

# **Cry for Help**

Computer Tips & Tricks for the  
novice to the advanced.

## **Smart Phone Tips**

One common complaint with smart phones, whether they are Apple iPhones, Windows or Android based, they all struggle with a decent amount of battery life. Something you can do is to remove unwanted tasks and processes from running in the background. Tasks like Google search, maps, iTunes store or Android Market, plus apps like calendar, contacts or games that haven't been previously shut down. Each one of these uses up memory and processing power of your phone, and hence are consuming power and reducing battery life.

You can use app utilities like Advanced App Killer for Android or SBSSettings for iPhone that allow you to turn off unwanted tasks, and so improve your batter life.

Secondly, if you have an iPhone, did you know that there is a whole other world of app utilities that are NOT available on the iTunes store? If you google "jailbreak iPhone" you can read all about it.

Thirdly, if you are concerned about internet data charges, you can turn off data roaming until you really need it. There are background tasks that are constantly monitoring where you are at any time, checking for app updates etc. These and other tasks are using your Data allowance, for little benefit, and so can be turned off.

Lastly, smart phones are similar to computers in many ways, and one similarity is that a weekly reboot or full shut down is a good thing.

Happy Phoning!

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