

Big guns team on Linux wireless platform

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Some of the biggest names in wireless communications launched an effort Thursday to develop a mobile software platform based on Linux.

The international consortium includes Motorola, NEC, NTT DoCoMo, Panasonic Mobile, Vodafone and Samsung. Other companies were encouraged to join the effort.

The project is aimed at developing a Linux-based platform and API specification that will provide better wireless services for customers and speed development of new products.

"Motorola is a firm believer in the power of open platforms and the promise of Linux for mobile," said Motorola Vice President Greg Besio. "We believe this will unleash the tremendous innovation opportunities for developers, device makers, operators and consumers alike."

The companies vowed an "open and transparent process" that will benefit all Linux stakeholders.

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