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Heard of Meego? Only recently it was seen sporting Asus netbook, but now the operating system is being phased out in favor of Tizen.

What is Tizen? Tizen is a promising new operating system for mobile devices, announced by two big names in the Linux space - The Linux Foundation and the LiMo Foundation, and microprocessor giant Intel.

Tizen will be completely open source, and will be based on Linux. Tizen is in its early stages of engineering, and will see the light of day in mid-2012. With Samsung and Intel standing behind Tizen, only time will tell how Tizen stacks up against giants like Android and iOS.

Tizen to succeed Meego:- So why is Meego getting the boot? Apparently, Tizen will be made from scratch to be better equipped with HTML5.

Tizen is getting strong support from Intel, and even companies like Samsung and Acer have announced that they would support this fledgling operating system. The reason why Samsung is showing strong interest in Tizen is that it wants to reduce its dependence on Google's Android operating system. Intel and the people behind Linux are designing Tizen to be a fully standards-based and cross-architecture software platform.

The recent merging of Google and Motorola has also caused Samsung to rethink its strategy in the mobile OS space. With Samsung and Intel standing behind Tizen, only time will tell how Tizen stacks up against giants like Android and iOS.

Support for multiple device categories:- Intel and the people behind Linux are designing Tizen to be a fully standards-based and cross-architecture software platform.

You can expect to find Tizen not only in netbooks or smartphones, but also tablets, smart TVs, and in-vehicle infotainment systems. Intel had earlier committed itself to Meego, but will now be moving to Tizen. It remains to be seen how it turns out to be in the mobile devices category.

Considering the strong industry support from the likes of Intel and Samsung, it seems that Tizen is on the right track. Even Android once began as an unassuming mobile OS, which has now overtaken even the strongest contenders in smartphones and tablets. Tizen is getting strong support from Intel, and even companies like Samsung and Acer have announced that they would support this fledgling operating system. The reason why Samsung is showing strong interest in Tizen is that it wants to reduce its dependence on Google's Android operating system.

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Though it would be quite naive to predict anything about the interface or usability of Tizen at this stage, one can surely expect to see netbooks and smartphones in late 2012 sporting the new OS.

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