

Google Pixel Smartphone Gets Sequel

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Google might be serious about different kinds of devices, but the main focus of the Pixel 2 is event obviously the Pixel 2, the sequel to last year's flagship smartphone from the search giant.



Perhaps unsurprisingly the Pixel 2 is less an revolution and more a revolution of the previous model. It comes in 2 versions, Pixel 2 and Pixel 2 XL, with display size marking the only difference between the two-- the regular Pixel 2 has a 5-inch 1920 x 1080 OLED display, while the 6-inch Pixel 2 XL has a 2880 x 1440 OLED screen.

On the specs side, both the Pixel 2 models carry a Qualcomm Snapdragon 835 processor, 4GB RAM, 64/128GB storage, dual front-facing speakers, 12.2MP rear-facing camera with an autofocus using a laser and dual-pixel phase detection, 8MP fixed-focus front-facing camera, Bluetooth 5.0 wireless and USB-C connectivity.

Following the current high-end smartphone trend the headphone jack is no more, replaced with either an (included) dongle or wireless headphones, such as the Google take on Apple's AirPods, dubbed Pixel Buds. These are actually interesting through the addition of a Google Translate feature providing real-time conversation translation.

A final point mentioned is the smartphones are VR-ready through a new version of Daydream View headset. It is similar to last year's model, is available in gray, black or coral pink colours, and is compatible with the Pixel 2, Samsung Galaxy S8 and LG V30 handsets.

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