Overview - Get to know your Pandora



WiFi / Bluetooth® -Antenna

Speakers

Touchscreen LCD

Microphone 4)

Power/Hold Switch (5) Slide right to power on or enable/disable powersaving Click to the left to activate hold feature

Headphones 6

SDHC Card Slots Both support up to 128GB cards

Volume Wheel

Stylus Slot

Keyboard



Directional Pad Can be used for playing games or as cursor keys



Analog Controls Two analog nubs for gaming or mouse use



Gaming Buttons Also mapped to PgUp, PgDwn, Prior and Next



SD Activity, WiFi and Bluetooth®- LEDs



Power and Charge LEDs Power LED indicates the system is active.

Dim Power LED indicates the system in in powersaving mode.

Charger LED indicates a charging source is present.

A blinking charger LED indicates a low battery power.

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- L/R Trigger Buttons (16)
- USB 1.1/2.0 OTG Port Can also be used to charge the unit



B Expansion Port Provides UART, TV Out and Audio IN / OUT



USB 2.0 Host Port You need a USB Hub if you want to connect USB 1.1 devices!



- (20) Hole for Wrist Strap
- (21)
 - Power Connector Only connect official adaptor

Power Saving on the Pandora

- The default configuration of the Pandora has been done so that it saves as much battery power as possible.
- This way you can use your Pandora up to 13 hours in normal operation, about 60 hours just for music listening and more than 100 hours if it just sits around idling.
- However, if means that WiFi, Bluetooth, TV-Out and the USB-Host Port are disabled in default setup.
- Enabling it is simple: Either toggle it on/off via the System-Menu or use the small Quick-Settings-Tool sitting in the tray.
- If you wish, you can go to Settings / Startup and enable or disable WiFi and the USB Host on startup or TV Out in the Settings / Video Settings.

Some important buttons and mouse usage

You can either use both nubs as mouse (default setup: Left nub moves the mouse, right nub does left click (move left), right click (move right), middle click (move down) or double click (move up)) or the touchscreen (press ALT for a right click).

- You can change the nub-settings using Settings/Pandora Nub
- Configurator or the touchscreen behaviour to right-click using click and hold using Settings/Video Settings.
- The DPad can be used as cursor keys while ABXY are mapped to Prior, End, Page Up, Page Down. The left shoulderbutton is mapped to Shift and the right to CTRL.

To move windows around without using the menu bar, press and hold the left shoulderbutton while using the touchscreen to move the window.

Some important buttons and mouse usage (continued)

In case your Pandora has a hard lockup (shouldn't happen, but can happen), press and hold the Pandora Button and flick the Power Switch. If you move the Power Switch to the left positions, most inputs are disabled (ideal if you want to listen to music while you got it in your pocket).

If you hold the right shoulderbutton while you switch on the unit, you can access the Bootmenu which will offer various options (you can also boot an OS off your SD Card that way).

The Compose-Key is mapped to Shift + Enter. So to enter an "ö", for example, press Shift + Enter, after that "o" and Fn+s.

The Pandora OS only includes some basic tools. Stuff like games, emulators, webbrowsers, etc. have to be installed onto your SD Card. Doing so is easy: All you need to do is download the program as a .PND file and put it onto your SD Card into the correct directory.

/pandora/desktop: All PNDs in here show up on the desktop /pandora/apps: All PNDs in here show up on the desktop and in the menu /pandora/menu: All PNDs in here show up in the menu /pandora/mmenu: All PNDs in here only show up in MiniMenu

So the first thing you should do on a freshly formatted SD Card is to created a directory named pandora and subdirectories named desktop, menu, apps and/or mmenu. You can use System/Create Pandora SD Card to do that automatically.

How to install games and programs (continued)

It's a good idea to give your SD Card a name (label), so that the mounted path will always be the same.

The recommended way to install games is to use PNDManager (not included in the OS), which enables you to download and update games and apps directly with your Pandora.

You can install download PNDManager automatically to your SD Card using the "Get PNDManager"-Link on the desktop. You need to have an active internet connection as well as a SD Card inserted into your Pandora.

You can also install it manually on your SD Card. Find it (and most other stuff) on http://repo.openpandora.org/

How to install games and programs (continued)

To remove a game, simply use PNDManager or delete the PND from your SD-Card.

Each game / apps saves its settings into a directory located in /pandora/appdata.

As long as you keep its directory, you will keep the settings. So you could delete a PND, copy it back later and you'd still have all your settings and saved games.

You can also reset a game or app back to its default settings by deleting the corresponding directory in /pandora/appdata

How to install games and programs (continued)

- Some games require datafiles of original games to be put into the appdata-directory.
- Please check the documentation of these games for more information (can be found in the Startmenu under "Documentation")
- Usually, if well coded, these games tell you that the data files are missing. But that's not always the case, sometimes they simply don't run.
- A logfile is being put into /tmp/pndrun_<appname>.out. You can view it using the terminal or any text editor. It might contain clues what's going wrong in case some game doesn't want to start.

Using the TV Out Function

The Pandora features analog TV Out using the EXT Port.

The TV Out Cable is not included in the package, but you can either build one yourself or buy one (your Pandora distributor should help you).

TV Out is disabled per default (to save power). You can enable it using Settings / TV Out Settings or using the Tray. You can also enable it on startup using Settings / Video Settings (the TV Out Settings used on startup will be the last ones you set)

When using the TV Out, be sure to select the correct encoding and connection type, otherwise you might encounter issues like a garbled, colorless or even no picture.

SVideo provides a higher video quality, but you will need to connect your TV Set using SVideo (not every TV supports this and you might have to enable SVideo in a menu).

Using the TV Out Function (continued...)

In general, US and Japanese TV Sets use NTSC and European TV Systems use PAL. However, if your TV Set supports it, when running an emulator, it is suggested to use the system you plan to emulate. i.e. if you emulate an Amiga, set it to PAL, if you emulate PSX NTSC game, set it to NTSC.

Otherwise, scrolling will not be smooth on the TV.

The Pandora has two video layers, it depends on the program which layer it uses. If it uses a different layer than your TV Out is set to, you will have a blank screen. To toggle that, use Fn-L on your Pandora keyboard anytime.

If using the official TV Out Cable, the colors of the connections are the following: Yellow: Composite Out, White/Red: Audio Out L/R, Black/Blue: Audio In L/R

More information...

That's the end of our little Quick-Start guide on the Pandora. If you have any further questions, want to check for the latest software, want to help out with development or just have a nice conversation with other Pandora-Users, be sure to check out our webboards at http://boards.openpandora.org/

We hope you enjoy your little new toy. You can do a lot more with it than you probably think right now.