

FAIRPHONE

Press Release

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Fairphone 2 is the first phone with a Qualcomm Snapdragon 801 chipset to offer Android Nougat

Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 13th of October 2018 – Fairphone announced that Android 7.1.2 'Nougat' is now available for the Fairphone 2. This marks the second major software upgrade for Fairphone's modular device, which is now nearly 3 years old. The Fairphone 2 was initially released with Android 5 and received an upgrade to Android 6 in 2017. With today's release, Fairphone has become the only phone on the market with a Qualcomm Snapdragon 801 chipset to upgrade to Android 7.

Over the last months, Fairphone's software team and external partners have been actively developing the Android 7 upgrade for the Fairphone 2. The company estimates that the hours worked, combined with external developing costs and certification brings the total cost of the software upgrade to about EUR 500,000. This investment is especially significant given the number of Fairphone 2s in circulation: about 100,000 phones have been sold to date, which will receive the free update. Similar to the release of Android 7 also the previous release of Android 6 cost 500.000 EUR to develop. For a small company like Fairphone this is a big investment, but necessary acknowledging the crucial role software plays to keep phones longer-lasting.

[IMAGE]

Beyond the time and money invested, what makes this achievement so special is the fact that the Fairphone 2's chipset is no longer officially supported by the chipset vendor. Therefore, to make Android 7 a reality, Fairphone and its partners had to build on existing work that had been done by the wider open source community. As a result, the company is currently the only phone manufacturer to offer Android 7 for a device that uses the Qualcomm Snapdragon 801 chipset.

Aiming for "long-lasting" over "latest"

Upgrading to Android 7 will offer Fairphone 2 users a variety of functional benefits, including split screen mode, data transfer-saving capabilities, simplified

notifications and energy-saving doze mode. However, the primary reason Fairphone dedicated its resources to this project was its commitment to produce and support longer-lasting phones.

The upgrade will make it possible for Fairphone to keep offering security updates for the Fairphone 2 – protecting users and ensuring they can enjoy their devices for longer. By combining software support with other unconventional practices like offering spare parts, replaceable batteries and upgraded cameras, Fairphone aims to prove that it is possible to make longer-lasting devices, instead of simply encouraging consumers to purchase the “latest” phone.

Nougat now available for the Fairphone 2

All current Fairphone 2 owners are encouraged to upgrade their software to benefit from the enhanced security and usability. The upgrade is available in two different versions: a standard version and an open version. The open version is built on [publically available source code](#), and comes without pre-installed Google Mobile Services (GMS). In contrast, the standard Fairphone OS includes these popular services. Going forward new Fairphone 2 orders will arrive with Android 7 already installed.

Note to the editor

About Fairphone

Fairphone is a social enterprise that is building a movement for fairer electronics. By making a phone, we're opening up the supply chain and creating new relationships between people and their products. We're making a positive impact across the value chain in mining, design, manufacturing and life cycle, while expanding the market for products that put ethical values first. Together with our community, we're changing the way products are made.

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Photos, videos, fact sheets and other materials are available at the Fairphone press page: <https://fairphone.com/en/about/press/>

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Fairphone 2 key technical specifications

Display

5-inch, Full HD LCD display

Gorilla® Glass 3

Operating System
Android™ 7.1.2

SIM slots
Dual SIM

Connectivity
4G LTE/3G/2G
Wi-Fi (802.11 b/g/n/ac),
Bluetooth® 4.0 LE, GPS

Platform
Qualcomm® Snapdragon™ 801 platform,
2GB RAM

Camera
12 megapixel rear camera

Battery
2420 mAh removable lithium-ion battery

Storage
32 GB internal storage
Expandable storage via MicroSD slot

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