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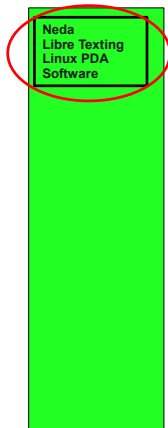
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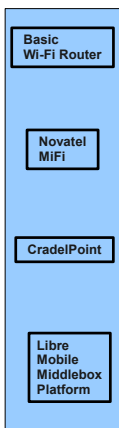
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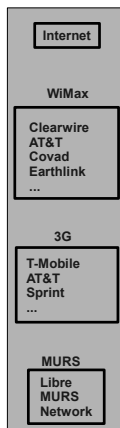
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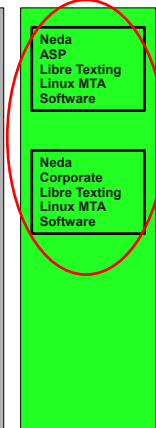
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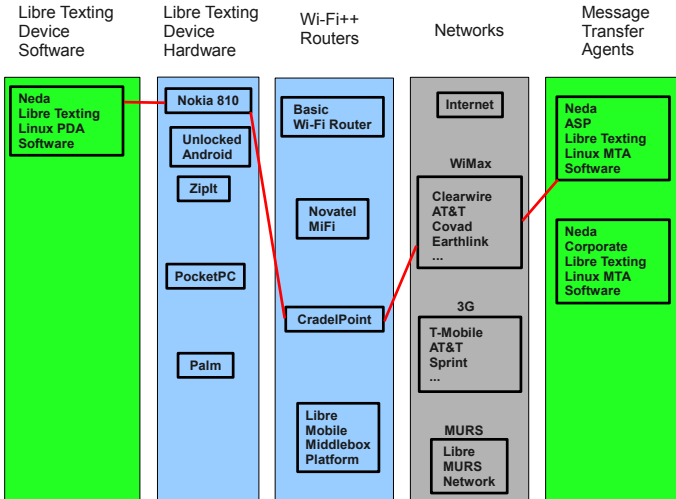
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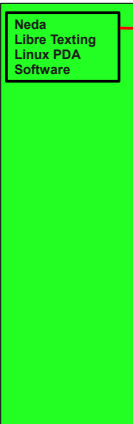
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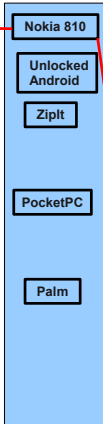
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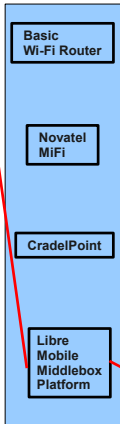
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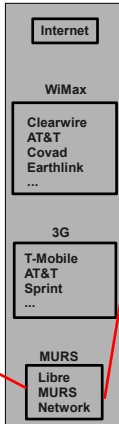
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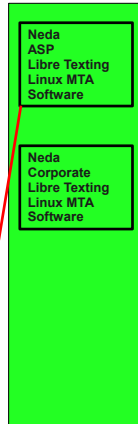
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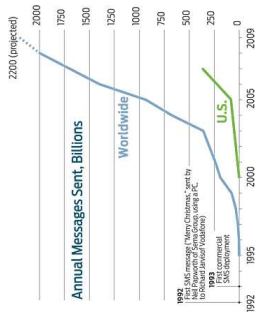


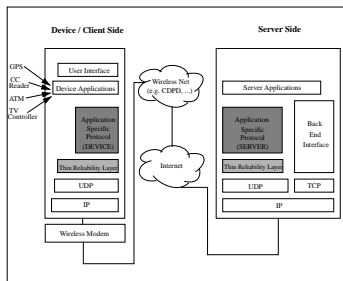
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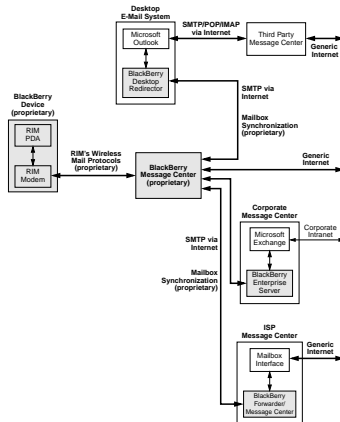


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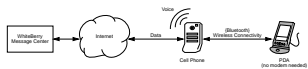


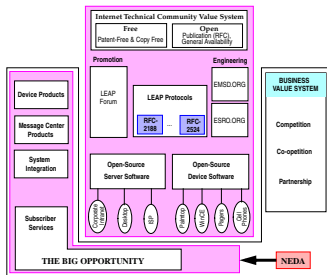


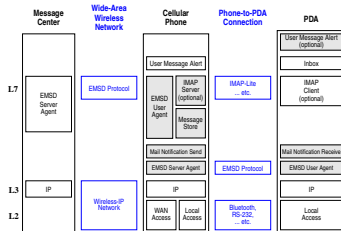


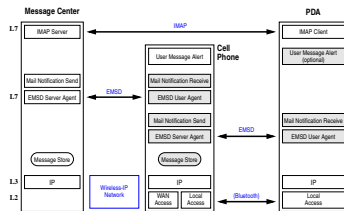


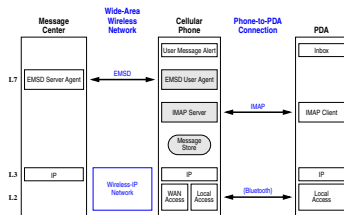
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Mobile Device	Only the two RIM-manufactured devices	Any suitable mobile device
Wireless Modem	Only the integral RIM modem	Any suitable wireless modem
Wireless Network	Only the BellSouth Intelligent Wireless Network	Any suitable wireless network
Message Center Service	Only the RIM-operated or RIM-licensed service	Any independent service provider; any corporate e-mail system
Protocols	Proprietary RIM protocols	Open LEAP protocols
Desktop Integration	Only Microsoft Outlook	Any desktop mail application
Message Center Integration	Only Microsoft Exchange	Any Message Center system
System Integration	Exclusively by RIM	Any systems integrator
Security	Not true end-to-end Implementation details unknown Precludes other implementations	Open paradigm permits external security implementation

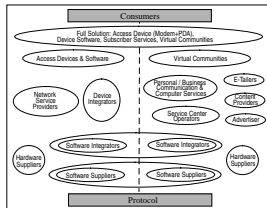


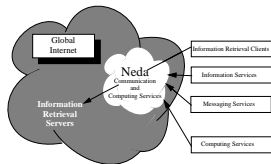


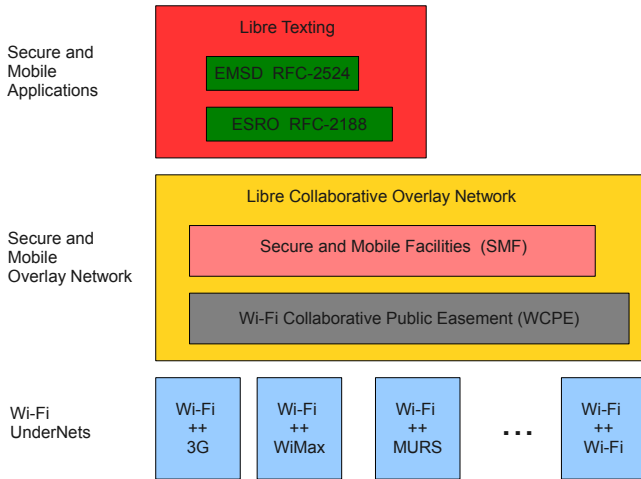




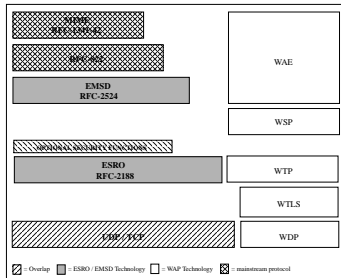


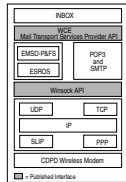


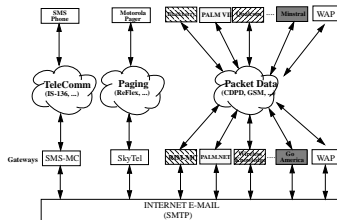




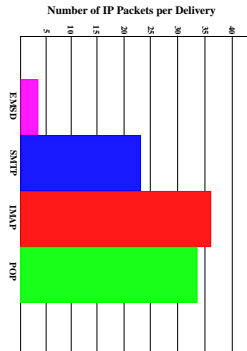
Libre Texting and Libre Collaborative Overlay Network and Wi-Fi++

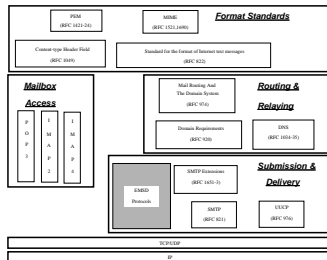


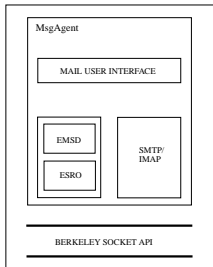


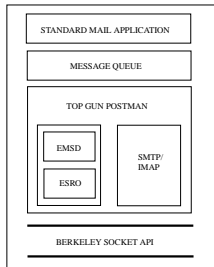


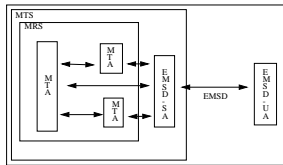
	PUBLIC (ISP)	PRIVATE (Corporate Intranet)	PERSONAL (Desktop)
Customer	Wireless Data Providers, Paging Operators, ISPs, ...	Intranet Messaging Operators Fortune 5000	Desktop Users
Product Description	Message Center for ISPs, ...	Message Center for Intranet	Personal Desktop Forwarders
Platforms	Solaris, Windows NT	Windows NT, Solaris, most other UNIX platforms	Windows NT/95/98, Solaris, most other UNIX platforms
Typical End-Customers	AT&T, GTE, PSI, UUNET, Netcom, ...	Boeing, Virginia Mason Hospital, ...	YOU
Key Attributes	Manageability, Scalability, Reliability	Ease-of-use, Plug-and-play, Corporate Control	Ease-of-use, Plug-and-play, Personal Control
Analogy	Phone company provided voice mail (Octel, ...)	Corporate provided voice mail (Active Voice, ...)	Personal controlled voice mail (answering machine, ...)
Licensing	- 500-pack user license - \$8 to \$25 per user	- 50-pack user license - \$100 to \$200 per user	- Personal user license - \$25 per user



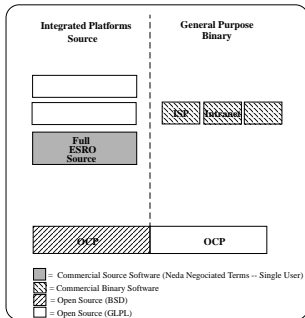


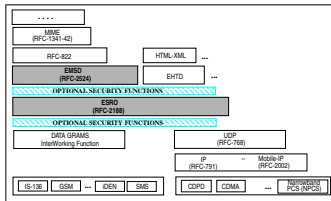




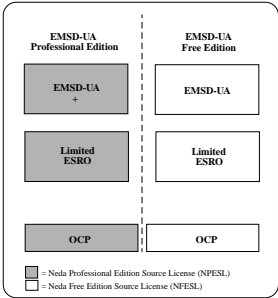


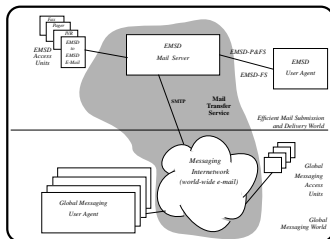
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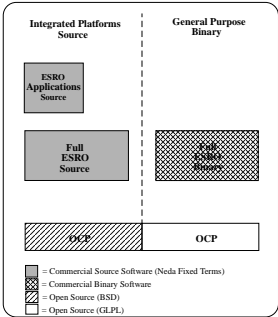


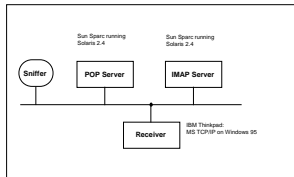
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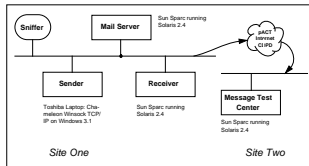


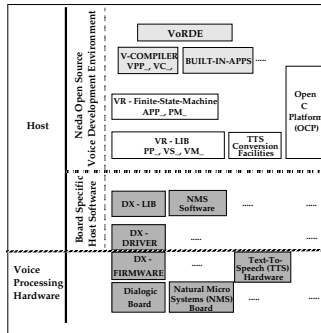


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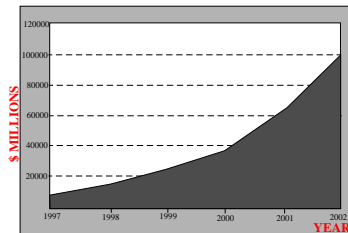




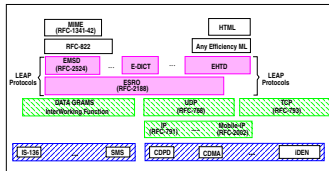


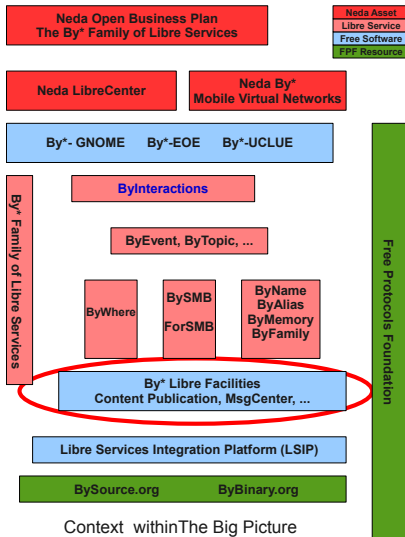


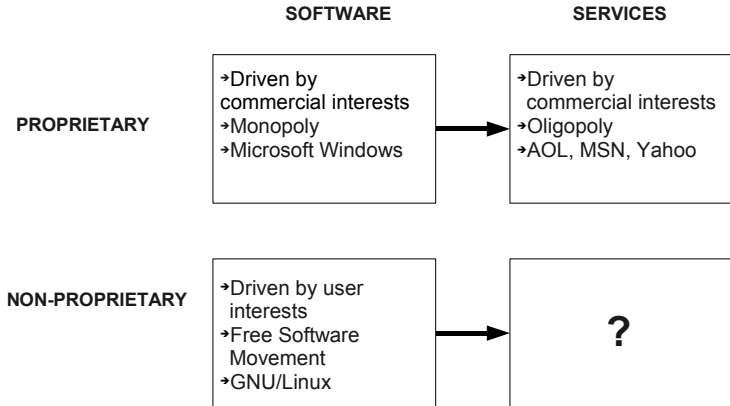
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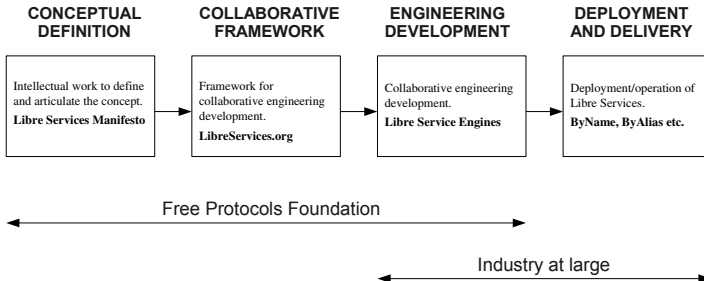


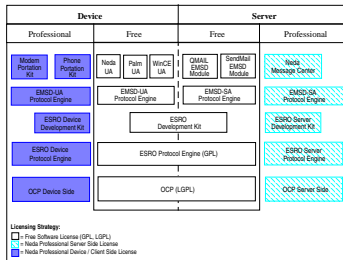
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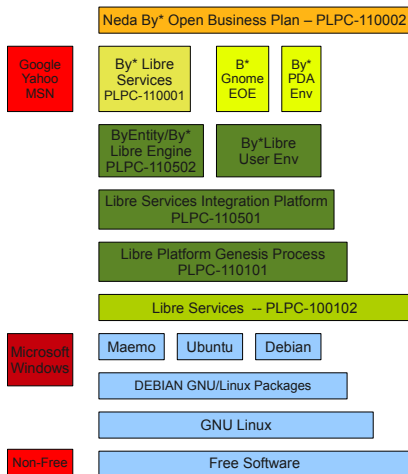


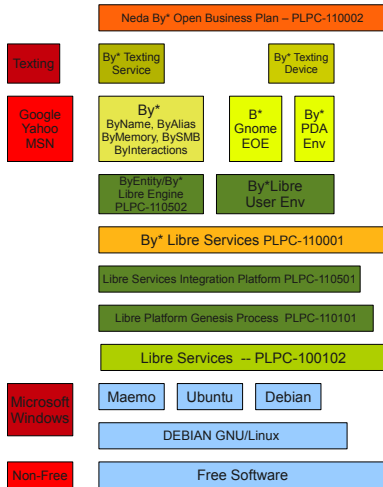


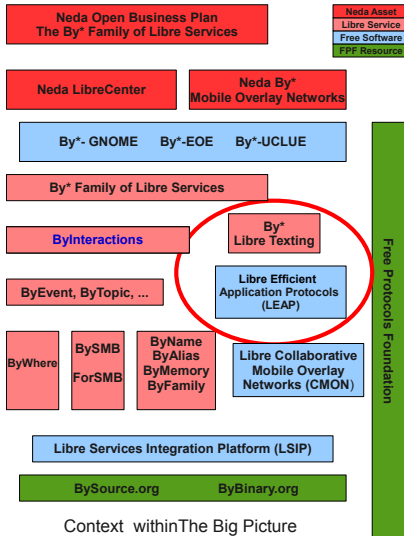


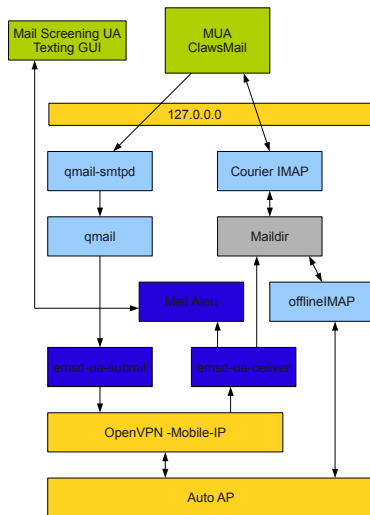


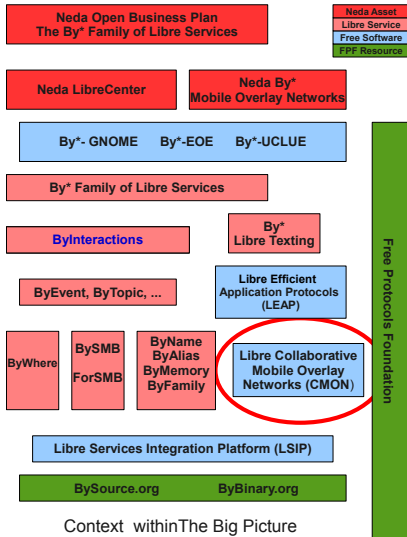


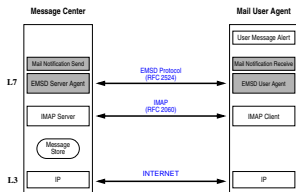


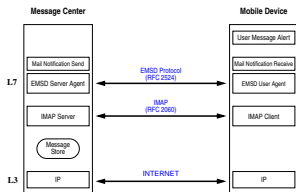


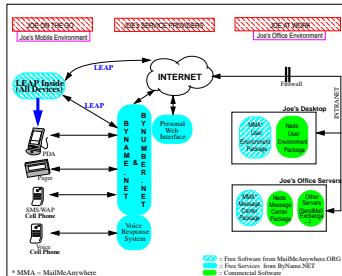




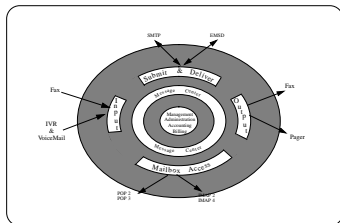


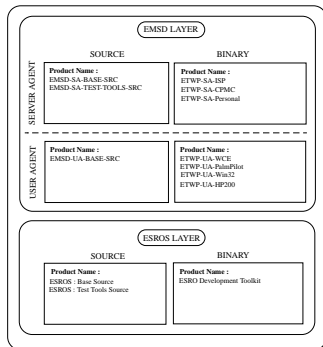


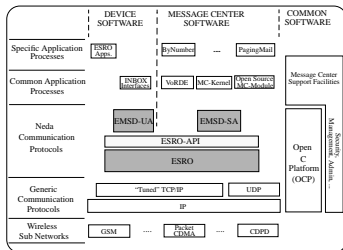


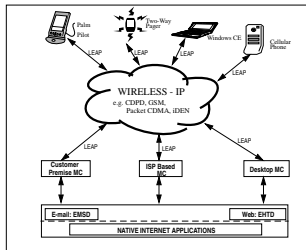


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www.NEDA.com www.MailMeAnywhere.org	PRODUCTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE Customer Products Windows CE Software for Enhanced Two-Way Paging - Message Center Products (Solaris) - Developer Toolkits - Service Bureau & Intranet Products
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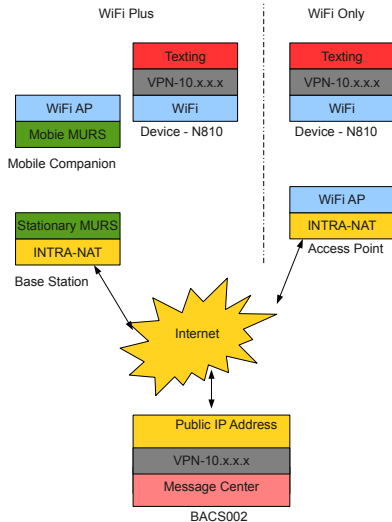


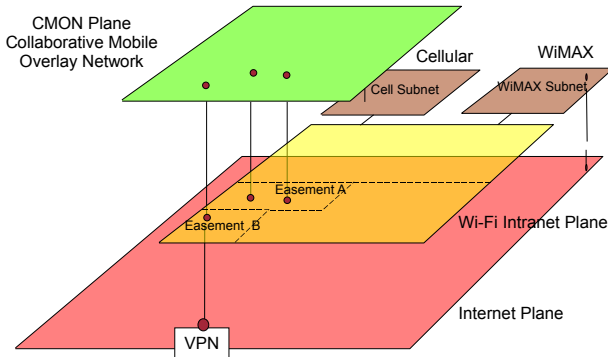




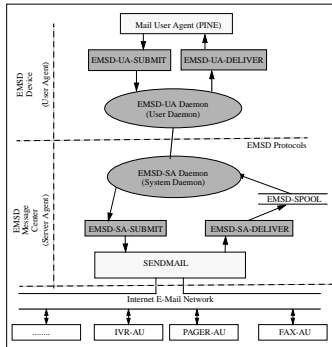


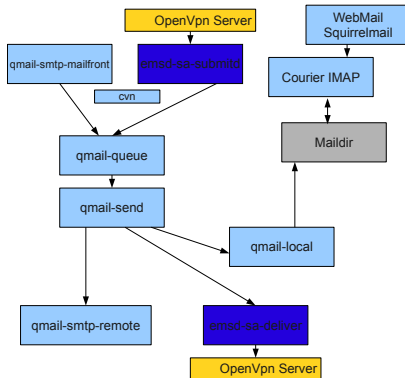
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Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"  
  
You will get this plain text email as alphanumeric page
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Use	Protocol	Usage/ Publications	Publications/ Availability	Open Source Implementation	Commercial Implementation	Development/ Maintenance	Standards Body Blessing	Long-term Success
Architecture	TCP/IP	Free	RFC / Open	Many	Many	Open	IETF (J/Tap)	Success
	SNA/DECnet	Licensed	Closed	None	Few	Closed	None	Fail
	ISO/OSI	Free	ISO/Limited	Few	Many	Limited	ISO	Fail
E-Mail	SMTP	Free	RFC / Open	Many	Many	Open	IETF (J/Tap)	Success
	X.400	Free	ITU/Limited	Few	Many	Limited	ITU	Fail
	MC-Mail CC-Mail	Licensed	Closed	None	Few	Closed	None	Fail
Security	S/MIME	Free	RFC / Open	Few	Few	Open	IETF	Fail
	PGP	Free	RFC / Open	Many	Few	Open	None	Success
WWW	HTTP/HTML	Free	RFC / Open	Many	Many	W3, Limited	None (W3 Later)	Success
→ Wireless	LEAP	Free	RFC / Open	Many	Few	Open	None	?
	WAP	Licensed/ Patented	Self-Limited	Few	Few (Mon)	Limited (WAP Forum)	None	?





Form to be filled by a new subscriber

Full Name:

Postal Address:

City: State: Zip: Country:

Phone Number: Fax:
Area Code - local number Area Code - local number

International Phone Number:
Country Code - Area Code - local number

Pager:
Provider Number

Requested LSM Nickname:

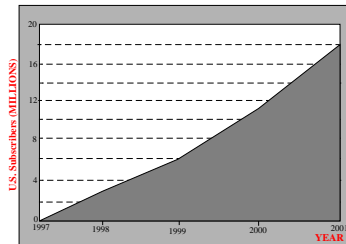
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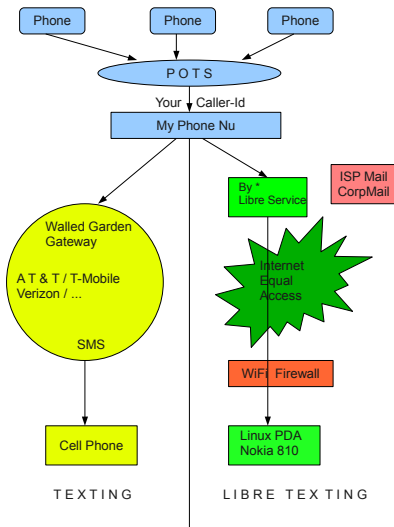
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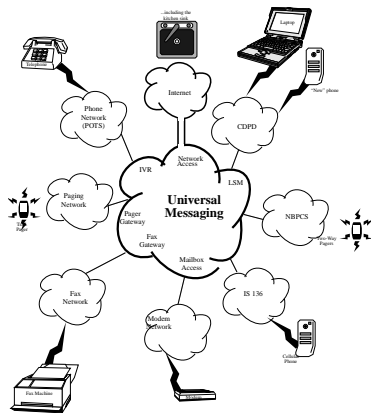
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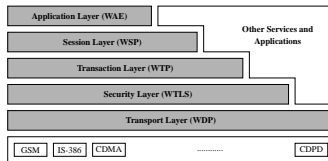
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SOURCE: Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp.







WAE - Wireless Application Environment
WSP - Wireless Session Protocol
WTP - Wireless Transaction Protocol
WTLS - Wireless Transport Layer Security
WDP - Wireless Datagram Protocol

(a) The Past:
WAP Architecture



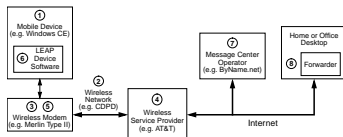
(b) The Present:
XHTML

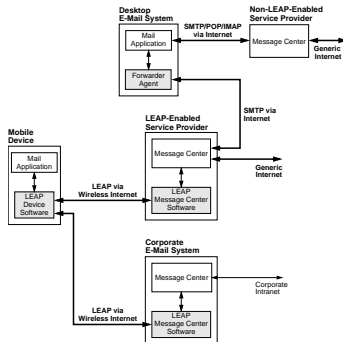


(c) The Future:
XHTML + LEAP

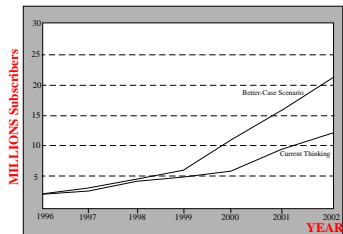


WhiteBerry Step/Component	Lisa's Choice
1. Select a PDA	Lisa chose to use a HP 660LX palmtop device, running Windows CE 2.0
2. Select a wireless network	Lisa selected the CDPD network
3. Select a wireless modem	Lisa selected the Sierra Wireless Aircard 300, a CDPD modem which is compatible with her HP660LX
4. Select a network Service Provider	Lisa chose AT&T since she resides in Seattle, and AT&T is the CDPD Service Provider for the Seattle area
5. Activate the modem	Lisa provided AT&T with the modem's EID (Equipment ID) number, received an IP address from AT&T, then configured the modem to use that address
6. Download the LEAP device software	Lisa went to the MailMeAnywhere.org website, and downloaded the appropriate Windows CE LEAP software -- in this case SH3 Gold Version 1.2
7. Select a Message Center operator	Lisa set up a free e-mail account for herself at ByName.net
8. Select and install an e-mail forwarder	Lisa used FetchMail and Emacs Lisp code to define her directory and rule-based forwarding preferences

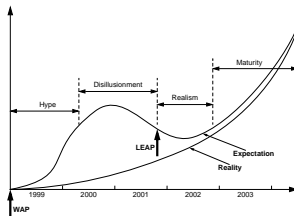




Wireless Mobile Data Market Forecast



SOURCE: the Yankee Group, 1998



Causes for Concern

- Networks are societal resources and their usage model must not be left to free markets and business.
- The mobile Internet is today controlled by large corporations, and critical civil liberties are being compromised.
- Current Copyright and Patent laws are in conflict with nature and are harming humanity.
- As first generation engineers we have a responsibility to safeguard the societal welfare. The goal of this project is to:

Liberate Texting

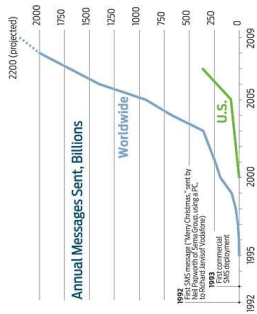
Texting is Big Business

- Interpersonal communication on the go is the key value proposition for mobile networks

Texting: the Numbers

Sources: (Revenue) IFPI. RIAA; (Top five texters) Ovum, Quantifica

Texting: Future Trends
Sources: Acision; CTIA



A Side-by-Side Real-World Comparison

- Existing: Mobile Phone Companies
- vs.
- New: Internet + Libre Software + Public Spectrum

Now Let's Compare

- Coverage
- Speed of delivery
- Ease of use / size / battery
- Cost
- Reliability
- Privacy / health / model
(to be discussed)
- Texting vs. Libre Texting
- Good Fair
- Good Excellent

- Good Good
- Low Lower
- Good Good
- (Poor) (Excellent)

Libre Texting: the Run it Yourself Model

- Device: Get it yourself
 - Hardware platform: Linux PDAs; free market
 - Free/Libre software
- Service: Run it yourself
 - Libre Services
- Network: Own it yourself

- • Public spectrum, free protocols, free software

Device: Get it Yourself

- Fully integrated; ready to run
- • <http://store.neda.com>
- Hardware platform
- • Linux PDAs; Nokia 810
- Ready-to-run software
- • <http://www.bybinary.org>

Service: Run it Yourself

- For the individual
- • <http://www.byname.net>
- • <http://www.byalias.net>

- Corporate: software + CPE (customer-premises equipment)
- • <http://www.bybinary.org>
- Corporate: software as service
- • <http://www.ForSMB.net>

Network: Own it Yourself

- WiFi always used for final-leg device access
- WiFi++
 - • Final-leg WiFi + MURS (narrowband)
 - • Final-leg WiFi + WiMax etc. (broadband)
 - • Complete details in Libre Texting with {WiFi++}
<http://www.neda.com/PLPC/100027>
- Note to FCC:
More public spectrum please!

Public IP Address

Internet

WiFi++ Network Overview

Device: Linux PDA

E.g. Nokia 810

Access Point

Mobile Companion

WiFi Only

WiFi++

Base Station

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Implementing By* Libre Texting:

Scenario: WiFi-Only

- 1. Buy a Linux PDA, e.g. Nokia 810
- 2. Load it with mobile texting software
- • <http://www.bybinary.org/>

- Or 1 & 2 combined: buy a preconfigured Nokia 810 texting device
- • <http://store.neda.com/>
- 3. Get a ByName Libre Texting account
- • <http://www.byname.net/>

Implementing By* Libre Texting:

Scenario: WiFi++

- First, steps 1, 2 and 3.
- Then:
- 4. Buy an MURS radio/modem
- 5. Activate the modem on Neda mobile network
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- Try it!

- Simple and functional

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The Texting Medium: Now Well Established

- Content: Short text messages
- Expected near-immediate delivery
- Expected immediate alert
- Unconscious carry
- Mobile and always on

Texting: a Very Simple Application

- 1 Mobile and wireless network connectivity
- 1 Message submission (sending)
- 1 Message delivery (receiving)
- 1 Message processing (edit, save, reply, mailbox synchronize, etc.)

Texting: a Very Demanding Application

- ① Speed (delivery expectation: less than 10 seconds)
- ① Network capacity and efficiency (bandwidth)
- ① Device limitations (battery)
- ① Reliability (no lost messages)
- ① Scalability (eventually the whole planet's population)
- ① Coverage (eventually everywhere)

The Texting Medium Today:

Owned and Controlled

- Dominated by SMS and BlackBerry
- Based on the phone model
- Inside the phone companies' walled garden
- Not end-to-end: violates privacy

- Distinct from email
- Limited choice and non-transparent

The Wireless Service Provider Controls Everything

- Network Control
- Licensed spectrum Proprietary network
- Owned IP addresses Controlled protocols
- Filtered traffic Walled garden model
- Device Ownership
- Part of the network Selected by provider Heavily patented
- Proprietary software Heavily protected

Our Goal: Liberate Texting

- Break the phone companies' hold
- Make texting a Libre Service
- Break the walled garden: make it end-to-end
- Move it to the for-profit, non-proprietary quadrant
- Bring texting into the Internet mainstream

Breaking the Phone Companies' Hold

- Licensed spectrum Public spectrum: WiFi, MURS
- Closed networks Mobile end-to-end Internet: Mobile-IPv6, public IP address space allocation
- Patented protocols Patent-free protocols: EMSD, IMAP, SMTP
- Closed device paradigm GNU/Linux everywhere

- Walled garden applications End-to-end services

Texting vs. Libre Texting

- Today's Texting
- Closed device model
- Limited applications
- Bundled device + service
- Walled garden Internet
- Little privacy
- Advantage: Company
- Libre Texting
- Linux PDAs

- Free/Libre applications
- Device modularity: best-of-class choice
- End-to-end Internet
- Choice of privacy
- Advantage: User

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Execution Strategy

- Non-proprietary: All patent-free and all Copyleft
- For-profit: Fully commercial and fully business oriented
- Collaborative development
- Competitive delivery

Libre Texting: Parts List

- Network
 - Public spectrum (unlicensed)
 - Existing Mobile and wireless networks

- Device

- - Hardware: Linux PDAs (N-810, Mobile Internet Device)
 - Software: Free/Libre -Linux (Maemo, Ubuntu MID)

- Server and Service

- - Free/Libre server software
 - Competitive Libre Texting services

- Protocols

- - Efficient push-enabled patent-free protocols

Network Connectivity:

WiFi++

- Where there is no WiFi network connectivity,
- use WiFi as a bridge to other network connectivity.

- (e.g.) Public MURS: 150 MHz, nationwide
- • Narrowband & slow
- • Entirely adequate for texting
- • Libre Texting with {WiFi++}
<http://www.neda.com/PLPC/100027>

Public IP Address

Internet

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Libre Texting with WiFi++ and Existing Mobile Networks

- Early Off the shelf example: MiFi
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- WiMAX-WiFi++
 - ClearWire Service
 - Linux router laptop with Atheros WiFi Access Point
- MURS-WiFi++
 - Libre MURS Network
 - Linux router laptop with Atheros WiFi Access Point

Libre Texting Device Hardware: Supported Linux PDAs (2009)

- Nokia 810 (primary)

- Ziplt, etc.

Libre Texting Device Software

- Sophisticated access point detection
- Push delivery (openvpn + neda-emsd-ua.deb)
- Message alert: Texting style
- Mail User Agent (Gnus Emacs, Claws Mail, etc.)
 - Enhanced by texting-mode user interface
- Mail synchronization (offlineimap.deb)

Libre Texting Server Software

- qmail for SMTP, Submit, etc.
- Courier IMAP
- qmail-EMSD

- open-vpn server
- Web mail (SquirrelMail)
- etc.
- <http://www.neda.com/PLPC/110504>

Send / Receive Steps

- Mobility
 - Device: Detect and Select an Access Point
 - Device: Establish end-to-end IP connectivity (NAT)
 - Device: Initiate a VPN tunnel Use Permanent Address
- Delivery Push Mail To Device
 - Server: Recognize Device reachability Send EMSD-Deliver
 - Device: Receive with EMSD-UA-Deliver Alert MUA

- Submission From Device
 - Device: Use EMSD to submit message
 - Server: Inject the message into Internet MTS

Efficient Push-Mode

Texting Protocols

- SMTP/IMAP/POP/QMTP are non-starters for texting: connection-oriented, verbose and poll-mode. See efficiency comparison, later.
- EMSD: designed for texting, and the only efficient open protocol
- Component oriented
- Texting/email continuum

The Key Requirement: Efficiency

- Minimize number of bytes transferred

- Minimize number of transmissions
 - (fewer transmissions for lower energy consumption & longer battery life)
- Minimize user-experience response time
- Minimize code size
- Support miniaturized devices

EMSD, SMTP, IMAP, POP

Delivery Comparison: Number of Packets

EMSD, SMTP, IMAP, POP

Delivery Comparison: Number of Bytes

SMTP and EMSD:

Efficiency Comparison

EMSD Internet RFCs

- RFC-2188
- Efficient Short Remote Operation (ESRO) Protocol Specification

- • Maintenance Organization: <http://www.esro.org>
- • Software: <http://www.bysource.org>
- RFC-2524
- EMSDP (Efficient Mail Submission & Delivery Protocol)
- • Maintenance Organization: <http://www.emsd.org>
- • Software: <http://www.bybinary.org>

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In English Free is ambiguous:

We need the word Libre

- Free can mean Libre:
free as in freedom of action
- Free can mean Gratis:
free as in zero monetary cost

Nature at work:

Non-material constructs flourish when free from ownership

When we say free we will always mean Libre:

freedom of action

Libre Services

- • A non-proprietary model
- • for
- • delivery of Internet services

Proprietary vs. Non-Proprietary;

Software vs. Services

From Software Wars to Service Wars

Extension of Free Software into Libre Services

Transformation of Free Software into Libre Services

Libre Services: Definitional Criteria

- 1. The service must consist entirely of open-source & free software components
- 2. The service must be based entirely on patent-free protocols
- 3. The integration software must consist entirely of free software
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- Hence the entire service is reproducible and modifiable based on access to source code

Non-Profit and For Profit:

Roles and Responsibilities

Benefits to Society

- Engineered for the user, not for business
- Civil liberties: services operated by the user, for the user
- Privacy and security
- Service stability and continuity
- Complex integration of user environments with services

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- • By* Libre Texting:
- • the strategic spearhead for By* Libre Services

By* Libre Texting:

Part of a Bigger Picture

- • Texting must be fully integrated into the user's
- • computing and communications environment
- •
- • By* Libre Services

By* Services Overview

By* Features and Capabilities

- A named entity domain, owned by the entity
- • A public website: My Internet
- • An expanded website for friends: My Extranet

- • A private portal: My Intranet
- By* Libre Self-Publication Facility
- By* Libre Texting
- Email, e-fax, etc.
- Blog, photo gallery, GeneWeb, etc.

By* Libre Services:

Software Components

- Debian GNU/Linux
- Base: djbdns, daemontools, ucspi, multilog, etc.
- Mail: qmail, courier, spamassassin, ezmlm, etc.
- Web: apache, zope, plone, etc.
- Misc: postgres, mysql, Interchange, etc.

- Glue: Libre Services Integration Platform (LSIP)

Service, Desktop, Laptop, PDA
Continuum

- Free/Libre everywhere
- Consistent OS: Linux everywhere
- Consistent GUI: Gnome everywhere
- Consistent Applications: Emacs etc., everywhere
- Deep, broad and consistent integration through
Free Software and Libre Services

The Libre Texting/Email Continuum

- Not two different things
- Synchronized
- A quick interface for texting

- A rich interface for email
- The Unix way: components working together

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The Neda Open Business Plan

- <http://www.neda.com/StrategicVision/BusinessPlan>
- Open Business Plan: available to all
- Broad audience: engineers, academics, investors
- Jujitsu on patents and copyright
- Engineers start here:
- <http://www.neda.com/StrategicVision/Participating/Engineering>
- Investors start here:
- <http://www.neda.com/StrategicVision/Participating/Investment/StartHere>

For Profit and Non-Proprietary:
the Right Paradigm for Non-Material Constructs
From Free Software to Libre Services
with a Clear Revenue Model
Transformation of
software into services
Proprietary software
Free software
Execution and Revenues:
Clear and Straightforward

- Execution
- Device: Linux PDAs, in place
- Service: By*, in place
- Mobile network: in place
- Revenues

- Individual:
subscription
- ● Software: Libre/Free, in place
- ● Public spectrum: in place
- ● Plan: Well developed, in place
- ● Vertical
integration
- ● Products:
CPE+service
- ● Corporate:
software as service

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History

- We've been at this a very long time:
- CDPD and LSM (1994)
- pACT (1996)

- RFC-2188 (1998), and RFC-2524 (1999)
- The WAP Trap (2000)
- Operation WhiteBerry (2001)
- The LEAP Manifesto (2001)
- Libre Services Strategic Vision (2007)
- By* Libre Texting (2009)

AT&T pACT Revisited 12 Years Later

- Spectrum: 2 *50/50 kHz paired \$160 million
- Devices: PCSI, etc. \$20 million
- Message Center, Net, Air Link \$60 million
- Development abandoned in 1997. Total cost: \$240 million

AT&T pACT

- Spectrum: WiFi & MURS (public) \$0
- Devices: Nokia 810, Ziplt \$0
- qmail, mobile-ip, emsd (free software) \$0
- All you need to do is integrate it \$4 million
- Total cost: \$4 million

Libre

Texting

Evolution of Operation WhiteBerry into Libre Texting

- Operation WhiteBerry
- <http://www.freeprotocols.org/PLPC/100006>
- Had several external dependencies:

- 1. Closed and limited network
- 2. Closed proprietary devices
- 3. Entry into walled gardens

Ten Years Later

- 1999
- Licensed spectrum
- Few closed networks
- Closed devices
- Little Libre software
- Walled garden
- 2009

- Public spectrum
- Many open networks
- Devices opening up
- A lot of Libre software
- Awareness of the harm

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This is big and we are small,
but lots is in place

- EMSD protocols
- By* Libre Services
- Leadership of the Libre Services movement
- Fully committed to Libre: GNU/Linux everywhere
- Our own Data Center: LibreCenter.net
- Our own wireless network (MURS, WiFi)
- Well-developed Business Plan

For you to Evaluate:

All our Cards on the Table

- Open Business Plan 2009 By* Libre Services
- Libre Services Manifesto PLPC-100105
- By* full documentation PLPC-110004
- Unsolicited Proposal PLPC-110005
- By* Libre Texting PLPC-110012
- Operation Whiteberry PLPC-100006
- LEAP Manifesto PLPC-100012

Join Us!

Make it Happen in a Big Way

- Engineering community: Ideas, code, integration

- Business community: Buy into the Libre model, take the code, partner up, deploy the services
- Investment community: Financing
- Academic community: Ideas, code, integration, analysis, discussion
- Funding NGOs: Grants
- Government: Grants
- Society: Usage, testing, dialogue, awareness
- Media: Articles, analysis, discussion

Current Active Projects

- Sophisticated access point selection
- Qmail/EMSD integration

- Mail alert
- Linux PDA ports: Android, Ziplt
- EMSD and ESRO enhancements
- Texting GUI
- Mobile IP
- Public spectrum AirLink