Test-drive the new IBM RealPhone™!

What is RealPhone?

The IBM RealPhone was designed to work in much the same way as the telephone on your desk, wall, car, or pocket. But, unlike a physical telephone, it works through the computer. RealPhone takes advantage of the things computers are so good at - remembering people's names and numbers, finding them in a flash, and entering (dialing) them quickly - and lets you answer and place calls without picking up a physical handset.

You may notice some differences between the RealPhone and other telephony applications. For example, the RealPhone always looks like a telephone regardless of how you are currently using it. It doesn't need a window border around it; it sits right on your desktop. It's recognizable at any size, and you can make it as big or as small as you like without interfering with its functions. Even when it's as small as an icon, you can use it to answer calls or dial your speed-dial numbers, or to dial manually using the keyboard.

To get started...

The RealPhone is easy to use on your own, but the instructions below will help you get the most out of it by making sure you see all of its features. Before you start, install the RealPhone following the instructions provided with it. Then open the RealPhone by double-clicking on it. The phone will appear in its initial default state, the full function view.

- Call a friend.

You can dial numbers manually either by clicking on the phone's keypad with the mouse, or by using the computer's number keys. (You can even type in the letters for telephone numbers such as 1-800-CALLIBM.) When your friend answers, just start talking. The RealPhone uses your computer's microphone and speaker so that you can enjoy "hands-free" conversation. Before you wrap up your call, ask your friend to call you back in a few minutes.

- Disconnect.

When you've said goodbye, click on the RealPhone's handset to hang up.

- Receive an incoming call.

Your friend should be calling back about now. To answer the call, click with the mouse on the RealPhone's handset - you're connected.
• **Speed-dial a number.**
   We'd like to hear from you. To leave us a message about using the RealPhone, press the last of the speed-dialing buttons (labelled "Comments"). Tell us what you think!

• **Set a speed-dial number.**
   When you've finished your call (or even while you are talking) you can set speed-dial access to numbers you call often, or to emergency numbers:
   
   • Click on the handle of the drawer, which is located at the bottom edge of the RealPhone. The drawer will slide open, displaying an area where you can set the speed-dial buttons.
   
   • Type the name of the person to whom you want speed-dial access. Then fill in that person's telephone number in the **Number** field. (See the *Tips and Hints* document for instructions on entering numbers with pauses and waits.) Press the **Add Name** button. The name and number will appear in the list above the entry fields.
   
   • Press the **Set Speed Dial** key. The speed-dial buttons will flash. Click on the button you want to assign to this speed-dial number. The name and number you typed will appear beside its speed-dial button.

Close the drawer.
Click on the handle of the drawer to return it to its original position.

**Change the appearance of the RealPhone.**
The RealPhone can be displayed as it first appeared, with both the number pad and the speed-dial buttons, or in a simpler state, the **base function view**. To change between these presentations, click the toggle switch located just above the speed-dial buttons.

**Stretch or shrink the RealPhone.**
Move the mouse pointer over any edge of the phone. The pointer will change to a diagonally oriented **sizing pointer**. While this new pointer is showing, press down the left mouse button and drag the edge of the RealPhone to change its size. No matter how large or small you make it, the RealPhone can still be used.

**After the test-drive**
   When you have finished exploring, please complete a copy of the survey you received with the RealPhone, and return the form to us as soon as possible. Thank you for participating. We look forward to hearing from you.

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