

Huawei unveils its rival to Android. It's called Harmony

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Huawei has finally unveiled its own operating system. The reveal of Harmony OS comes months after the Chinese tech company was placed on a US trade blacklist that barred American firms from selling tech and software to Huawei unless they get a license to do so. That ban has prevented companies like Google from supplying new Huawei devices with its version of Android OS.

Harmony, which is called "Hongmeng" in Chinese, "is completely different from Android and iOS," Apple's operating system, said Richard Yu, the CEO of Huawei's consumer business group.

"We will switch to [the] Harmony system when we can't use Android," he said, adding that it is "not that difficult" to migrate from Android to Huawei's own system.

Huawei is the world's second largest smartphone seller behind Samsung and it has relied on a suite of Google services for its devices, including the Android system and the Google Play app store. But the US ban has thrown a wrench into that partnership since it was implemented in May.

American tech companies had hoped to soon resume sales to Huawei. But that might not be happening soon: Bloomberg reported earlier Friday that the White House plans to delay a decision on granting licenses that would allow US companies to keep selling to Huawei, citing people familiar with the matter.

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