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The WiLink Software Development Kit (SDK) 4.X included with the WiLink 4.0 platform is optimized for embedded applications. This includes support for Linux®, Windows® WinCE™, Symbian™ operating systems, as well as lab testing and manufacturing software. It is also partitioned to minimize host CPU loading and power consumption in mobile applications.
The WiLink 4.0 platform also includes support for Voice over WLAN (VoWLAN) applications which are driving WLAN adoption in mobile devices. As single-chip solutions with low cost, power and small size, the WL1251 and WL1253 WiLink 4.0 solutions are driving VoWLAN access into consumer cell phones. WiLink 4.0 solutions are VoWLAN-ready with support of:

- UMA (Unlicensed Mobile Access) technology
- VoIP over WLAN
- Quality of service, WPA, WPA2, CCX2.0, 3.0 and 4.0 for application specific devices
- Advanced roaming support enabling rapid migration between access points and between WLAN and cellular subsystems

The WiLink 4.0 mobile WLAN solutions have been optimized for low-power, battery-driven mobile wireless communications. As such, they support extended talk time as well as longer standby times by using TI’s ELP™ technology for low power standby modes and other advanced technology to deliver maximum battery life.

Designed for interoperability and coexistence, the WiLink 4.0 mobile WLAN single-chip solutions are capable of cost-efficient collaboration and effective coexistence with short-range Bluetooth personal area networking (PAN). For instance, WLAN and Bluetooth technologies are able to share the same antenna and antenna filter, reducing bill of materials (BOM) costs and circuit board space. In addition, TI’s WLAN/Bluetooth coexistence technology ensures effective simultaneous operations of voice and data.

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