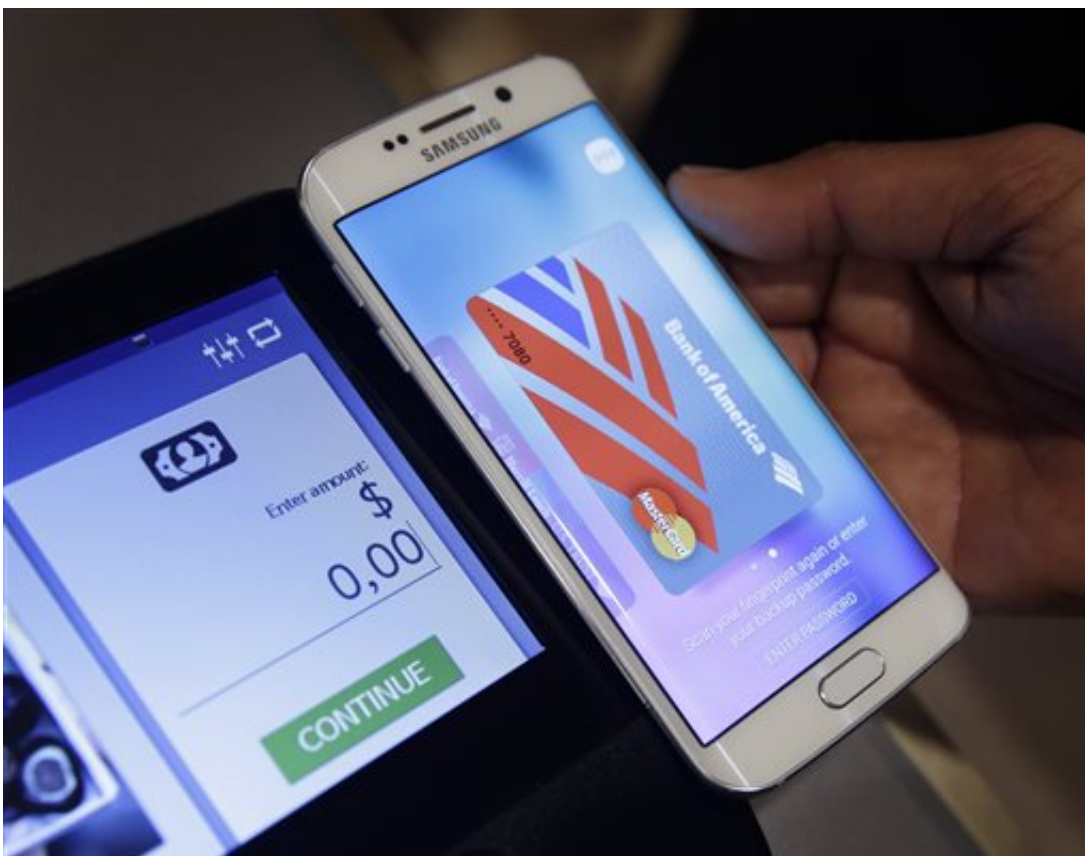


Samsung mobile-pay service will expand, starting with China

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In this Aug. 6, 2015 file photo, a Samsung employee demonstrates Samsung Pay using a Galaxy S6 Edge Plus in New York. Samsung's mobile-payment service, Samsung Pay, will expand beyond the U.S. and Korea this year. The Korean company said Friday, Feb. 19, 2016, that it's coming to China in March, a month after rival Apple Pay. Samsung Pay will hit Australia, Brazil, Singapore, Spain and the U.K. later in the year. (AP Photo/Seth Wenig, File)

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Samsung Pay works with certain Samsung phones. As with Apple Pay on iPhones and Google's Android Pay on a broader range of Android phones, users add their credit or [debit cards](#) and make payments at stores by tapping on a machine with a wireless technology called NFC.

Many merchants don't have NFC, though. Samsung Pay can work at additional stores by mimicking the magnetic swipes produced by plastic cards.

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