

Ericsson's R320 is the first mobile phone to win WAP forum certification

Ericsson today announced that its R320 WAP mobile phone is the first of its kind to be officially certified by the WAP Forum, the international organization overseeing the development and interoperability of the WAP specification suite.

Although not a product endorsement, WAP Forum certification means that a WAP product meets or exceeds the rigid requirements governing the WAP specification suite. It also means that the certified product may use the soon to be released WAP Certified logo, assuring consumers of the integrity and interoperability of the mobile device.

"The WAP Forum certification program assures consumers top quality WAP devices," says Thomas Carnehl, Strategic Product Manager at Ericsson.

Certification means that the R320 is the first WAP phone that is recognized as fully compatible with the WAP 1.1 protocol, providing maximum interoperability with existing WAP proxies and gateways.

The high performance dual band R320 mobile phone was unveiled by Ericsson in September 1999. It features a WAP microbrowser, enabling access to information and services on the Mobile Internet, including weather, traffic and financial market updates, banking, ticketing, positioning and shopping. It also features a calendar, which can be synchronized with a PC owing to the R320's unprecedented support of the open global standard of infrared synchronization, IrMC 1.1. The sleek design, enlarged display, synchronization capabilities and superb WAP functionality have made the R320 one of the most successful WAP phones on the market to date.

Ericsson is the leading communications supplier, combining innovation in mobility and Internet in creating the new era of Mobile Internet. Ericsson provides total solutions covering everything from systems and applications to mobile phones and other communications tools. With more than 100,000 employees in 140 countries, Ericsson simplifies communications for customers all over the world.

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About WAP Forum

Comprising more than 200 members, the WAP Forum is an industry association founded by Ericsson, Motorola, Nokia and Phone.com. The primary goal of the forum is to bring together companies from all segments of the wireless industry to ensure product interoperability and foster growth.

The WAP Forum product certification program is administered by its designated certification authority, The Open Group, a federation of affiliated groups and consortia working to ensure product conformance in new technological enterprises. It has developed test suites specifically to measure WAP-enabled products' compatibility with the WAP 1.1 protocol. All products passing the test suites and earning certification are subject to re-certification on an annual basis and random auditing of test results to verify that the product remains in compliance.