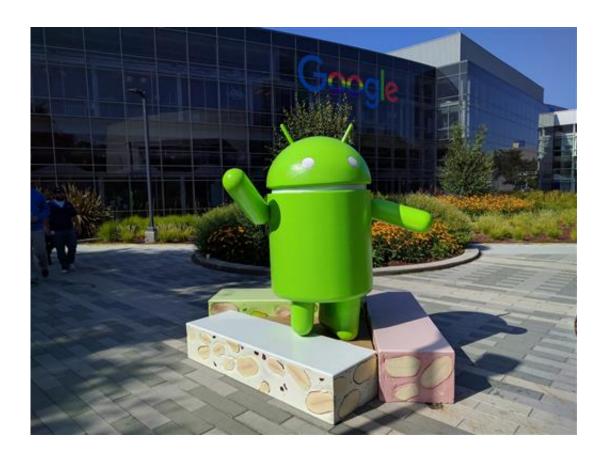# Google serves a 'Nougat' to fans of its Android software

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Google is serving a new morsel for fans of its Android software: The next version has been dubbed "Nougat," extending Google's tradition of nicknaming each overhaul of Android after a sweet food.

The Nougat name announced Thursday comes seven weeks after Google sought suggestions during its annual conference for software engineers.

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The nicknames for earlier Android versions have included Marshmallow, Lollipop, KitKat, Ice Cream Sandwich and Gingerbread.

Google commemorates the different Android nicknames with statues near its Mountain View, California, headquarters.

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