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Alarm app for android phones

We see a lot of cool apps in the land of Android - apps that use the flexible nature of the platform to do innovative things you won't find in any other mobile operating system. The Bubble link is one of the most brilliant examples I've seen in a long time. The app, launched yesterday by developer Chris Lacy (the guy behind Action Launcher), really has the potential to change the way you use your phone or tablet. In short, it acts as a companion to an ordinary mobile browser, intelligently handling all links opened from other applications. It sounds a little strange, I realize. But when you use it, you'll be amazed at how clever the approach is. And if you're something like me, you'll wonder how something that makes sense has never existed before. Let's say you're using a Google+ app and, for example, tap a link. Usually, your device throws you out of Google+, loads Chrome, and then loads the website while you watch and wait. (I use Google+ in this example, but the same can be said for Facebook, the Twitter client, or almost any app where you open external links.) In the Connect bubbles box, the page starts loading in the background as soon as you tap the link, and then pulls up in the overlay window when it's ready to appear. No waiting, no interruption of work and no wasting time. You can collapse the page down and move the Link Bubble wheel anywhere on the screen if you want to save it for later. And if you prefer to save a link to a service like Pocket or share it with another app on your device, you can just tap the circle and then drag it to the appropriate shortcut. You can even do this before you finish loading the page if you want. You can tap multiple links and let them load using the bubble link, then do what you do and display the pages in the overlay windows when - and you - are ready. One of the cool advantages of link bubble site is that it also eliminates jumping back and forth that sometimes happens when you tap a link in the app - like when you tap a YouTube or Google Play link on Twitter and watch it first open in your browser and then ping to the right destination. The Bubble link skips this extra step and simply takes you directly to where you want to go. You almost have to see it in action to appreciate the full range of how it works. Watch this demo video: To be clear, Link Bubble is not intended to replace a regular browser, but rather to complement and work with its functionality. You won't open the bubble link to start a new browsing session, for example; it just jumps into handling links open from inside other apps in a more elegant way. The main Link Bubble app is free. In order to make full use of all its features, you will need to pony up five for the Pro license key. I highly recommend giving it a whirlwind. RELATED READING: • 8 amazing apps you'll find just for Android • Android Power 3 favorite things for February 2014 • How to Like Custom Gmail alerts on any Android device Copyright © 2014 IDG Communications, Inc Samsung's Compass hides in the edge panel Now some big brands will include a compass app or feature on their phones - for example, Samsung has a Quick Tools edge panel, with a compass widget embedded directly on it, while the latest and greatest Huawei have their own separate Compass app. If you're not sure if you have it on your phone, do a quick search - the easiest way to find apps is to tap the Google search widget on your home screen and type your compass. Otherwise, check if the app drawer has a search bar, or just look for the app manually if you dare to do so. Anyway, Android time doesn't have its own compass app, so chances are high you may be missing one. But hey, there's an app for everything! In fact, here's the whole list that includes some of the best compass apps for Android: Compass Galaxy is currently the highest rated compass app in the Google Play Store. It has nice styling and is ad-free and performs only the most basic function of the compass. We would at least like to be able to show your direction when you hold your phone vertically, but nevertheless, if you don't need any ringtones and whistles, this app perfectly suits your needs. Download Compass Galaxy for Android Only compass also has a very clean and simple interface, but it has some additional features. Using data from your phone's location services (if you allow it), the app will show you the altitude, exact latitude and longitude, and sunrise and sunset time. All this can be very useful when hiking in the mountains. Download Compass Only for Android Smart Compass for Android is another app we recommend if you want more advanced features. In addition to the usual compass functions, it also allows you to oversauch a compass on Google Maps and even have it on the video channel from the rear camera of your smartphone. Why? Well, if you hold the phone vertically, you will see a sight indicating the exact direction in which you need to go to follow the shown degree. Wise, right? If you prefer to save battery, you can turn off the camera feature from the settings menu. And if you like the app, consider supporting its developer. The Pro Smart Compass version (\$0.99) adds a speedometer and the ability to send GPS coordinates via SMS or email. Download Smart Compass for Android Another option, if you like a more modern, white to black digital compass, check out Compass by R. Apps. It does not have a function, but it looks nice and is accurate. What this app offers is that most compass applications are not level, which allows you to check whether the shelves are aligned or if the countertop is perfectly flat. Download Compass by R. Apps for AndroidBut before you will use the compass app efficiently, you need to calibrate your phone's magnetic sensor. Most apps will remind you to do it from the very beginning will not disturb you at all. Either way, they all use the same calibration technique. To calibrate your Android phone's magnetometer when you launch the compass app you want, hold it down and slide it as Figure 8. A few turns should do the right things. During calibration, make sure you are far from computers, electric fans, Wi-Fi routers or other electronics, as they may interfere with the magnetic sensor and its readings. Metal is also not welcome, so remove any rings or jewelry that are close to your phone. So now the digital compass should be pointing (quite accurately) towards the North Pole. And that's it! You are set for your outdoor adventures! At some point during the day (or even at night), most of us need an alarm for one reason or another: wake up to work, go out for a meeting or something else. Whatever the reason, the smartphone almost completely killed the alarm clock market at this point - if you're going to wake up on the phone, then you might as well do it right, right? Best for most people: Stock Alarm App It's probably not much shocking, but when it comes to the best alarm clock, the one that's already on your phone is a pretty solid option for most people. Almost every time clock out there allows users to set multiple alarms so they can have a different time each day if they want and even multiple alarms a day. Most of them also include stopwatches and clocks, making them basically a one-stop shop for the time stuff. It's also worth noting that if you're tired of the stock clock but want something simple, you can also install Google's default clock - that's what's on your Nexus and Pixel devices. Of course, these action options lack more advanced features, but that's why we have other options in this list! Best for advanced features: Timely If the timer doesn't do it for you and leaves you wanting more of the wake-up experience, there's another - probably better - option. Enter on time. Timely is an extremely attractive application that includes a unique (and noteworthy) feature: cloud sync. It essentially connects to your Google Account and syncs alarms across all your devices - you can create new alerts on any device and then turn them on or off on all your devices. Even if you only have two Android devices - such as a phone and tablet - it's a good idea to have time. But its usefulness does not end there. In fact, Timely has a lot going for him by way of customization- it's all simple things, but certainly features that make it a powerful alarm clock. For example, you can set a Challenge that must be completed before the alarm can be muted. It can be something simple, like shaking your phone or more complex tasks like solving math problems, moving pattern or playing a small match game. Definitely a good way to make your brain work so you can wake up. You can also set up a Smart Rise that wakes you up using your sleep cycle Basically, 30 minutes before the regular alarm goes off, a slowly fading melody will slowly start to wake you up. The idea is to wake up naturally, so you don't want to set the world on fire when you wake up suddenly. Otherwise, you can configure on time the way you want. You can change the length of the alarm fade, how long the alarm will snooch (and even shorten the duration of more snoozing times!), use the volume buttons to put down the device, or set the Challenge to be required even to nap your phone. It's good for chronic snoozers (like me). If I were to pick one annoying thing about Timely, it is that you can't use a random tone from the list. Personally, I get used to the same tone every day, so in the end it doesn't wake me up anymore. I need some flavor in my alarm sounds, y'all. It's also worth mentioning that Google actually bought Bitspin, the creators of Timely, almost three years ago. Most people at the time expected the Timely feature to appear in Google Clock magazine, but that didn't happen yet. Although Timely hasn't seen an update in a long time as a result of the purchase, it still works perfectly and looks great, making it one of the best alarm clocks. I hope that one day Google will bake its cloud sync features in its clock. These are not the only options to check if you are looking for a new alarm clock. The delicate alarm, though hideously outdated when it comes to design, is full of useful and interesting features. Rock Clock- the official alarm dwayne The Rock Johnson- is a fun (but indeed unique and amazing) alarm app worth checking out. Almost all of the apps listed here are free, except for Gentle Alarm (which offers a free trial). So you can really just try them all if you want. You really have nothing to lose. Really.

