History

Mobile operating system milestones mirror the development of [mobile phones](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mobile_phone) and [smartphones](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Smartphone):

* 1970-1979 First Mobile Phone, Smartphone, and Cell Phone.
* 1979–1992 [Mobile phones](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mobile_phone) use [embedded systems](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Embedded_system) to control operation.
* 1993 The first [smartphone](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Smartphone), the [IBM Simon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IBM_Simon), has a touchscreen, [email](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Email) and PDA features.
* 1996 [Palm](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palm,_Inc.) [Pilot 1000](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pilot_1000) [personal digital assistant](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Personal_digital_assistant) is introduced with the [Palm OS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palm_OS) mobile operating system.
* 1996 First [Windows CE](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windows_CE) Handheld PC devices are introduced.
* 1999 [Nokia S40](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nokia_S40) OS is officially introduced along with the [Nokia 7110](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nokia_7110)
* 2000 [Symbian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Symbian) becomes the first modern mobile OS on a smartphone with the launch of the [Ericsson R380](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ericsson_R380).
* 2001 The [Kyocera 6035](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kyocera_6035) is the first smartphone with [Palm OS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palm_OS).
* 2002 [Microsoft](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft)'s first [Windows CE](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windows_CE) ([Pocket PC](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pocket_PC)) smartphones are introduced.
* 2002 [BlackBerry](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BlackBerry_OS) releases its first smartphone.
* 2005 [Nokia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nokia) introduces [Maemo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maemo) OS on the first internet tablet [N770](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/N770).
* 2007 [Apple iPhone](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IPhone) with [iOS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IOS_(Apple)) is introduced as an [iPhone](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IPhone), "mobile phone" and "internet communicator."[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mobile_operating_system#cite_note-2)
* 2007 [Open Handset Alliance](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open_Handset_Alliance) (OHA) formed by [Google](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Google), [HTC](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HTC_Corporation), [Sony](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sony), [Dell](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dell), [Intel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intel), [Motorola](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motorola_Mobility), [Samsung](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samsung_Electronics), [LG](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LG_Electronics), etc.[[3]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mobile_operating_system#cite_note-3)
* 2008 OHA releases [Android](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Android_(operating_system)) 1.0 with the [HTC Dream](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HTC_Dream) (T-Mobile G1) as the first [Android](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Android_(operating_system)) phone.
* 2009 [Palm](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palm,_Inc.) introduces [webOS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WebOS) with the [Palm Pre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palm_Pre). By 2012 webOS devices were no longer sold.
* 2009 [Samsung](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samsung_Electronics) announces the [Bada](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bada) OS with the introduction of the [Samsung S8500](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samsung_S8500).
* 2010 [Windows Phone](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windows_Phone) OS phones are released but are not compatible with the previous [Windows Mobile](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windows_Mobile) OS.
* 2011 [MeeGo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MeeGo) the first mobile [Linux](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linux), combining [Maemo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maemo) and [Moblin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moblin), is introduced with the [Nokia N9](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nokia_N9), a collaboration of [Nokia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nokia), [Intel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intel) and [Linux Foundation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linux_Foundation)
* In September 2011 Samsung, Intel and the Linux Foundation announced that their efforts will shift from Bada, MeeGo to [Tizen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tizen) during 2011 and 2012.
* In October 2011 the [Mer project](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mer_(software_distribution)) was announced, centered around an ultra-portable Linux + [HTML5](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HTML5)/[QML](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/QML)/[JavaScript](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/JavaScript) Core for building products with, derived from the MeeGo codebase.
* 2012 [Mozilla](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mozilla) announced in July 2012 that the project previously known as "Boot to Gecko" was now [Firefox OS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Firefox_OS) and had several handset OEMs on board.
* 2013 [Canonical](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canonical_Ltd.) announced [Ubuntu Touch](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ubuntu_Touch), a version of the Linux distribution expressly designed for smartphones. The OS is built on the Android Linux kernel, using Android drivers, but does not use any of the Java-like code of Android.[[4]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mobile_operating_system#cite_note-The_Verge-4)
* 2013 [BlackBerry](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Research_in_Motion) released their new operating system for smartphones and tablets, [BlackBerry 10](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BlackBerry_10).
* 2014 Microsoft release [Windows Phone 8.1](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windows_Phone_8.1) in February 2014.