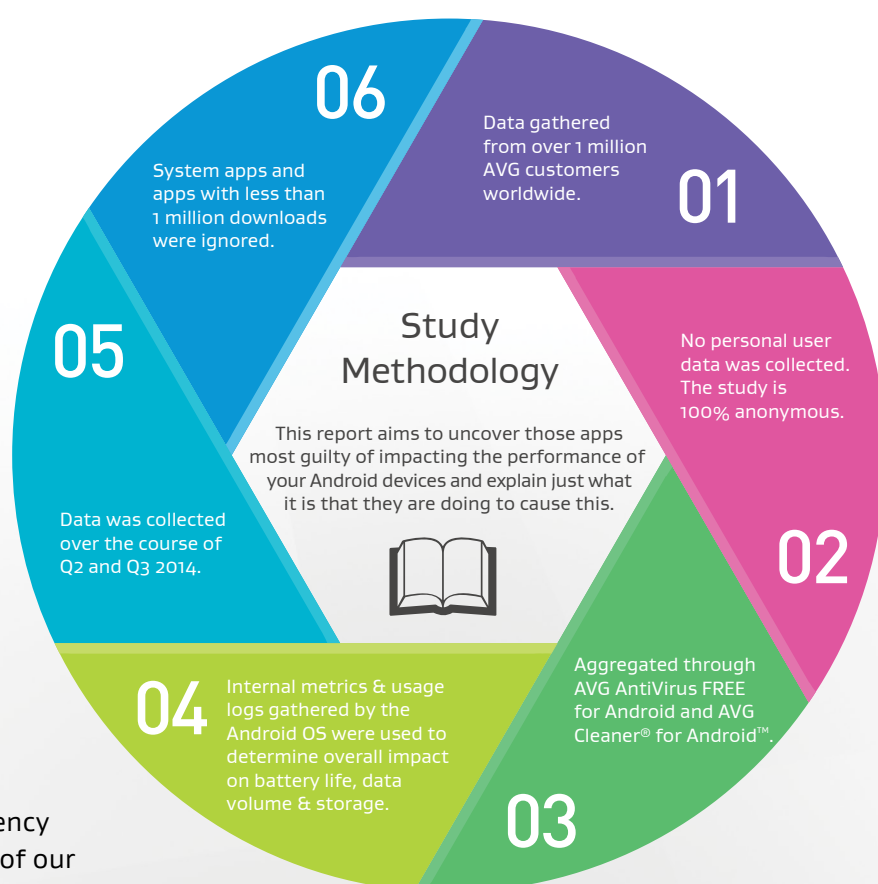
### The secret life of Android apps

The secret life of Android AVG study identifies top battery, data and storage consuming apps on Android smartphones and tablets.

The huge choice of cool, interesting and engaging apps available today for Android handsets is what makes a phone more than just a phone.

These apps bring social networks, entertainment, educational information, and productivity tools to our fingertips, at home, in the office or on the move.

Brilliant though they are, certain apps have a tendency to eat up the battery life of our phones and tablets far quicker than we might expect.





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### The secret life of Android apps cont...

They can also be greedy with our data plans and use up all our storage without us realizing – by constantly checking for content and feed updates, pushing through notifications, streaming audio in the background, delivering high quality graphics, or simply downloading data.

**If you are tired of soaring data bills, sluggish devices, and that universally hated red battery symbol, then read on.**



## A Executive summary

### Top findings

#### 1 Staying on top of the news can be bad for your device's health

Keeping up with what's going on in the world can to be particularly hard on your device because by their very nature, they deliver real-time updates on breaking news stories. In Q3 2014, the New York Times'® **Breaking News** app topped our list of the apps that take up the most storage. It joins other media outlet apps including that of the Daily Mail, and the BBC®, whose **BBC Sport** and **Media Player** apps showed up throughout Q2 and Q3 in the top ten battery drainers and network traffic hogs lists.



#### 2 Handset makers risk draining their own devices

In a bid to differentiate their devices and offer a better user experience, an increasing number of smartphone and tablet makers now pre-install their own apps on the devices you get out of the box. This does make things easy, but sometimes pre-installed apps can be more trouble than they are worth by negatively impacting how your device runs.

In both Q2 and Q3 2014, for example, three Samsung apps made the top ten list of auto-starting battery draining apps (excluding games). **Samsung WatchON**, a mobile remote control app, also topped the non-auto-starting battery list thanks to the high quality visual content it delivers.

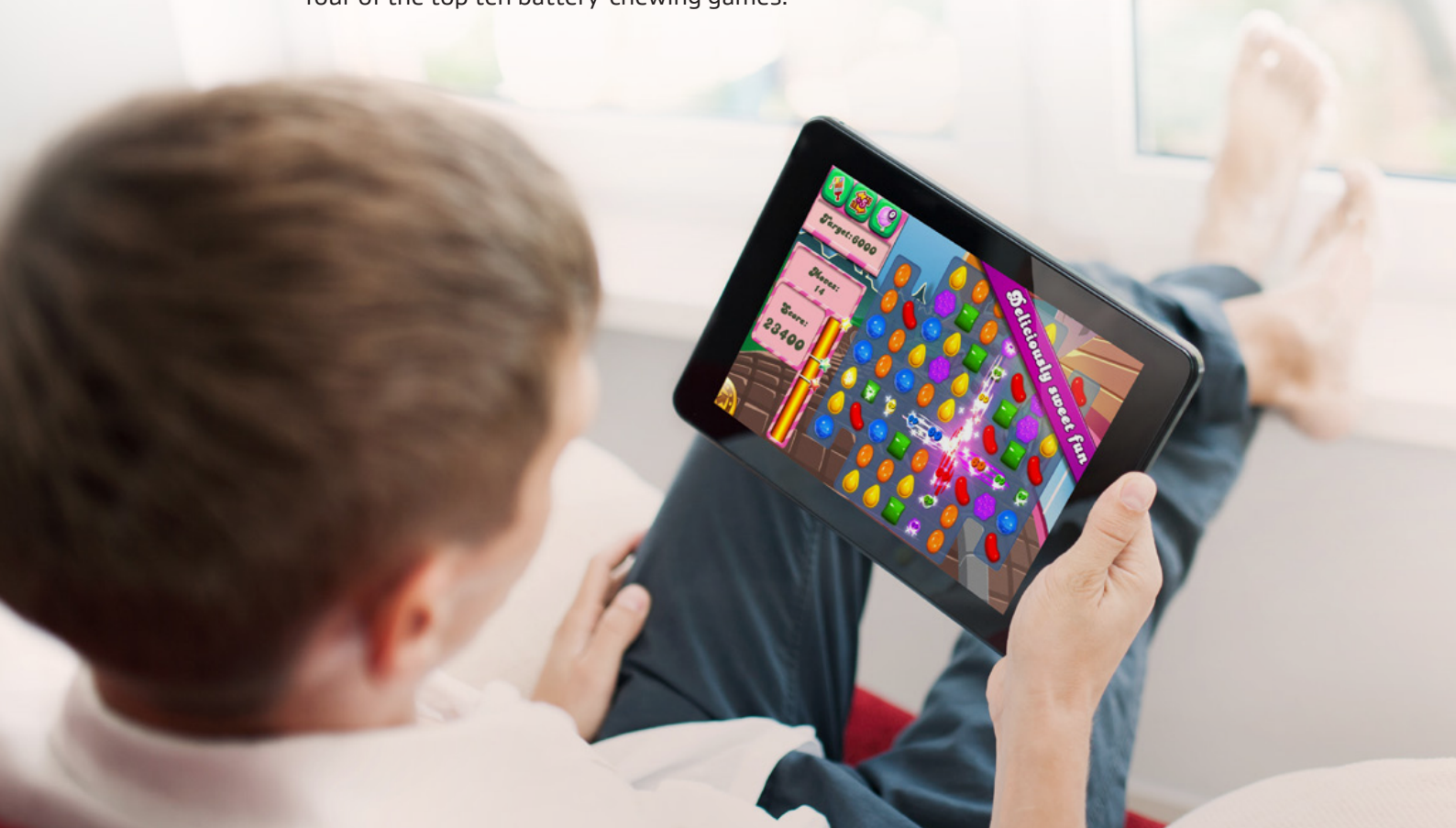


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### Top findings cont...

#### 3 It's game over for your battery life

Our real-time usage data showed that of the total time spent on Android smartphones or tablets, 62 percent was on some kind of game – potentially very bad news for batteries everywhere as games are amongst the highest users of battery life. Within the games category, game producer **King**, which produced the Saga series, owned four of the top ten battery-chewing games.



## A Executive summary

### Top findings cont...

#### 4 Google fatigues its own OS

After games, everyday tools were the most popular apps users downloaded and four of the top ten most resource hungry tools tracked in the last six months belong to Google. Three of these made the top five – **Google Now/Search**, **Google Text-to-Speech** and **Google Translate**, while Google's **Chrome Browser** for mobile also scored highly in the list of top storage eaters.






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### App scoreboard

The following tables show the top three apps which have the most impact on device performance overall, or on device storage capacity, battery life or network data plan. These tables do not include games apps.




#### Overall performance impact

	Facebook	1
	Path	2
	9GAG - Funny Pics and Videos	3




#### Highest Battery Drain (auto-start apps)

	AllShareCast Dongles S/W Update	1
	ChatON Voice and Video Chat	2
	Beaming Service for Beep'nGo	3




#### Highest Battery Drain (non auto-start apps)

	Samsung WatchON (Video)	1
	Apple Daily App	2
	Netflix	3

#### Highest Storage Consumption

	NYTimes - Breaking News	1
	Tango Messenger Video & Calls	2
	Spotify Music	3

#### Highest Data Traffic

	Netflix	1
	Daily Mail Online	2
	Facebook	3






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### App scoreboard cont...

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#### Highest Storage Consumption

	The Sims	1
	Puzzle & Dragons	2
	Family Guy - The Quest for Stuff	3

#### Highest Data Traffic

	Hay Day	1
	LINE - Let's Get Rich	2
	FarmVille 2 Country Escape	3

## A Executive summary

### Methodology

The AVG team analysed performance data from over 1 million devices worldwide

The measured vectors - battery, storage and data plan - were normalized by calculating the percentile based on the medians values of the apps, measured from when the app was installed, whether used or not.

Based on our experience with consumer preferences, AVG weighted each of the three vectors slightly differently when calculating the overall performance score for an app. The calculation was therefore:

**Storage\*3 + Battery\*2 + Traffic**

Data collected in the US, UK and Australia was statistically significant enough to be able to produce specific tables and insights for those markets. These can be viewed in the appendix.



Measurement was carried out as follows:

#### Battery drain

We ranked the apps' battery consumption average based on real usage data.

We ignored applications that have less than 1 million downloads according to Google Play. We also did not include core system apps but left in pre-installed but optional apps.

#### Storage consumption

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We also did not include core system apps but left in pre-installed but optional apps.

#### Data plan

We ranked the apps' network traffic consumption average based on real usage data. We ignored applications that have less than 1 million downloads according to Google Play. We also did not include core system apps but left in pre-installed but optional apps. We only took into account cellular transmitted data, ignoring the cost-free Wi-Fi traffic.

## B Key findings

### Introduction

With every new version of a mobile operating system, additional features are introduced that are specifically optimized for the latest devices.

While this can dramatically improve the experience for those who own the latest smartphone or tablet, the same is not true for older devices, whose users may see the battery life and speed suffer.

It's also the case that the more apps you install, the slower your phone or tablet will get. This is not just about the space those apps take up being on your device, but also the fact that a lot of apps, such as **Spotify**, **Skype** or **WhatsApp™**, tend to be active even when not used and run quietly in the background.

In this section, we will take a closer look at the full list of apps which ranked in the top

ten for impact on battery life, device storage and data plan – as well as those with the overall highest ranking for performance when combining all three of these measurements. The key findings are separated into two parts:

- All apps excluding games
- Games only (which we felt were significant enough to merit a separate category of their own)

On page 21, we will look at possible ways to improve the battery drain, performance draw and data usage through various steps both inside the Android OS as well as in specific apps.






























## B Key findings

### World's greediest mobile apps

In this section, we discovered which apps had the most overall impact on mobile devices.

#### Top 10 performance draining apps

	<b>1. Facebook</b> Facebook			<b>6. BBM</b> BlackBerry Ltd.	
	<b>2. Path</b> Path Inc.			<b>7. QQ</b> Tencent Technology (Shenzhen) Ltd.	
	<b>3. 9GAG Funny Pics &amp; Videos</b> 9GAG			<b>8. textPlus Free Text &amp; Calls</b> textPlus	
	<b>4. Instagram</b> Instagram			<b>9. Wattpad Free Books &amp; Stories</b> Wattpad.com	
	<b>5. Spotify Music</b> Spotify Ltd.			<b>10. iFunny : )</b> Okrujnost'	

CATEGORY:  Puzzle  Social  Entertainment  Music & Audio  Family  Books & Reference  Communication

#### Analysis

One of four ranking apps that fall in the social category, **Facebook** has the overall heaviest impact on battery life, data consumption and storage. Also joining the

social apps as the most resource hungry, were the communication apps **QQ** and **BBM**, and multimedia apps like **9GAG**, **Spotify** and **iFunny**.











## B Key findings

### Top ten battery drainers

In this category, we split out those apps which run automatically when you turn on your smartphone or tablet and keep on running in the background all the time. This could, for example, include messaging apps, social apps or antivirus apps.

#### Top 10 battery drainers – Run at start up

	<b>1. AllShareCast Dongle S/W Update</b> Samsung Electronics Mobile Biz.		<b>6. Facebook</b> Facebook
	<b>2. ChatON Voice &amp; Video Chat</b> Samsung ChatON		<b>7. Path</b> Path Inc.
	<b>3. Beaming Service for Beep'n'Go</b> Moheam Inc.		<b>8. PPS (for Mobile)</b> PPS.TV
	<b>4. magicApp: Free Calls</b> magiclack VocalTec Ltd		<b>9. Vault-Hide SMS Pics &amp; Videos</b> NQ Mobile Security
	<b>5. Samsung WatchON (Tablets)</b> Samsung Media Solution Centre		<b>10. AI-Moazin Lite (Prayers Times)</b> Parfield Software

CATEGORY:  Social  Entertainment  Productivity  Business  Lifestyle

#### Analysis











Many start-up apps, such as **AllShareCast** and **ChatON**, drain a device's battery quite extensively even when not being run by the user. Facebook is also a prime culprit due to the constant background notification checks it performs – these should be manually switched off if not needed.

While the list of the top draining auto-start apps has changed little over the past quarter both in terms of entrants and the power each uses, it is interesting to note that all of the apps in the non-auto-start category increased their drain on device batteries in Q3. The category also saw new entrants from the **Apple Daily** app & **BBC Sport**.

## B Key findings

### Top ten battery drainers cont...

#### Top 10 battery drainers – Non auto-start

	<b>1. Samsung WatchON (Video)</b> Samsung		<b>6. 9GAG – Funny pics &amp; videos</b> 9GAG
	<b>2. Apple Daily App</b> Next Media Interactive Ltd.		<b>7. Instagram</b> Instagram
	<b>3. Netflix</b> Netflix Inc.		<b>8. LINE: Free Calls &amp; Messages</b> LINE Corporation
	<b>4. Sky Sports Live Football SC</b> BSkyB		<b>9. BBC Sport</b> BBC
	<b>5. Retrica</b> Venticake		<b>10. Downloader &amp; Private Browser</b> Mirmay Limited

CATEGORY:  Social  Entertainment  Communication  Tools  Sports  Photography  Newspaper & Magazines

#### Analysis

This category is perhaps one of the more competitive in our report. Most non-auto-start apps are very reliant on data usage, for example, constant Wi-Fi, mobile traffic, which, in and of itself, is one of the main draws on battery life.

Using such apps actively also requires intense processing power, especially with content-

heavy ones like **9GAG**, **Sky Sports** and the **Apple Daily App**, which is why running them over longer periods should be avoided if battery life is a concern.

Amongst the top ten, we were surprised to see the Chinese newsreader **Apple Daily App** beating out the resource-heavy video streaming app **Netflix** for battery drain.





















## B Key findings






### Top ten storage hogs

Your favorite everyday apps could be using up more of the precious limited storage on your device than you might realize.

This is because the longer some apps are installed the more storage they consume – either because the app is collecting temporary data (that it may “forget” to delete) or because the developer adds more and more features over time. In this section of our study, we examine which of the top-ranking apps in the Google Play store consume the most storage space over time.

#### Top 10 storage eaters

	<b>1. NY Times – Breaking News</b> The New York Times Company			<b>6. 9GAG Funny pics &amp; videos</b> 9GAG	
	<b>2. Tango Messenger Video &amp; Calls</b> Tango			<b>7. Instagram</b> Instagram	
	<b>3. Spotify Music</b> Spotify Ltd.			<b>8. LINE camera – Selfie &amp; Collage</b> LINE Corporation	
	<b>4. Facebook</b> Facebook			<b>9. Vine</b> Vnie Lab Inc.	
	<b>5. Chrome Browser – Google</b> Google Inc.			<b>10. Talking Angela</b> outift7	

CATEGORY:  Social  Entertainment  Communication  Photography  Newspaper & Magazines

#### Analysis

The reasons behind the top three listings are varied. In the number one spot, the **NYTimes** app caches articles, including photos and videos, leading to a higher storage usage than even **Spotify**.





















Meanwhile, messaging apps such as **Tango** or **LINE camera** store attachments, such as any videos or photos that are sent or received. **Spotify** reserves the number three spot thanks to its option to store songs locally for offline listening.

## B Key findings

### Top ten network traffic hogs

Many of the apps you love the most can impact heavily on your data plan, which is why if you are watching your monthly bills, you might want to use these apps with care.

#### Top 10 network traffic hogs

	<b>1. Netflix</b> Netflix Inc.	
	<b>2. Daily Mail Online</b> Daily Mail Online	
	<b>3. Facebook</b> Facebook	
	<b>4. Tumblr</b> Tumblr Inc.	
	<b>5. Instagram</b> Instagram	
	<b>6. 9GAG</b> Funny pics & videos 9GAG	
	<b>7. iFunny : )</b> Okrujnost'	
	<b>8. TV Guide UK</b> TV Guide	
	<b>9. NYTimes</b> Breaking News The New York Times Company	
	<b>10. CNN</b> Breaking US & World News CNN	

CATEGORY:  Social  Entertainment  Newspaper & Magazines

#### Analysis

All of this quarter's top ten were also listed in Q2 and all have increased their draw on the network within that period, most likely due to more usage.

As video streaming (**Netflix**) is the most traffic-heavy activity on mobile phones or tablets, our team was surprised to see that news apps make up the number two, nine and ten spots.

In analyzing the results, there appeared to be a correlation between the apps which were high in both the battery and data plan consumption measurements; conversely, the storage hogs seemed only to impact that single performance vector.



























## B Key findings

### Mobile gaming – what gamers should know

In this section, we look at the world's greediest games apps. Games apps are the most used category of app and in general draw heavily on device resources.

#### Top 10 performance draining games apps

	<b>1. Puzzle &amp; Dragons</b> GungHo Online Entertainment	
	<b>6. FarmVille 2: Country Escape</b> Zynga	
	<b>2. Hay Day</b> Supercell	
	<b>7. Cookie Jam</b> SGN	
	<b>3. 8 Ball Pool</b> Miniclip.com	
	<b>8. Clash of Clans</b> Supercell	
	<b>4. Candy Crush Saga</b> King	
	<b>9. Pet Rescue Saga</b> King	
	<b>5. Farm Heroes Saga</b> King	
	<b>10. Angry Birds</b> Rovio Mobile Ltd.	

CATEGORY:  Puzzle  Family  Sports  Casual  Strategy  Arcade

#### Analysis





















**Puzzle & Dragons** retains the top slot for all-round performance impact in the last six months, followed closely by **Hay Day**. Breaking this down, we can see that both top the scoreboard of biggest battery drainers,

with **Puzzle & Dragons** also in second place in the storage hog category and **Hay Day** additionally topping the data plan consumption chart.





















## B Key findings

### Mobile gaming – what gamers should know cont...

#### Top 10 battery drainers

	<b>1. Puzzle &amp; Dragons</b> GungHo Online Entertainment	
	<b>2. Hay Day</b> Supercell	
	<b>3. Candy Crush Saga</b> King	
	<b>4. Minecraft – Pocket Edition</b> Mojang	
	<b>5. Cookie Jam</b> SGN	
	<b>6. Pet Rescue Saga</b> King	
	<b>7. Clash of Clans</b> Supercell	
	<b>8. Bubble Witch 2 Saga</b> King	
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#### Top 10 storage eaters











	<b>1. The Sims</b> EA Mobile	
	<b>2. Puzzle &amp; Dragons</b> Gung Ho Online Entertainment	
	<b>3. Family Guy The Quest for Stuff</b> Tiny Co	
	<b>4. The Simpsons: Tapped Out</b> EA Mobile	
	<b>5. Despicable Me</b> Gameloft	
	<b>6. Plants vs. Zombies</b> EA Mobile	
	<b>7. DEER HUNTER 2014</b> Glu	
	<b>8. DINO HUNTER: DEADLY SHORES</b> Glu	
	<b>9. LINE Let's Get Rich</b> Line Corporation	
	<b>10. UNO &amp; Friends</b> Gameloft	

CATEGORY:  Puzzle  Casual  Adventure  Action  Simulation  Card  Family  Strategy  Arcade

## B Key findings

### Mobile gaming – what gamers should know cont...

#### Top 10 network traffic hogs

 <b>1. Hay Day</b> Supercell	 <b>6. Candy Crush Saga</b> King.com
 <b>2. LINE Let's Get Rich</b> LINE Corporation	 <b>7. Clash of Clans</b> Supercell
 <b>3. FarmVille 2: Country Escape</b> Zynga	 <b>8. Words with Friends Free</b> Zynga
 <b>4. Solitaire</b> MobilityWare	 <b>9. Bubble Witch 2 Saga</b> King.com
 <b>5. Farm Heroes Saga</b> King.com	 <b>10. Trivia Crack</b> Etermax

Other games which draw heavily on both your smartphone or tablet battery and data plan at the same time are:

- Farm Heroes
- Candy Crush
- Clash of Clans
- Bubble Witch 2 Saga

LINE Let's Get Rich also appeared in both the data plan and storage charts, the only app to be in the top ten for these combined performance impact measures.

## C App usage trends

### Introduction

Based on AVG's global statistics, the following list shows the top 20 most used apps on Android devices. Of these, the top five apps which draw most heavily on the resources of your smartphone or tablet are, in order, **Facebook**, **Instagram**, **Spotify**, **8 Ball Pool** and **Farm Heroes Saga**.





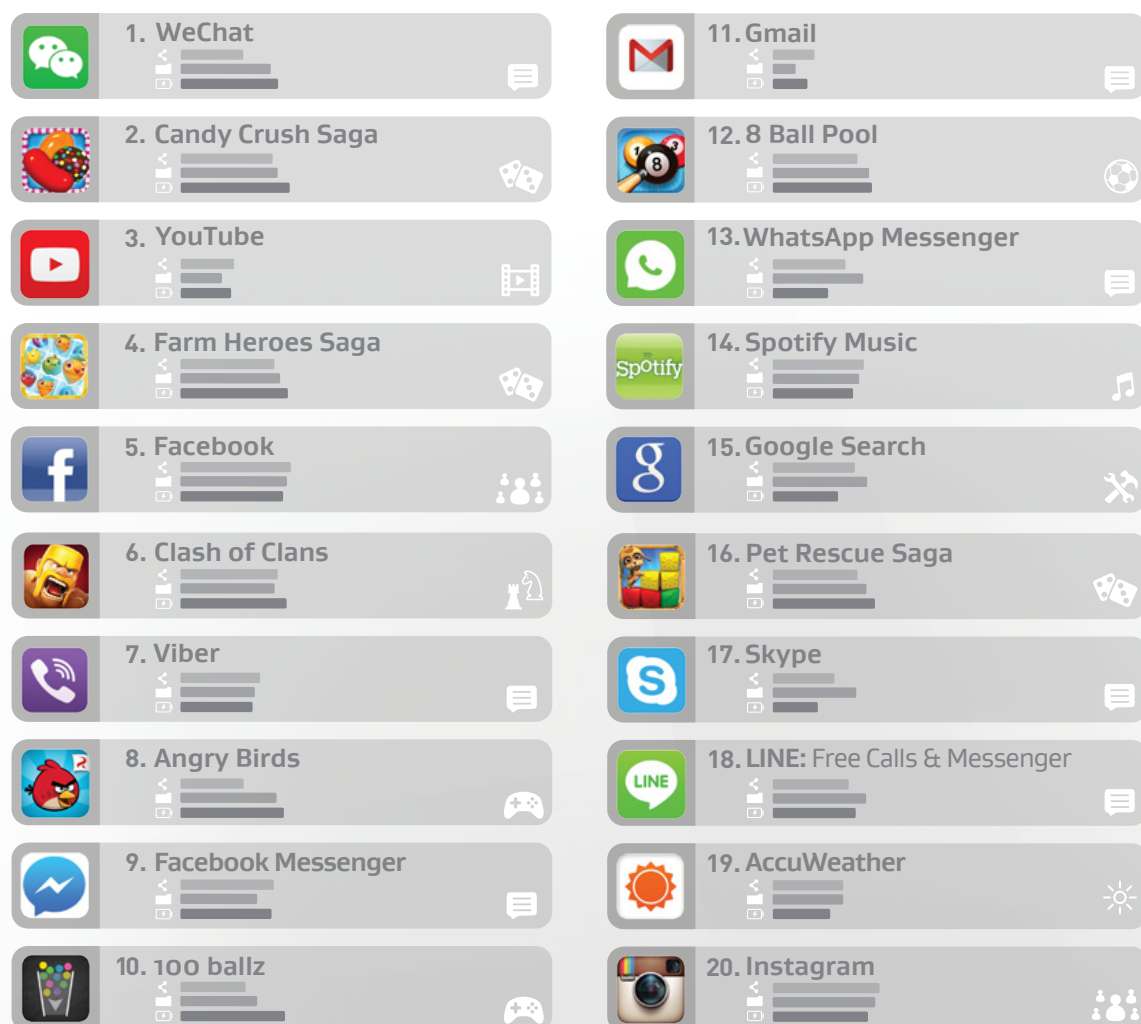
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#### Top 20 apps users spend their most time on



CATEGORY:  Social  Comms  Sports  Weather  Media & Video  Arcade  Strategy  Music & Audio  Tools  Casual

USAGE:  Network  Storage  Battery

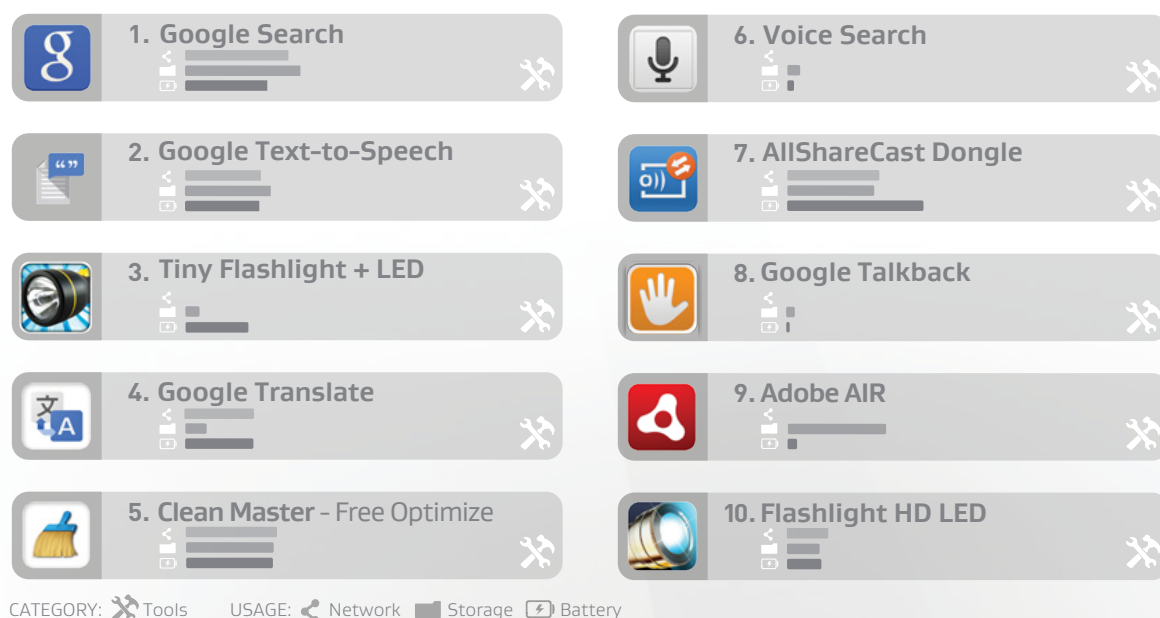
## C App usage trends

### Installed tools

Looking more closely at the most installed tools apps on Android handsets, unsurprisingly, Google tools featured prominently in the top ten.

**AllCastDongle** ranked highest for resource consumption, particularly with battery life, followed by **Google Search**, **Clean Master** and **Google Text-to-Speech**.

#### Top 10 installed tools - resource consumption



## C App usage trends

### Installed communication apps

The top installed social and communications apps during the last six months were consistent quarter on quarter as their popularity continues. **LINE** topped the communication apps chart with the most

resource consumption across data plan, storage and battery. **Facebook** is the most popular downloaded social app and along with **Instagram**, which is fourth most popular, tops the greediest apps chart.

#### Top 10 installed communication apps - resource consumption

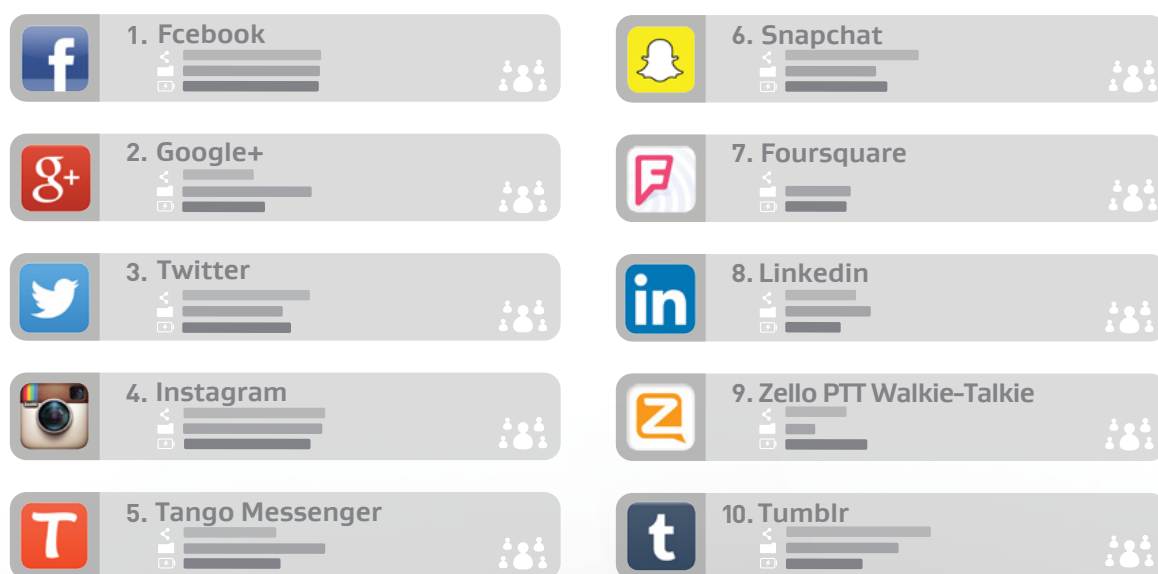


CATEGORY:  Communication USAGE:  Network  Storage  Battery

## C App usage trends

### Installed social apps

#### Top 10 installed social apps - resource consumption



CATEGORY:  Social    USAGE:  Network  Storage  Battery



## D Addressing the issues

### Insights into Android device and app optimization

Android devices have to walk a fine line trying to restrict the resource consumption of apps but not limit their functionality too much. We all love our apps and we don't want to stop using them.

In this chapter, we'll walk through not only how to limit your app resource use but also how to get the most out of your battery life, device performance, storage and data plan on Android devices in general.

This guide was written for most Android devices running Android 3.x or Android 4.x, including:

- Smartphones (such as the Samsung Galaxy S5)
- Tablets (Samsung Galaxy Note Pro, Nexus 7)

Please note that though many phone and tablet makers use Android, they tend to change the way things look and work.

We'll show you how it works on different systems, but if you can't find an option for your exact device, don't worry as many of the steps are the same for most devices.



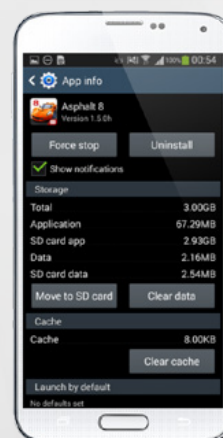
## D Addressing the issues

### Step 1 Limit notifications to save battery life, performance and mobile data

Phone notifications are one of the most useful mobile inventions, giving users information they need to know about new appointments or messages at a glance.

However, not all notifications are necessary and most cause the phone to be constantly active, increasing the drain on the battery and mobile data.

1. To turn off unnecessary notifications, you need to go into the **Apps** or **Application Manager** sections of the settings menu on your device. This will show you a list of all the apps you have running.
2. To turn off notifications for an app, such as **Asphalt 8**, tap on it and uncheck the **Show Notifications** entry.



## D Addressing the issues

### Further limiting an apps' battery & traffic drain

Limiting notifications is only one side of the coin if you want to reduce the impact an app has on your device.

In each app's settings you will find additional options and features you may want to turn off. We're going to use Facebook as an example to show you how it's done.

Ranking among the most resource-heavy apps, there are a few things any user can do to limit Facebook's use of resources.

1. As with before, the first step is to go to the app's settings page (via the settings page and App Settings):
2. From there you will see a number of features that will tax your device, such as:

#### Facebook chat

If you do not use the chat feature, you can turn it off or uninstall the standalone Messenger app.

#### Refresh interval

Every hour, Facebook automatically downloads content in the background which has an impact on battery life and traffic, even if you're not using the app. You can limit this to every four hours or turn it off completely.



#### Location

Facebook can use the built-in GPS of your device to determine where you are and include that data in posts you make. This too can be turned off to save battery life.

#### Notifications

This is an alternative way to turn off the app's notifications.

While this is specific to Facebook, many apps on your smartphone or tablet have similar settings. In general, however, you should watch out for any that look to involve background activity, such as "**Refresh Interval**" or "**Background Refresh**" and limit the use of built-in features such as GPS/Location and Bluetooth.



## D Addressing the issues

### Step 2 Free up space & limit mobile traffic

Our top storage offenders often start off as small apps or games but collect temporary clutter over time, and swell in size.

When this happens, the impact is not just on your device's storage, which obviously declines, but also on your mobile data. Many apps tend to download data in the background in order to be instantly available once you open them. The NYTimes app for example automatically downloads news stories to your devices every 24 hours – even though you may not read all of them.

Almost every app stores temporary files, cookies and other data in order to work. In our internal tests, we found that simply browsing through a typical Facebook timeline for **roughly 60 seconds produced over 5 MByte of temporary files** – including downloaded pictures, ads, cookies and more. The **NYTimes** app created a cache of 10 MB when we watched a 20 sec video and opened one news post.

This cache can be deleted on either a per-app basis or automatically. In this next tip, we'll show you two ways to limit the growing storage impact of apps.

1. Open up the **Application Manager** or **App** menu from within your Settings menu. Tap on an app, such as NYTimes or Facebook and hit the **Clean Cache** Button (screenshot to the right).



2. Doing this for each app on a regular basis can be quite time consuming which is why AVG built the [AVG Cleaner for Android](#) app (screenshot on the right). It scans all apps for these caches regularly and allows for the removal of all of them at the same time – by tapping a button or automatically. The only downside of cleaning a cache may be that information, for example a Facebook image, which has been loaded and cached, may need a few extra moments to load when you open it the next time.

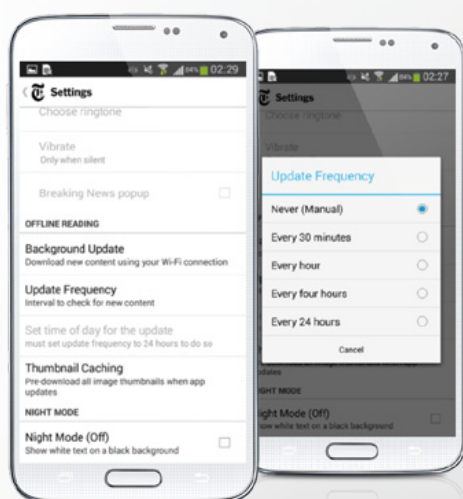
## D Addressing the issues

### Step 3 Reduce data traffic: Limit the offline storage and background downloads of apps

In some cases, an app will include settings which allow the user to limit the amount of data it downloads over Wi-Fi or mobile data and stores locally.

Below we outline how to do that, again using the NYTimes app as an example:

1. Open up the app in question and tap on the three little dots in the upper right corner. Go to **Settings**. From here, you can turn off “Offline Reading” by tapping on **Update Frequency** and selecting **Never (Manual)**.
2. You can also turn off the **Thumbnail Caching** which downloads images of news stories so that they display faster if you open them.



There will be some people who do not want to limit their apps to work in a certain way and in some cases – like with games or video streaming – there’s no technical way to reduce the amount of battery consumption or mobile data usage. Which is fine – this is all about user choice. If you do choose to take action however, these general recommendations should help Android device users reduce the overall resource consumption so they can enjoy using their apps without limitation.



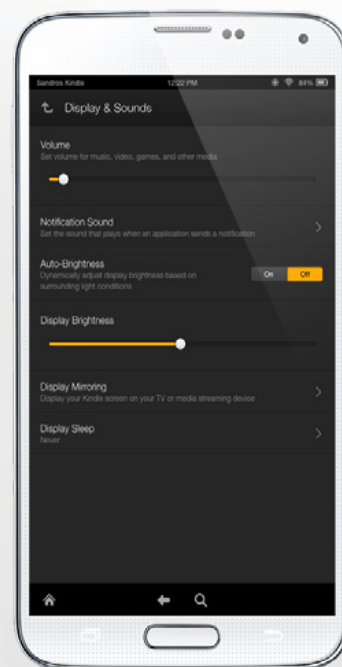
## D Addressing the issues

### Step 4 Your display – battery drainer No. 1

These days, virtually all Android smartphones or tablets come with super high-resolution displays that are also extremely bright. While that may be great for browsing the web, sharing photos or playing games, these displays literally eat into your battery life.

Did you know for example that on some smaller tablets with high-resolution displays, a display set to full brightness is responsible for 80 percent of the entire power consumption!

If you're not in bright sunlight, we would therefore recommend turning the brightness levels down to **50-70 percent**.



## D Addressing the issues

### Step 5 Turn off Wi-Fi, Bluetooth and GPS to save battery life

Your Android device is full of features that eat into your battery life. It is important to make sure they're off when they're not being used:

#### Wi-Fi®

Nowhere near a wireless connection? Then turn off your Wi-Fi. Otherwise the built-in Wi-Fi receiver will constantly try to scan for networks – which can increase battery usage by more than 20 percent.

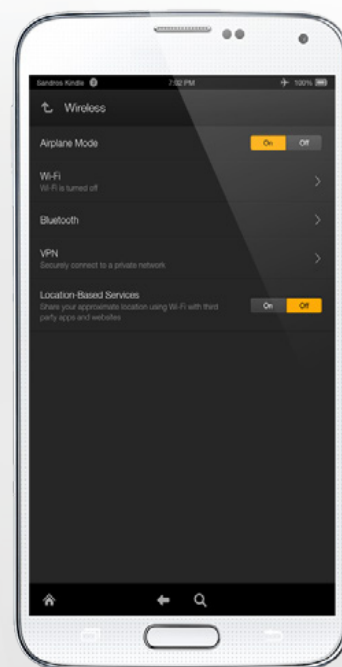
You'll find the settings for all three features in your swipe down menu or under **Settings**. Go to **Wireless** (or **Wireless and networks**) and switch off the relevant feature when not in use. Note: GPS can sometimes be referred to as **Location-based services**.

#### Bluetooth®

Not using a Bluetooth headset or connecting your Android device to your car? Then this setting should also be turned off, otherwise it will continually scan for compatible Bluetooth devices, using up battery as it does so.

#### GPS

Your mobile GPS is probably one of the biggest power suckers there is. The built-in GPS antennas are really power-hungry, and if your GPS is turned on they continue to draw power even if you're not actively using them – mainly thanks to the alarming number of apps that regularly use the GPS feature such as [Google Maps, Facebook or Twitter]. So if you're at home or just don't need to use any GPS, turn it off.



## D Addressing the issues

### Getting rid of performance-sapping apps

Your Android device is much like your PC: the more apps you install on it, the slower it will get and the sooner it'll run out of juice.

It won't happen with one app nor probably with five, but once you've installed a dozen – or hundreds – of apps, you'll notice a significant slowdown. That's because many apps run features even when you're not using them. So how can you be selective about which apps you do and don't want on your phone? There are tools that help you identify the worst offenders for performance and battery life.



## D Addressing the issues

### Getting rid of performance-sapping apps cont...

Ours is the free [AVG Cleaner 2.0](#) app.  
Here's how it works as an example:

1. Firstly, install the free app from the Google Play Store or the Amazon Kindle™ store and launch it.

Next, go to the **App Uninstaller** page.  
This will list all your currently running apps.

2. If you tap on the little blue arrow in the top right, you can then sort the list by:

**App Usage** Shows the apps you haven't used in a long time on the top. This will help you get rid of apps you may have completely forgotten about and that are consuming precious space.

**Storage Usage** Running out of disk space? Then it's time to look at the largest apps on your phone. Sort by **Storage Usage** to find the largest apps and then take action accordingly.

**Battery Usage** This helps you identify the most power-consuming apps on your device. It's likely that they'll also have a severe impact on performance overall. If you don't need some of the top offenders (using 5% or more), get rid of them. If you do need them, then open their settings (if they have any) and find a way to reduce their background activity as we have already shown you.

**Data Usage** If you're on a monthly data plan, every Megabyte counts. If you sort the apps by **Data Usage**, you'll quickly find the top apps that are sucking up your plan. Again, uninstall any you don't need or turn off their background data usage.

To uninstall an app, tap on it and hit **Uninstall**. You can even tap and select multiple apps so you can get rid of a batch at a time.

We hope these tips will be useful. This report is not designed to be judgmental of apps that do require resources to run. The goal is to identify our favorite ones which are heaviest on Android smartphone and tablet resources, and see what can be done to reduce this impact so we can continue to enjoy them while experiencing less of the side effects.



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## F Appendix





















### App resource consumption analysis

In this section, you can find the app resource consumption analysis for the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia. We used the same methods to calculate the ranks as before but this time only took into account performance data of users from these specific countries.























## F Appendix USA

### Top 10 performance draining apps – excluding games

	<b>1. Facebook</b> Facebook			<b>6. Netflix</b> Netflix Inc.	
	<b>2. Instagram</b> Instagram			<b>7. ooVoo Video Call Text &amp; Voice</b> ooVoo LLC	
	<b>3. Spotify Music</b> Spotify Ltd.			<b>8. SoundCloud – Music &amp; Audio</b> SoundCloud	
	<b>4. textPlus Free Text + Calls</b> textPlus			<b>9. GO SMS Pro</b> GO Dev Team	
	<b>5. ifunny :)</b> Okrujnost'			<b>10. Vine</b> Vine Labs Inc.	

CATEGORY:  Social











### Top 10 performance draining apps – games only

	<b>1. Candy Crush Saga</b> King			<b>6. Solitaire</b> MobilityWare	
	<b>2. Farm Heroes Saga</b> King			<b>7. Words With Friends</b> Zynga	
	<b>3. Pet Rescue Saga</b> King			<b>8. The Simpsons</b> Electronic Arts Inc	
	<b>4. Bubble Witch 2 Saga</b> King			<b>9. Subway Surfers</b> Kiloo	
	<b>5. Clash of Clans</b> Supercell			<b>10. Temple Run 2</b> Imanji Studio	

CATEGORY:  Casual  Strategy  Card  Word  Arcade  Action











## F Appendix USA


### Top 10 battery draining apps – run at startup

 <b>1. AllShare Cast Dongle</b> Samsung Electronics Mobile Biz.	 <b>6. textPlus Free Text + Calls</b> textPlus
 <b>2. Beaming Service for Samsung</b> Mobeam Inc.	 <b>7. Facebook Messenger</b> Facebook
 <b>3. Samsung WatchON (Tablet)</b> Samsung Media Solution Center	 <b>8. Antivirus &amp; Security   Lookout</b> Lookout Mobile Security
 <b>4. RetailMeNot Coupons</b> RetailMeNot Inc.	 <b>9. Kik</b> Kik Interactive
 <b>5. Facebook</b> Facebook	 <b>10. GO SMS Pro</b> GO Dev Team

CATEGORY:  Social  Entertainment  Communication  Shopping  Tools  Productivity
















### Top 10 battery drainers (user execute)

 <b>1. Samsung WatchON (Video)</b> Samsung Media Solution Center	 <b>6. Walmart</b> Walmart
 <b>2. Netflix</b> Netflix Inc.	 <b>7. Spotify Music</b> Spotify Ltd.
 <b>3. Instagram</b> Instagram	 <b>8. LINE: Free Calls &amp; Messages</b> Line Corporation
 <b>4. GO SMS Pro Emoji Plugin</b> Go Dev Team	 <b>9. Brightest Flashlight Free</b> GoldenShores Technologies LLC
 <b>5. Glide - Video Texting</b> Glide	 <b>10. iFunny : )</b> Okrujnost'

CATEGORY:  Social  Entertainment  Communication  Personalization  Shopping  Tools  Music & Audio














## F Appendix USA

### Top 10 battery drainers – games only

	<b>1. Candy Crush Saga</b> King	
	<b>2. Pet Rescue Saga</b> King	
	<b>3. Bubble Witch 2 Saga</b> King	
	<b>4. Clash of Clans</b> Supercell	
	<b>5. Farm Heroes Saga</b> King	
		
		
		
		
		

CATEGORY:  Casual  Strategy  Card  Arcade  Puzzle










### Top 10 storage eaters – excluding games

	<b>1. Chrome Browser - Google</b> Google Inc.	
	<b>2. Vine</b> Vine Labs Inc.	
	<b>3. Spotify Music</b> Spotify Ltd.	
	<b>4. Facebook</b> Facebook	
	<b>5. Tango Messenger Video &amp; Calls</b> Tango	
		
		
		
		
		

CATEGORY:  Social  Entertainment  Communication  Music & Audio  Sports





















## F Appendix USA

### Top 10 storage eaters – games only

	<b>1. Despicable Me</b> Gameloft	
	<b>2. The Simpsons: Tapped Out</b> Electronic Arts Inc	
	<b>3. DEER HUNTER 2014</b> Glu	
	<b>4. Subway Surfer</b> kiloo	
	<b>5. My Talking Tom</b> Outfit7	
	<b>6. Candy Crush Saga</b> King	
	<b>7. Temple Run 2</b> Imangi Studios	
	<b>8. Farm Heroes Saga</b> king	
	<b>9. Pet Rescue Saga</b> King	
	<b>10. Solitaire</b> MobilityWare	

CATEGORY:  Casual  Action  Arcade

### Top 10 network traffic hogs

	<b>1. Netflix</b> Netflix	
	<b>2. Tumblr</b> Tumblr inc.	
	<b>3. AT&amp;T Smart Wifi</b> AT&T Services inc.	
	<b>4. Instagram</b> Instagram	
	<b>5. Facebook</b> Facebook	
	<b>6. ifunny :)</b> Okrujnost'	
	<b>7. Spotify Music</b> Spotify Ltd.	
	<b>8. CNN Breaking US &amp; World News</b> CNN	
	<b>9. Beaming Services for Samsung</b> Mobeam Inc.	
	<b>10. Wi-fi Now by U.S. Cellular</b> devicescape.uscc	





















CATEGORY:  Social  Entertainment  Productivity  Tools  Music & Audio  Newspaper & Magazines



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### United Kingdom

#### Top 10 performance draining apps - excluding games

	<b>1. Facebook</b> Facebook			<b>6. Netflix</b> Netflix Inc.	
	<b>2. Instagram</b> Instagram			<b>7. Tango Messenger Video &amp; Calls</b> Tango	
	<b>3. Spotify Music</b> Spotify Ltd.			<b>8. SoundCloud - Music &amp; Audio</b> SoundCloud	
	<b>4. BBM</b> BlackBerry Limited.			<b>9. Daily Mail Online</b> Daily Mail Online	
	<b>5. Vine</b> Vine Labs Inc.			<b>10. Twitter</b> Twitter Inc.	

CATEGORY:  Social  Entertainment  Music & Audio  Communication  Newspaper & Magazines

#### Top 10 performance draining apps - games only











	<b>1. Hay Day</b> Supercell			<b>6. Pet Rescue Saga</b> King	
	<b>2. Candy Crush Saga</b> King			<b>7. Bubble Witch 2 Saga</b> King	
	<b>3. Farm Heroes Saga</b> King			<b>8. Solitaire</b> MobilityWare	
	<b>4. 8 Ball Pool</b> Miniclip.com			<b>9. Words With Friends</b> Zynga	
	<b>5. Clash of Clans</b> Supercell			<b>10. The Sims</b> EA Mobile	

CATEGORY:  Card  Family  Sports  Casual  Strategy  Word  Simulation

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





### United Kingdom

#### Top 10 battery drainers - run at startup

	<b>1. AllShareCast Dongle S/W Update</b> Samsung		<b>6. Outlook.com</b> Outlook.com
	<b>2. Facebook</b> Facebook		<b>7. Groupon - Daily Deals Coupons</b> Groupon Inc.
	<b>3. Facebook Messenger</b> Facebook		<b>8. BBM</b> BlackBerry Limited.
	<b>4. Kik</b> Kik Interactive		<b>9. WhatsApp Messenger</b> WhatsApp Inc.
	<b>5. Antivirus &amp; Security   Lookout</b> Lookout Mobile Security		<b>10. Yahoo Mail</b> Yahoo

CATEGORY:  Social  Shopping  Productivity  Communication  Tools

#### Top 10 battery drainers (user execute)





















	<b>1. Netflix</b> Netflix Inc.		<b>6. BBC Media Player</b> Media Applications Technologies for the BBC
	<b>2. Sky Sports Live Football SC</b> BSkyB		<b>7. Spotify Music</b> Spotify Ltd.
	<b>3. Instagram</b> Instagram		<b>8. Halifax Mobile Banking App</b> Lloyds Banking Group
	<b>4. Lloyds Bank Mobile Banking</b> Lloyds Banking Group		<b>9. Twitter</b> Twitter Inc.
	<b>5. BBC Sport</b> Media Applications Technologies for the BBC		<b>10. Sky Sports for Android</b> BSkyB

CATEGORY:  Entertainment  Sports  Social  Finance  Music & Audio

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### United Kingdom



#### Top 10 battery drainers - games only

	<b>1. Hay Day</b> Supercell			<b>6. Farm Heroes Saga</b> King	
	<b>2. Candy Crush Saga</b> King			<b>7. Solitaire</b> MobilityWare	
	<b>3. Pet Rescue Saga</b> King			<b>8. Don't Tap the White Tile</b> HU WEN ZENG	
	<b>4. Bubble Witch 2 Saga</b> King			<b>9. The Sims</b> EA Mobile	
	<b>5. Clash of Clans</b> Supercell			<b>10. The Simpsons: Tapped Out</b> EA Mobile	

CATEGORY:  Card  Family  Casual  Strategy  Simulation  Arcade

#### Top 10 storage eaters - excluding games





















	<b>1. Facebook</b> Facebook			<b>6. Vine</b> Vine LABs Ibc.	
	<b>2. Tango Messenger video &amp; Calls</b> Tango			<b>7. Soundcloud - Music &amp; Audio</b> soundCloud	
	<b>3. Spotify Music</b> Spotify			<b>8. Daily Mail Online</b> Daily Mail Online	
	<b>4. Chrome Browser - Google</b> Google Inc.			<b>9. TripAdvisor Hotels Flights</b> TripAdvisor	
	<b>5. Instagram</b> Instagram			<b>10. Firefox Browser for Android</b> Mozilla	

CATEGORY:  Social  Communication  Travel & Local  Newspaper & Magazines  Music & Audio

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### United Kingdom






#### Top 10 storage eaters - games only

	<b>1. The Sims FreePlay</b> EA Mobile	
	<b>6. Subway Surfers</b> Kiloo	
	<b>2. Despicable Me</b> Gameloft	
	<b>7. My Talking Tom</b> Outfit7	
	<b>3. The Simpson: Tapped Out</b> EA Mobile	
	<b>8. 8 Ball Pool</b> Miniclip.com	
	<b>4. Family Guy The Quest for Stuff</b> TinyCo	
	<b>9. Candy Crush Saga</b> King	
	<b>5. Hay Day</b> Supercell	
	<b>10. Farm Heroes Saga</b> King	

CATEGORY:  Simulation  Arcade  Family  Adventure  Sports  Casual



















#### Top 10 network traffic hogs

	<b>1. Netflix</b> Netflix	
	<b>6. TVGuide.co.uk / TV Guide UK</b> TV guide	
	<b>2. Facebook</b> Facebook	
	<b>7. BBC Media Player</b> Media Applications Technologies for the BBC	
	<b>3. Tumblr</b> Tumblr Inc.	
	<b>8. Spotify Music</b> Spotify Ltd.	
	<b>4. Daily Mail Online</b> Daily Mail Online	
	<b>9. Solitaire</b> MobilityWare	
	<b>5. Instagram</b> Instagram	
	<b>10. BBC News</b> Media Applications Technologies for the BBC	

CATEGORY:  Social  Entertainment  Music & Audio  Card  Newspaper & Magazines









## F Appendix Australia

### Top 10 performance draining apps

	<b>1. Facebook</b> Facebook			<b>6. Google Play Service</b> Google inc.	
	<b>2. Instagram</b> instagram			<b>7. Facebook Messenger</b> Facebook	
	<b>3. LINE: Free Calls &amp; Messages</b> LINE Corporation			<b>8. Tinder</b> Tinder	
	<b>4. Samsung WatchON (Video)</b> Samsung			<b>9. Dropbox</b> Dropbox Inc.	
	<b>5. Amazon kindle</b> Amazon Mobile LLC			<b>10. Pinterest</b> Pinterest Inc.	

CATEGORY:  Social  Entertainment  Books & Reference  Communication  Productivity  Tools  Lifestyle

### Top 10 storage eaters





















	<b>1. Facebook</b> Facebook			<b>6. LINE: Free Calls &amp; Messages</b> LINE Corporation	
	<b>2. Instagram</b> Instagram			<b>7. Group Play</b> Samsung electronics Co. Ltd. LSC	
	<b>3. Chrome Browser - Google</b> Google inc.			<b>8. Google+</b> google Inc.	
	<b>4. Firefox Browser for Android</b> Mozilla			<b>9. Samsung Link</b> Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. MSC	
	<b>5. Amazon Kindle</b> Amazon Mobile LLC			<b>10. Samsung WatchON</b> Samsung Media solution center	

CATEGORY:  Social  Entertainment  Books & Reference  Business  Productivity  Communication




## F Appendix Australia

### Top 10 battery (user execute)

	<b>1. Samsung WatchON</b> Samsung Media Solution Center	
	<b>2. Gumtree Australia</b> eBat Classifieds Group	
	<b>3. Instagram</b> Instagram	
	<b>4. Super-Bright LED Flashlight</b> Surpax Technology Inc.	
	<b>5. Amazon Kindle</b> Amazon Mobile LLC	
	<b>6. LINE: Free Calls &amp; Messages</b> LINE corporation	
	<b>7. Weatherzone</b> Weatherzone	
	<b>8. Snapchat</b> Snapchat Inc.	
	<b>9. Tinder</b> Tinder	
	<b>10. Twitter</b> Twitter Inc.	

CATEGORY:  Social  Entertainment  Books & Reference  Communication  Lifestyle  Weather  Productivity

### Top 10 network traffic hogs

	<b>1. Facebook</b> Facebook	
	<b>2. Instagram</b> Instagram	
	<b>3. Samsung WatchOn</b> Samsung Media Solution Center	
	<b>4. Beaming Service for Samsung</b> Mobeam Inc.	
	<b>5. Snapchat</b> Snapchat	
	<b>6. Candy Crush Saga</b> King	
	<b>7. Yahoo Mail</b> Yahoo	
	<b>8. Outlook.com</b> outlook.com	
	<b>9. Gumtree Australia</b> eBay Classifieds Group	
	<b>10. Twitter</b> Twitter Inc.	

CATEGORY:  Social  Entertainment  Communication  Productivity  Casual  Lifestyle