

Feature phone platform steps up to Windows CE 6.0

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Intrinsyc Software has ported its Windows CE-based Soleus feature phone platform to Windows CE 6.0. The company is demonstrating a preview of the CE 6.0-based version running on a Marvell PXA270 applications processor at Microsoft's Mobile and Embedded DevCon (MEDC) in Taiwan today.

Intrinsyc describes [Soleus](#) as a "full" suite of development tools that can be used to create cost-effective, feature-rich mobile handsets based on Windows CE. Soleus includes pre-certified telephony functions along with an application portfolio aimed at consumer mobile handset designs, according to the company. Third-party options currently include handwriting recognition, voice dialing, and a "comprehensive list" of optimized audio and video codecs for multimedia playback.

Intrinsyc has already announced several potential licensing deals for Soleus, including Taiwan-based [Wistron](#), and Shenzhen, China-based [Ginwave Technologies](#) and [Cellon International](#). Additionally, the company [recently claimed a design win](#) with an undisclosed "major" manufacturer of handheld GPS devices.

Randy Kath, CTO and manager of Intrinsyc's Mobile Products Group, stated: "Windows CE 6.0 brings "broad new benefits to Soleus customers. We anticipate device manufacturers and ISVs will make optimal use of native Windows Embedded CE 6.0 capabilities, such as location framework services."

Soleus was [first demonstrated](#) at the 2006 3GSM Congress, and it achieved a [version 1.0 production release](#), running on Windows CE 5.0, last December. An RTM (release to manufacturing) version of the Windows CE 6.0 port is expected in September of this year, Intrinsyc said.