

Comeks, mobile comic strip creator

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Introduction

Comeks is a Symbian application that allows the users to create comic strips and short stories using camera phone images.

It was developed for Nokia Series 60 phones and is based on an idea originating from Helsinki Institute for Information Technology HIIT's research project Mobile Content Communities (MC2).

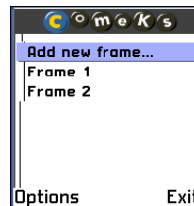
The implementation project was carried out as a project assignment for a Helsinki University of Technology (TKK) course "T-111.007 Multimedia project".

The Comeks application allows the users to create richer mobile media content. The users can:

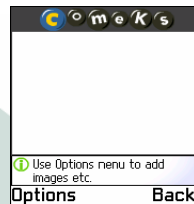
- apply a comic look and feel to their camera phone images by adding a border, speech bubbles and accessory icons to them
- create a sequence of these images - a comic strip
- share of the created comic strips via MMS

The implementation team has incorporated a company (Bulbon Oy) and will continue developing Comeks application and related services further. An open source version of Comeks will be released by HIIT in Fall 2005.

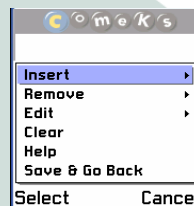
More information can be found from www.bulbon.com and www.comeks.com.



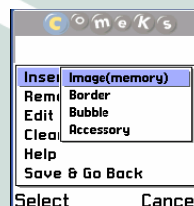
Strip Level: The user may add new frames and also edit and remove existing frames.



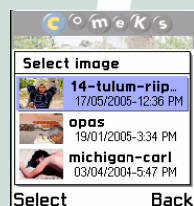
Frame Level entry screen



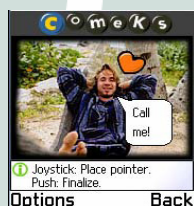
Frame Level main menu: All the functionality in the prototype can be used through menus. There are functions for inserting, removing and editing background images, bubbles, borders and accessories.



Insert- menu: The user may insert following items to frames: Images, Border, Bubbles and Accessories.



Inserting an image: The user chooses an image to be inserted in the current frame from the phone's memory.



Image, border, an accessory and a speech bubble have been attached to a frame.

The user can add more frames to create a story. Finally the comic strip can be shared with friends by sending it as an MMS-message.