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Modem on the Move

As you probably know, modern mobile phones are able to browse the internet. This gives you access to your Web mail and all other vital services on the internet. But are you also aware that your mobile phone can act as a modem, that is, as a connection from your Laptop to the Internet.

In recent articles, I described both BlueTooth and Wireless connectivity. You can use either of these to connect your mobile phone to your Laptop, of course, depending on the capabilities of your Laptop and mobile phone.

So, once you setup the connection between the phone and Laptop, the Laptop will automatically see the internet through the phone. Furthermore, your normal Outlook or Outlook Express will also now send and receive eMails.

Two things to watch out for are speed and cost. Since you are now using a 3G (or similar) network, the speed is not what you are use to with broadband. Secondly, depending on the mobile plan you are on, you will be paying per MB.

Hence, this modern technology does give us more options, and a “modem on the move” might be something that one day gets you out of a tight spot. This knowledge will also help you better decide if you need a mobile broadband USB key or not.

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