

How to turn your home phone into a VoIP phone easily to make cheap local and international calls

People love to talk to each other. The invention of the telephone has been the single biggest factor in shrinking our world and letting us stay in touch with loved ones, whether they live just across town or on the other side of the globe. Now, thanks to the Internet and modern technology, talking to our friends, family and even business associates has become easier and cheaper than ever.

VoIP - the next generation in telephony

Whereas most people think that VoIP is only useful for business users, it is in fact just as useful for domestic customers. With a PC and Internet connection in almost every home now, the technology infrastructure exists to provide domestic customers with access to the very latest in cutting edge telephony tech. A VoIP phone utilises your broadband connection to send data 'packets' through your Internet connection, rather than using the traditional landline. This means that international calls are as easy to make as dialling a local number - and much, much cheaper. Voice clarity is as good as a local call too, with none of the crackle or 'delay' that you get on analogue phone systems.

How to get VoIP at home

Setting up a VoIP phone at home is simplicity itself. If you regularly make calls to a particular destination such as the USA, Canada or Pakistan, you can include these locations in your call plan, as well as local calls and some calls to mobile numbers. Your VoIP supplier will be able to talk you through the options available, and the beauty of VoIP call plans is their flexibility, allowing you to change your call plan package as your needs alter.

As long as you have a good broadband connection of the right minimum speed, it is then simply a matter of incorporating a router and VoIP handset into your existing Internet connection, or, if you want to keep your original handset, fitting an adapter. If you opt for a call plan package, your VoIP provider will often provide routers, handsets or adapters as part of the package or at a reduced rate.

Once your system has been set up, you can then make calls as you would with a normal landline based system. The difference, however, becomes apparent when you realise how much money you are saving if you make regular international calls. Instead of a hefty phone bill putting a dent in your budget every month, you pay a simple monthly fee and benefit from [cheap international calls](#).

If you run a business from home, the savings you can make by switching to VoIP could make a real difference to your profit margins. By using an IP phone instead of your usual landline connection, you can communicate as easily with customers and contacts abroad as you do with a client who lives just down the road. It also shows your international contacts that you are serious about doing business on a global scale, enhancing your business reputation both at home and abroad.

VoIP really is the next generation in telephony. Utilising the best in modern technology, VoIP allows you to make cheap international calls easily and without worrying about the cost. For people who love to talk personally to friends and relatives thousands of miles away, VoIP offers you the opportunity to simply pick up the phone and chat whenever you want to.

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