

AT&T Cell phones and Laptops

Connecting to the internet using your cell phone and windows mobile is considered a “Black Art” by AT&T. Especially if you want to connect using Bluetooth, seems to be virtually impossible. So what do they do? They charge you an extra 30 bucks or so a month for a connect kit.

The reason this is so difficult is because AT&T have made it that way. It stands to reason if you step back and think about it, why would Microsoft make it so difficult, in fact so hard it seems impossible.

The first thing you need to do is to get rid of all of the AT&T pre loaded BloatWare off your phone. The problem is that AT&T have put a nice little loader in so if you reset your phone it will reload the BloatWare.

Please note: You will lose your data and settings when doing this, so put all of your numbers on the SIM card so you don't lose them and backup any data you may have.

- 1) Take the back off your phone.
- 2) Turn your phone on
- 3) Now look under Start/Settings/System and you will see a program called “Clear Storage”. This clears the phone and reloads the system.
- 4) Click on that application and you will get a screen saying “Clearing Storage”.
- 5) The storage will clear the system will reload and you will have to setup the screen.
- 6) Setup the screen clicking on the crosses on each corner.
- 7) Go to the next screen skip the setting password and copy and paste options.
- 8) The last screen you will get is “Ready to start using your phone”.
- 9) Before you click on the screen get ready to take out the battery.
- 10) Click on the screen and just as the main screen comes up whip out the battery before AT&T starts to load up the BloatWare.
- 11) Put the battery in and put the back on the phone and restart it.
- 12) The phone will start up and you will launch into a clean bare copy of windows mobile without AT&T junk software.
- 13) Now go to Start/Programs you will see the AT&T programs are not loaded anymore but if you scroll down a little further you will see a new program “Internet Sharing”. Believe it or not it was always there it was just AT&T removed the link.
- 14) Now you are ready to setup internet sharing between your laptop and the phone. So go to your laptop and setup a Bluetooth partnership between the phone and your laptop. Make sure that the setting for “Allow other Devices to Discover this” and “Make this Device Visible” are selected on both the laptop and the phone. On the phone also make sure that “Turn on Bluetooth is selected”. You will find this on Start/Settings/Connections/Bluetooth and then selecting the Bluetooth connection made with your laptop under the Mode tag.

- 15) Now go to the phone and start the "Internet Sharing" application. You will see there is an option for Bluetooth or USB, select Bluetooth, The connection is Media Net and click on Start from the Menu.
- 16) Now go to your laptop and select "Join a personal area network" from your Bluetooth icon. A window will pop up after a couple of seconds and you will see your phone. Click connect and it will show connected and the window disappears. This will work for any Bluetooth stack whether Microsoft or Widcomm.
- 17) Your internet will now connect through your phone.

IF you have problems and it can't connect it is not your laptop it is the phone. It is imperative that you have a clean phone. You must be careful if you use any registry edit programs this has got me more than once. I don't know why but it has caused the "Internet Connection" to stop working.

Happy Surfing