

Dear *HTC*,

We appreciate the good quality, look and feel and the design of HTC smartphone products. That's why our developers have created many ROMs for the phone with the Gingerbread Kernel source code, but currently our developers are left in the lurch:

An official HTC Desire S (codenamed saga) Ice Cream Sandwich OTA (Over-The-Air) update was released almost a month ago on the 20th of June, 2012 (OTA SAGA ICS 35 S HTCCN CHS 3.07.1400.2-2.13.1400.5 release 266787nqe77g7amps0cr9a). Yet the htcdev.com website has still not been updated with the matching kernel source.

Android is an open-platform and is based on the GNU/Linux Kernel. The Linux kernel is licensed under GNU General Public License v2 or GPL (<http://www.gnu.org/licenses/gpl-2.0.html>), which means that you are legally obligated to release the source code for any derivative work within a reasonable time frame. This code is free software (free as in free speech) and this means that it is developed by volunteers around the world. They do not wish to earn money with this code, only that it spreads the great idea of freedom and free software. We want to make the software as good as possible and improve what you have currently done.

Developers are working hard to bring new ROMs and continue support to your devices, which many of your customers are eager to use. At the moment we have nearly 40 Android 4.0 based ROMs for the Desire S (<http://forum.xda-developers.com/showpost.php?p=15187889>) running without the 3.0 kernel source and the community is already working on Jelly Bean based ROMs. By releasing the kernel source code you can improve our experiences with the device and with HTC as a company. The very openness of Android is intended to draw many people and by withholding kernel source code you are ultimately alienating your customers who may move on to purchase devices made by a different company (e.g. a Google Nexus device with pure and newest Android).

Furthermore we know that we can and will lose the phone's warranty by installing unofficial phone updates, but we, the developers, know what we are doing with the device, so it doesn't restrict the usage of the phone nor does it affect HTC in any way. And as we believe, most of the phone's warranty may have already ended meaning we take full responsibility for anything that may happen to our phones.

We are aware that this device is from a previous hardware generation and we are grateful that you are continuing to support it, but we would all be happy if your continued support is not only directed at your customers, but also as required by copyright law.

Please do the right thing and release the Desire S Android 4.0 kernel source. Thank you.

Sincerely yours, The xda-developers community.

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