

Second open Linux phone on sale

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Another fully open source-based phone went on sale on Monday, offering developers the chance to build their own mobile Linux applications.

The Neo1973 is the first mobile phone to be designed to run the open-source operating system OpenMoko. Officially launched to developers on Monday, it is the second fully accessible Linux phone to be made available after Trolltech released its Greenphone last year.

The touchscreen GSM phone, made by FIC, boasts Bluetooth 2.0, integrated assisted-GPS, microSD-based expandable storage and a Samsung processor. For \$300 (£149), applications developers can buy a base kit, including the phone and its standard accessories, while the advanced kit ? a so-called "Hacker's Dream Box" costing \$450 (£223) ? also includes a debug board and cable, tools and a ruggedised case.

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