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The Ubuntu Phone (U-Phone)

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I don't usually get excited much these days because all advancements in smart phone technology seem to be coalescing to a very dangerous point - monopoly of your life and complete control over your privacy. In Randall's [article](#) he announced the first thing that excited me in this arena since Angry Birds - The Ubuntu Phone. He explains well about why it's awesome. However, he only hints as to why it's important but I wanted to make sure people started thinking about the 'why' right away. No one can deny that there are currently really only two options out there for people who want to own a smart phone: Bondage Bot (Android) and Fruit Devices (Apple products). Symbian (Nokia) seems dead. Rest in peace, by the way. You were the best before this U-Phone announcement. Microsoft is laughable. Actually, it's more like an uncomfortable laugh - like when you politely laugh at the socially-awkward person who inappropriately blurts something weird out as they try desperately to fit in to what's happening. Blackberry is App-less in Arizona (that looks like 'appless' without the dash which is weird, eh?). I don't think we need to worry too much about the latter three, but the former two do concern me. The Fruit People from Cupertino seem to want to control their victims by telling them how they will or will not use the hardware (that they paid way too much for) and by making them think they are cool. Team Bondage-Bot seem to make the most useful and addictive tools for our daily lives while subtly buying every small company under the sun and gathering every last piece of information about you and storing it on their servers. Both options are freaky and I no rike it. So, a big thank you to all the people out there in Ubuntu-Land who have given me something to be excited about again - a smart phone that leaves me with the freedom we deserve. This is [Ubuntu Gangnam Style](#)

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