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Mobile phone applications have gone beyond the cameraphone, music player and gaming with open source operating systems encouraging creative innovations such as using your phone as a spray can.



MobiLenin at work

Symbian OS is one of the world's leading operating systems and is used in many handsets.

In June Symbian announced they were going open source as part of their "general mission to be the most widely used software in the world".

Antony Edwards, VP Developer Product Manager, Symbian told Technofile: "We thought to make that next step, we need a big leap and the best way to do that is to go open source and remove any limitations of licensing and just to open up to more developers so they can come in, innovate, contribute and just get more people involved really."

At the Symbian Smartphone Show, Technofile spoke to many developers about their innovative new applications and one idea that has been created by 'Mobile Artist', Jurgen Scheible, is that of "using your mobile phone as a spray can" to paint things.

Mr Scheible, who has been nick-named MobiLenin, created **MobiSpray** using Python programming software and a mobile phone with built-in motion sensor.

He said it was relatively easy to develop new applications and "with three lines of code you can programme an application."

The artist uses a video projector to light a surface, which he can then paint by waving the phone around and using it's sensors.

Mr Scheible explained: "I beleive that the future will be about creating something, not only about getting information to your phone and interacting with other people.

"You go out and create because the phone has so many features. It has the video camera, the normal camera, the motion sensor, GPS and all that kind of stuff enables you to create.

"It's about empowering the people, empowering the users."

Mr Scheible continued: "What I have seen people around the world doing, they create very powerful mobile applications based on their own ideas and the key here is that these applications are based on real needs of people and they can share it."

While Symbian is one key player in operating systems, a big new rival in the open source arena is Google's Android operating system.

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