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PalmOne and Palm Source

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According to Wirt, PalmOne and Palm Source are now completely separate companies; PalmOne does hardware and PalmSource focuses on developing and licensing the operating system.



Transcript

So questions about do we inquire be incorporated, this is a little confusing but the original Palm kind of divided into 2 companies; PalmOne that makes the hardware that I have been showing you here and PalmSource which does the operating system and licenses the operating system to companies including us. So PalmSource the operating system company, we are two totally separate companies now with different CEO's and different boards and different stocks and different buildings; I mean the two companies totally separated. PalmSource acquired B, operating system company, PalmOne does not do operating systems that we didn't acquire B. So are you incorporating any of their multimedia functionality too or are they, the other company incorporating multimedia functionality into the OS? PalmSource just announced a new version or operating system at a developer conference about a month ago and they have taken some of the ideas and capabilities and incorporated that into their new version of the operating system which is called, "Palm OS Cobalt" so they did make some use of that acquisition. A lot of the engineers from B are still at PalmSource.