

Symbian File Managers

This article lists a number of common Symbian file managers, along with information about the peculiarities of the file system.

Introduction

Symbian devices largely "hide" the details of the file system from users; media files are accessed through their associated applications which store and retrieve content from standard locations on both internal and external memory.

A very basic "File Manager" app (usually found in the **Applications > Office** folder) is available on most Symbian devices; this is sufficient for general users, who may never even need to know about it. Developers will often find it useful to install a more fully featured file browser, as listed in the following sections

File system overview

Symbian devices usually have a number of different memory storage locations. The mapping of memory types/location to drive letter is technically arbitrary but in practice is always as below:

Drive	Description
C:	Main internal memory.
E:	Mass Memory. If present, is usually a large non-removable flash drive. If not present this drive letter may be used for removable media
F:	Memory card. Removable media, type is dependent on device
Z:	Firmware memory ("ROM"). May be on the same physical memory as the C drive but in a hidden partition. This drive is not visible in the default device File Manager.

Symbian platform security uses the concept of [data caging](#) to restrict access to certain areas of the file system: specifically the \sys, \resource, and \private directories are not visible to applications or file managers by default. Access can be granted to trusted apps that can be granted the [AllFiles](#) capability by Nokia.

Most file browsers will show these folders even if not signed with AllFiles, but not allow you to open them. The default browser hides the existence of the folders altogether.

List of Symbian file manager apps

The following is a list of common Symbian file manager apps (found by searching Nokia Store and Internet). Feel free to extend the list if you know of others.

Name	Publisher	Description
Y-Browser	www.DrJukka.com	Y-Browser is extended file manager with build in text viewer, Bluetooth OBEX sender, Mail folder attachment manager as well as Pkzip handling.
X-plore	Lonely Cat Games	File manager for mobile devices, with a wide range of functions on the phone's file system.
File Browser	MIGITAL	Access files restricted by the Phone Software. Move file/s from one directory to the other directory. Explore gallery videos, music files ... in a quick way.
T-Fileman Lite	Kenvast Software	T-Fileman is a file browser special designed for symbian^3 system mobile, such as Nokia N8, E7, C6, C7, E6 and X7
FExplorer	GoSymbian	See site.

