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Review: Baconit (Reddit Client)

It's fair to say that Reddit has made itself part of the fabric of the Internet for many people. The user driven site (which is barely a "social network" but honestly all the better for it) allows people to post links to stories and pages around the site, discuss the stories, and vote them up or down depending on what they think of them. And now Baconit will bring all those links to your Windows Phone... and more.

Score:

90%

Author: Quinn Damerell

(<https://allaboutwindowsphone.com/software/developer/Quinn-Damerell.php>).

Version Reviewed: 1.5.0.0

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From such simple ideas are huge sites are born. Some will rise, some will fall, but Reddit is the current king of the hill. And while you can happily use Reddit from Internet Explorer on your Windows Phone, there are a number of applications out there to browse through Reddit stories, interact with the community, and post your own links.

Today I want to talk about one of the most fully functional applications out there for Redddit, that's kept me hooked into the community, even as a mostly-lurker. It lets me watch just the topics I'm interested in, comment as needed, and save topics for later.

I'm talking about Baconit.

At which point it's worth noting that Reddit, like many long running sites, has a language all of its own, its own memes, traditions, and ways of doing things. The love of bacon being one of the memes that has leaked out over the Internet.

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account

submit a link

Share a Link or Image

messages

No New Messages

link karma

7

comment karma

25

log out



21:18

SMART BAR

enter a subreddit, url, or search term above
e.g. 'Bacon', '/r/BaconitWP', or a reddit url



search



show help

Opening the application takes you to a familiar feeling panorama screen with two views - your personal Account view, and a Reddit view that lists a number of subreddit topic areas - subreddits are how Reddit keeps categories apart, and it's based on a directory hierarchy - most of which is hidden from the users of Baconit at first.

SETTINGS

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Main Application Tile

Main tile background

Reddit Alien Full

Show unread message count

On



Show link and comment karma

On



Subreddit Live Tile

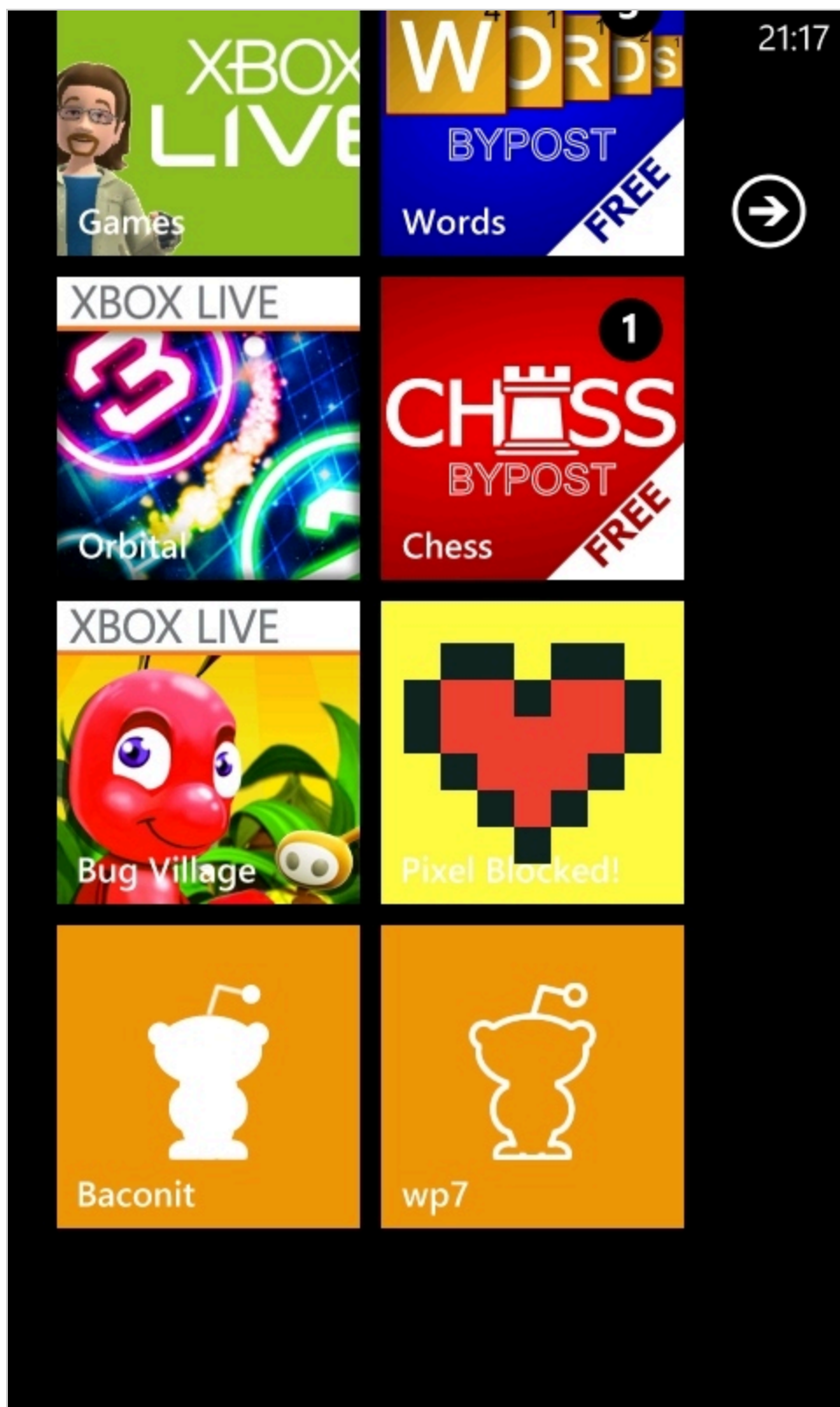
Subreddit tile background

Reddit Alien Outline

Show new stories on back of tile

On



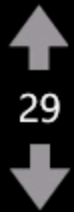


As well as letting you see the current front page stories on Reddit and stories posted by your Reddit friends (as I said, it's almost, but not quite, like a social network), you have your list of personally selected subreddits. This allows you to customise Baconit to your favourite topics, while making sure the rest of Reddit is available to you through the smart bar, which is an almost command line interface for the app. In here you can type in the name of a subreddit, a URL, or even a search

term, to help you navigate through the Reddit ecosystem on your Windows Phone. This exposes the underlying structure and gives you direct access to the depths of Reddit.

It's a nice touch and one that I assume power users love.

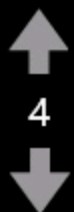
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I ♥ W P clings - who wants one?

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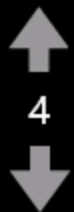
(33,4) points; 14 comments



Website offers to RSVP to every event for \$30/\$40, is it

17 hrs ago to SXSW

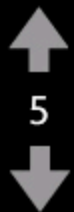
(5,1) points; 2 comments



Strange audio when using headphones on Nokia Lumia 800 (hissing sound)

4 hrs ago to wp7

(4,0) points; 4 comments



is it possible to stream zune music off of skydrive?

6 hrs ago to wp7

(5,0) points; 2 comments



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is it possible to stream zune music off of skydrive?

13 hrs ago by Nemesis337 to wp7

(13,0) points; 6 comments

“ for example, can i upload 20gigs of my music from zune, and then access it on my phone at ”

wilcoholic 4 points 11 hrs ago

There is no way of automatically uploading music from Zune and having it play on your phone (yet?). However, there are apps out there that allow you to stream music from your skydrive account. The caveat is that they need to be uploaded in a specific way to be accessed correctly. The easiest and clunkiest way is simply to upload the mp3 files to skydrive and access them from the Office hub or the skydrive app. They will play but there is absolutely no playlist or continuous playback support for that at the moment.

boardryder4 2 points 3 hrs ago

There is an app for that. I think it's called Cloud Music.

Edit: That is for playing songs from Skydrive, not for automatically uploading music, but OP never said anything about automatically uploading...



Managing the subreddits is under the menu bar, which lists your current subreddits, and a big plus sign so you can search, find, and decide whether to add new subreddits either to your account (so when you visit the site on your desktop browser you are also subscribed to them) or local only, which means your phone will pick them up and display them, but it would be noted or acted on for your main account.

There is a lot going on in this application, and that's reflected in the settings. Spread over three list panes, and grouped together, you can tweak when the application will go online to automatically update stories (although you have a refresh button to force this at any time), and toggle how different situations are handled. I can only assume that developer Quinn Damerell knows that anyone using this app and going into these settings is not going to need their hand held too much.

On the flip side, the first time the app is run you will get some handy captions and text bubbles telling you where the different hotspot and action points are on the touch screen, and the first time you enter a new area (such as reading a story, or opening comments). This is a great way of educating users who probably refuse to read help files.

The final settings screen allows you to tailor the Live Tile experience of Baconit. There are three types of Live Tile you can pin; the main application title, a single subreddit topic, or even one individual story (so you can watch the comments and discussions). You can choose various graphics to populate these tiles, and decide if information should be shown on the rear. Again, showing that the app can cater for use cases beyond the regular punter who wants to browse Reddit - this is real power user stuff.

SUBREDDIT MANAGER

	account	local
all <i>/r/all/</i>	☐	☐
baconitwp <i>/r/BaconitWP/</i>	☒	☐
friends <i>/r/friends/</i>	☐	☐
front page <i>/</i>	☐	☐
saved <i>/saved/</i>	☐	☐
SXSW <i>/r/SXSW/</i>	☒	☐
sxswi <i>/r/SXSWi/</i>	☒	☐
sxswmusic <i>/r/SXSWMusic/</i>	☒	☐
wp7	☒	☐



SETTINGS

app live tiles up

Data Update Intervals

Subreddit stories

1 day

Story comments

1 day

Account information and messages

1 day

Preferences

Automatically load more stories

Off



Show title box in web viewer

On



So what is it like in use? Pretty snappy, to be honest. There are one or two circumstances where it will lag and choke, but as Reddit users post these up (via Reddit), Damerell is picking these up and sorting them in the next update. It's the fast iteration and feedback that's driven Reddit forward.

Each story has a huge amount of information over the three lines, from the Reddit up/down votes, the time stamp, the submitter, and comment count. And if you tap each of these, you'll be taken to the right area. The title will open up the article in a Browser instance, you can vote up or down by tapping the arrows, or head to the comments.

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Tap the white title or the image to open the link of the story.



Website offers to RSVP to every event for \$30/\$40, is it



1 day ago by munx1er

(8,2) points; 8 comments



[x-post from Austin Co] ve

8 days ago



(3,1) points; 0 comments



My psychedelic americana band is going to be at SXSW



13 days ago by thatjacob

(3,1) points; 1 comments



SXSW's website developer cares deeply about the CLE



19 days ago

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hot new top co

-  Add artist background images on Zune
2

1 hr ago by putmewherelyoufoundme
(2,0) points; 0 comments
-  Nokia accidentally reveals white Lumia
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11 hrs ago by jaakkom
(10,2) points; 1 comments
-  is it possible to stream zune music off
13

13 hrs ago by Nemesis337
(13,0) points; 6 comments
-  Impressive Nokia Lumia 800 Swedish
7

12 hrs ago by WhatTheMustard
(11,4) points; 0 comments



Naturally there's a nice long thread on the application over on Reddit (http://www.reddit.com/r/wp7/comments/p9opj/tgif_baconit_15_the_mos) (along with its own subreddit (<http://www.reddit.com/r/baconitwp>)) where you can talk directly to the author, and it also answers the question of what's the difference between the free and the paid-for

version... "They're exactly the same except the non-free version buys Quinn a beer
(http://www.reddit.com/r/wp7/comments/p9opj/tgif_baconit_15_the_mos

But is it any good? Putting aside that many of you will not be fans of Reddit and can safely ignore this application (although this might be a good time to choose a single topic and use Reddit just for that), does Baconit have appeal to the Windows Phone Reddit user? Yes, very much so.

This has "killer app" (for the Reddit users) written all over it.

Reviewed by Ewan Spence (../../authors/ewan-spence.php) at 21:15 UTC, February 7th 2012

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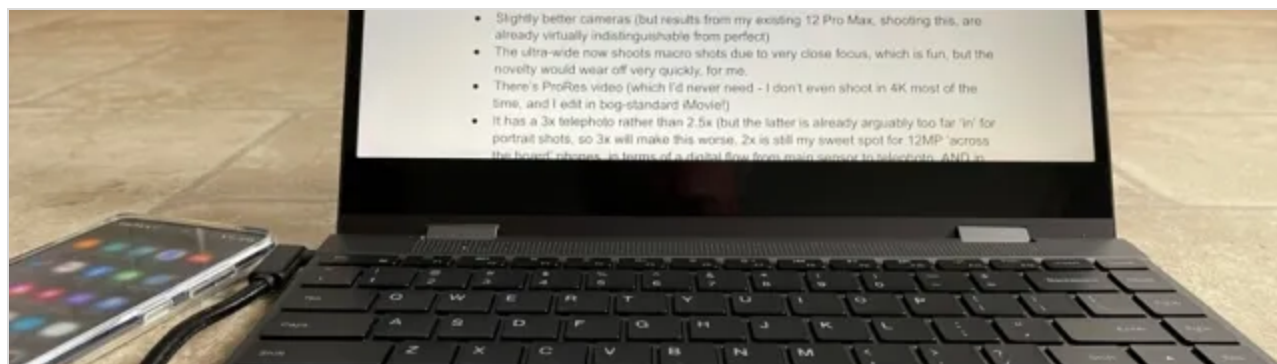
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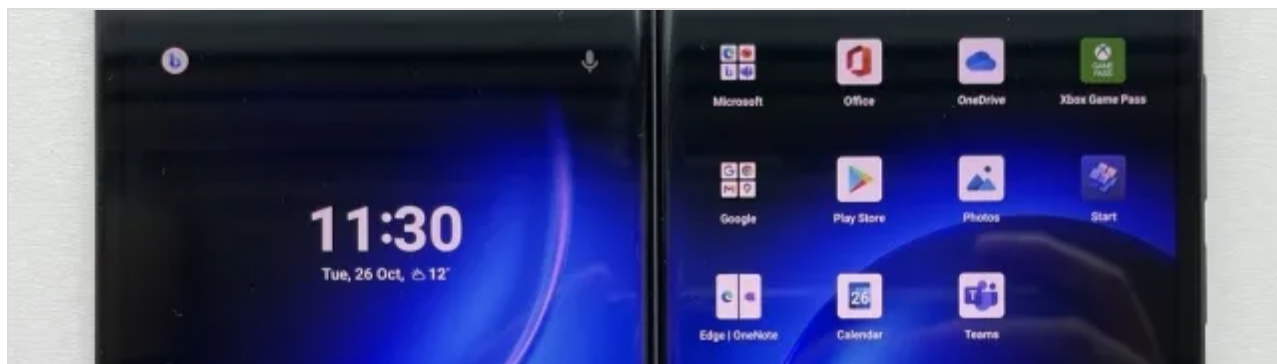
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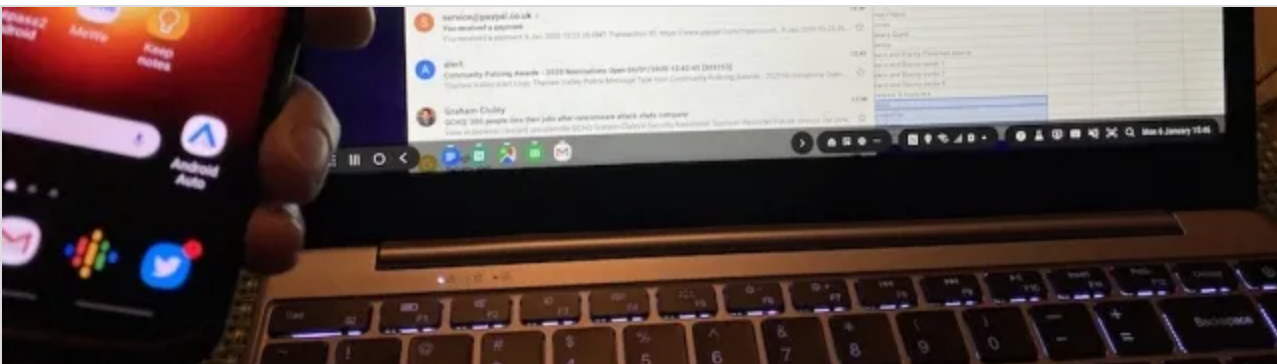
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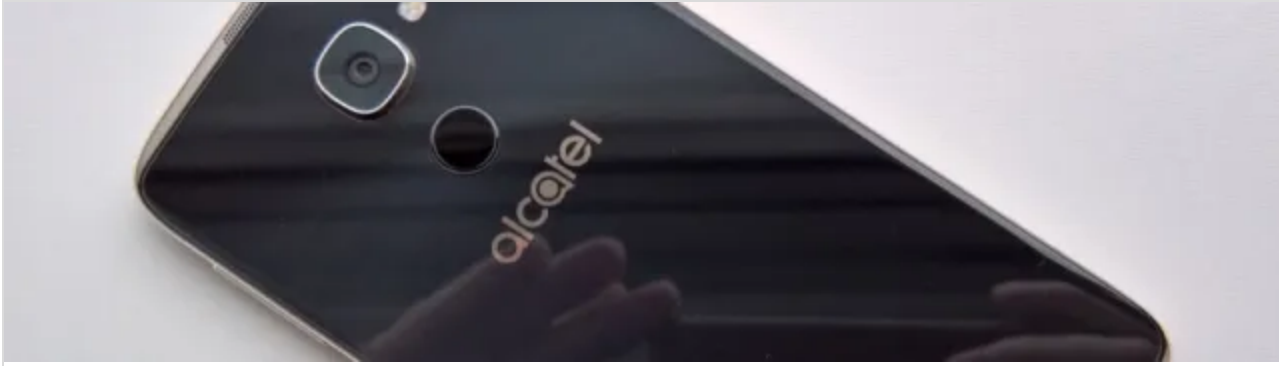
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