



## Projects for old Android phones gathering dust...

*Reuse is the best form of recycling they say, so this is an interesting one, for the reuse of old Android phones.*

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The excellent Android columnist, JR Raphael of Computer World, highlights 20 possible uses or projects for old devices you may have hiding away in a drawer somewhere. We've all been in that situation – too decent to lose, somehow, but serving no purpose to keep...

Examples that he covers, for re-releasing processing potential, include a wireless trackpad for your computer, a security camera, a universal smart remote, a second computer terminal, using it as a digital photo frame and many more... (including donating it and selling it, of course).

### Scientific research

The best one, for me, though is helping to power scientific research. Some of the options include HTC Power To Give (for physics research), DreamLab (for cancer research) and MyShake (for seismological research).

Your clunky old Android device could actually help scientists search for extraterrestrial life, detect earthquakes, or improve cancer treatments. It's all part of a series of programs that use your device's computing power to conduct scientific research.

### Webcam central

Or what about making it into a "live window into the world", simple and obvious when you think about it...

He writes:

"Don't have the greatest view from your desk? Let your old Android phone or tablet be your window to wild and exciting locales.

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I would choose one of those webcams from the prow of an ocean going cruise ship or super freight tanker, I think. To see a changing seascape.

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