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Few companies innovate with the intensity and frequency of those working in mobile, and today's present is a future that only a handful of people would have predicted just a few short years ago. While most of us are happy to soak up rampant innovation as mere consumers, a handful of people in the hallowed corridors of mobile R&D laboratories are already working on the next big thing – the phones we will be carrying around in our back pockets in 2012 and beyond. Sometimes we get a glimpse of this future. Nokia recently went public with its morph concept phone – an idea that seems so crazy and off-the-wall it might actually be possible. Who knows, maybe it's that fields are being tested right now, even if we wouldn't know it. A morphing phone can hide itself as anything from a watch to a handbag, making spotting an incredibly difficult one. As Alan Kay once famously said, the best way to predict the future is to invent it. While a handful of people do just that, the rest of us are left to speculate. Ask people what the mobile future might look like, and we're likely to get answers that take us in one of two directions. Adults will probably be limited by the parameters of what they see around them today, so predictions of what a cell phone might look like in, say, ten years, would likely center around smaller, lighter and faster. Children, on the other hand, would probably let their imagination run riot and talk about phones that are invisible, implanted in our brains, or both. Perhaps it was a children's focus group that came up with Nokia's morphing phone idea. Regardless, I would go with the children's instinct over an adult's any day. Technology does not evolve in a vacuum, of course, and it is only when it finds its way into the hands of people that it really gets interesting. To understand what users need and want from their next mobile device, we need to get into the field and ask, as some mobile manufacturers do. Anthropology, with its human-centered approach to research, has become a fairly trendy discipline in the mobile world, especially when done in exotic emerging markets. The irony of this approach is that, perhaps for the first time, the needs of consumers in developing countries are starting to drive innovation and thinking at home. With concerns about global warming, energy dependency and the environment rising up the political agenda, mobile manufacturers find themselves addressing the same problems they are shaping for developing countries. These markets by their very nature require greener, recyclable, more long-lasting, energy-efficient mobile phones. Today technology transfer works both ways, and it's all headed in our direction. Of course, the future is not just about hardware. Some of the most exciting innovations we've seen in recent years have come from mobile services. Innovation for many is centered what you can do with a mobile device, rather than what you can make of one. Financial services, for example, promise to bank unbanked and provide unprecedented access for some of the poorest members of society in many developing countries. Mobile banking in places like the UK and US lags a bit behind. My conviction is that many future mobile innovations will be borne out of reality in developing countries. In my developed world, where friends leave household appliances on standby for weeks on end, energy-efficient mobile devices are seen as something of a luxury. For a cell phone owner in, say, Uganda – with little access to electricity – it's more of a necessity. I also believe - along with many others - that as devices become smarter, faster and more powerful, the challenges of power consumption will continue to consume much of the R&D effort. The recent announcement by the Chinese Academy of Sciences of a highly efficient solar cell that can be effectively embedded in plastic may give us a glimpse of a future where housing in mobile phones becomes a large solar panel. Advances in harnessing kinetic energy can also give us self-loading mobiles, akin to our already present self-wrapping watches. Perhaps the challenges of keeping mobile devices powered up will lead to a convergence where a number of charging technologies are available in a single device. If you look even further ahead, mobile devices can also be rechargeable wirelessly. Perhaps through a method of charging over the same wireless network that carries our mobile signal. I would hate to think about the health consequences of this, or how ineffective these charging networks can be, but it's not out-of-the-question that this becomes a reality. Again, this technology would likely emerge from developing countries, where a large number of potential customers are exempt from phone ownership because they lack the power to charge them. Whether this wireless charging future occurs before converged renewable options are discussed remains to be seen. Winding the clock back to my childhood, and returning to the original question of what the future might look like, a young Ken Banks can draw a picture of a single device that seamlessly docks, morphs or switches between fixed desktop and portable wireless device. Despite the march of the integrated mobile device, we are still some way away from making them as easy and convenient to use as our old computer friend. The fact that I choose to write this on my laptop is a case in point. When I leave my laptop at home – assuming I own one – and start writing regularly on my phone, I might finally know that my future has come. Ken Banks, founder of kiwanja.net, is dedicated to the application of mobile technology to positive social and environmental change in developing countries, and has spent the last 15 working on projects in Africa. Recently, his research resulted in the development of FrontlineSMS, an area of communication system that aims to empower grassroots nonprofits. Ken graduated from Sussex University with awards in social anthropology with development studies and is currently working on a number of mobile projects funded by the Hewlett Foundation. Ken was awarded a Reuters Digital Vision Fellowship in 2006, and was named a Pop! Tech Social Innovation Fellow 2008. Further details about Ken's broader work can be found on his website www.kiwanja.net. Copyright © 2009 IDG Communications, Inc. Arda Guldogan/iStock Most major cell phone providers now offer a navigation service, available for use with many new phones. If you don't already own a GPS navigator (or still decide if you want to invest in one), you may be wondering if the quality of service on your mobile phone is worth the daily or monthly cost. The most important feature, of course, is whether this service will get you to the right place in the most time efficient way. But easy to follow instructions and specify and find points of interest, plus susceptibility to calculation and changing paths, are also important. We put equally priced services from Sprint, AT & T, and Verizon Wireless on the test. Overall, it proved helpful and convenient, especially for occasional use, when road-tripping or driving a rental car. Note: All mobile phones have smaller screen sizes than dedicated GPS devices, which means the following screen directions may require more of your attention. For safety and ease, you may prefer to put your phone in the console and just listen to the instructions, or you can buy a universal mounting device, which allows you to attach the phone to the car's dashboard. Keep in mind, however, that if you receive a phone call while navigating, your navigation session will be interrupted with an alert and ask if you want to respond or not. The Verizon VZ Navigator (\$9.99/month or \$2.99/day, vznavigator.com) VZ Navigator, with turn-by-turn spoken directions, provided the most accurate and direct route to the destination and back to the starting point. It was especially easy to adjust settings and search for points of interest, either by category or name (like nearby shops or gas stations), and the search for our restaurant required fewer steps than other vendor services. Although it took longer to redirect when an incorrect ride was taken, it was the overall favorite in reliability. It has several ways to enter an address, including using the keypad, by voice, or by location message (someone sends you the address you need to go to). Plus, you can get traffic updates and gas prices along your route, and local weather forecasts based on your current location. At T Navigator (\$9.99/month or \$2.99/day, att.com/navigator) AT&T T Navigator, powered powered TeleNav (a GPS provider), located desired destinations with a small margin of error and has three ways to enter an address: on the keypad, online, or by voice activation (tell it where you want to go — however, on most phones this feature works by placing an outgoing call, which will cost you cell phone minutes). Turn-by-turn directions are spoken and displayed on a 3D map. The service was quite easy to use, but tracking your desired point of interest (restaurants, gas stations and even parking lots and Wi-Fi hotspots) can be time consuming. Like the others, AT&T Navigator provides visual traffic updates and local gas prices; you can even find the cheapest gas within a 15-mile radius. Note: iPhone 3G (\$99) or 3GS (\$199 for 16GB or \$299 for 32GB, apple.com), available exclusively via AT&T; T, can find you not only through global satellites but also through cell towers and Wi-Fi base stations. It includes a pre-installed Maps feature, powered by Google Maps, that allows you to find points of interest around you and get directions, but these aren't voice-directed, making them cumbersome to use while driving. You can download AT & T Navigator for your iPhone, like any other app, at the same price as the owner of other GPS-enabled AT&T; T-phones pay. Next: Check out sprint's navigation service! Sprint Navigation (\$9.99/month or \$2.99/day; included in All Data plans, sprint.com/navigation) The Sprint Navigation menus were by far the easiest to use by the three providers. Powered by the same GPS specialists (TeleNav) as AT & T-service, Sprint Navigation delivered the same directions (slightly off at the exact destination location, but within a reasonable distance). You can enter your address by using the keypad, by typing it online, or by voice – the latter acts as a voice call and uses mobile phone minutes. The service also has two ways to track points of interest (by name or category, including specialized locations like parking lots and Wi-Fi hotspots) and allows you to read reviews of certain businesses, such as restaurants or hotels. Sprint Navigation also provides traffic updates, gas prices, and 3D maps. This content is created and maintained by a third party, and imported into this page to help users enter their email addresses. You may be able to find more information about this and similar content piano.io

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