

Nokia gets delayed E7 mobile phone in some stores this week

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The E7 "will begin arriving in stores in select markets this week, with broader availability building up quickly in several markets," the company said in a statement.

The E7 runs the high-end Symbian3 [operating system](#) and is heir to the long lineage of Communicator-model business handsets which were first released in 1996 and later evolved into the E-series.

"Importantly, the device supports business applications from leading enterprise technology partners including Microsoft and IBM," the company said.

The phone features a large screen, a full keyboard, and mobile office software developed for Nokia by Microsoft, although its camera is a step down from the N8's much-praised Carl Zeiss lens.

The E7 was unveiled last September at the Nokia World event in London.

[Nokia](#) has come under intense pressure as it has lost market share to rivals in the key [smartphone](#) market, with both Standard and Poor's and Moody's threatening recently to downgrade the company's credit ratings unless it did better.

Nokia's 2010 fourth quarter beat expectations but its [net profit](#) of 745 million euros (\$1.02 billion) was down steeply from 948 million euros a year earlier as sales gained six percent to 12.65 billion euros.

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