

## The Evolution of Google Phones

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Google has been at the smartphone game since 2007 and they've come a long way. At the end of the day, not much has changed really. Along the way there have been sliders, a few keyboards and even a trackball, but at the end of it all, not a lot has changed in terms of platform since about 2009. I'm not sure if that means it's a real win, or if people have quit trying to think outside the box.

*Google had no way of knowing it at the time, but the roughly \$50 million it shelled out to buy Palo Alto-based Android Inc. would turn out to be one of the best deals in its history. Frustrated by the fragmentation of yesteryear's mobile industry, Google directed its new team to develop a smartphone of its own, running open-source software that would ensure Google's web services would have a place in people's pockets.*

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