



Watch live video on your iPhone - through the browser

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Multimedia technology company, Dilithium Networks, has developed technology to support the delivery of live video or streamed video-on-demand to an iPhone, viewable in the standard Safari browser.

That's the good news. The bad news is that this technology, the Dilithium Content Adapter (DCA), must be installed in the network by operators or service providers to deliver video content of their choosing. So you might have to wait a while.

Once the software is installed in the network you won't need to install a special application on your iPhone and could be on WiFi, WiMax, 3G, or an HSDPA network.

According to Dilithium Networks, the DCA solution supports live and pre-recorded clips in a wide range of video formats, performing on-the-fly and on demand media format and codec adaptation.

Despite the 'Trekkie' connotations of its name, Dilithium Networks is a global corporation that claims to be "the global leader in high-quality multimedia delivery over mobile and broadband networks to any device," Its technology is deployed with operators and service providers in 60 countries, reaching one billion subscribers.

Dilithium claims to have "pioneered 3G video communications" and it originated in Australia. The co-founder and CTO, Dr Marwan Jabri was professor of computer engineering, at the University of Sydney from 1996 to 2001. He was closely involved with the ITU in the development of the ITU H.324/H.324M video coding standards

The company was founded in 1994 as Macchina to commercialise intellectual property developed by the University. It became Dilithium Networks in 2001 when it secured venture funding and moved its headquarters to California.

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