

Mobile phone interfaces should get with the social times

The user interface employed by mobile phones has not adapted sufficiently to accommodate the communication needs of the average user in the 21st Century. But help is at hand from social networking tools like Facebook and Twitter that can serve as inspiration for designers of handheld devices looking to improve on the way we communicate.

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So says Pieter Streicher, the managing director of BulkSMS.com, who maintains that "it is ridiculous that many aspects of the mobile phone user interface haven't changed in ten years, especially when it comes to contact management and SMS functionality."

As the mobile phone becomes more and more ingrained in our daily lives, and as it gets harder and harder to separate work from family and leisure time, designers and manufacturers need to help users with systems that categorise the types of content users are dealing with. Social networking platforms such as Twitter and Facebook allow users to manage their contacts, build lists and 'unfriend' or 'unfollow' people.

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