

Google Updates Device Lineup

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Google announces annual device lineup updates-- the 5.7-inch Nexus 6P and 5-inch Nexus 5X smartphones, Microsoft Surface/iPad Pro rival Pixel C, a redesigned Chromecast HDMI dongle and, in new offerings, the Chromecast Audio wifi audio streamer.



The smartphone offerings have features new to the Nexus family, namely a Nexus Imprint fingerprint sensor and a USB Type-C port. The bigger of the two, the 5.7-inch Nexus 6P, is Huawei-made and is the first Nexus devices with an all-aluminium body and a 12.3MP camera with a sensor promising "massive 1.55µm pixels."

Further spec details include a 2560x1440 resolution AMOLED display, 64-bit Qualcomm Snapdragon 810 octa-core CPU, 3GB RAM, 32/64/128GB storage, 8MP front-facing camera and 3450mAh battery.

Meanwhile the smaller LG-made Nexus 5X is an upgrade on the popular Nexus 5. It features a 1920x1080 resolution display, 64-bit Snapdragon 808 hexa-core CPU, Adreno 418 GPU, 2GB RAM, 16/32GB storage and a 2700mAh battery.

On the tablet side Google offers the Pixel C-- a high-end 10.1-inch number featuring an Nvidia X1 quad-core processor, "desktop-caliber" Maxwell GPU, 3GB RAM, 32/64GB storage and a USB Type-C port. Like all respectable tablets it also has a magnetic keyboard cover accessory with automatic charging when closed over the device.

All the above mentioned devices run on Android 6.0 (aka Marshmallow), an update promising

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superior power management and simplified security.

Last but not least are the two Chromecast devices-- the redesigned Chromecast (one Google says is easier to plug in TVs with crowded ports) and the Chromecast Audio, a dongle users plug into speakers to stream audio from PCs and mobile devices via wifi.

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