

Corporate History

Paragon Software's history mirrors the evolution of the mobile devices market: since the introduction of the early personal digital assistants through their present position as an integral part of modern lifestyle, a group of students set out to explore the full capabilities of those first mobile devices. That small endeavor has grown into the leading developer of applications for the mobile software market.

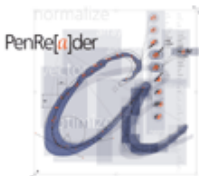
1994 Paragon Software Group begins as a student hobby group.

1995



Smart Handheld Device Division (SHDD), an independent department of Paragon Software Group, grew out of the Russian localization project for the Newton Message Pad, one of the first personal digital assistants, originally published by Apple. At that time the division consisted of 1 person.

1996



The completion of the Newton OS full Russian RAM based localization was the first contribution from the company to the mobile software market and laid a strong foundation for this future, industry leader.

PenReader, the on-line handwriting recognition project, is formed to provide localized multilingual pen input on Newton Message Pad.

1997



Paragon Software (SHDD) introduces Russian localization software for devices running the new generation of mobile platforms. The Palm OS localization system is called PiLoc and the Windows CE localization system called LEng are initially launched and officially announced.

The rapid growth of the mobile computer industry in Russia actually began with the introduction of the Russian localization systems by Paragon Software (SHDD). PenReader is fully adapted for Windows CE and supported Russian handwriting input into Palm OS-based devices.

The Symbian utilities team of developers forms Epcoware - an independent business unit of Paragon Software Group

1998



Paragon Software opens its headquarter in Buggingen, Germany.

All Windows CE-based devices officially distributed in Russia are localized by Paragon Software (SHDD).

The Company focuses on adapting PenReader and other localization solutions for other Eastern European languages.

1999

Paragon Software becomes leading developer of unique localization solutions in Russia and expands its positions to both European and Asian local markets with product lines for Palm OS, Windows CE and EPOC.

2000

Paragon Software opens branch office in Switzerland.



Paragon Software (SHDD) launches SlovoEd dictionary engine for Palm OS. This version of SlovoEd becomes the foundation for an extensive line of multilingual dictionaries for the various mobile platforms.

2001

LEng and PenReader are adapted to the next version of Microsoft Pocket PC Windows CE.

Smartphone & Pocket PC Magazine ranks CETuner as People's Choice of the Year.

2002

SlovoEd dictionary engine supports Pocket PC and Symbian OS platforms.



Epocware is recognized as The Best Software Developer of the year for Symbian OS Platform in Handango Champion Awards.

2003

Paragon Software (SHDD) releases LEng and PenReader for Windows Mobile 2003 and 2003 SE.



PiLoc becomes the winner in European Palm Powered Up Awards 2003.

SlovoEd dictionary line includes more than 100 language pairs.

SlovoEd for Pocket PC becomes the only one dictionary solution that has been successfully tested in Microsoft for Pocket PC 2002 certification.

Paragon Software (SHDD) and Merriam-Webster, Inc. combine their forces to develop the only electronic version of Merriam-Webster's dictionaries for mobile devices.

2004

Paragon Software (SHDD) is honored as Microsoft Certified Partner.



Epocware actively assists in Symbian Signed launch. All Epocware products are successfully tested and receive Symbian Signed certificate.

Epocware becomes Forum Nokia PRO Award Winner in 'Productivity/Business applications' category.

Handy Day application gains Handango People's Choice award as The Best Productivity Application for Symbian OS.

SlovoEd dictionaries are proclaimed The Best Education & Reference Application for Symbian OS in Handango Champion Awards.

PenReader handwriting recognition system is accomplished for Tablet PC.

Paragon Software (SHDD) introduces LEngSmart the united localization technology for all Windows Mobile Smartphone based devices.

2005



Paragon Software (SHDD) gains Microsoft Gold Certified Partner status and Microsoft Tablet PC Premier Partner status.

LEng and PiLoc localization solutions support more than 30 world languages. PenReader recognition software covers 28 languages.

SlovoEd translation software includes more than one million translations for 150 language pairs.

Epocware is honored as The Best Software Developer of the year for Symbian UIQ platform in Handango Champion Awards.

Handy Day 2005 application is ranked as The Best Application for Work in Handango Champion Awards.

By Nokia request, Epocware develops Handy Zip utility for its further incorporation into all Nokia smartphones on a platform level.

2006



Paragon Software opens sales office in San Jose, USA.

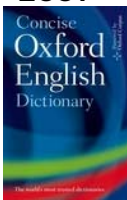
Company now employs over 200 people.

Paragon Software (SHDD) branches out into SlovoEd for mobiles, its first Java-based applications, SlovoEd for BlackBerry and SlovoEd for MS Windows lines of multilingual dictionaries.

Epocware becomes Symbian Affiliate Partner

As a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner, Paragon Software (SHDD) attains Mobility Solutions Competency. The Company collaborates closely with more than 200 key device manufactures, vendors and distributors as well as with more than 40 mobile portals, content providers and aggregators. Paragon Software serves more than 5 million customers.

2007



SlovoEd dictionaries line is enriched with wordbases from such foremost linguistic companies as DUDEN, Harrap, Oxford and PONS.

SlovoEd multilingual dictionary line is fully adapted for GPS handheld navigation devices.

2008



Paragon Software launches SlovoEd multilingual dictionary and reference solutions for iPhone & iPod Touch devices

Software titles from Paragon are available on Asian markets and provide full Chinese and Japanese support through the partnership with the Asian leading software and service providers.

Premium linguistic content from Vox, the leading brand of bilingual Spanish dictionaries in North America, is ported to mobile electronic format in Paragon's dictionary series.