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## Nanonavi – Symbian social location app

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Considering at the increasing number of apps and services that use your phone's GPS capability to pin down your location to within a few metres, (such as [Nokia's LifeviNe](#), [Google's My Location](#), [Yahoo's Fire Eagle](#)), you might be forgiven for worrying about all the BAD PEOPLE who are taking an interest in your movements. Nanonavi might be a step in the right direction.

A location-aware social networking tool, nanonavi hooks into social networks like Bebo, Orkut and Facebook – you download it directly from the websites and then "merge your macro-social information" and share it with your friends.

Until now nanonavi has been available as a J2ME and a Windows Mobile application. However, developer [Nanomatic](#) has just announced a native **Symbian app** that will not only bring the service to a wider range of GPS-ified phones but also make it more secure.

The idea is to take the scary-sounding location-aware stuff and make it available only to the people in your social network. This sounds fine in principle, but consider – how many people in your Facebook 'friends' list are actually, y'know, *your friends*? Maybe time to beware BAD FRIENDS.

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I definitely love the "idea" of gps-driven so-lo broadcast, but I have to say I have my doubts as to how much I'd be willing to use it myself



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I think this is pretty cool. It must be said. I think a lot of people would agree with me on this one. I'm getting this thing.



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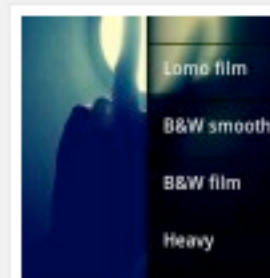
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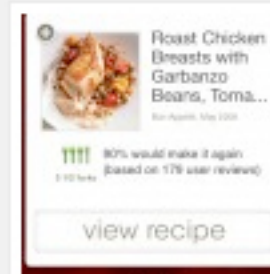
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