

3G and GPRS networks

The Vodafone Mobile Connect software will connect to 3G by default. This is called the 3G preferred connection type. When a 3G service is unavailable, the software will automatically default to GPRS.

You will know which type of network is available by looking at the Vodafone Mobile Connection software in either full or minimised view – the network you are on will be shown next to the Signal Strength bar.

There are four possible operation modes in which the software datacard can operate:

3G only:

This will only connect to a 3G network. If no 3G signal is detected, no connection will be made.

3G preferred:

This will attempt to connect to 3G. If no 3G signal is detected, the Vodafone Mobile Connect software will seek 3G and use this. (This scenario is unlikely for most networks).

GPRS only:

This will only connect to GPRS. If no GPRS signal is detected, no connection will be made.

To change the operation mode:

- Select [Tools](#) on the Vodafone Mobile Connect software
- Select [Profiles](#)
- Select [Profile Manager](#)

For each profile (i.e. Internet Access) there is an additional [Connection Type](#) field. This determines how the Vodafone Mobile Connect software will attempt to connect to 3G and / or GPRS. Select the appropriate option as required.



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In addition to this Installation Guide your mobile data rental pack should contain:

- 3G / GPRS PC Card
- GSM / GPRS SIM Card (already inserted)
- Software installation CD

Before installation it is recommended where possible that you:

- Disconnect your laptop / notebook computer from any docking station
- Connect it to the mains electricity
- Close all other applications

There are slight differences in the installation process between Microsoft Windows® 98, Windows NT® 4, Windows® 2000 and Windows® XP Pro / Home editions. If any step differs from what is described here, simply follow the instructions on your screen.



Installing the software

Step 1: Power up your laptop / notebook computer. Note: the datacard must not be inserted until the software has been installed from the CD.

Step 2: Insert the CD provided into your CD drive. If the CD does not start automatically, select **start - run** and type **D:\Vfinst** into the run dialog box (D representing the CD drive) and follow the installation instructions on your screen.

Step 3: By default, the software will copy itself into Programme Files (you may wish to select another location during installation).

Step 4: Insert the datacard into the data card port of your laptop when prompted by the [installation wizard](#).

Step 5: Wait until the system has recognised the datacard (this may take a few minutes) and follow any on screen prompts.

Step 6: Click OK to complete the installation process.

Step 7: Depending on the operating system, you may need to reboot the laptop once the installation process is complete.

Note: If you need to uninstall the software, select [Control Panel](#) from the [Start](#) menu and double click on [Add / Remove](#) programs. Select the Vodafone Mobile Connect program from the menu and click [Remove](#).

Creating an Internet connection

Once installed successfully, a Vodafone Mobile Connect icon will appear on your desktop. To launch the application, simply double click on this icon. This will not, however, establish an Internet connection - you will need to click on the [Connect / Disconnect](#) button to do this.

[Connect / Disconnect:](#)

When clicked, this establishes the 3G / GPRS connection or disconnects you from the 3G / GPRS network. Connection status and signal strength is shown in the status bar.

[SMS:](#)

This displays the SMS window, which allows you to send and receive SMS messages. The contacts section allows you to input details of frequently contacted people.

Using the [File](#) menu, the user can import / export contact details from external mail clients such as Microsoft® Outlook® and IBM® Lotus Notes®.

[Usage:](#)

This opens the [Usage](#) window, which shows your network usage in terms of megabytes sent and received.

[Support:](#)

Reveals the [Support](#) window, providing access to FAQ's and call centre numbers.

[E-mail:](#)

opens up the default e-mail software. You can send and receive e-mails as you would do normally.

[Web:](#)

Opens the default web browser, for example Microsoft® Internet Explorer.