

# HP launches webOS 2.0 for the Palm and new Pre2 smartphone (w/ Video)

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(PhysOrg.com) -- HP has just released their webOS 2.0 for the Palm Pre and Pre2. This release should give HP a more complete edge in the smartphone arena. WebOS 2.0 offers consumers a new application experience not found on any other smartphone platform.

With webOS 2.0 release true [multi-tasking](#) makes it possible to manage multiple open [applications](#) and notifications using natural touch gestures. New with this release, 'Stacks' logically groups together your open apps so they work the way you do. Whether you're sending a text message or playing a game, 'Stacks' keeps related items together so managing multiple tasks is made easier.

Jon Rubinstein, senior vice president and general manager, Palm Global

Business Unit, HP stated in an HP press release: “With webOS 2.0, we’re advancing the innovations we introduced 16 months ago, expanding the features that make webOS great for consumers, enterprises and developers. We’ve made tremendous strides since the platform launched, and now we’re taking our biggest leap forward with powerful new features that make it easier to get more things done with your webOS device.”

This next generation of webOS makes it easier to get more done. Some of new the features in this release include:

**True Multitasking** - webOS lets you easily manage multiple open applications and notifications using natural touch gestures. Also ‘Stacks’ logically groups together your open apps so they work the way you do.

**Just Type** - Lets you start an email, create a message, update your status, or search the web all without opening an application. Just Type is open to developers, so they can integrate with the search function and add their own user-customizable shortcuts, called Quick Actions.

**Adobe Flash Player 10.1 Beta** - webOS 2.0 now supports Adobe Flash Player 10.1 beta in the browser, which provides access to rich, Flash-based web content.

**HP Synergy** - connects you seamlessly to multiple web services. With the Synergy feature, you just log into your accounts like Facebook, Google, hotmail, Yahoo, etc. and all your information automatically populates your phone. webOS 2.0 will extend the support for Synergy to developers so that they can create feature rich applications directly into the core of the webOS experience.

[HP](#)’s new [Palm](#) Pre 2 smartpone will be the first device to run webOS 2.0 and will be available on Friday in France from SFR and is scheduled

to be available in the United States from Verizon Wireless and in Canada later this year.

The webOS 2.0 update will be delivered to existing customers in the coming months, with exact timing to be announced at a later date.

**More information:** [Full press release](#), [Features of webOS 2.0](#), [Palm Pre 2 features](#)

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