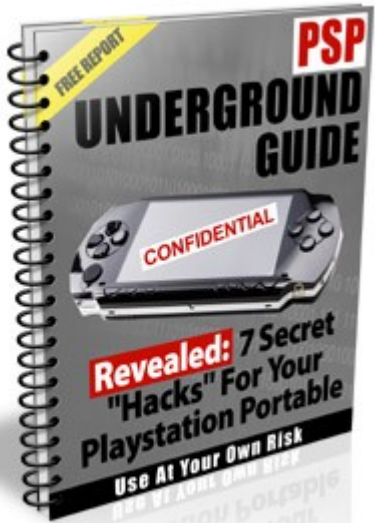


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Introduction

When Sony first rolled out their new handheld, the PSP, the world was intrigued. Not only were they planning to pack enough technology into that thick, widescreen beast, but it would be feature rich enough for the hackers and homebrewers the world over to have a little bit of fun with.

Within a few short weeks of its initial release, the machine was quickly and efficiently cracked open and being utilized for a dozen different features that Sony had no intention of including in the firmware.

Likewise, Sony was not happy and since then it's been a race on both sides to upgrade firmware and find new ways to bypass that firmware.

These days, the difficulty level of these hacks depends to the level at which you are willing to void your warranty and install software on the memory cards of your machine.

For the most part, getting into and changing your PSP around to match the features you want is a matter of knowing what to click and where to put it. With this in mind, what follows are seven very useful hacks that will help you get more out of your PSP...

1. Browsing The Internet

While the internet is a feature Sony padded into their firmware in 2.00, you might be interested in keeping your firmware kept at the 1.50 mark so as to take full advantage of the many homebrew options that will not work on the newest firmware. If that is the case, you'll need a copy of **Wipeout Pure** to get online along with a wireless internet connection.

Once you have your game and boot up your PSP, you will need to spend a while adjusting various wireless settings and tweaking your machine to access the correct servers through which to access the internet at large. There are numerous sites which detail exactly how to do this. However, a great deal of homebrew still works on the 2.00 Firmware, so it is probably unnecessary to do this.

2. Read E-books On Your PSP

With the release of the PSP internet browser in the 2.00 Firmware, it's easier than ever to access the internet and if you find the correct sight you can utilize pre-PSP formatted pages to read your favorite books in digital format.

Of course, you can download them as well and load them directly on to your machine. There are simple PSP EBook converters that will take a text file and convert it into PSP compatible image files that you can load into your images folder. Then, turning the PSP sideways, you can scroll through them – much more convenient than carrying around a bunch of real books.

3. Read RSS Feeds

Reading RSS feeds on your PSP was once a complicated procedure involving a browser hack and a series of complicated logins and game swapping to access them. Now it can be done with a variety of simple software solutions. A program like **MioMediaBox** will actually access the RSS feeds from your computer and transfer them to your PSP quickly.

In the PSP's 2.6 and up firmware releases, it's even possible to access the RSS channels from your network menu, a newly built in feature to the machine. However, for those still running the older editions and accessing the internet through the Wipeout Pure browser hack, you can still get to your RSS feeds through a **Bloglines** or similar account designed to support web based RSS access.

4. Watch Videos, Including DVDs On Your PSP

The PSP comes with built in video playback support, from the earliest firmware upgrades. However, in their infinite wisdom, Sony made it a difficult process to add video to your machine. It's not an overly complicated procedure, but it does involve careful attention to file names and some video conversion.

First off, you'll need to connect your PSP to your computer via USB and access your memory card in Explorer. In the main folder, you will need to create a folder titled "MP_ROOT". Within that folder create another folder titled "100MNV01". This is the folder in which you will place your video files.

Next you need to convert your files. There are dozens of programs that will convert simple video files or full DVDs into PSP video format, the MP4 format you might recognize from your iPod as well.

When the files are output, they will have long, complicated file names with lots of numbers. Leave them as is. Place them in your 100MNV01 folder and you should be able to play them from your video menu.

5. Change Your Save Image Files

Every time you save a file, a neat little image appears with the save file. These images are easily changed if you know where to look. Access your PSP via USB and look in the PSPSAVEDATA folder. In here you'll find all of the icon files for your save files. The icons will look like ICON#.PNG, and the backgrounds PIC1.PNG.

Assuming you keep the resolution and file size the same or less, you can replace these files with a quick copy and paste. With this hack, take care not to misname or delete old files, or you might lose your saved data.

6. Play Your PSP Music Over Your Car Audio System

This is a nifty trick, involving the use of an FM modulator to send your PSP's audio over radio frequencies to your car's antenna to be played back via your in-dash tuner. You'll need the FM modulator, a 1/8" headphone connector with the proper RCA outputs. Follow the instructions for the modulator, and soon you'll be broadcasting your PS3 music files over your radio – and anybody else's who gets too close!

Another method, that's not quite as fun works for those with a car stereo tapedeck. Just get one of those headphone jack to blank tape options and plug the jack into your PSP audio out and the adapter end into your tapedeck. Of course, you won't be "broadcasting" though.

7. Playing Nintendo Games on Your PSP

The most popular and impressive of the many PSP hacks would have to be the ability to load homebrew applications and play the classic Nintendo, Genesis, SNES, and other games from times long past. Keep in mind, Nintendo especially has a careful grasp on their copyrights, some of these might not be legal unless you already own the game otherwise. As with the others, attempt this hack at your own risk.

The process is varies depending on the Firmware version you have on your machine, but most of the time it involves loading pre-compiled software onto you memory card and accessing it through a couple of quick steps and loading your ROMs, or classic Nintendo games into the emulator.

Conclusion

Your PSP is built to be the ultimate handheld multimedia machine, and Sony keeps adding more features. However, they don't have them all, so why not take advantage of the dozens of extra features that have been discovered through hacks to this sleek machine and make it a truly ultimate handheld?

Dozens of sites offer any and all tools needed to add homebrew features to your machine and to download all the games, music and movies you'll ever want. It's merely a matter of taking a look.

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