

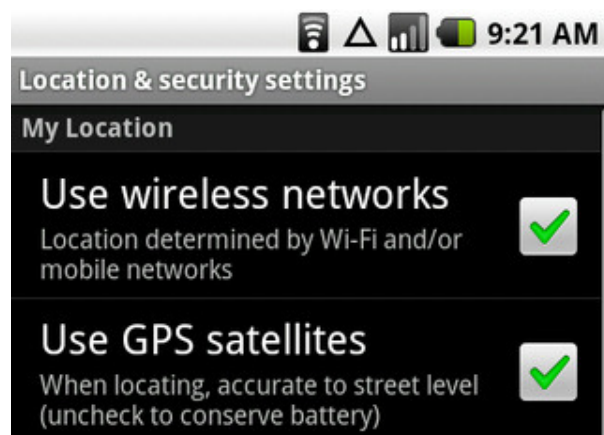
I love my Android phone, but lately it seems like it's taking 10 minutes for the GPS to get a lock, which makes navigation very difficult. What can I do to make it work better?

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[Edited for Munzee players with Android phones.]

This is a problem that has plagued Android users for awhile, and while the root cause can vary from person to person and device to device, there are usually a few things you can do to help fix the problem. Here's what you should try.

Make Sure You're Using Assisted GPS

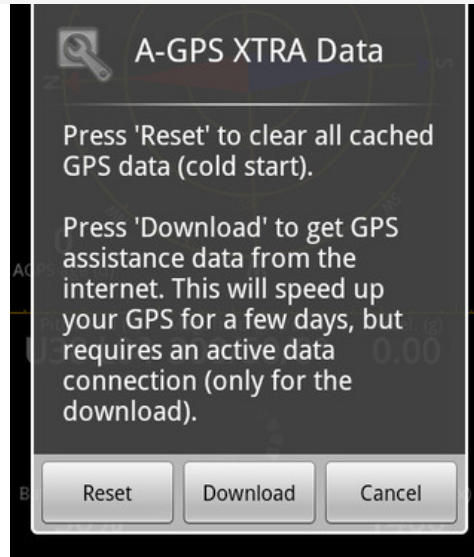


Before you do anything else, you should make sure your GPS has all the help it can get. Android phones use what's called [Assisted GPS](#), or AGPS, to determine your location. AGPS uses not only GPS satellites, but also nearby cell towers and Wi-Fi networks to lock onto your phone, and you want to make sure you have this feature enabled. To do so, head to **Settings > Location & Security**

and make sure both "**Use Wireless Networks**" and "**Use GPS Satellites**" are checked. By default, your phone only uses GPS satellites, so adding wireless networks should help quite a bit.

Reset GPS Data with **GPS Status & Toolbox**

(Free download)



Using AGPS, of course, can't always fix everything. In fact, sometimes your AGPS will keep trying to use satellites or towers that aren't nearby, which makes it hard to get a lock. If you're still having trouble, **head to the Android Market and download [GPS Status & Toolbox](#)**. Essentially, this app lets you flush and re-download your AGPS data, which can help re-acquire the correct satellites. Once you've downloaded the app, here's what you need to do:

- Launch GPS Status & Toolbox. You'll see a compass and some other stats. Hit **the menu** button for more options.
- **Make sure you have an active data connection and go to "Manage A-GPS State". Then, tap the "Download" button in the menu that pops up.** When it's done, exit the app.
- Now, go back to the Munzee app and try to get a lock. You should find that it's much quicker than before.

This method isn't necessarily a permanent fix. You may have to do this again every so often to get the GPS locking quickly again, (especially if you have moved 100 miles or more since last using the GPS function).

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