

Re: How do I make a telephone call?

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Hi Tracey,

As I guess that you are on broad band what you need is a web based phone service. I have just "Googled" for Web based phone calls and this produced several likely services. You can take your pick from PAYG per call, weekly, monthly charging. Could not spot any freebies :-((

Richard.

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"Tracey" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
news:5E9D3FB6-7766-4F09-966F-51F5EC2D1E5A@microsoft.com...

> *Richard,*

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> *Thanks for taking the time to reply. The last computer was a Gateway,*
running on ME. The Phone Tools were "fiddly", but came in handy from
time-to-time, particularly for faxing and the availability of a
"speakerphone". Thanks for the heads-up on the DSL compatibility. I'll be
looking elsewhere for Phone/Fax software.

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> *Tracey*

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> ----- *Richard wrote:* -----

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> *"Tracey" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message*
> *news:D908360D-64E7-45FD-BF8F-AB3233B2582F@microsoft.com...*

> > *Thank you for the info, it makes perfect sense. I assumed, in*
error, I

> *suppose, that Windows XP would provide for this capability. I am now*
in the

> *market for software appropriate for telephone and fax use. I believe*
there

> *are many "free downolad" options available on the net.*

> > ----- *Wislu Plethora wrote:* -----

> >>>-----*Original Message*-----

> >>Great. Thanks.

> >>> *I thought that by being on this particular site, further
> > explanation would not necessarily be required for
> > something this simple, but let me elaborate. This should
> > be a no-brainer, but I am not familiar with Windows XP.
> >>> I am looking for a simple method to make phone calls
> > through my computer, using a microphone and a set of
> > speakers. The last version of Windows that I used, which
> > was Windows ME, was simple. You went to the Control
> > Panel, configured the Phone Tools, and away you went. I
> > can find nothing similar to this, and, using the Support
> > and Help on the Start Menu is both frustrating and, so
> > far, fruitless.
> >>> Commentary on my mental facilities aside, I am looking
> > for a direct answer to a simple question. If you can
> > help, great. If not, so be it.
> >>>> The key phrase is "phone tools." That is the name of a
> > 3rd-party application (from BVRP, iirc) that was
> > probably bundled with your computer or modem. If you still
> > have the driver disk for the modem or a general drivers
> > disk for the computer, it might be there. If it is, it
> > may or may not be compatible with XP.
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> Gateway used to bundle BVRP phone tools with their computers. It may
be
> possible to get it to run in one of XP's emulation modes if you
cannot find
> an XP version. Bear in mind that it will only work with analogue dial
up.
> Cable or DSL is a no no.
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> I had it on board long ago when I was running Win ME. I only ever
used it
> for the odd fax. I found it too fiddly for telephone use. Preferred
ordinary
> handset and am now on adsl so could not use it in any case.
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> Richard.
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