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Posted by [chuck duffy](#) on Thu, 08 Nov 2007 04:29:15 GMT

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Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Thu, 08 Nov 2007 04:45:51 GMT

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Dedric

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Thu, 08 Nov 2007 04:49:03 GMT

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If you saw the Leopard review I posted that was written by

Shelly Palmer, in another review he RAVES about the iPhone itself, but bitches like hell about the fact that it's tied to AT&T, which drops calls like crazy - at least where he's at (he lives & works in NYC). In fact - if I can get this quote right, he said something like: "I have YET to have a single call that ends in: 'Goodbye'; so far every call has ended in: 'Hello? Hello?' "

Neil

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Posted by [Al Corey](#) on Thu, 08 Nov 2007 05:07:50 GMT

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Posted by [Al Corey](#) on Thu, 08 Nov 2007 05:09:47 GMT

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BTW the phones themselves are really cool

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Subject: Re: Apple redux

Posted by [chuck duffy](#) on Thu, 08 Nov 2007 14:34:16 GMT

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Chuck

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Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Thu, 08 Nov 2007 14:44:06 GMT

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:-) No doubt.

I've always wondered what compels companies (not just Apple in this case) to limit choices (carrier), expandability/longevity at low cost (user-replaceable batteries, etc). Are they really making that much more profit on repairs and an exclusive contract with a 3rd party (AT&T)?

I know AT&T is making money off of this, and Apple is getting a cut of AT&T's fees, but hasn't history proven that flexibility opens the market to more customers, or am I dreaming?

Dedric

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Thu, 08 Nov 2007 15:51:56 GMT

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They're really, cool tech. Too bad Apple actively antagonizes corporate and exchange users. I'd love to have one if a) it worked as 80% as well as my BBerry does with Exchange and b) I could put music on it in OGG or FLAC format from my linux box. Of course, none of those things will EVER happen so I'll keep plugging along with the crap I use now.

But it's really cool tech, I agree. The touch screen interface is licensed, not internal Apple stuff, right? So at some point someone else might do something similar?

TCB

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Tue, 13 Nov 2007 04:54:36 GMT

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Not much different on ATT in Tulsa either.

AA

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