Welcome to your PlayStation® Vita handheld entertainment system.

Using your PlayStation® Vita system for the first time

Memory card for the Touchscreen system

This set of items, applications downloaded from PlayStation®, sound and image data, and control, including your personal data, are stored in the memory card.

PlayStation Vita card

This set contains 
- PlayStation Vita card
- PlayStation Vita card cover (Front)
- PlayStation Vita card cover (Back)

Insert the memory card.

Turn on your PlayStation Vita system.

The introductory video will start, and then the Touchscreen will display the screen shown in the figure on the left.

Welcome Park

In Welcome Park, have fun playing games from PlayStation® Store, saved data from PlayStation® Network, and other content.

Begin to set up your PlayStation Vita system.

- After inserting your memory card, select the language, time zone, and the date and time.
- Follow the on-screen instructions to enter your PlayStation® Network account information in step 5, a PlayStation® Network sign-in screen will appear after the introductory video. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the settings.
- If you do not have an account, refer to the access point documentation or contact the service provider or person who set it up.

Touchscreen gestures

- Drag:
  - Flick lightly
  - Flick
  - Drag

Complete initial setup.

- Set up your PlayStation Vita system for trial use of PlayStation® Network services. To make full use of PlayStation® Network features, you must sign up for a PlayStation® Network account. If you do not have an account, follow the on-screen instructions to complete the setup.
- Set up your PlayStation® Network account to your PS Vita system. You can change settings later from (Settings) on the home screen.

Inserting the SIM card

Some models of the PS Vita system come with the SIM card already installed. Refer to the package for content details.

Select your language, time zone, and the date and time.

- If you already have an account, you can select from among your personal data, including your control, to link to your PlayStation Vita system.
- If a location where you can connect to a Wi-Fi access point is detected (Wi-Fi icon), you can set your system as an access point. To do this, refer to "How to connect to the Internet, p. 18". Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the settings.
- If you have an account, follow the on-screen instructions to complete initial setup.

Set up your PS Vita system.

- Turn on your PS Vita system and insert the memory card.
- Link your PlayStation® Network account to your PS Vita system.
- You can access applications for the PS Vita system from the home screen.

1. Touchscreen gestures
   - Drag:
     - Flick lightly
     - Flick
     - Drag
   - Tap:
     - Drag
     - Flick
     - Drag
   - Pinch:
     - Pinch out
     - Pinch in

2. Connect to the Internet
   - Set up Wi-Fi access point or Internet connection.
   - Select your language, time zone, and the date and time.

3. Welcome Park
   - Welcome to PlayStation Vita! Have fun playing games from PlayStation® Store, saved data from PlayStation® Network, and other content.

Playing games and learning in Welcome Park

In Welcome Park, have fun playing games, learning in Welcome Park.

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   - Learning in Welcome Park
     - Welcome Park
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2. Complete initial setup
   - Set up your PlayStation Vita system for trial use of PlayStation® Network services. To make full use of PlayStation® Network features, you must sign up for a PlayStation® Network account. If you do not have an account, follow the on-screen instructions to complete the setup.
   - Set up your PlayStation® Network account to your PS Vita system. You can change settings later from (Settings) on the home screen.

Using your PlayStation Vita system for the first time

- Connect to the Internet
  - Set up Wi-Fi access point or Internet connection.
  - Select your language, time zone, and the date and time.

3. Touchscreen gestures
   - Drag:
     - Flick lightly
     - Flick
     - Drag
   - Tap:
     - Drag
     - Flick
     - Drag
   - Pinch:
     - Pinch out
     - Pinch in

4. Complete initial setup
   - Set up your PlayStation Vita system for trial use of PlayStation® Network services. To make full use of PlayStation® Network features, you must sign up for a PlayStation® Network account. If you do not have an account, follow the on-screen instructions to complete the setup.
   - Set up your PlayStation® Network account to your PS Vita system. You can change settings later from (Settings) on the home screen.

5. Welcome Park
   - Welcome to PlayStation Vita! Have fun playing games from PlayStation® Store, saved data from PlayStation® Network, and other content.
Using the screen

Start games and other applications from the Home screen. You can also start applications from the status bar at the bottom of the screen in either portrait or landscape mode.

LiveArea™ screen

When you tap the icon for an application on the Home screen, the application’s LiveArea™ screen appears. On this LiveArea™ screen, tap the gate to start the application.

Info bar

You can check the status of your PS Vita system on the Info bar. The status includes:
- PS Vita system communication status
- Active applications
- Audio output status
- Remaining battery charge

Notification indicator

When a notification or other new information such as a message arrives, the (PS) button lights up blue. Tap the notification indicator to see the new information.

Playing games

Insert the PlayStation® Vita card.

Your PS Vita card contains PS Vita format software. When the PS Vita card is inserted, the icon for the game appears on the Home screen.

Start the game.

On the Home screen, tap the icon for the game. The LiveArea™ screen for the game appears. If you are connected to the Internet, various details, such as the latest information about the game, appear on the LiveArea™ screen.

Start playing the game.

Tap [Start] on the gate on the LiveArea™ screen.

Saving data for a game

How to save data depends on the game. For details, see the instructions for the game.

If you use the saved data on the memory card or the PS Vita card on a different PS Vita system, there may be times when you cannot earn trophies or save the data. See the User’s Guide for details about saved data and trophies.

Pausing a game

Press the (PS) button to pause a game and return to the LiveArea™ screen. To resume playing the game, tap [Continue] on the LiveArea™ screen.

Removing the PS Vita card

Press on the PS Vita card to release it, and then remove the card.

Do not remove the PS Vita card when the access indicator is blinking.

Standby mode and turning off the power completely

Turning off the screen while the application is still active (standby mode)

Press the (power) button.

To exit standby mode, press the (power) button again or press the (PS) button.

Turning the power off completely

Press and hold the (power) button for two seconds, and then tap [Power Off]. When turning on the system the next time, press and hold the (power) button for two seconds.

Charging

To charge your PS Vita system, connect it to a power source as shown in the diagram on the left. While the system is charging, the (PS) button lights up orange. For details including approximate charging times, refer to the User’s Guide.

Supporting documentation for your PS Vita system

Safety Guide

Contains precautions for the safe use of your PS Vita system, system specifications, and service information.

Before using this product, carefully read the Safety Guide and retain it for future reference.

Important Disclosures

For important disclosures, see the Safety Guide. For disclosures about specific applications, tap or on the LiveArea™ screen for the application.

User’s Guide


You can also read the User’s Guide on a PC by visiting the following website:

manuals.playstation.net/document/

Support Website System Update Website

us.playstation.com/PSVITAqsg

Visit the Support Knowledge Center for additional details and technical information regarding your PS Vita system.

us.playstation.com/support/systemupdates/psvita

Visit the System Update website for information about PS Vita system software updates.