

# Verizon Launches VoIP Hub for Home Users

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Fri, January 30, 2009 —A new Hub for home-based VoIP users will be on sale at [Verizon Wireless](#) retail stores starting Sunday with a price tag of US\$200 after a \$50 rebate.

The Hub will provide integration of VoIP calls with wireless phones and will run on any broadband wired connection, regardless of whether it is supplied by [Verizon FiOS](#), DSL or any other high-speed service provider, Verizon said in a statement Friday.

Members of a household would log into a special Web site from any Internet connection to check for missed calls, listen to voicemail or quickly upload pictures. The carrier said users may also want to manage the family calendar with the device, using it to send text reminders of appointments to a family member's cell phone. Or, it could be used, for example, to check local traffic and weather in other cities, catchup on news, or order movie tickets.

Verizon called the device a "true communications command center."

In addition to the Hub hardware, Verizon requires a home broadband connection of any kind from any carrier, a wireless router (available for \$70 from Verizon), Verizon wireless service and a Verizon Digital Voice plan (for \$35 a month), which provides unlimited calling in the U.S., Puerto Rico, the U.S. Territories and Canada, as well as unlimited messaging to and from Verizon Wireless phones set up for unlimited messaging billing.