

China's "Cloud-Based" Mobile OS

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Your customers demand an Android/iOS/Windows Phone 7 alternative? China's Alibaba Group might have the solution-- Aliyun OS, a cloud-based mobile OS.



It will debut this September, on a China-only smartphone with a mouthful of a title-- the K-Touch Cloud-Smart Phone W700.

Aliyun itself is Linux-based, and can handle both webapps (Javascript and HTML 5) and Android apps (via proprietary emulation layer). It also syncs all user data (music, apps, files, messages and photos) on the cloud-- with Alibaba offering 100GB of online storage.

Users can even access synced data on both Aliyun handsets and PCs.

Alibaba also has future plans for putting the OS in "other devices", including larger-screen phones and tablets. Those finding Aliyun OS intriguing might have to move to China though-- no word on its becoming available over here as yet.

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