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Series 60 Platform FAQ

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What is the Series 60 Platform?
The Series 60 Platform is the software that runs the Series 60 phone. These phones are sometimes called smartphones. The Series 60 Platform consists of a user interface (Series 60 UI) for the user to navigate and interact with the phone's data and software, and some programs (Series 60 applications) that provide advanced functions for the phone, for example messaging and calendar. Series 60 Platform runs on top of an open operating system (Symbian OS).

What can I do with a Series 60 Platform phone?
First, it is a phone that has all the features in a regular GSM phone. Second, and most importantly, it is a phone with software applications that allow you to manage your personal information, install and use new software applications or content, and to create personal content, such as photos.

How does the Series 60 Platform benefit corporate users and consumers?
For consumers and corporations Series 60 Platform phones offer new, exciting and efficient services that are easy to use and easy to implement; provide more fun and greater productivity. For corporate users, the Series 60 Platform provides:

Built-in email, calendar, messaging and browsing

- Business and personal e-mail accounts in the same device
- Local and Over-the-Air synchronization of calendar and contacts with popular PC applications

Security & Terminal management

- Application installation control
- Third party VPN and Anti-Virus software available

Interfaces that an enterprise developer needs

- APIs for networking, messaging and email
- Efficient and flexible file system for storing local data in the device

How does the Series 60 Platform facilitate interoperability between terminals?
The Series 60 Platform embraces the philosophy of openness. Built on the Symbian OS, put together by multiple mobility expert companies, and then licensed as source code to several eminent mobile phone manufacturers, the Series 60 Platform also implements open specifications for service enablers developed by the Open Mobile Alliance (OMA).

Mobile devices from different manufacturers that implement interoperable OMA enabler releases (sets of specifications) and that have undergone OMA interoperability testing help mobile services to work across different platforms, networks and geographies. The latest version of the Series 60 Platform implements OMA Digital Rights Management, OMA Instant Messaging and Presence Services, OMA Download, OMA Client Provisioning, OMA User Agent Profile, OMA Multimedia Messaging, and OMA Data Synchronization.

What does the Series 60 Platform include in general?

Messaging

- Complete Messaging Center including:
- SMS
- Email
- MMS, with enhanced SMIL support
- Instant Messaging

Java and Symbian OS

- Download, install and run software applications
- Java Mobile APIs

Browsing

- XHTML/HTML/WAP Multimode Browser
- PC Connectivity Suite
- Backup and synchronization of phone data

Multimedia

- RealOne Player
- Camera/Camcoder application

Telephony

- Make and receive calls
- Easy to use call log

Personal Information Management

- Calendar
- To-do list
- Synchronization of contacts and calendar
- MultiMediaCard (MMC) support

User Interface

- High quality, large color screen (176x208)
- One-hand operation
- Two soft keys and 5-way navigation system all controlled with one hand
- Convenient multitasking with the Application key, extensively tested user interface with the intuitive design: users will be able to easily accomplish their tasks without manuals

Where do I find software and content, such as images and ringtones? How do I put software on my phone?
A Series 60 Platform phone allows you to add content to it through many different routes. You can download content with your browser, have it sent via MMS, or transfer it from you PC via InfraRed or Bluetooth. There are many places you can find content, such as your operator portal, and on the Web. Here are some good websites to learn about, try, and buy software: All About Symbian, My Symbian , and Handango.

How do I personalize my phone?
There are many ways to personalize your Series 60 phone, for example you can add a background image to the main screen, change ringtones, set up messaging groups, have specific ringtones for calling groups or individuals, add photos to contacts so that they show up when receiving a call, download new content and software, change the UI theme, and rearrange and rename many of the icons in the main menu.

What phones use the Series 60 Platform?
Please visit our devices page to get the most up to date list of announced and available Series 60 Platform phones.

How do Series 60 Platform phones compare to other phones?
The Series 60 Platform is similar to other advanced phones in that users can download software applications, browse the mobile Internet in color, and manage communications such as text messaging, multi-media messaging, and voice calls. Yet, a Series 60 Platform phone offers a larger screen for better information display, a richer mode of interaction via an easy to use interface, multi-tasking to facilitate the use of more than one program at a time, access to more on-phone storage space, and more capable software programs.

Basically, other phones might have similar features to Series 60 Platform phones, but are not as easy to use to mange content, personal data, or multiple software applications. Therefore, a user needs to consider many features when deciding between a regular phone and a Series 60 Platform phone. For example, is the regular phone user interface sufficient for management of personal information, such as address book and calendar? Are the features on the regular phone more important than a Series 60 Platform phone? Which phone has the most appealing design, size, and feel? Which phone has the best combination of features and price?

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