

Android Operating System

A Linux-based system originally designed for touchscreen mobile devices such as smartphones and tablet computers

The most popular mobile OS

Development was done by Android Inc., which was bought by Google in 2005

1st commercial version (Android 1.0) was released in 2008

Most recent version is Android 4.3 (Jelly Bean)

The Open Handset Alliance (OHA) was responsible for the Android OS releases as an open platform

The open-source nature of Android has been the key to its success