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[KDDI to Use the JBlend Java Platform](#)

New handsets based on the Jblend platform are expected in spring 2006

Aplix Corporation has announced that KDDI and Okinawa Cellular Telephone plan to use Aplix's Jblend Java platform in their new handsets planned for release in spring 2007. Users of KDDI [handsets](#) will still be able to access the comprehensive services based on the existing BREW-based EZ applications, but the addition of JBlend will allow for more highly flexible Java-based applications. This will enlarge the base of available content, addressing the needs of a broader range of users. The [Java](#) used in the next KDDI handsets will operate on the KDDI Common Platform (KCP) for mobile phones. KCP uses QUALCOMM's BREW [platform](#), and Aplix has already worked closely with Qualcomm to optimize the use of JBlend on the BREW platform. As a result, mobile phone makers will have ready access to the Aplix's JBlend Java platform already optimized for KCP, enabling them to offer their customers a wide range of Open-apps. "KDDI has decided to use JBlend, to broaden the range of [services](#) we provide to our customers. This will make it possible to utilize Open-apps created by ordinary Java developers, opening up a wider range of diverse content. We think this will further broaden the range of services we can offer to our users. We will continue to devise innovative new services that address the needs of our customers," stated Masahiro Inoue, Associate Senior Vice President and General Manager of "au" Service & Product Planning Division "au" Business Sector at KDDI. Java [technology](#) is increasingly gathering momentum as a technical platform for digital appliances and is already used in over 233 million mobile devices worldwide.