


# Meet the Google Home app

The Google Home app  lets you set up, manage, and control your smart home devices from a single app. Download the app on an Android device, iPhone, or iPad. Then, [add your Google devices](#), like Google Nest Mini or Nest Thermostat. You can also add [many other compatible smart home products](#), like lights, cameras, and Matter-enabled devices.


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## Get the latest version of the Google Home app

Download or update the [Google Home app](#)  from the Google Play Store.

## Ways to use the Google Home app

- [Set up Google devices](#) such as cameras, speakers, displays, Wi-Fi routers, Chromecast and Google TV Streamer products, and the Pixel Tablet's Charging Speaker Dock.
- [Control, organize, and manage](#) Google Nest and [compatible devices from other companies](#). To check a device's compatibility, look for the Works with Google Home or Matter  matter badge.
- Broadcast a message or ring all of the devices linked to your home with Meet.
- Create and manage Routines for your devices and Google Assistant.
- Change [settings and preferences](#) for your devices, Google Assistant, Google Account and more.

## Navigating the Home app


The Home app  is divided into several sections to help you easily find what you need.

### ♥ Favorites

You can add or remove actions, automations, and devices to Favorites ♥ for quick and easy access. To open the controls for a device, touch and hold its device tile. Some device tiles show the device status or have some controls.


The Favorites ♥ section is customizable so you can pin the devices, rooms, automations, and actions that you want quick access to, as well as check the device state.

### Customize Favorites ♥

- To change which actions, automations, or devices you have on Favorites, scroll down and tap **Edit** .
- To add more tiles, check the box next to the tile.
- To remove tiles, uncheck the box next to the tile.
- To organize your devices, tap **Reorder** to drag the tiles into the position you want.


Tapping on a Favorites tile opens the controls for the smart devices you connect to the Google Home app.

### Other key features in Favorites ♥



- **Home name or picker:** The name of your home appears on top of the Favorites ♥ section. If you have multiple homes set up, tap your home name to switch between homes.
- **Inbox:** Favorites also has the Inbox , which is where you can find important notifications about your home, such as device issues, suggested automations, invitations to join a home, and more.
- **Device categories:** These appear at the top of the Favorites ♥ section:
  - **Cameras:** Shows your camera's video. Multiple compatible cameras appear in one view.
  - **Lighting:** Switches your compatible smart lights on or off. Control all the lights in your home, or only the lights in a specific room.
  - **Wi-Fi:** Runs speed tests and manages your Nest Wifi or Google Wifi network and settings.

- **Climate:** View your thermostat(s) and temperature sensor(s) in one place. Tap a thermostat to adjust it.
- **Media mini-player:** Shows what media you're currently playing and which device it's on. If you have more than one device, choose to [stream from one device to another](#). With a single tap, you can start or stop the media.

## Devices

In Devices , you can view all the devices that you've added to your home, organized by the room that they're assigned to. Touch and hold the device tile to open its controls. Some device tiles will appear the device status or certain controls.

### Device controls

From Favorites  or Devices , touch and hold your device's tile to control or access all of its settings. Different types of devices have different controls, and some controls may be on the device tile itself.

- **Google Nest and Home speakers and displays** - Control the speaker's volume and EQ (equalization) or access settings. You can also play, pause, skip forward or backward in a song, podcast or audiobook, or stop casting.
- **Pixel Tablet (Hub Mode only)** - Control the Charging Speaker Dock's volume and stop casting.
- **Cameras** - View the live video stream from your compatible cameras. Newer cameras also let you change settings and view history.
- **Thermostat** - Adjust your compatible thermostat's set point, change modes, and check the ambient temperature. Depending on the thermostat model, you may be able to change other settings.
- **Chromecast and Google TV Streamer devices** - Control the display's volume or access settings. You can also play, pause, skip forward or backward in a video, movie or TV show, or stop casting.
- **Lights** - Turn your compatible smart lights on and off and adjust their brightness, if supported.
- **Smart plugs** - Turn your compatible smart plug on and off.
- **Speaker Groups** - Access the group's settings.

## Automations

Automations allows you to manage [Routines](#) to automate your home and help with daily tasks.

- **Household Routines:** Create automations for your home and all its members.
  - [Home & Away Routines](#) allow you to automatically adjust your devices, such as lights and a thermostat, to different settings when you're home and when you're away.
  - The [script editor](#) allows you to create powerful home automations to build a personalized smart home, using a flexible language and scripting tool.
- **Personal Routines:** Create Routines that are specific to you. For example, play your favorite morning news when you dismiss an alarm.

**Important:** All household members can check when these Routines run. Routines are for convenience only, not safety- or security-critical use cases. Do not create Routines that could result in injury or harm if they fail to start or stop. Routines can depend on working internet, Wi-Fi, and service availability from both Google and the third parties who manufacture the devices included in Routines. Routines may not always work, and Google is not responsible for any harm or losses incurred due to failed Routines.

## Activity

Activity shows your home's history, which includes events captured by cameras, interactions with Google Assistant, device states, and more.







If you want to look for specific types of activity, tap **Filter** to select what you want to appear. Pick from any combination of events and devices to find what's most important to you. Select the filters you want to use and tap **Save**.

## Settings

Settings is where you can view your home's information, members, add devices, create new rooms and groups, see which services you have enabled, and more.

## Account menu

Use the account menu to change [settings and preferences](#) for your devices, Google Assistant, Google Account and more.

1. Tap your account  in the top right of any of the main app screens.
2. Tap  to open the menu.
  - **Add another account**  – Set up devices and services, add household members, and create speaker groups and homes.
  - **Manage accounts on this device**  – (To find, tap the down arrow next to your account.) Add or remove accounts.
  - **Help**  – Access the Streaming and Google Nest Help Centers. Get answers to questions and troubleshooting information.
  - **Feedback**  – Submit a feedback report for your Google Home and Nest devices, Chromecast and Google TV Streamer devices, devices that work with Google Cast, and Pixel Tablet.

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