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OPEN SOURCE MOBILE OS ALTERNATIVES TO ANDROID

Alternative Open Source OS: TIZEN

TIZEN is an open source, Linux based mobile operating system which is often dubbed as official Linux mobile OS for the reason that the project is supported by the [Linux Foundation](#).

Apart from Linux Foundation, **TIZEN** project is supported by tech giants Samsung and Intel. Initially slotted for late 2013 release, it was only in January'15 that the first Tizen phone, [Samsung Z was released](#) in South Asian market.

Despite being based on Linux, **TIZEN** [has been marred with security issues](#).



Alternative Open Source OS: PLASMA MOBILE

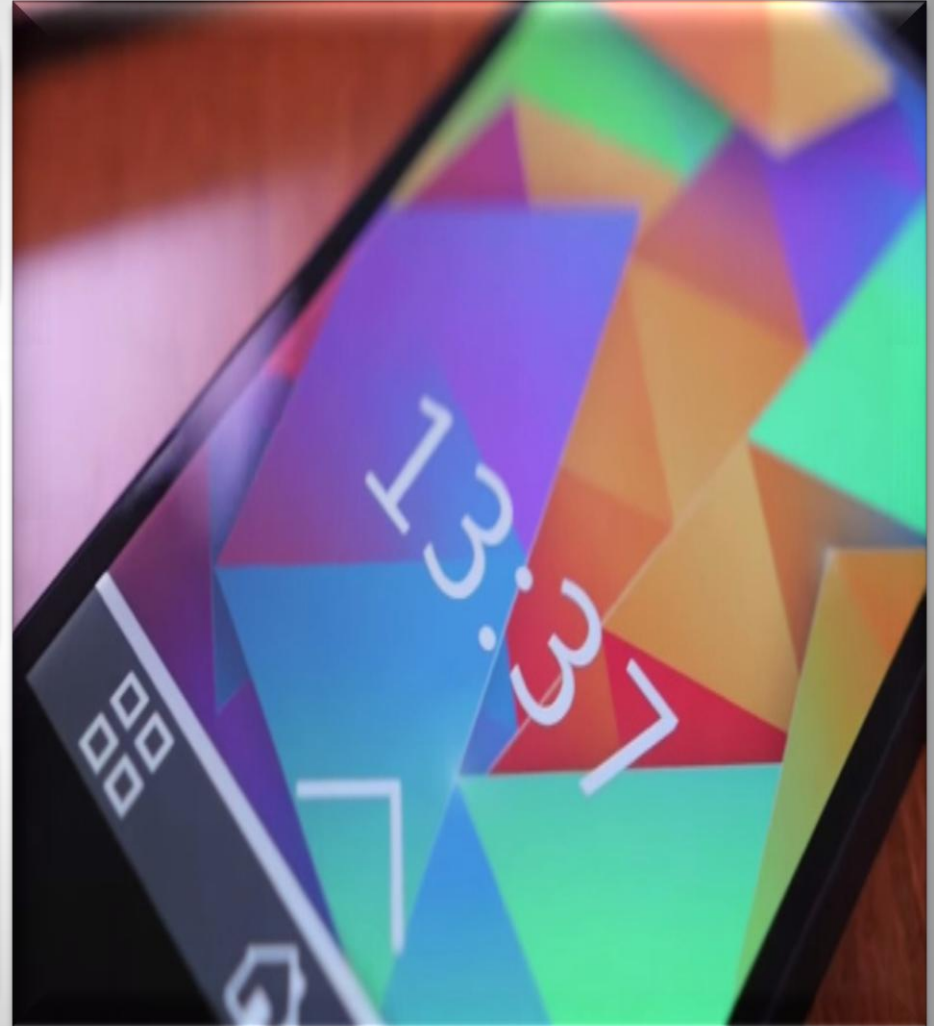
In April , 2018 KDE announced its own open source mobile OS:

PLASMA MOBILE

KDE is an international community that develops Free and Open Source based software.

Based on Kubuntu, Plasma Mobile is the mobile version of desktop Plasma user interface that aims to provide convergence to KDE users.

OS is in the experimental phase and can be tested on Lg Nexus 5 devices.



Alternative Open Source OS : LIBREM

Not an open source mobile OS
but an **Open Source
Mobile Phone.**

Security and Privacy focused Linux
distribution [PureOS](#) has plans to
launch a secure and encrypted
SmartPhone.

Librem will be running a touch
optimized version of PureOS, Debian,
Ubuntu, SUSE, Fedora and even Arch
Linux.



Alternative Open Source OS: PostmarketOS

pmOS is a touch-optimized, pre-configured [Alpine Linux](#) with own packages, that can be installed on SmartPhones.

The idea is to provide 10-year life cycle to smartphones.

pmOS is in very early phases of development and it is most likely that you won't be able to use it on your SmartPhone just yet.



Alternative Open Source OS: LineageOS

LineageOS is an Android distribution.
In other words, you can call it a
custom ROM

It was created after the much more
successful Android
distribution [CyanogenMod](#) was
discontinued

LineageOS is a fork of CyanogenMod

Started in December 2016, LineageOS
now supports 178 SmartPhone models
and claims to have over 1.7 million
installs



LineageOS

Alternative Open Source OS: eelo

eelo is an upcoming Android distribution based on LineageOS

It is being created by the developer of Mandrake Linux

The idea is to have an open source mobile operating system free from Google.

eelo promises to have its own cloud and email services to give you an Android free experience

eelo is in very early phases of development



Alternative Open Source OS: Sailfish OS

Developed by Finnish startup Jolla, Sailfish OS is a Linux-based mobile operating system that utilizes Mer, the successor to Nokia's short-lived MeeGo operating system.

The user interface is gesture based, with the a focus on multitasking.

One distinct advantage that Sailfish OS boasts over the competition is a huge catalog of apps and software, as it is compatible with software made for Android, Linux, Mer/MeeGo and anything written in HTML5.

Not an Open Source



Alternative Open Source OS: UBUNTU TOUCH

Spanish manufacturer **BQ** became the first device running **Ubuntu Touch** in February'15.

It was soon followed by Chinese manufacturer Meizu.

It is too soon to gauge the success or failure of **Ubuntu** phones because these first few devices aim at developers.



Alternative Open Source OS: MEUI

MIUI (pronounced “Me-You-I”) is a heavily modified version of the Android OS, made and maintained by Xiaomi Tech, a Chinese electronics company

MIUI offers a higher level of customization than stock Android, allowing users to apply custom themes, lock screens, fonts and more

MIUI has built-in network monitoring, spam and virus protection, a data backup app and other useful and unique features

The UI is somewhat similar to that of the iPhone, with its glossy icons and smooth screen transitions

