

Microsoft admits Android is the best operating system for mobile devices

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At an event at Microsoft's flagship store in London, Panos Panay, the chief product officer for the Microsoft Devices group, admitted that the company is using Android in its upcoming Surface Duo phone because, quite simply, the "best OS for this product is Android".

It's a noteworthy admission, as Google's Android mobile operating system is one of Microsoft's biggest rivals. In the past, the company has tried "and failed" to take on Android with its own operating system for mobile devices: Windows Mobile.

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While Windows 10 Mobile is no more, it must have been tempting for Microsoft to revive the OS for its upcoming

dual-screen handset, so it's commendable that it has gone for the much more popular Android operating system ? while being so frank about its reasons.

On one hand, it seems like Microsoft has acknowledged just how hard it is to compete with Android ? which is currently the most-used operating system on the planet ? a title Microsoft's own Windows OS used to have. The failure of Windows 10 Mobile, and the Windows phones that ran the software, was likely a humbling experience that the company is in no rush to repeat.

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