

Restoring sudden disappeared (deleted) Android Phone Contacts and Data on ZTE, Samsung, LG and Huawei mobile phones

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For 5th time since I both my **ZTE - Blade III Smartphone** - *Android OS* powered mobile, my **Phone Contacts disappear**. This is pretty annoying and I'm more and more convinced *Android* is not yet really ready for the masses..

I've enabled on Phone Sync my contacts with Google but even though I can see all **my mobile phones** visible via - <http://gmail.com/contacts/>, my attempts to use Android's:

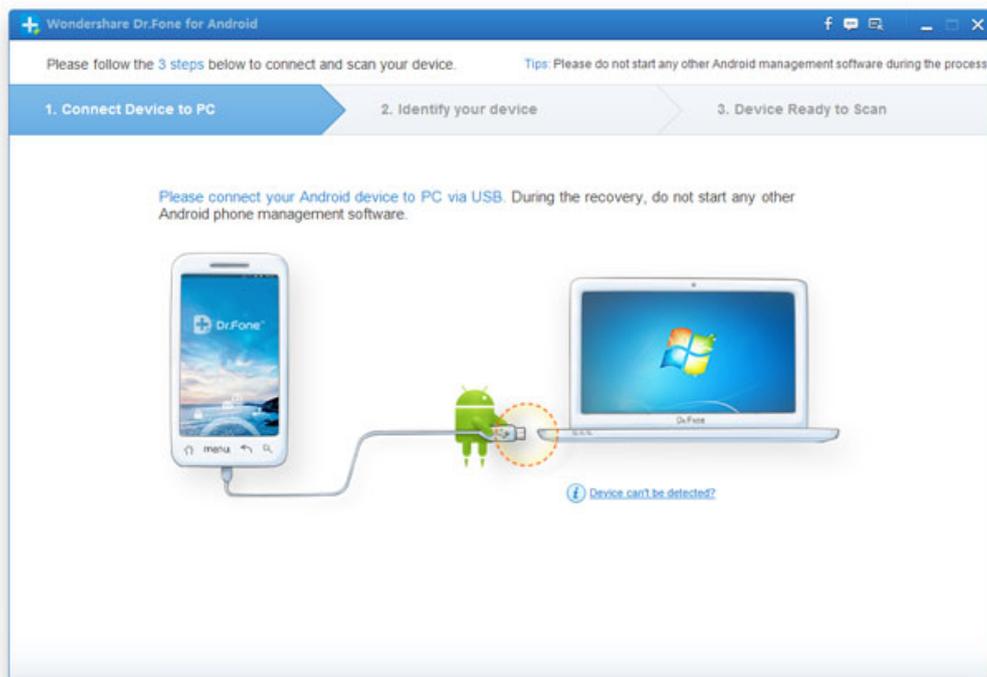
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- to *synchronize Gmail Phone and E-mail Contacts* to Phone from Gmail did not produced a positive result.

To Solve the situation earlier I've used on multiple times [Contacts Sync Fix](#) - *Tool to help fix some (not all) of the causes of "Sync is currently experiencing problems. It will be back shortly."* message from Google contacts sync. However this time *Contacts Sync Fix* tool did not revert back my missing *Phone Contacts*.

I googled to see what kind of Phone Contacts recovery software is there and stumbled on [Wondershare Dr. Fone](#) - **World's 1st Andorid, iPhone, iPad and iPod touch data recovery software for personal users**. Here is *what Dr. Fone* does:

- *Recover data from Andorid and iOS devices, iCloud backup and iTunes backup (including encrypted one).*
- *Available to recover messages, contacts, photos, videos, notes, call history, calendars, voicemail, voice memos, reminders, bookmarks and other documents.*
- *Recover App data like WhatsApp, Instagram, Flickr, iPhoto, iMovie, Kindle, etc.*
- *Compatible with the latest iOS 7 and supports iPhone 5S/5C/5/4S/4/3GS, all iPads and iPod touch 5/4.*
- *Regain lost data due to deletion, device crashed or broken, OS bugs, device loss, jailbreak, iOS upgrade and factory.*



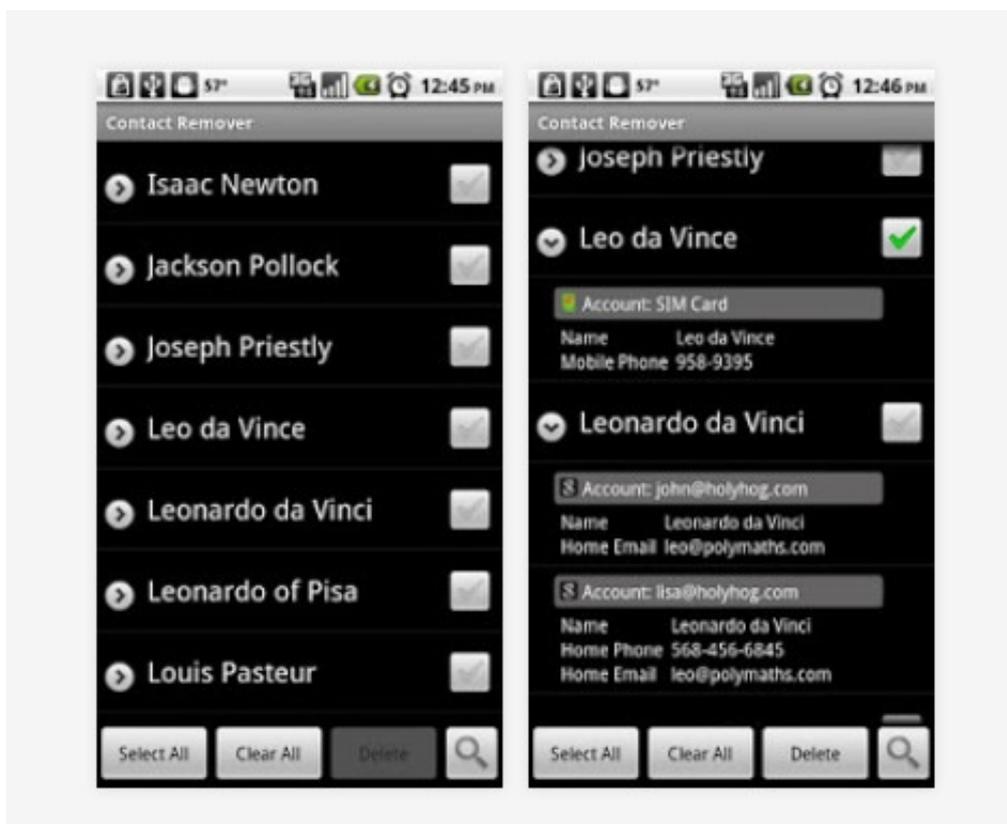
Dr. Fone is proprietary software and quite expensive costs a lot **50\$ bucks!** But Cracked versions are circulating the net on many torrents, there is a cracked version of Dr. Fone on <http://ThePiratebay.se>
Dr. Fone is very easy to use, **to recover my lost Android Phones data**, I had to:

1. Connect my ZTE through USB cable to a Windows PC (where I have installed Dr. Fone)
2. Scan the device for my lost data, through the program GUI interface (This make a lot of data be seen including all my Videos, Pictures, Contacts etc.)
- 3. Press the recover data button and choose a destination folder where found files to recover will be stored.**

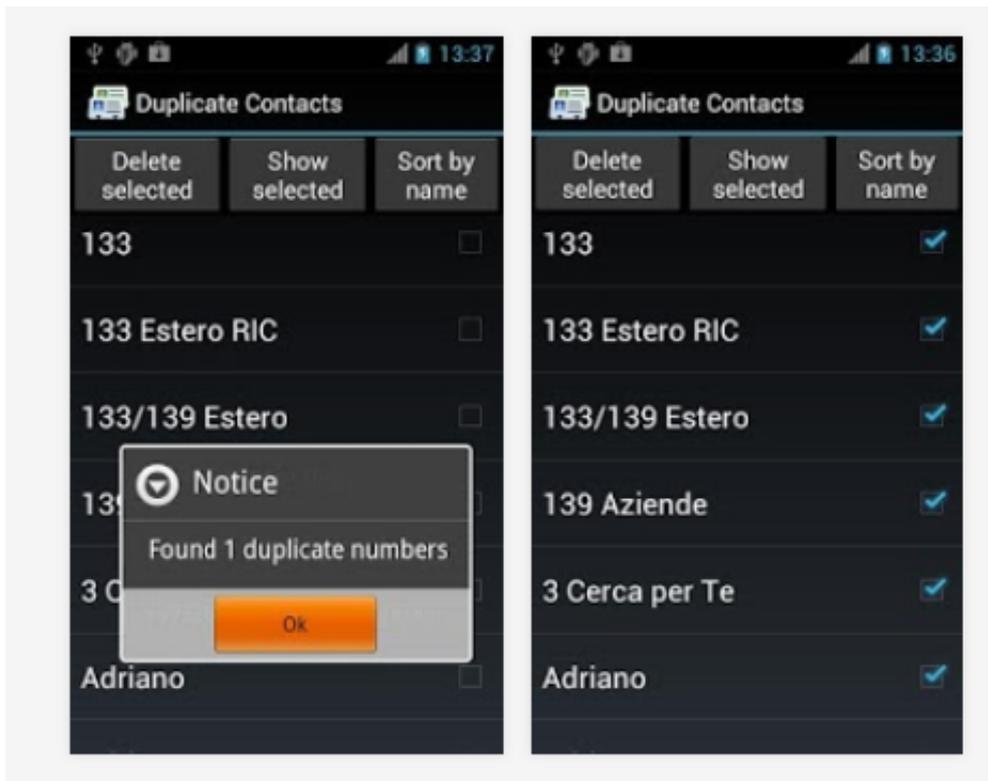
A Note to make here is, *Dr.Fone* requieres that *USB Debugging* has to be Switched on from the Phone (on Android version 3.0 to 4.1) - "**Settings**" -> **Click "Developer options"** -> **Check "USB debugging"**.
On Android 4.2 and newer to activate USB **Debugging** - "**Settings** -> **About Phone** -> **Developer Options** -> **(Check) USB Debugging"**

Found Phone Contacts, are exported into **.CSV** file, **HTML** and **VCard**. So to import back my recovered contacts from my Mobile, I transferred VCard file extension (*VCard.VCF*) into my Mobile Phone via attached USB cable and from Phone's *File Manager* clicked on VCard.vcf to import my contacts.

So far so good, I had all my **Phone Contacts** recovered and again accessible from *Android's PhoneBook app*, however because of import for some reasons I had many of contacts Imported and visible now multiple times, as well as a lot of *junk contacts like just Phone Numbers without names*. To resolve that I first thought of manually **reviewing and deleting only junk and duplicate addressbook contacts**. As I didn't know **how to select and delete multiple Phone Contacts? - using the phone default Phone Contacts app**, I googled and found the [Contact Remover app](#) - a tiny program listing all your contacts letting you choose only those who would like to delete.

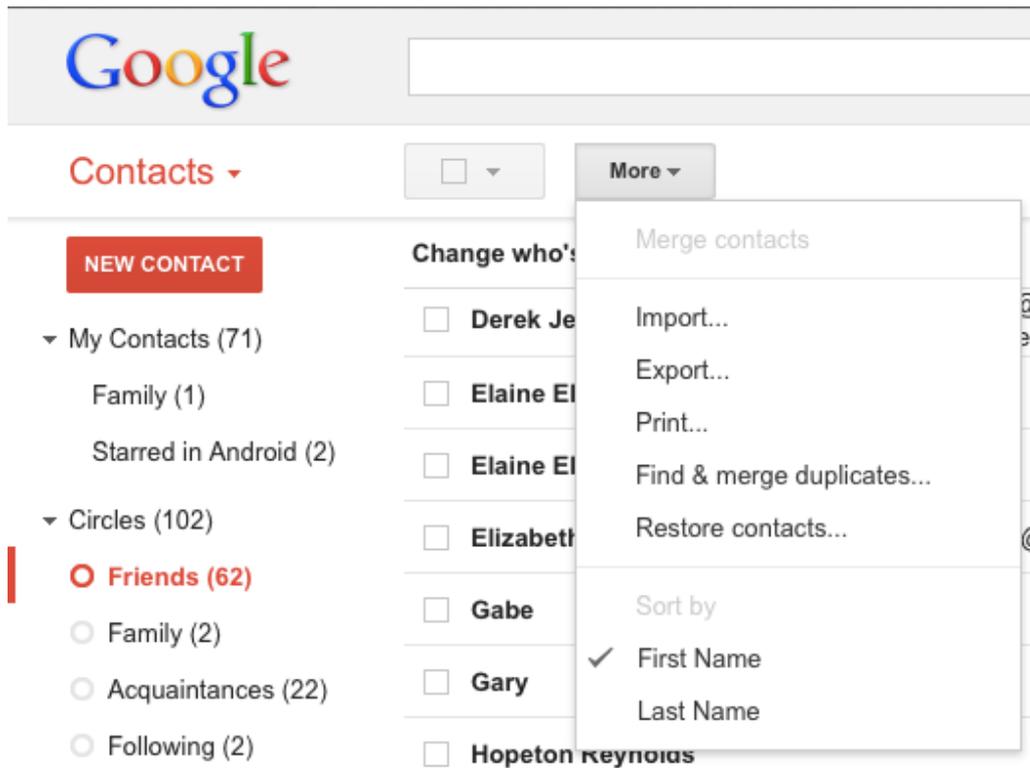


Though this program was working, Contact selection was lagging and was really irritating, so I googled further to see if there is no **Application to delete duplicate phone contacts in Android**, finding - [Duplicate Contacts](#) - *Simple tool to see and delete duplicate contacts*.



Once deleting the duplicate Phones (I had most of the phones occurring 5 times and there were number of email addresses wrongly parsed and imported into Contacts. I just had to delete a number of junky names **but happily all my Phone Contacts were successfully recovered! :)**

Now because I already had a Contacts set to Sync with Google, *once the Junky multiple duplicate contacts were stored on the Phone* they started **synchronizing with Google Contacts**.



After synchronization was completed to **clean my Google Account stored Phone number names and Contacts** - since some time Google introduced a special functionality for that - **Find and Merge Duplicates**.

For future to Keep my contacts in Ordered and backedup to prevent such a complex future exercises, I was recommended [MyPhoneExplorer](#) by a colleague. **MyPhoneExplorer** supports **backup (Export and Import) your Phone Contacts via USB, Bluetooth or even WI-FI on multiple devices, starting from Android Tablets, Android Mobile Phones and even old Nokia Symbian or other archaic Alcatel, LG etc. OS-ed mobile phones.**

