From Nexus to Android One: a brief history of purist Android phones

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Android has been around for so long, and in so many forms, that the open-source operating system has evolved on multiple fronts thanks to the frantic competition among the many vendors using the platform.

For all the bells and whistles of Samsung, LG and HTC, there’s always been a market for something a little purer? a 'stock' OS that strips away all the third-party bloat for an experience that? as close to Google? s vision of Android as it? s possible to get.

From the evolution of Google's Nexus smartphone range (and their successors, the improving Google Pixel phones) to the simultaneous innovation of Android One, pure Android devices have carved out more than one niche for themselves. It? s been quite the journey, and the story isn? t over yet...

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