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Launch of new Metronet service which allows you make low-cost local, international calls from your cell phone. You can save up to 95% on calls - even when you're roaming.

Fan of Skype? Well, you will love Metronet which allows you to make low-cost calls directly from your cell phone. By opening up a free Metronet account, you can make huge savings on local and international calls – even when you're roaming abroad. Families and businesses alike can benefit.

While Metronet uses similar technology to Skype (the calls travel over the Internet), Metronet offers much greater freedom than Skype. It allows you make low-cost local calls from your own cell phone to other cell phone numbers, *and* to landline numbers. Also, the person you are calling, does not need to have a Skype account.

Metronet offers great savings while roaming (eg. a US cell receiving a call while roaming in the UK will cost as little as .02 cents). Making a call from your US cell to any cell phone provider in America will cost just .14 cents per minute. And ringing abroad from the US will cost as little as .02 cents a minute*. In fact, Metronet offers savings to all cell phone users – irrespective of volume of calls, however the more you like to talk, the more you will save!

Q: Can I avail of these savings anywhere in the world?

A: Yes. Whether you bought your cell phone in Dublin, California, or Dublin, Ireland, Europe or in Toronto, Canada, you can avail of the great savings from Metronet. Metronet is compatible with most bill-pay packages in both Europe and North America.

Q: How do I avail of these great savings?

A: You need to set up your own 'Metro point,' which you can do at home or in the office. You need to do three things.

1. Ensure you have two cell phones, which are subscribed to their own shared minutes bill-pay plan.

This bill-pay plan needs to be a family or corporate plan, which offers shared minutes. In the US this is often called 'faves' or in Europe it's referred to as 'phone friends for free,' (that is a package which offers unlimited free calls to at least two chosen numbers).

2. Set up your own necessary equipment for your own 'Metropoint' at home, or in the office.

At least one of these cell phones need to be blue-tooth, and this blue-tooth cell phone needs to be physically located beside a blue-tooth enabled PC. The PC needs to have an active Internet connection, and both the phone and the PC need to be on all the time. This is now your 'Metropoint.'

3. Download the free Metronet software to your PC.

This should take about 15-20 minutes. You will be asked to add your family and colleagues' numbers to this account.

That's it. Start making your calls!

Q: What do Metronet customers say?

Mr Smith, a 65-year old retired schoolteacher from York, outside London said:

"With the recession, we examined every household bill to see where we could save. By switching to Metronet, we reduced our phone bill by nearly 70% and now save nearly £50 per month. My son, Nik owns a software company recommended it to us. Nik, his wife and their two teenage children are all using the one 'Metropoint.' With Nik travelling to Europe a lot, they save almost £110 a month. And as they are all in the same shared minutes plan, they get free mobile to mobile calls. It's a no-brainer!"

Click [here](#) for more details on how exactly the Smith Family in the UK saved so much:

Q: Is making a call via my own Metropoint the same as making a regular cell phone call?

A: Yes. You simply dial directly from your cell phone address book as usual (that is the cell phone you carry round with you). There is no delay and the sound quality is very good. It is similar to Skype in that the phone call uses Voice Over Interactive Protocol (VOIP), but the person you are calling doesn't need to have a Skype account, they just need to have a landline or a cell phone.

Q: How does the technology work?

A: When you press the 'call' on your cell, your cell phone connects with your cell phone stationed beside the PC. This cell phone in turn, connects via blue tooth to your PC, which makes the call to the other cell phone or landline.

Q: Other benefits?

A: Metronet offers free Skype forwarding as well as free unlimited calls from a mobile phone to Skype.

Q: Is there a maximum number of people who can use a shared minutes plan and a Metropoint?

A: Yes. We recommend a maximum of five.

Q: Is this similar to what Fring.com already offer?

A: *Fring.com* currently offers something similar, but Metronet offers many advantages over Fring.

To use Metronet an ordinary cell phone will do fine (To use Fring you need an expensive smart phone, or iPhone).

To use Metronet, you just pay for what you use, you don't need to pay for the compulsory monthly 'data package' necessary for Fring (these costs from US\$30 per month).

To use Metonet, you don't need to install any software on your phone.

Using Metronet doesn't violate any existing agreement with your cell phone provider.

Metronet Company

Metronet is a technology start-up based in Silicon Valley, California, USA which was set up in 2008. The company specialises in cost-reducing mobile/cell phone development. Metronet employs 15 staff.

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