

History of Android

The history and versions of android are interesting to know. The code names of android ranges from A to J currently, such as **Aestro, Blender, Cupcake, Donut, Eclair, Froyo, Gingerbread, Honeycomb, Ice Cream Sandwich, Jelly Bean, KitKat** and **Lollipop**. Let's understand the android history in a sequence.

- 1) Initially, **Andy Rubin** founded Android Incorporation in Palo Alto, California, United States in October, 2003.
- 2) In 17th August 2005, Google acquired android Incorporation. Since then, it is in the subsidiary of Google Incorporation.
- 3) The key employees of Android Incorporation are **Andy Rubin, Rich Miner, Chris White** and **Nick Sears**.
- 4) Originally intended for camera but shifted to smart phones later because of low market for camera only.
- 5) Android is the nick name of Andy Rubin given by coworkers because of his love to robots.
- 6) In 2007, Google announces the development of android OS.
- 7) In 2008, HTC launched the first android mobile.

Android Versions, Codename and API

Let's see the android versions, codenames and API Level provided by Google.

Version	Code name	API Level
1.5	Cupcake	3
1.6	Donut	4
2.1	Eclair	7
2.2	Froyo	8
2.3	Gingerbread	9 and 10

3.1 and 3.3	Honeycomb	12 and 13
4.0	Ice Cream Sandwich	15
4.1, 4.2 and 4.3	Jelly Bean	16, 17 and 18
4.4	KitKat	19
5.0	Lollipop	21
6.0	Marshmallow	23
7.0	Nougat	24-25
8.0	Oreo	26-27