

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

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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