Intel and Google announce an alliance optimising Android for Intel chips, with Google's Andy Rubin joining Intel CEO Paul Otellini at the Intel Developer Forum 2011 keynote.



The joint effort will leverage Intel technology across both smartphones and tablets, improving Android performance on x86 architecture.

During the keynote Otellini shows a Medfield-powered smartphone running Android 2.3 (Gingerbread), while the show attendees can also find a Medfield-powered Honeycomb tablet prototype.

Other Google products (such as Chrome OS and Google TV) and the Android SDK and NDK will also be Intel-optimised.

One can interpret the announcement as a sign of further cracks within the Wintel alliance-particularly with Windows 8 working on low-power Arm processors as well as Intel designs.

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