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Symbian CEO Disses Linux-Based Android, Tells Google to Bring It

Nokia, who happens to own a 47 percent stake in Symbian, may have welcomed Google's Android mobile OS with open arms yesterday, but the same can't be said for Symbian's CEO Nigel Clifford (pictured right). During a Tokyo news conference on Tuesday, Clifford reacted to the search giant's mobile inroads the way a CEO of [...]



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"One of the reactions is, it's another Linux platform," *Network World* quotes Clifford as saying during the news conference. "There's 10, 15, 20, maybe 25 different Linux platforms out there. It sometimes appears that Linux is fragmenting faster than it unifies."

To look at the [figures released today](#), it would appear Clifford's bravado is justified. By almost all accounts, Symbian dominates the smart-phone market everywhere except the U.S. The company announced on Tuesday it sold 20.4 million smart phone software licenses in the third quarter of 2007, a rise of about 56 per cent from



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As *Network World* points out, Symbian's three biggest supporters right now are Samsung, LG and Motorola. Those companies also happen to be partners in Google's new OHA. And whether Google is willing to admit it or not, the two platforms will inevitably end up competing to get into those manufacturers' handsets.

On that note, it looks like Symbian isn't willing to give up much ground to some upstart mobile OS.

"We're the market leader, and we aim to remain the market leader," Clifford said.

[Via [Network World](#)]

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