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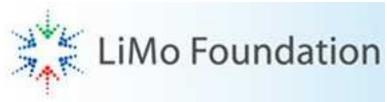
LiMo Foundation, a global consortium *(let's just say you won't find Microsoft or Nokia on this list)*, launched the first globally competitive Linux-based software platform for mobile handsets in March—together with public availability of the application programming interface (API) specs.

LiMo's initial Founder members—Motorola, NEC, NTT DoCoMo, Panasonic Mobile Communications, Samsung Electronics and Vodafone—have been joined by others so now there's 40+ members..

Operators have a vested interest to create their own platform so NTT DoCoMo, Verizon, Orange, and Vodafone are part of the club: already LiMo operators hold half a billion subscriber customers.

Third-party developers can use LiMo's API specifications—available on the web site—to build new apps for next-gen consumer experiences. Middleware components for the LiMo Platform can be implemented in either C or C++ programming languages.

The LiMo Foundation is open to all vendors and service providers in the mobile communications marketplace, including device manufacturers, operators, chipset manufacturers, independent software vendors, integrators and third-party developers.

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