



Mobile Operating System

- >An operating system built exclusively for mobile devices (smartphones, tablets, PDAs, etc.)
- ➤ Responsible for defining mobile features and functions including keypads, application synchronization, and text messaging
- Definitions from www.techopedia.com

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Current Software Platforms

- ➤ Android (Google)
- ≽iOS (Apple)
- ➤ Windows Phone (Microsoft)
- ➤ Others: Blackberry OS (RIM), Firefox OS (Mozilla), Sailfish OS (Jolla), Tizen (Linux Foundation), Ubuntu Touch OS (Canonical Ltd.)

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Android

- ➤ Owned by Google
- ➤ Open source OS (allows developer to access unlocked hardware and develop new programs)
- ➤ Most dominant smartphone platform
- Image from www.android.com



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STI	iOS
	 Owned by Apple Inc. Distributed exclusively for Apple hardware Powers iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch Second largest mobile OS
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STI **Windows Phone Popular Mobile Apps** ➤ Developed by Microsoft Facebook Instagram **Twitter** ➤ Home screen made YouTube Skype Temple Run entirely of Live Tiles Netflix **Angry Birds** Messenger > Full support for Microsoft Fruit Ninja Dropbox **Evernote** Office Clash of Clans Despicable Me Candy Crush Google Maps Subway Surfers WhatsApp - Image from www.microsoft.com Spotify Viber Words with Friends 10 9 **Benefits of Mobile Apps Integrated Development Environment** ➤ a programming environment that has been

Benefits of Mobile Apps Convenience Interactivity Personalization Speed Productivity

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○ Debugger
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packaged as an application program

➤ Typically consists of :

Code editorCompiler

Official IDEs > Android Studio (Android) > Xcode (iOS) > Visual Studio (Windows Phone)



Android Studio

- ➤ Official IDE for Android app development
- ➤ Based on IntelliJ IDEA (a Java IDE)
- ➤Includes:
 - Code templates
 - Layout editor (with support for drag and drop theme editing
 - o Built-in support for Google Cloud Platform

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Xcode

- ➤ Used to build apps and run them directly on Apple devices
- ➤ Uses Swift (a programming language created by Apple for iOS, OS X, and watchOS development

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Visual Studio

- ➤ Fully-featured, and extensible IDE for creating mobile applications for Windows, Android, and iOS
- ➤ Includes features such as:
 - Universal Windows Platform development
 - o Cross-platform mobile development
 - Multiple languages support

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Factors to Consider Before Developing Mobile Apps

- ➤ Multiple platforms and devices
- ➤ Screen size
- ➤ User interaction
- ➤ Screen density
- ➤ Integration with phone functions
- ➤ Limited CPU/memory/battery resources (Nalini, 2013)

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