

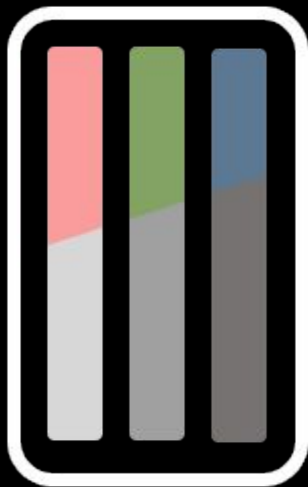


minimalist phone -
Monochrome mode activation

Expected duration – 10 min.



Why is activation on PC needed?



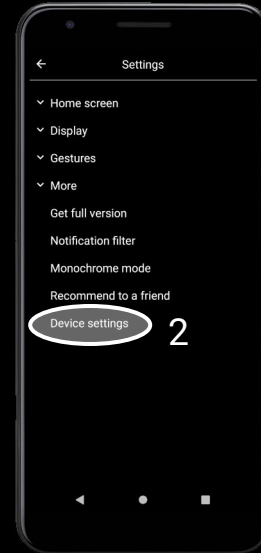
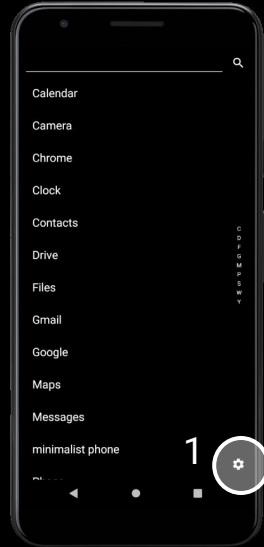
To activate monochrome mode, the minimalist phone application needs a special permission that cannot be directly granted on the phone — but only from a Windows PC or a Mac.

We have tried our best to give you easy step-by-step instruction on how to proceed.

If you have any questions or feedback, reach out to hello@minimalistphone.com

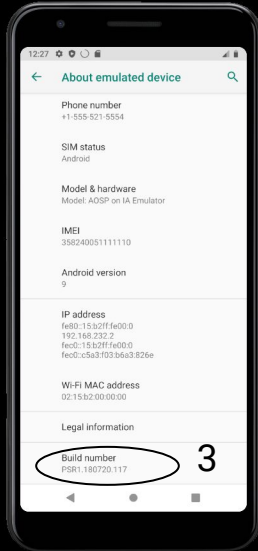


Navigate to your phone's settings





Navigate to “Build number” item



3. Find item called “Build number”

Easiest way:

→ Search in your settings for “Build number”

Manual way:

→ Press “About phone”

→ Or just “System” then “About phone” (for Huawei)

→ Or “About Phone” then “Software information” (for Samsung)

4. Keep pressing “Build number” (approximately 10x) until you see message stating “You are now a developer”



Navigate to “Developer options”

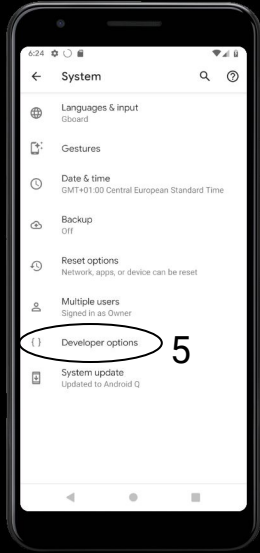
5. Find item called “Developer options”

Easiest way:

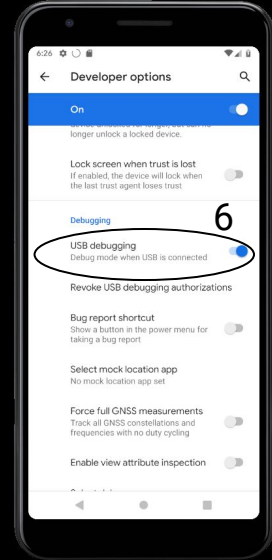
→ Search in your settings for “Developer options”

Manual way:

- Press “System” then “Advanced” then “Developer options”
- Or “System” then “Developer options” (for Huawei)
- Or go directly to “Developer options” on top level (for Samsung)



6. Under “Developer options” find “USB debugging” and activate it
For **Xiaomi, Redmi or Oppo** phones activate also “USB debugging (Security settings)” if available.



For **Realme or OnePlus** phones activate “Disable Permission Monitoring” in developer settings if available.

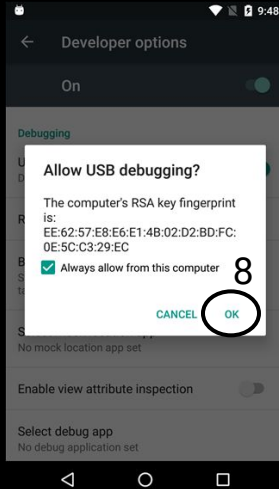


Next: Go to your Windows PC

For MacOS instructions see [slide 9](#)



Connect your phone to a PC



7. Connect phone to PC using USB cable

(make sure you use a cable that supports data connection — we recommend using the USB cable that came with your phone)

8. Unlock your phone

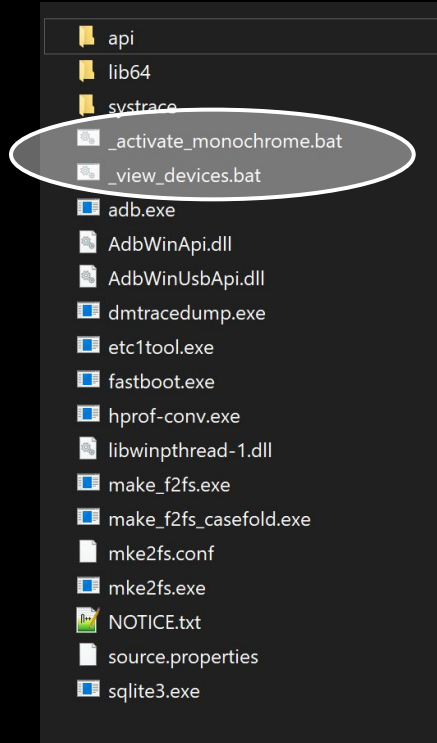
Then you should see “Allow USB debugging” dialog — click “OK”
(If dialog is not showing, make sure your phone is connected in file transfer mode — not charging only mode)

Troubleshooting: If you see text **“Because an app is obscuring a permission request, Settings can’t verify your response”** this is due to some other app drawing over a part current screen e.g. (Messenger Chat Heads).

Stop this app or go to Settings -> Apps -> Special Access -> Draw Over Other Apps to temporarily remove apps permission to draw over other apps to be able to confirm the USB debugging dialog.



Download tool for monochrome mode activation



9. Download zip file from [this link](#)

10. Extract contents of the zip file (right click on .zip file, press “Extract”)

11. Make sure your phone is connected at this point

12. Inside of the “platform-tools” folder double-click on the “_view_devices.bat” file – you should see your phone listed here. Press any key.

13. Double click on “_activate_monochrome.bat” – then press any key

14. On your phone go to minimalist phone settings -> Monochrome mode. If the activation was successful, you will see an on/off switch. Toggle this switch to turn the feature on.

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MacOS Instructions



Connect your phone to a Mac

7. Connect phone to Mac using USB cable

(make sure you use a cable that supports data connection — we recommend using the USB cable that came with your phone)

8. Unlock your phone

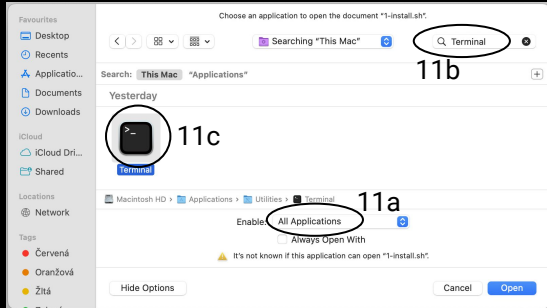
Make sure your phone is connected in file transfer mode — not charging only mode)

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Download tool for monochrome mode activation on Mac



9. Download zip file from [this link](#)

10. Extract contents of the zip file (double click on .zip file) and open the folder "ios-scripts-minimalistphone" that was extracted

11. Run script 1-install.sh:

- Right click on "1-install.sh", choose "Open with" and then "Other"
- In the bottom of the dialog switch from "Recommended Applications" to "All applications"
- In the search type "Terminal", double click "Terminal" in search results

Script will now run, you may be asked to enter your password

Confirm password by pressing Enter

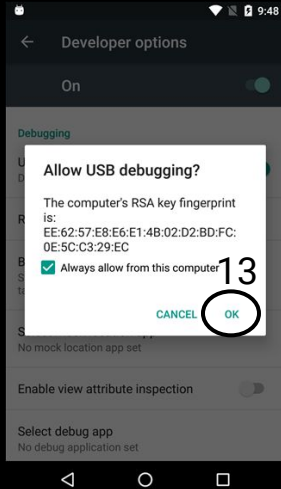
Confirm installation by pressing Enter

It can take several minutes for the script to finish installation. When you see the text "android-platform-tools was successfully installed!" the installation is over.

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Run activation script



12. Make sure your phone is connected at this point

13. Run script 2-activate.sh:

Same as when running the first script: Right click on "2-activate.sh", choose "Open with" and then "Other", switch from "Recommended Application" to "All applications", search for "Terminal", double click on "Terminal"

When running this script for the first time, you should see a dialog on your phone asking "Allow USB debugging?". Press Always and Allow.

When USB debugging permission was needed, you have to run the 2-activate.sh script again to succeed.

On your phone go to minimalist phone settings -> Monochrome mode. If the activation was successful, you will see an on/off switch. Toggle this switch to turn the feature on.

14. (Optional) Run cleanup script on your Mac. On your Mac, right click "3-cleanup.sh" and run the script the same way as previous script.

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