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Check Your Android's OS

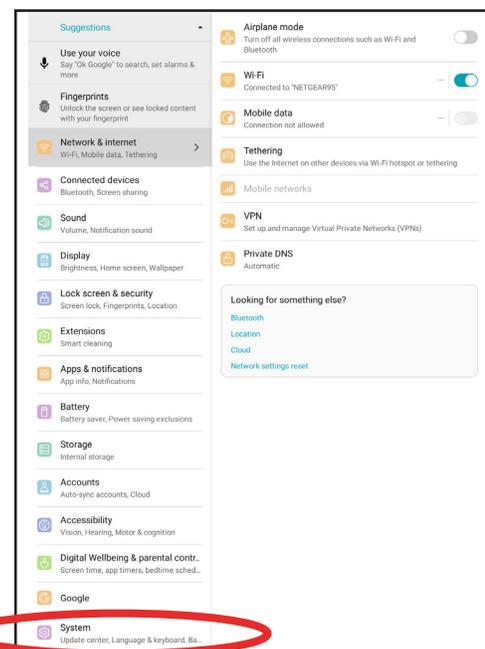


The **operating system, or OS**, is the software that powers your phone or tablet. For Android devices, the **Android version number** tells you about your operating system. Many software updates happen automatically on Androids, but you may also receive notifications to update your operating system. If you ignore the updates, over time, you may run into issues with your apps. Many apps require that your device run an up-to-date Android version. Here's how to check what version your device is running and if it's the most up-to-date.

1 To get started, tap the **Settings** icon on your device.



2 From the Settings menu, tap **System** in the left-hand column.

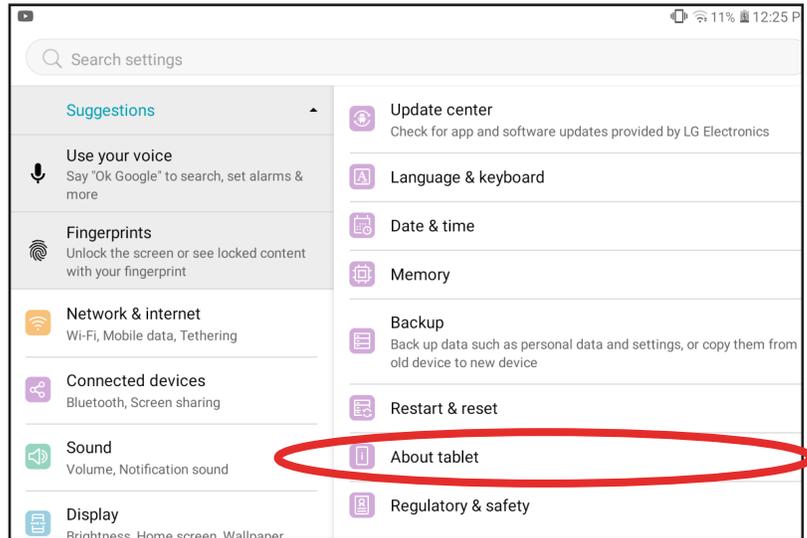


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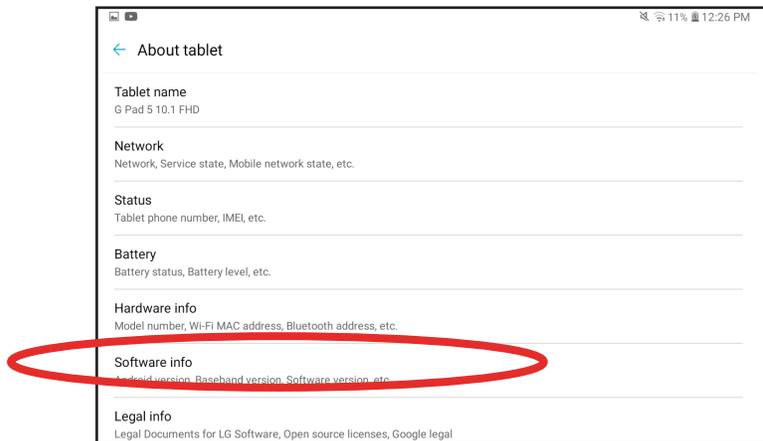


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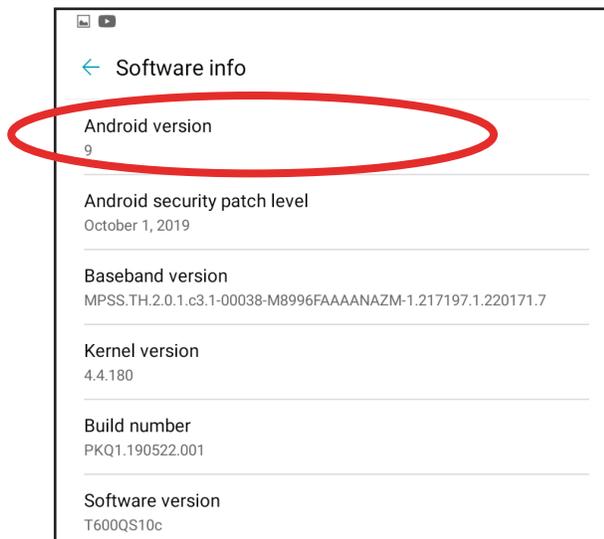
3 Next look for the **About** or **Advanced option**. It might say “About tablet,” “About smartphone,” or “Advanced” depending on the device you’re using.



4 Tap **Software info**.

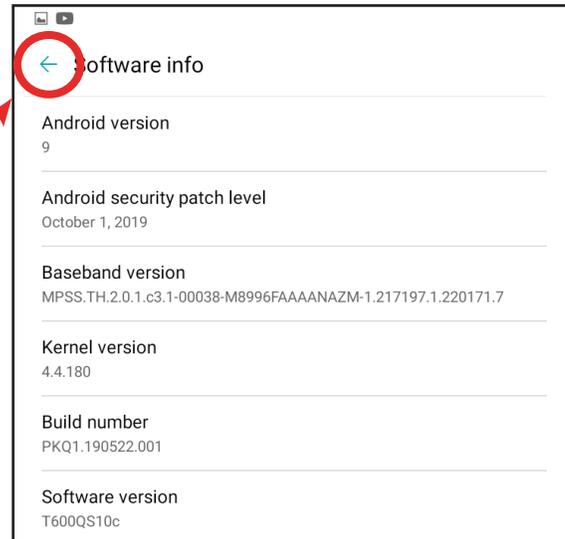


5 On the next screen, you’ll see your Android version number. In this image, the device is running Android version 9.

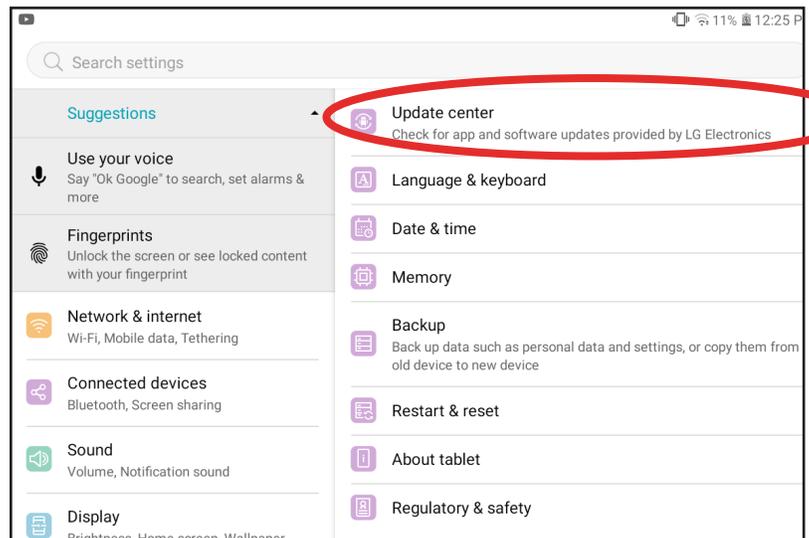


- 6** On some devices, you may also see an option called **System Update**. Select that to see if your Android version is up-to-date.

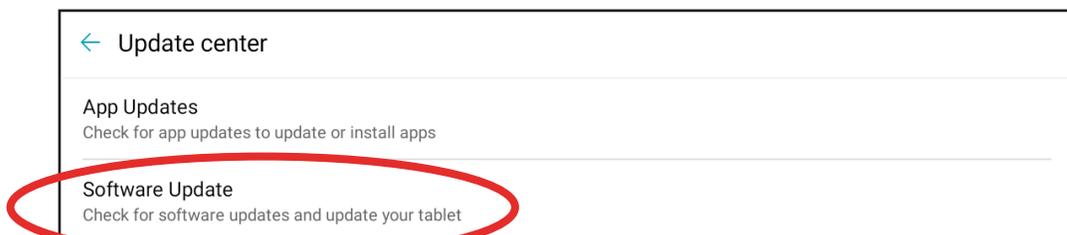
Otherwise, tap the **backward arrow** twice to go back to the System menu within Settings.



- 7** Next tap **Update Center**, at the top of the right-hand column.



- 8** From the Update Center, tap **Software Update**.





- 9** Then tap **Check now for update**.



- 10** Since many Androids update automatically, your OS may already be up-to-date. If so, you'll see a message similar to the one below. Tap OK to return to Settings.

Software Update

You are using the latest software version for current OS.

OK

If an update is available, you'll see a message letting you know and prompting you to follow the steps to download and install it.