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## "We Make House Calls"

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### Essential Android Apps:

On the primary page for most business use people, I highly suggest having Phone, contacts, calendars and gmail readily accessible. Gmail can be set on the computer to bring in personal email from other ISP's such as Comcast, Charter, Cox, etc as well as having your gmail mail there too. Having all your accounts in one place makes sending and receiving simple. There's no need to use other email programs.

1. Weatherbug - utilizing the gps built in the phone, you can have the weather where ever you are without having to manually change the location.
2. There's a simple app called Notes. You can have as many as you want, pass word protect them, back them up to the SD card, set a reminder if needed. Very valuable and simple.
3. If you use the Droid or Droid 2, you'll want to download a alternate keyboard called slide it. It's like the swipe on some phones. Instead of tapping at keys, you slide to spell words and they appear and you can add your own words to it's dictionary. It's SO much faster than tapping. The free download let's you try it for 14 days then you have to buy it. It's worth every penny of the \$7 cost!
4. Advanced Task Killer Free - When an app is closed it stays in memory most of the time. Eventually your phone will slow down. Use the Advanced Task Killer to automatically close certain apps every 30 minutes or every set period. Works great!
5. Wifi - on/off switch - A simple small app to turn the wifi on and off and see it's status quickly. Much better and quicker than going thru the settings menu. Shows green when on and red when off.
6. Facebook - if you are a Facebook user, then all your friends pictures appear not only in Facebook but also in your contacts!

7. Sound Hound - this free app can listen to a song playing on the radio and tell you what it is, what album it's on and more info.
8. Wifi Buddy - lets you scan wifi networks and sign on to them
9. Wifi Mania - does the same as wifi buddy, but gives a bit more techy information. If you want simple, stick with Wifi Buddy.
10. TV Guide - set your local area and turn it on. TV Guide uses your location and the local clock and gives you a list of programs on now and in the future. Set your favs and more. Simpler than using the onscreen info.
11. Google Maps - uses the gps and built in 3G network to map your location, find new locations and basically act like a gps including talking directions. But beware this uses LOTS of battery power and plugging into your car cord is HIGHLY suggested.
12. Goby - Great tool for finding things to do, places to eat and more while visiting or on vacation
13. Where - same as Goby (I like Goby better)
14. Slacker and Pandora - great way to listen to music. Join for free, pick a artist and either slacker or Pandora will play that artist and similar ones. A great way to find new artists to listen to.
15. Double Twist - Have a itunes account, maybe an ipod? With Double Twist you can import your music, playlists, videos, etc right onto your Android phone. Matching program for the computer too. Works awesome!
16. Google Sky - like the stars? Always wonder what that bright one is? Open Google Sky, hold the phone up so the screen matches the sky and you'll find what that star is, constellations and more. Incredible free program!
17. Are you on the business based Linked In? If so, Droid In is the program for you.
18. PDAnet - If you use a laptop and need access to the internet and there's no wifi signal around, why not use your phone as a tether? And without paying Verizon or your provider the \$60 a month extra? Use PDAnet and a program on your laptop along with a usb cable to your phone and have access to the internet for free. If you have full scale 3G signal, then you'll achieve DSL speeds of around 2.4mps download. Works great!
19. Microsoft Tag reader, Barcode Reader - reads the Microsoft Tags that are on Microsoft products, showing up in USAtoday articles and many other places. Looks like a colorful

barcode. The Barcode Reader reads bar codes, QR codes and others. You can't go wrong between these two handy apps.

20. CraigsNotifica - A Craigs List Notifier - pick what you want to watch for and what areas and you'll be notified of new items posted from the status bar on the phone. Open the app and read away.
21. I keep the calculator on the main desktop as I'm always figuring out totals and sales tax. It's handy if you use a calculator often.
22. C:Geo - Do you Geocache? Then this is the app for you.
23. ConvertPad is a great conversion program. Very simple to use. Very handy to have.
24. DroidLight uses the LED flash from the camera as a emergency flashlight
25. Missed Call - Separate from standard notifications about a email, text message and more. Individual settings. For example it'll do a simple ding and vibrate if I get a text. And repeat every few minutes until I read it. Set what you want and don't want. Very handy.
26. On the Fly backup - backup all programs to the SD card
27. Some phones have the capability of using a cradle as an accessory. For the Motorola Droids, placing the phone in the cradle will charge it, turn it into a slide show screen, alarm clock, great for PDAnet use too and for transferring pictures and data to your computer and back and for syncing with Double twist.
28. There are many, many more apps coming out each day. The above ones are some I everyday for my business and pleasure. I have (and keep on) evaluated many apps and kept the good and simple ones. Why make life difficult with poorly designed apps? I will add to this list as I come across new and useful programs.

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