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By Paul Wilson

Broadband or Internet phones function like real phones but convert voice into digital signals that are then conveyed over the Internet. The technology used is termed as, VoIP, Voice over Internet Protocol. Less expensive than regular phone services broadband phone services offer caller ID, call waiting, voice mail, call filters, hunt facilities, as well as conferencing.

Broadband phone services need a high-speed Internet connection and do work with wireless ISPs. However, there are still concerns over voice quality, reliability, and security. The advantages are:

- Great savings in phone bills especially in long distance calling.
- Choice of area code and addition of other inbound numbers for a small fee. This means you can have local numbers in multiple area codes around the country.
- The option of a second full service line at low cost with unlimited long distance service. Can be used as a voice or fax line.
- Availability of comprehensive on-line control over call forwarding, time of forwarding or number forwarded to. E-mail notifications, voice mail messages or e-mail or voice mail, can all be arranged.
- One can access voice mail by taking along the phone adapter from hotels, offices, internet cafes, and so on. The VoiP service can travel with you.

VoIP can work with:

- A home office PC in which the software is loaded along with a headset or specialized broadband phone connected to the PC. Advantages of software based VoIP are that it allows integration with other software, offers lowest calling rates, uses existing hardware, utilizes few power connection, and needs little space. Disadvantages are that the system needs the computer on at all times, cannot use existing telephone equipment, and blocks valuable computer resources.

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Or

· With an adapter box that links the high speed net modem and the home office network or PC. Advantages of this are that it functions independently of the computer, uses landline equipment, allows vendor control of adaptor support and programming. Disadvantages are that it is not compatible with computer software, needs space and power outlets, and lends limited control.

The new technology is provided by many companies like AT&T CallVantage, Broad Voice, BroadVox, Lingo, PacketB, and Vonage. The approximate costs are from US\$ 14.95 to US\$ 19.99 per month for residences and US\$ 29.99 to US\$49.95 per month for small businesses. There is a start up fee of US\$ 39.94 to US\$ 138.00 charged by some companies.

More information on the options as well as services can be gleaned from:

· What Broadband? at

<http://www.broadband-service-uk.com/why.html>

covers different broadband

suppliers, has in depth articles as well as FAQs.

· The Connection Store at

<http://broadband-phone.connection-store.com/>

features broadband phone

vendors, a service provider comparison, as well as articles and quick links.

· Database Systems Corp at

http://www.databasesystemscorp.com/psphoneservice_directory_broadband.htm

has detailed

information directory on broadband service providers.

· Broadband Phone at

<http://www.broadbandtry.com/broadbandphone/>

--has information about

broad band phones, providers, news, as well as blogs. There are links as well as articles and resources.

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Using broadband phone services can save you considerable amounts in phone bills. Make an in depth study of options in your area. Weigh the pros and cons and reap the many benefits. Technology can really work for you.

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Broadband Internet Saves Money

By Daymon Hoag

Most people look at the bottom line cost of broadband Internet when deciding the cost versus the benefits of Internet service. It's time to take a closer look. A good place to start is VoIP, also known as broadband phone service. The reasoning behind this being, the lower phone rates offset the increased of cost Internet service, essentially paying for the rise in cost in Internet access.

The cost effective possibilities are endless. Downloading movies instead of going to the video store also puts your broadband connection to work, (the legal way of course). You'll save gas, time, and it is usually just cheaper.

It has been rumored, Microsoft, in partnership with Time Warner Cable, is working on an Internet TV service called IP TV, and is due to launch in 2006. With computers having the capability of using an LCD TV screen as a monitor, or stream media to the TV, one can imagine the financial benefits of this technology, but only if you have broadband.

The examples listed are likely the most common ways to save a buck or two with broadband. Internet telephone and Internet TV are just a couple examples of new technology for broadband to come. by now it should be fairly clear to most people that faster surfing and downloads are only the very basic of benefits to broadband users.

Most dial up users won't switch to high speed Internet because they believe it's too expensive. Sure the basic subscription is more, but there are literally hundreds of ways to offset the higher cost of broadband Internet service.

In most cases, the benefits of high speed Internet far outweigh the cost. In closing, let me just say the

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next time you are looking for somewhere to go or something to do with your broadband connection, try looking for ways to put it to work for you, and save some money.

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