

# Cry for Help

Computer Tips & Tricks for the novice to the advanced.

## What is Bluetooth?

Bluetooth is a method of communication between electronic devices. It is NOT a cordless earpiece for a mobile phone.

If an electronic device is capable of Bluetooth communication it should display this symbol.



Bluetooth is the latest form of secure electronic connection, and it uses radio waves – so it is non-directional. It can be used to connect mobile phones with earpieces, laptops with printers, and mobiles with the audio system in cars. In each case you need to configure the connection between the two devices with the entry of a “passcode”. However, once the devices are “paired” and the connection between them is established, the pair will reconnect next time whenever they are in range of each other without further configuration.

You can use Bluetooth to transfer pictures and music between mobile phones and laptops, however this is quite slow – so keep the files small. Also, some cars have Bluetooth integrated functionality so that you can answer the phone, without taking your eyes off the road or your hands off the wheel. This is a much better use of the technology and the connection is very robust.

So whenever you see this symbol, you know you have a cable less method of communication designed to make your device more useful, without the need to carry connection cables.

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