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VOIP goes open source

Broadcom and Trolltech have formed a partnership to create a multimedia voice over IP (VOIP) development platform based on Linux, reports [InformationWeek](#).

The development platform is intended for original equipment manufacturers that want to build what the companies call "next-generation" IP phones. It will combine Broadcom's VOIP technology and Trolltech's Qtopia Linux platform and user interface for mobile devices.

The Qtopia software is considered next-generation because it supports advanced technologies like unified communications, which links business processes with presence information, e-mail, voice mail, instant messaging, and videoconferencing, to facilitate efficient communications.

VOIP available on BlackBerry

Raketu has released a new VOIP Web application that allows users to make international calls from their BlackBerry, reports [Telappliant](#).

Consumers are not required to download software to access the VOIP service as the application is Web-based.

In addition, business users can send SMS text messages globally at competitively low rates, and send e-mail.

Skype faces obstacles in going mobile


Despite gloomy predictions for the future of the business, Skype remains one of the leading names in VOIP technology, says [DSL Reports](#).

The company is working to remain on top by focusing its development on a favourite VOIP trend: going mobile.

Skype has made several steps towards this goal, including launching a Skype phone at the end of last year. However, there will be several problems to overcome if the move into mobile is going to be a success.

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