Subject: Using your phone
Posted by cwemoy on Mon, 27 Jun 2016 06:36:38 GMT
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A friend of mine once told me that you can use your phone as a remote control for your audio system, laptop or television. Is there an app that enables a person to do this?

Subject: Re: Using your phone
Posted by Lizah on Fri, 15 Jul 2016 12:14:45 GMT
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There are a few different apps out there that allow you to turn your phone into a universal remote, but I think that you need some other Bluetooth-like device to go along with it. I know that these definitely work for TVs and gaming systems, but I'm not sure about home stereo systems.

Subject: Re: Using your phone
Posted by moss24 on Sun, 17 Jul 2016 15:56:50 GMT
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Hey Lizah, it looks like something that can easily interfere with the phone's functioning, especially if the phone has a small memory. Can this work on an iPhone?

Subject: Re: Using your phone
Posted by Yurimi on Thu, 21 Jul 2016 10:21:14 GMT
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I have heard that it's possible to do with Android, but not with iPhone. Some Android phones have default app inside it which can turn the phone into universal remote without any additional devices. I doubt its reliability, though.

Subject: Re: Using your phone
Posted by cwemoy on Thu, 21 Jul 2016 17:07:08 GMT
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Yurimi, I almost thought so too. People may look at this as an inconvenience but overall, I think the iPhone still stands in a class of its own.

Subject: Re: Using your phone
Posted by Flixe on Mon, 20 Feb 2017 02:10:31 GMT
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Yes, a lot of Android devices do have a universal remote feature due to having a built in infrared receiver. I personally have an LG G Flex smartphone and use the LG Smart Remote app to control a lot of my home appliances: televisions, a DVD player, an air conditioner in the summer, and my home stereo system. Most of these apps support hundreds of brands/product so you can configure to your needs. I think it's definitely one great benefit of the Android platform.

Subject: Re: Using your phone
Posted by Vernon on Mon, 20 Feb 2017 22:30:22 GMT
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This is amazing. I didn't even know that was possible. Does that mean that you have to have particular appliances that are designed to work with the phone?

Subject: Re: Using your phone
Posted by Hylo on Tue, 21 Feb 2017 17:08:24 GMT
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Vernon wrote on Mon, 20 February 2017 16:30This is amazing. I didn't even know that was possible. Does that mean that you have to have particular appliances that are designed to work with the phone? No, but you need a phone with the right hardware. Some of them have the hardware built in to act as remotes for systems. Add the right App (like Universal TV Remote) and instant remote!

Subject: Re: Using your phone
Posted by Lily on Fri, 24 Feb 2017 02:31:32 GMT
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I can totally see how this would work, but would it work as well as an actual remote, or would it be prone to 'bugs' and stuff like that?

Subject: Re: Using your phone
Posted by Miami on Fri, 24 Feb 2017 18:34:09 GMT
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This is something worth looking into. I could totally use a remote to turn on my laptop. It would be a total time saver in some instances.

Subject: Re: Using your phone
Posted by vhfspeeks on Sat, 25 Feb 2017 16:14:07 GMT
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Miami wrote on Fri, 24 February 2017 12:34This is something worth looking into. I could totally use a remote to turn on my laptop. It would be a total time saver in some instances.If your laptop doesn't already have a remote it might not work. Most of the apps are meant to let your phone replace an existing remote.

If you want to turn devices on and off automatically and don't have the funds for echo or google home, there's always IFTTT, although be careful of the security on that!