



# Android Apps on ActivPanel 9



Learn how to work with 3rd party applications on ActivPanel 9.

## Android Apps on AP9

ActivPanel 9 is based on the **ActivPanel OS** operating system, built on an Android platform, but it does not support **Google GMS** services. This includes access to Google location services as well as the Google Play Store. However, it is possible to install 3rd party apps on your ActivPanel:



### Sideloading

Sideloading means installing apps from sources other than the official store, like Google Play (e.g. a .apk file from a USB drive).

Please note that any apps requiring **Google GMS** may not run (properly) on the ActivPanel.



### Radix MDM

If your ActivPanel is managed through Promethean's optional MDM-offering **RADIX**, you can "push" apps directly from the Google Play Store.

You'll find more information in [this guide](#) from Radix.



### OPS-A Module

If you prefer having traditional Play Store access, Promethean offers a **Google GMS & EDLA-certified** OPS-module, available for purchase through your preferred AV-partner.

For more on the OPS-A module, please see [this link](#).

## Progressive Web Apps

Rather than relying on Android .apk apps, which require ongoing maintenance and updates from your IT-resources, ActivPanel 9 supports the use of Progressive Web Apps (PWA).

Progressive Web Apps are "supercharged" websites that work on any device and feel like regular apps. They are secure and easy to find on the web. PWA's give users a smooth experience which, unlike Android apps, is consistent across different platforms (e.g. Windows laptop and ActivPanel).

For example, you can easily run Google Education Suites and Microsoft O365 directly in the Chromium browser and even [create shortcuts](#) in the App locker.

