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**IRIDIUM – configuring PC to use IRIDIUM 9555 as modem –
using Windows XP, VISTA and 7**

Overview

Iridium's Direct Internet 2.0.2 Data Service allows customers to connect directly to the Internet via the Iridium gateway. While users are not required to load any special software onto their computer to connect, they will find additional compression and speed benefits from installing the Direct Internet 2.0.2 accelerator. However, the service utilizes standard dial-up networking and has been shown to work with a variety of operating systems, though only computers running Windows are supported. This documentation covers the manual installation of the Iridium phone as a modem and instructions on how to manually create a dial-up connection.

Modem Installation and Configuration

Prior to using your Iridium phone as a modem for Direct Internet 2.0.2, you must install the "Iridium PPP Data Modem" modem on your computer (**disregard this step for Windows Vista & 7**) and set up and configure a dial-up networking connection.

Important Considerations

In the dial-up networking connection, TCP/IP should be the only enabled network protocol. You must have an available serial port on your computer (e.g., COM1). You must have Administrator privileges if using Windows NT, 2000, XP Professional and Vista & 7. The Iridium.inf is automatically copied into the Windows\INF folder during setup. Users that have not run setup yet may extract the file from the downloaded executable or CD and copy it manually to the Windows\INF folder (**disregard this step for Windows Vista & 7.**) If the "Iridium PPP Data Modem" is not available, the "Standard 19200 bps" modem can be used but must be configured with the following "extra initialization string", which sets the correct bearer service for the connection: **AT+CBST=71,0,1**

**In case you have a problem call our 7/24 customer service hotline
+44 1722 420 750 – or #7750 on the IRIDIUM**

Install the USB Drivers

1. The USB driver on the 9555 kit CD may not support Vista & Windows 7 – so
2. Obtain the USB Drivers from SatCom website on <http://www.satcomgroup.com/support/?article=808>
3. Extracted to a well known location e.g. C:\
4. Plug the USB cable from the handset to the PC.
5. When the “Found New Hardware Wizard” find the handset select “Locate and install drivers (recommended)
6. It will automatically search for the drivers, select “I don’t have the disc. Show me other options”
7. Select “browse my computer for drivers software (advanced)
8. Browse to the location where you extracted the drivers in step 2
9. There will be two folders, please select VCOMPORT >OK
10. Select Next
1. Select “Install this driver software anyway” for the windows security driver installer
11. Lastly click Close

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Install the Modem

1. Close all applications.
2. Choose *Start > Control Panel*.
3. Double click on *Phone and Modem Options*.
4. Select the *Modems* tab and click *Add...*
5. Check “*Don’t detect my modem; I will select it from a list.*” Then, click *Next >*.
6. From the Manufacturer list, highlight *Standard Modem Types*
7. Click *Standard 19200 bps Data Modem*, and then click *Next>*.
8. Click the “*Selected ports*” button. Click on an available COM Port (e.g., *COM1*). This is the port to which you will connect your Iridium phone. Click *Next >*.
9. Click *Finish*.

Configure Dial-Up Networking

1. Choose *Start > All Programs > Accessories > Communications > Network Connections*.
2. Click “*Create a new connection*”.
3. Click *Next>*.
4. Select “*Connect to the Internet*” and click *Next>*.
5. Select “*Set up my connection manually*” and click *Next>*.
6. Select “*Connect using a dial-up modem*” and click *Next>*.
7. If a “*Select a Device*” window appears, check the box next to “*Iridium PPP Data Modem*”, and uncheck all other devices. Click *Next>*.
8. Enter a connection name (e.g., “*Iridium Direct Internet 2.0*”) and click *Next>*.
9. In the Phone Number box, enter **008816000025** and click *Next>*.
10. If using XP Professional Edition, a window may appear to select either “*Anyone’s use*” or “*My use only*”. Choose either selection and click *Next>*.
11. A username and password are not necessary. Click *Next>*.
12. Click *Finish*
13. Click *Properties*.
14. Click the *Networking* tab.
15. Make sure “*Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)*” is checked. Uncheck all other components.
16. Click *OK*.
17. Close the connection box.

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During any of the following steps you may be required several times to approve access by Windows UAC (User Account Control). When prompted, choose *Continue*.

1. Close all applications.
2. Choose *Start > Control Panel*.
3. Double click on *Phone and Modem Options*.
4. Select the *Modems* tab and click *Add*.
5. Check *Don't detect my modem; I will select it from a list*. Then, click *Next >*.
6. From the Manufacturer list, highlight *Standard Modem Types*
7. In the right pane click *Standard 19200bps Modem*, and then click *Next>*.
8. Click the *Selected ports* button. Click on an available COM Port (e.g., *COM1*). This is the port to which you will connect your Iridium device. Click *Next >*.
9. Click *Finish*. Close all windows except Control Panel.
10. From *Control Panel* Double Click *Phone and Modem Options*
11. Click *Modems* tab, then *Properties*, then *Change Settings*, then the *Advanced* tab.
12. Add *Initialization String: AT+CBST=71,0,1* and click *OK*.
13. Modem addition and setup complete. *Close the Phone and Modem Options window*.

Configure Dial-Up Networking

1. Choose *Start > Control Panel* Double Click on *Network and Sharing Center*.
2. Click *Set Up a Connection or Network* (upper left).
3. Choose *Set Up a Dial Up Connection*. Click *Next>*.
4. In the *Dial Up Phone Number* field, type: **008816000025**
5. Leave *User Name* and *Password* fields blank, In the *Connection Name* field create an appropriate name for the connection (e.g. *Iridium Data*).
6. Click *Connect* then *Skip* and choose *Set Up The Connection Anyway*. Click *Close*.
7. Return to the *Network and Sharing Center* and choose *Manage Network Connections* (upper left) to initiate call dialing.

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Dialing a Call

To place a PPP Data call, you must open the Dial-Up Networking window and select the dial-up connection you created for your Iridium phone.

1. Connect the computer and phone.
2. Orient the phone's antenna with a clear view of the sky.
3. If your computer is turned off, turn it on and wait for it to boot up.
4. Turn on your Iridium phone and wait for it to register with the satellite network.
5. Depending on your Windows operating system, choose one of the following to open the Dial-Up Networking window:
 - a. *Start > Programs > Accessories > Dial-Up Networking*
 - b. *Start > Programs > Accessories > Communications > Dial-Up Networking*
 - c. *Start > Programs > Accessories > Communications > Network and Dial-up Connections*
 - d. *Start > All Programs > Accessories > Communications > Network Connections*
 - e. *Start > Connect To > Select Connection Name >*
6. For **Windows 95/98/Me/2000/XP/Vista & 7**, double-click the dial-up connection you created (e.g., "Iridium" or Iridium Data), and then click *Connect* or *Dial*. (Note: A username and password are not necessary, and anything in these fields will be ignored). For **Windows NT**, select your connection from the drop down list (e.g., "Iridium"), and then click *Dial*. When prompted to enter a username and password, click *OK*. (Note: A username and password are not necessary, and anything in these fields will be ignored).
7. As the Iridium phone is dialing, it will blink "Data Call In Progress" and a Dial-Up Networking window will appear on your computer showing the current status of the connection.
8. Once connected, the handset will continue to display "Data Call In Progress," but it will no longer blink.
9. Once authenticated, a dial-up networking session is established, and the dial-up networking icon will appear in your task bar.
10. You can now launch your Internet application.