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Thread: [\[TuT\] How To Save Money With Your Home-Phone Provider \[TuT\]](#)

Solidify - May 24, 2010, 9:33 pm

MagicJack

Come to think of it, this is merely an informational thread than a tutorial.

Before I found out about this adapter, I used to pay my home phone provider for access to a phone line and my ISP for an internet connection. Since I started using this, I've canceled my phone contract and have saved over 100\$ in as little as 4 months.

How It Works

MagicJack is a small USB adapter that you plug into any USB 2.0 port on your computer or laptop. Then you take a phone and connect it directly to the other end of the MagicJack adapter (no filters needed). And you pick up the phone and instantly, you can hear a dial tone. MagicJack uses your internet connection to make phone calls.

What You Will Need

Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

High speed internet, that's all.

But wait, it gets better...

With MagicJack you get FREE Local and Long Distance (Since you will be using your internet connection)

- FREE Directory Assistance
- FREE Phone Number
- FREE Call Waiting
- FREE Voicemail
- FREE Caller ID

Compatibility

The MagicJack software is compatible with Windows XP

- Windows VISTA
- Windows 7
- Intel Macs

For more information on MagicJack or details on how to purchase it, simply visit [MagicJack.com](#) and see what all the commotion is about.

SIM-38442 - May 24, 2010, 9:34 pm

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(May 24, 2010 09:34 PM)BrainDeadFreak Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I heard of this. The only downside to it is that you have to leave your computer on 24/7 if you want to have a phone right?

That's a good question.

I would assume so, yes, since it is connected directly to the computer's USB port.

Edit: There may be a reasonable alternative; perhaps leaving your computer on sleep or stand-by mode. I'm sure if you took the time to speak with a MagicJack representative they could figure out a solution, maybe a power adapter of some sort. Just speculating...

BlueBit - May 25, 2010, 7:49 pm

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Solidify - May 25, 2010, 7:52 pm

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And I've never used it's 411 feature but thanks for the heads up.

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I doubt it would work.

You need high speed.

tron - May 26, 2010, 9:30 pm

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Solidify - May 27, 2010, 2:31 pm

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It's not a spam nor is it a publicity scheme for the MagicJack product.

View it as you will but this can save you money and that was the purpose of this thread; to inform others on how to save with their home phone provider.

Solidify - May 31, 2010, 3:10 pm

I love this. I had to call PayPal today and didn't pay long distance :)