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The version history of the Android mobile operating system began with the public release of the Android beta on November 5, 2007.

The first commercial version, Android 1.0, was released on September 23, 2008.

Android is continually developed by Google and the Open Handset Alliance, and it has seen a number of updates to its base operating system since the initial release.

Code Names

Versions Android 1.0 and 1.1 were not released under specific code names, although Android 1.1 was unofficially known as **Petit Four**.

Android code names are confectionery-themed and have been in alphabetical order since 2009's Android 1.5 Cupcake. The most recent version of Android is Android 9 Pie, which was released in August 2018.

API Level

API Level is an integer value that uniquely identifies the framework API revision offered by a version of the Android platform.

Each Android platform version supports exactly one API Level, although support is implicit for all earlier API Levels (down to API Level 1).

The initial release of the Android platform provided API Level 1 and subsequent releases have incremented the API Level.

Code name	Version number	Linux kernel version ^[1]	Initial release date	API level	Ref
No Codename	1.0	2.1	September 23, 2008	1	[2]
Petit Four	1.1	2.6	February 9, 2009	2	[2]
Cupcake	1.5	2.6.27	April 27, 2009	3	
Donut	1.6	2.6.29	September 15, 2009	4	[3]
Eclair	2.0 – 2.1	2.6.29	October 26, 2009	5 – 7	[4]
Froyo	2.2 - 2.2.3	2.6.32	May 20, 2010	8	[5]
Gingerbread	2.3 - 2.3.7	2.6.35	December 6, 2010	9 – 10	[6]
Honeycomb	3.0 - 3.2.6	2.6.36	February 22, 2011	11 – 13	[7]
lce Cream Sandwich	4.0 - 4.0.4	3.0.1	October 18, 2011	14 – 15	[8]
Jelly Bean	4.1 – 4.3.1	3.0.31 to 3.4.39	July 9, 2012	16 – 18	[9]
KitKat	4.4 - 4.4.4	3.10	October 31, 2013	19 – 20	[10]
Lollipop	5.0 - 5.1.1	3.16	November 12, 2014	21 – 22	[11]
Marshmallow	6.0 - 6.0.1	3.18	October 5, 2015	23	[12]
Nougat	7.0 – 7.1.2	4.4	August 22, 2016	24 – 25	[13]
Oreo	8.0 - 8.1	4.10	August 21, 2017	26 – 27	[14]
Pie	9.0	4.4.107, 4.9.84, and 4.14.42	August 6, 2018	28	[15]
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