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Getting to know your tablet

Features and functions

Your new tablet offers leading, easy-to-access multimedia and entertainment features. You can:

- Access your email while on the move.
- Connect to the Internet, via Wi-Fi or if your tablet includes 3G features.
- Keep in touch with your friends via your Contacts and social networking applications.
- Listen to rich, full-impact audio via Dolby Mobile 2.

Product registration

When using your product for the first time, it is recommended that you immediately register it. This will give you access to some useful benefits, such as:

- Faster service from our trained representatives.
- Membership in the Acer community: receive promotions and participate in customer surveys.
- The latest news from Acer.

Hurry and register, as other advantages await you!

How to register

To register your Acer product, please visit **mobile.acer.com**. Click **Product Registration** and follow the simple instructions.

You can also register directly from your tablet by tapping the **Acer Registration** icon.

After we receive your product registration, you will be sent a confirmation email with important data that you should keep in a safe place.

Setting Up

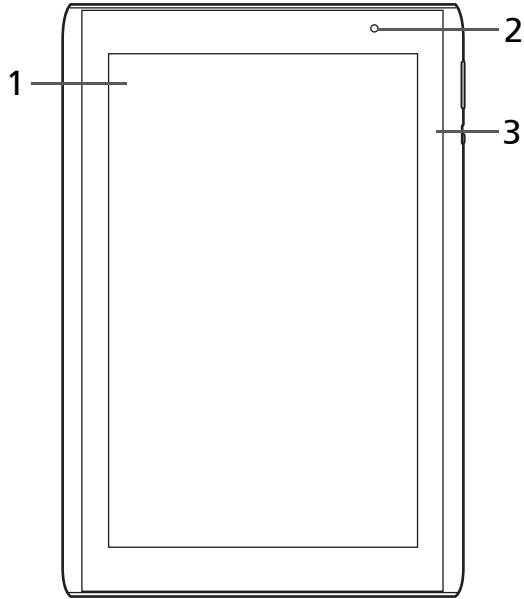
Unpacking your tablet

Your new tablet comes packed in a protective box. Carefully unpack the box and remove the contents. If any of the following items is missing or damaged, contact your dealer immediately:

- Acer ICONIA TAB A500/A501
- Quick Guide
- USB cable
- AC adapter
- Warranty card

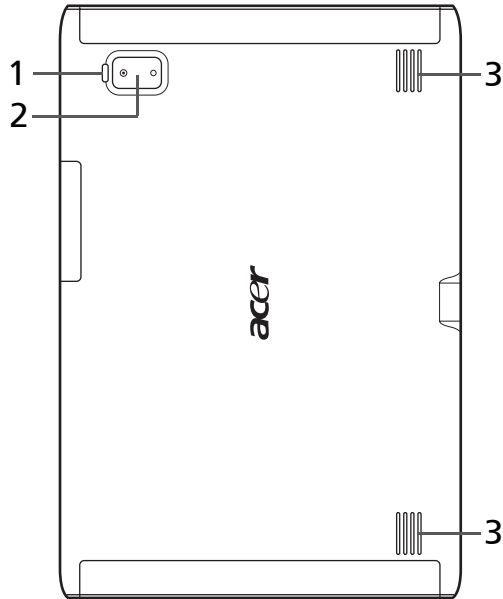
Getting to know your tablet

Front view



No.	Item	Description
1	Touchscreen	10.1-inch, 1280 x 800 pixel capacitive touchscreen.
2	Front-facing camera	A 2-megapixel camera for video chatting and self-portrait images.
3	Light sensor	Detects ambient light and automatically adjusts the screen brightness.

Back view



No.	Item	Description
1	LED flash	Lights to illuminate images.
2	5 MP camera	A 5-megapixel camera for taking high-resolution images.
3	Speakers	Emits stereo audio

Top view



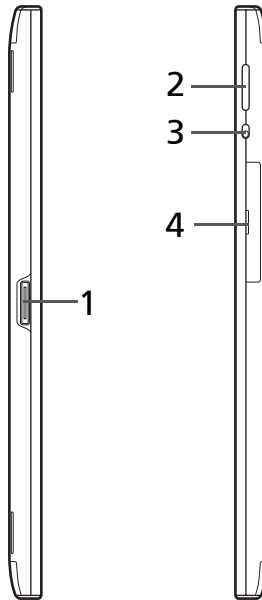
No.	Item	Description
1	Micro HDMI (Type D) connector	Connects to an HDMI cable with a Type D connector.
2	3.5 mm headphone jack	Connect to stereo headphones.
3	Power button	Long press to turn the tablet on, press briefly to turn the screen on/off or enter sleep mode; press and hold to turn the tablet off.

Bottom view



No.	Item	Description
1	Reset button	Insert a small thin object (such as a paperclip) to reset power to the tablet.
2	USB connector (Host)	Connects USB devices to your tablet.
3	Micro USB connector (Slave)	Connects to a computer with a USB cable.
4	DC-in jack	Connects to the DC power supply.

Left and right views



No.	Item	Description
1	Docking port	Connect your tablet to the dock accessory.
2	Volume control key	Increase and decrease the tablet volume.
3	Screen rotation lock switch	Use this switch to lock the screen rotation or allow the screen to match the tablet's orientation.

No.	Item	Description
4	Card slot cover	<p>Insert a micro SD Card into the slot under this cover.</p> <p>See "Inserting a micro SD card (optional)" on page 25.</p> <p><i>An optional SIM card slot allows you to access the Internet if you have a cellular data subscription.</i></p>

Using the SIM card slot (optional)

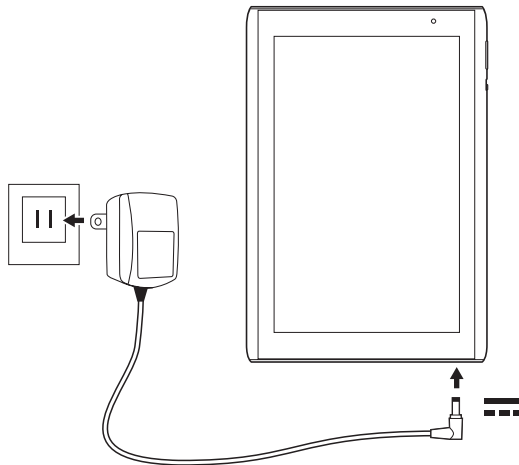
Certain tablets include a SIM slot for internet access. To take full advantage of your tablet's Internet capabilities, you should install a SIM card with data subscription *before* turning on your tablet.

See "Installing a SIM card (optional)" on page 54.

Charging your tablet

For first-time use, you need to charge your tablet for eight hours. After that you can recharge the battery as needed.

Connect the DC-in jack to your tablet and plug the AC adapter into any AC outlet.



Note: It is normal for the tablet surface to become warm during charging or long periods of use.

Using Your Tablet

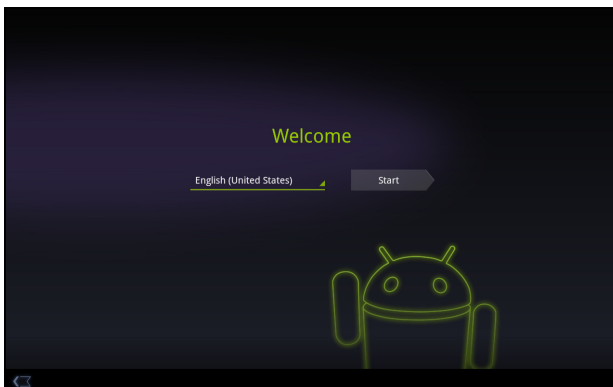


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Turning on for the first time

To turn on your tablet for the first time, press and hold the power button for a few seconds. You will then be asked some questions before you can use your tablet.

To start, tap to select your language, then tap **Start**. Follow the rest of the instructions as they are displayed.



Sign in to or create a Google account

If you have Internet access, your tablet allows you to synchronize information with a Google account.

During the start-up process, you may create or sign in to an account, which will be used to synchronize your contact list, email, calendar and other information. If you do not yet have Internet access, or do not want to use this feature, then tap **Skip**.



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Important: You must sign into a Google Account to use Gmail, Google Talk, Google Calendar, and other Google Apps; to download applications from Android Market; to back up your settings to Google servers; and to take advantage of other Google services on your tablet.
If you want to restore existing settings from another device with Android 2.0 (or later) installed, you must sign into your Google account during setup. If you wait until after setup is complete, your settings will not be restored.
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Creating multiple Google accounts

You can create and easily access multiple Google accounts. Tap **Apps > Settings > Accounts & sync > Add account**.

Activating a new SIM card and PIN (3G models only)

If you are using a SIM card for the first time, it may require activation. Contact your network operator for details on how to do this.

When you install a SIM card for the first time, you may need to enter a PIN.



Important: Depending on your settings, you may be required to enter your PIN each time you switch on the phone function.

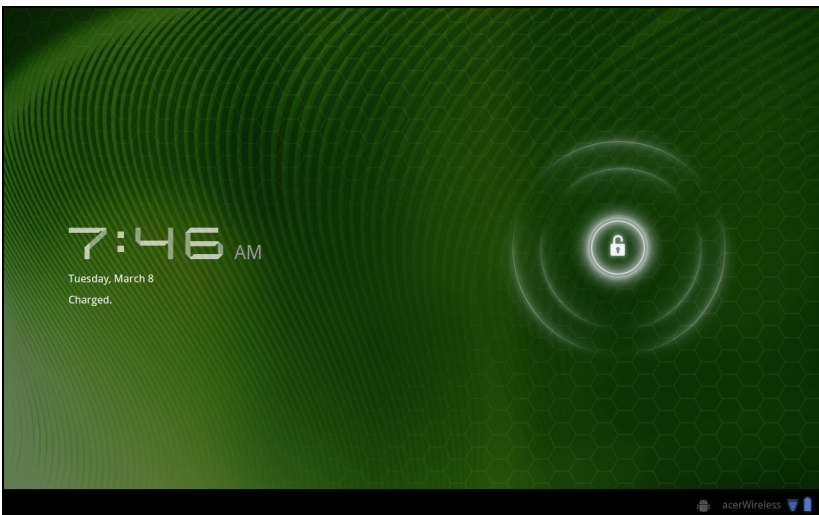
Locking your tablet

If you will not use your tablet for a while, briefly press the power button to lock access. This saves power and ensures your tablet does not unintentionally use any services. Your tablet will lock automatically if it is not used after a while. To set the delay, tap **Apps > Settings > Screen > Timeout**.

Waking your tablet

If the screen is off and the tablet does not react to any taps on the screen, then it has been locked and is in sleep mode.

To wake your tablet, press the power button. Your tablet will display the Lock screen. Drag the lock symbol to the edge of the circle to unlock the tablet.



For additional security, you may set a code or number that must be entered to access the phone, such as an unlock pattern (a set of dots that must be tapped

in the correct order). Open the Home screen and tap **Apps > Settings > Location & security > Configure lock screen**.



Note: If you forget an unlock pattern or PIN, please refer to **“Unlock pattern”** on page 63.

Using the touchscreen

Your tablet uses a touchscreen for selecting items and entering information. Use your finger to tap the screen.

Tap: Touch the screen once to open items and select options.

Drag: Hold your finger on the screen and drag across the screen to select text and images.

Tap and hold: Tap and hold an item to see a list of actions available for that item. On the pop-up menu that appears, tap the action you want to perform.

Scroll: To scroll up or down the screen, simply drag your finger up or down the screen in the direction that you want to scroll.

The Home screen

When you start your tablet, or wake it from power saving, it will display the Home screen. This screen gives you quick access to information and simple controls with **widgets** or shortcuts. These display information such as the time or weather, or provide additional controls or direct access to applications. Some have been pre-installed on your tablet, while others may be downloaded from the Android Market.

The Home screen already features some useful controls and information.



Search

To search for applications, files or for information on the Internet, tap the **Google / Search** icon in the top-left corner.



Simply enter the text you want to find. Tap the arrow or Enter key to search the Internet, or tap one of the suggestions, applications or files shown in the list.



Note: In order to search or browse the Internet, you must be connected to a cellular data or wireless network.

Voice search

If voice search is available, tap the microphone and speak your search request. See “Voice Search” on page 29.



Navigation

To navigate through menus and options, three (or more) icons are shown in the bottom-left corner.



↑ Back ↑ Home ↑ Recent

Back

Tap this icon to go to the previous page, or to go up one level in a menu. This icon may be replaced with the *hide* icon in certain cases (such as if the keyboard or list of recent applications is shown).



Hide

Home

Tap this icon to go directly to the Home screen.

Recent

Tap this icon to see recently opened applications. Tap an application to open it, or tap anywhere on the screen to return to the Home screen.



Settings

This icon is displayed in some applications. Tap this icon to open a list of options.



The extended Home screen

The Home screen extends to either side of the initial Home screen, giving you more room to add widgets or features. To view the extended Home screen, swipe your finger to the left or right.

A total of five pages are available, two to the left and two to the right. To change or add widgets on any of the screens see **“Personalizing the Home screen”** on page 20.



The application menu

The application menu displays applications installed on your tablet.

Two categories are available **All** and **My apps**. **All** displays all applications that are installed on your tablet; **My apps** displays applications that you have installed from the Android Market.



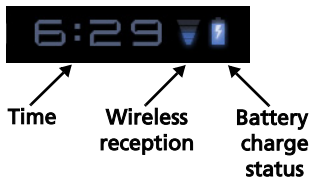
Applications are displayed in alphabetical order. If more applications are available, an outline of the second page will be shown on the side of the screen. Swipe the outline towards the center of the screen to switch pages.

Tap and hold an icon to add a shortcut to one of your Home screens. While a shortcut is selected, thumbnails of the Home screens are shown below the list of applications, simply drag the shortcut to a screen.

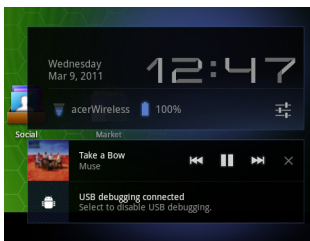
Notification area

The Notification area is in the bottom-right corner of the screen.

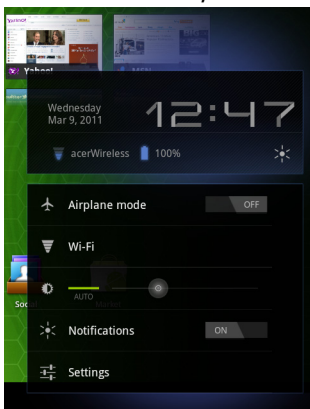
This area contains a variety of icons to inform you of your tablet's status. The icons on the right side indicate connectivity and battery status. The left side of the Notification area displays the time and may show event icons.



Tap the **Notification** area to view more information. To see more information about an event, tap the event icon.



Tap the notification area again to view more controls. While viewing an event, tap the summary to see more information, if available.














































Notification event icons



Note: Network connection icons are blue if you have an active Google account.

Icon	Description	Icon	Description
	Connected to GPRS network		Roaming
	GPRS in use		No signal

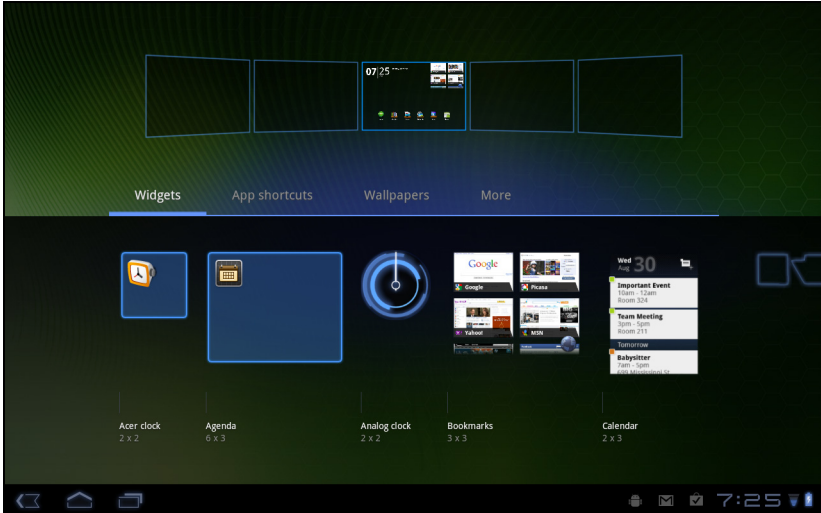
Icon	Description	Icon	Description
	Connected to EDGE network		SIM card is invalid or not installed
	EDGE in use		Vibrate mode
	Connected to 3G network		Speaker is silenced
	3G in use		Tablet microphone is off
	Cellular signal strength		Battery is very low
	Connected to a wireless network		Battery is low
	Bluetooth is on		Battery is partially drained
	Connected to a Bluetooth device		Battery is full
	Airplane mode (wireless connectivity disconnected)		Battery is charging
	An open wireless network is available		GPS is on
	Alarm is set		Receiving location data from GPS
	New Gmail message		More notifications
	New/unread SMS/MMS		Syncing data
	Problem with sending SMS/MMS		Problem with sign-in or sync
	New Google Talk message		Song is playing
	Upcoming event		Uploading data
	SD card or USB storage is full		Downloading data
	Tablet is connected to PC via USB		Download finished
	USB tethering is activated		Connected to or disconnected from virtual private network (VPN)
	Wireless tethering is activated		Carrier data use threshold exceeded
	USB and wireless tethering are activated		Application update available
	System update available		

Personalizing the Home screen

You may personalize your Home screen by adding or removing application shortcuts or widgets, and by changing the wallpaper.

Adding or removing shortcuts or widgets

To add shortcuts or widgets, tap and hold anywhere on the Home screen to open the **Add to Home** screen.



Tap **Widgets** to see small applications that you can add to a Home screen. Widgets are small applications display constantly-updated information or quick shortcuts to applications or special functions.

Tap **Applications** to open a list of shortcuts to applications and settings you can drag to a Home screen.

Tap **Wallpapers** to change the current wallpaper. You can choose from a set of pre-formatted wallpapers, images stored in the Gallery, or Live wallpapers featuring animated or interactive backgrounds.

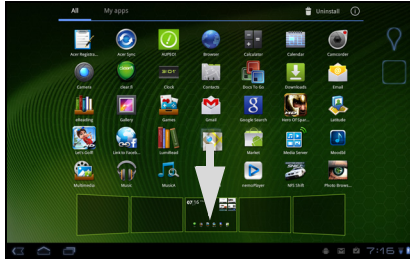
Tap **More** to add icons, shortcuts, 'groups' of contacts or links to specific settings.

To move any item on the Home screen, tap and hold the item until it is selected. You may drag the item to any free area on the screen. To move the item to a different home screen, drag it to the side of the screen, the Home screen will switch to the screen in that direction. Release the item when it is positioned correctly.

To remove an item from the Home screen, tap and hold the item until the trash icon appears in the top-right corner of the screen. Simply drag the item to the trash icon.

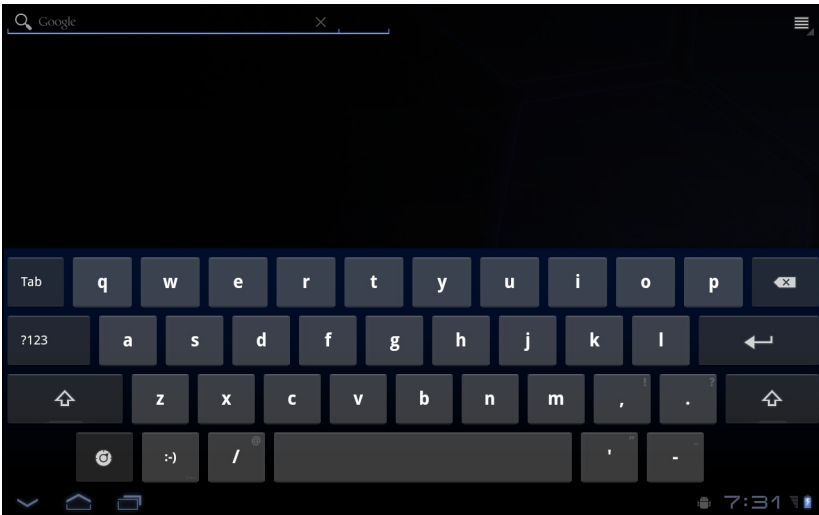
Adding shortcuts from the Application menu

You can add shortcuts to the Home screen directly from the application menu. Open the Application menu then tap and hold an icon until an image of the Home screens appears. Drag the icon to a Home screen to create a shortcut.



The onscreen keyboard

When you tap a text box to enter text, an onscreen keyboard will appear. Simply tap on keys to enter text.



Tap the **123** button to see numbers and special characters, and then tap the **More** key to see more options. Tap and hold a key to select alternative characters, such as letters with accents.

The layout of the keyboard varies slightly, depending on the application and information that is required.

Changing Android keyboard settings

To use a different keyboard language or change settings, tap the **Input options** key, then select either **Input languages** or **Android keyboard**



settings. These settings include Auto-correction and keyboard sounds and vibration.

Predictive text or auto correction

The Android keyboard can provide predictive text input. As you tap the letters of a word, a selection of words are displayed that continue the sequence of letters tapped, or are a close match allowing for errors. The word list changes after every key press. If the word you need is displayed, you can tap on it to insert it into your text.

To turn predictive text on or off with the Android keyboard, tap the **Input options** key, and then **Android keyboard settings**. Tap **Auto correction** or **Show correction suggestions** and select one of the options.

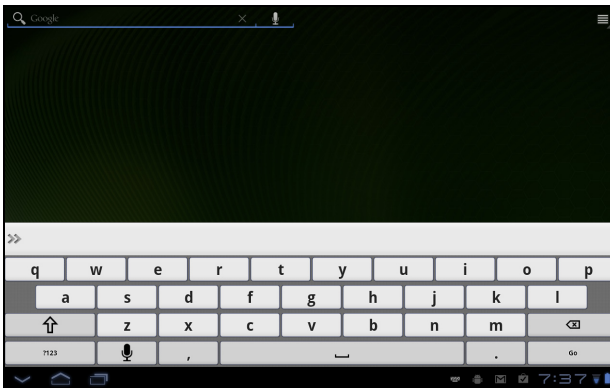
Changing the keyboard

To use a different keyboard type, tap the **Keyboard notification** icon; this will open a menu listing the text input methods available on your tablet. Tap your preferred input method.

Typically three options are available: two types of **Android Keyboard** (keyboard and voice) and **XT9 Text Input**.

XT9 Text Input

The XT9 keyboard provides an alternative to the standard Android keyboard.



Tap the **?123** button to see numbers and special characters, and then tap the **Alt** key to see more options. Tap and hold a key, if three dots are visible in the bottom-right corner of the preview, you can release the key to select alternative characters, such as letters with accents.

Additional keys vary depending on the type of text you enter. E.g. a key to add a smiley is available when typing a text message. Like other keys, tap and hold to see if additional options are available.

Text assistance

The standard XT9 keyboard has various features that assist you to enter correct text. To use these features, tap the **Keyboard notification** icon; this will open a menu listing the text input methods available on your tablet. Tap the settings icon next the **XT9 Text Input** entry.

Function	Description
Languages and settings	Set the languages that will be available. If you have selected more than one keyboard language, tap the globe in the text prediction bar to cycle through the languages.
Preferences	Change your text input preferences.

Penpower Input Method (only available in certain regions)

The Penpower Input Method allows you to draw letters and characters on the screen, one at a time.

Draw the character in the rectangle that appears on the screen. After a short delay, a selection of characters will be proposed below the input area. Tap a character to enter it into the text.

Draw a letter in the **Abc** rectangle to limit the proposed characters to the alphabet, or in the **12#** rectangle to limit the proposed characters to numbers or text symbols.

Tap the circle and triangle symbol to expand the input area so that it takes the whole screen. Tap the **Abc** or **12#** keys to display a keyboard.



Tap and hold the settings symbol and select **Input Method Settings**, or from the Home screen tap **Menu > Settings > Language & input > Configure input methods > Penpower Input Method**, to access text entry settings.



Editing text

You can select and edit text in certain applications, such as text you have entered in a text fields. Selected text can be cut or copied and later pasted within the same application, or to a differentor across apps.



Note: Certain applications may not support text selection, or only support it in certain areas. Others applications offer specialized commands to select text that are only available in that application.

Inserting text

1. Tap the text you want to select. If you can select this text, a cursor is inserted below the text.



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Note: The cursor is a blinking vertical bar that indicates where text you type or paste will be inserted.
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2. If the cursor is not in the desired position, simply drag it to the correct position
If you previously copied (see below) text, a *Paste* button appears briefly above the cursor. Tap the button to paste the text.
3. Modify the text: Type, paste or delete text.
4. Tap Enter on the keyboard, or tap the **Close Keyboard** button.

Selecting text

To select text that you want to cut, copy, delete or replace:

1. Tap and hold the text or word you want to select.
The selected text is highlighted, with a tab at each end of the selection.
2. Drag either tab to expand or reduce the amount of selected text, or tap **Select all**.
3. To cut or copy the text, tap the **Cut** or **Copy** button.

Connections

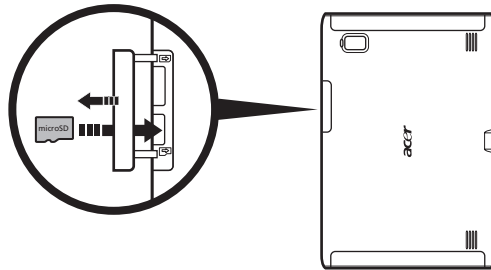
Connecting to AC power

See "Charging your tablet" on page 12.

Inserting a micro SD card (optional)

You may install a micro SD card to expand your device's storage space.

1. Turn off the tablet by pressing and holding the power button.
2. Insert the micro SD card as shown.



3. Replace the card slot cover.



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Note: Ensure that the micro SD card is inserted all the way into the card slot.
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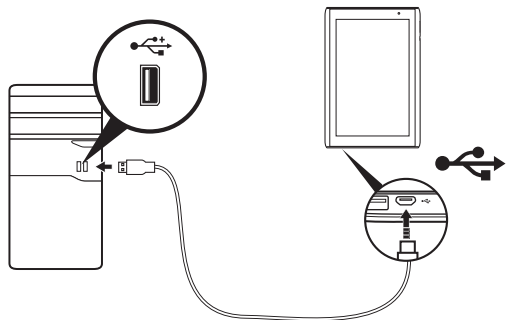


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Caution: Before removing the card, make sure your device is not using data on the card.
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Connecting to a PC with USB

Download and install the latest USB driver on your computer before connecting your tablet to the computer. Visit www.acer.com/worldwide/support/download.htm for the latest driver.

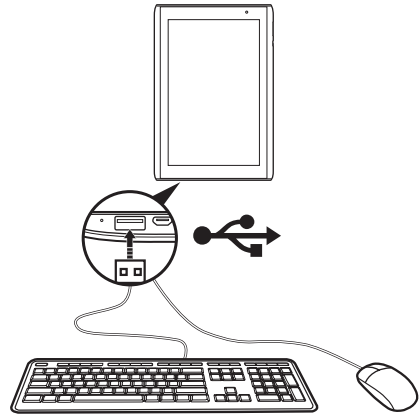
This allows you to transfer your personal data to the PC. Plug the micro USB connector to your tablet, and plug the other end of the USB cable into a USB port on your PC.



Connecting a USB device

USB devices are supported, such as a keyboard, through the Host USB port.

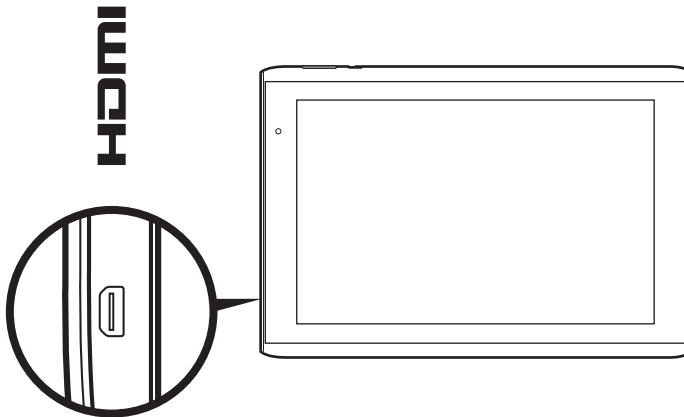
Access media files on USB storage with installed photo, music or video applications.



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Caution: Before removing USB storage, make sure your device is not using data on the USB storage device.
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Connecting to a television with HDMI

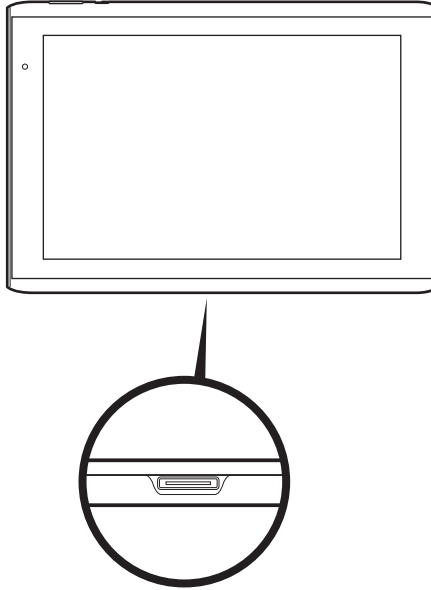
Connect a micro HDMI (Type D) cable to your tablet then plug the other end of the HDMI cable into a TV or monitor with an HDMI port.



Connecting to the dock (optional)

The optional dock holds your tablet and allows you to easily charge the battery with a single connection.

The dock provides extra connectors that replace your tablet's built-in connectors while it is docked. Please check the dock's specifications for the exact features provided.



Going Online

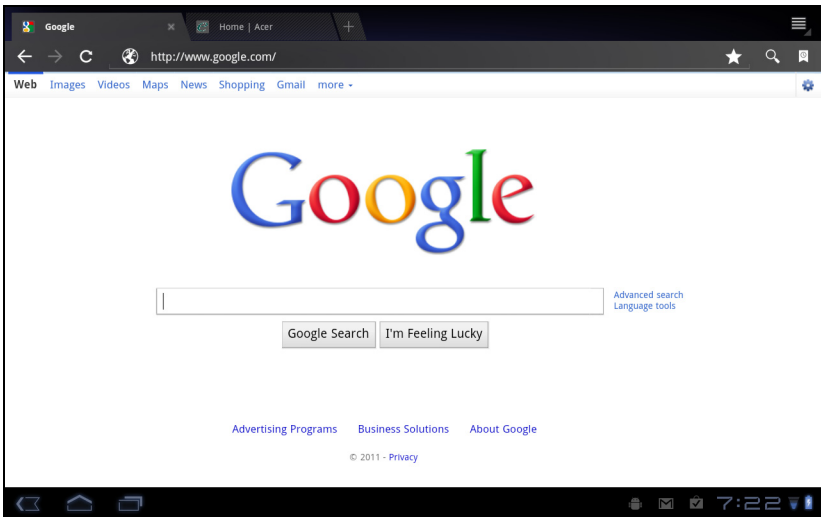
Browsing the Internet

In order to browse the Internet with your tablet, you must be connected to a cellular data or wireless network.

Using the browser

To start browsing, tap a bookmark from the bookmark widget on the Home screen, or open the Application menu and select **Browser**. To enter a website address, tap the address box at the top of the page. Enter the address using the keyboard and tap **Enter** or the Go arrow.

To view your browsing history, bookmarks or frequently visited sites, open the browser then tap the bookmark icon in the top-right corner.



You may open multiple tabs. When a page is open, press the small tab with a plus sign. Simply tap one of the tabs across the top of the screen to switch pages.



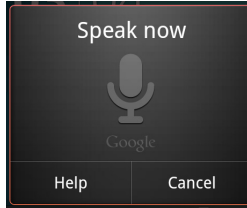
Pinch to zoom in or out of pages. Tap and hold an item on a page to open a contextual menu.

Voice Search

With voice actions, you can send text messages, place calls, send emails, find directions to locations, automatically call establishments, search the Internet and even send a note to yourself using your voice. Tap the microphone on the Home screen or open **Voice Search** from the applications tab. When the "Speak now" prompt is displayed, state your command or query.



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Note: Voice search is available only in some regions.
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Setting up your Google email

1. Make sure your tablet is connected to a cellular data or Wi-Fi connection.
2. From the Applications menu tap **Gmail**.

If you did not enter an Gmail account address and password when you first started your phone, follow the on screen instructions.



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Note: You need to activate a Google account before you can use Gmail.
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Composing an email

1. Make sure your tablet is connected to a data or Wi-Fi connection.
2. Open the application menu and tap **Gmail**.
3. Press the **Menu** button and then tap **Compose**.
4. Enter the recipient's email address, the subject and message.
5. When you are finished composing your message, tap **Send**.

Setting up the Email application

The Email application enables you to access email from most popular email providers. Most accounts can be set up in two steps. Open the application menu and then tap **Email** to start setting up your email access.

If necessary, enter your email address and tap **Manual setup** to enter the parameters manually. Tap **Next** to finish the setup process.

The combined inbox feature of your tablet allows you to view emails from multiple accounts in a single inbox.

Online applications

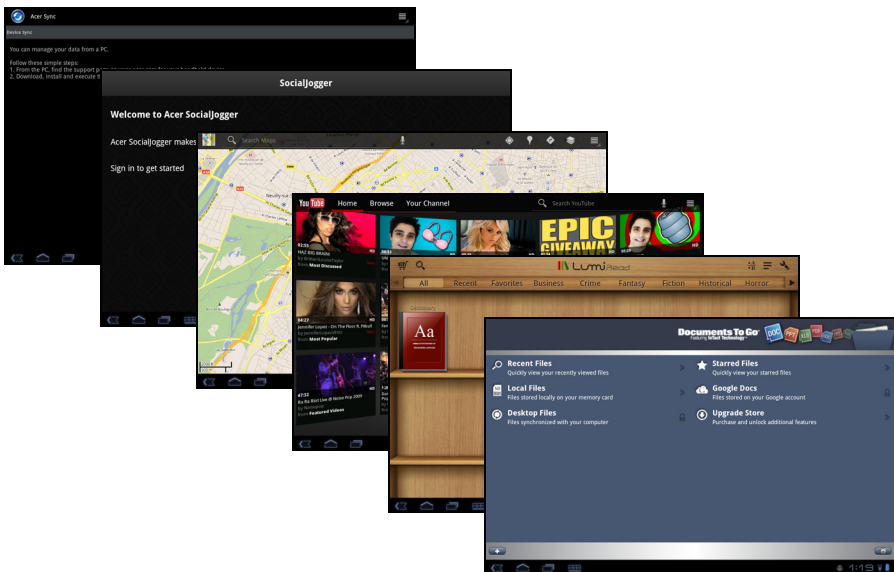
Your tablet provides a variety of preinstalled applications. Many of these require some form of Internet access.

These applications may include:

- **Acer Sync:** Sync your data between your tablet, your computer and the Google servers.
- **SocialJogger:** View updates to your social networks in one location.
- **Maps:** Get easy-to-follow directions using Google Maps.
- **Google Talk*:** Chat with your friends, with text, sound and video.
- **Navigation*:** Turn-by-turn navigation with live traffic, multiple visible layers and text-to-speech take you where you want to go.
- **Latitude:** View where your friends are on Google Maps.
- **Places:** View places of interest and local businesses on Google Maps.
- **YouTube*:** View the Most viewed and Most discussed video clips on YouTube.
- **LumiRead:** Download books from featured bookstores, and setup convenient links to your favorite ebook sites.
- **AudioM:** Let your tablet listen to music and access the AudioM database to find the track name and artist.
- **Documents To Go:** Open a wide range of files, such as PDFs or Word documents.



* **Note:** Applications installed may vary according to your region.



More applications are described below: