



Mobile Data Services

User Guide

This guide gives you a rapid breakdown of all of the data services that you can use on your mobile phone, and some of the future ones to expect. We give you, in just a few pages of plain English, as jargon-free as this area of technology allows :

- a description of each service, where to get it, and how to get the most from it
- recommended WAP sites
- the various types of mobile device and their pro's and con's, to help you choose the right one for the right circumstances
- a potted history of the mobile internet, the hot terms in use in the Telecoms industry, and future developments

If you're familiar with the internet, you will know that when we recommended sites we will only be touching the surface. Also, any attempt to be definitive about the services to be found will be out of date almost as soon as we've finished writing about it. For this reason, we explain the type of service before its key providers, so that you can explore and identify further alternative offerings for yourself. We also intend to revisit this guide on a regular basis, so watch out for updates!

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