Chapter 12

Working with Contacts

Your DROID gives you immediate access to all your important information. Just like your computer, your DROID can store thousands of contacts for easy retrieval. In this chapter we’ll show you how to add new contacts (including from an email message), customize your contacts by adding notes and nicknames, organize your contacts with groups, quickly search or scroll through contacts, and even show a contact’s location with the DROID Maps app. We will also show you how to customize the Contacts view so it is sorted and displayed just the way you like it. Finally, you will learn a few troubleshooting tips that will save you some time when you run into difficulties.

The beauty of the DROID is how it integrates all of the apps so you can email and map your contacts right from the contact entry.

Loading Your Contacts onto the DROID

In Chapter 3: “Sync Your DROID to Your Google Account,” we show you how to load your contacts onto the DROID using your Mac or Windows computer. You can also use your Google account information to seamlessly and wirelessly sync at all times. Various sync methods are described in the Chapter 3: “Sync Your DROID to your Google Account” and in Chapter 4: “Other Sync Methods.”

TIP: You can add new contact entries from email messages you receive. Learn how in the "Adding Contacts from Email Messages" section later in this chapter.

When Is Your Contact List Most Useful?

The Contacts app is most useful when three things are true:

1. You have many names and addresses in it.
2. You continually add new information as it becomes available.
3. You can easily find contacts.
Two Simple Rules to Improve Your Contact List

Here are a couple of basic rules to help make your contact list on your DROID more useful.

**Rule 1: Add anything and everything to your contacts.**

You never know when you might need that obscure restaurant name, or that plumber’s number, etc.

**Rule 2: As you add entries, make sure you think about how to find them in the future (First name, Last name, Company).**

We have many tips and tricks in this chapter to help you enter names so that they can be instantly located when you need them.

**TIP:** Here’s a good way to find restaurants. Whenever you enter a restaurant into your contacts list, put the entire restaurant name in the First name field and type the word “restaurant” into the Last name field. Then when you type the letters “rest,” you should instantly find all your restaurants!

Adding a New Contact Right on Your DROID

You can always add your contacts right on your DROID. This is handy when you’re away from your computer—but have your DROID—and need to add someone to your contacts. It’s very easy to do. Here’s how.