New partnerships extend Microsoft's reach into Android
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so people can be productive wherever, however and whenever they want," said Peggy Johnson, executive vice president of business development at Microsoft.

In a separate statement, Johnson said 10 other hardware makers would also install Microsoft services on their Android devices.

These firms include US-based Dell, TrekStor of Germany, JP Sa Couto of Portugal, Datamatic of Italy, DEXP of Russia, Hipstreet of Canada, QMobile of Pakistan, Tecno of Africa, and Casper of Turkey, and Pegatron—a Taiwan-based firm which makes devices for other brands.

"Original device manufacturers are important because they extend Microsoft services to the ecosystem," Johnson said.

"More specifically, they help to reach a greater number of other device manufacturers, resulting in even more choice for customers around the world. And for Microsoft, this is part of the company's mobile-first, cloud-first vision."

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