

3-PHONE LINES FOR FAX

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SUMMARY

Data/fax modems are no longer bundled into computers so you will have to procure and install one, if you want to fax using the "Windows Fax and Scan", "FaxTalk", "efax-gtk" or similar apps for sending and receiving faxes, instead of using a fax machine.

TOPICS

- TYPES OF PHONE LINES

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1) LAND LINES

= TWO COPPER WIRES

FROM A TELEPHONE COMPANY'S
LOCAL CENTRAL OFFICE

= "POTS" = "PLAIN OLD
TELEPHONE SERVICE"

2) VOICE OVER IP LINES

2a) VOIP LINE FROM A BROADBAND
INTERNET PROVIDER

2b) VOIP PROVIDER'S VOIP BOX
CONNECTS TO YOUR EXISTING
INTERNET-CONNECTED ROUTER

TYPES OF PHONE LINES (continued)

- 1) LAND LINES ARE THE BEST FOR ANALOG FAXING BUT THEY ARE GRADUALLY DISAPPEARING AND BEING REPLACED BY..
- 2) VOICE OVER IP LINES
COMPRESS AND DIGITIZE A FAX MODEM SIGNAL AND THIS SOMETIMES CAUSES PROBLEMS WITH FAX TRANSMISSION AND RECEPTION

TYPES OF PHONE LINES (continued)

- LOTS OF MISINFORMATION ABOUT USING VOIP LINES FOR ANALOG FAX.
- THE TRUTH IS THAT USING A VOIP LINE FOR ANALOG FAX DEPENDS ON TOO MANY FACTORS FOR SOMEONE TO MAKE GENERALIZATIONS ABOUT IT.