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App of the Week: Skyfire Loads Flash in a Flash

This week I am going all '90s on App of the Week and recommending a browser.

My hands-down favorite mobile browser is Skyfire, a browser that is still in beta test phase, but works on Windows and Symbian phones.

Skyfire does one thing I have not seen any other phone browser do: it runs Flash video. Any Flash video. It opens sites I couldn't get access to before.

Perhaps a better reason is its speed. Compare it with your phone's built-in browser, or even the popular Opera browser, and you'll instantly see the difference.

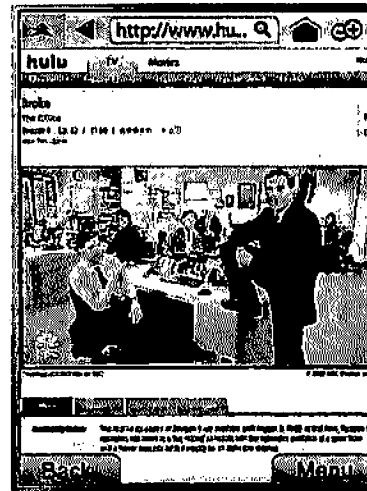
There were some glitches. Although Skyfire will work on any Windows 5.6 or 6.1 phone or most Nokia N and E series Symbian phones, it is most suitable for smartphones. On the Pantech Matrix Pro, a dual slider, Web-enabled phone (and isn't quite that smart), I had some problems navigating to and around the Skyfire screen.

The speed may be a fair trade-off

for the few stumbles. And you can't complain about the price.

Skyfire, you had me at "Flash," "fast" and "free."

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