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BroadBand Phone BBPGlobal

BroadBandPhone offers two types of VoIP services. The first is called BBP Plug'n'Play, which costs \$15.95 per month for a normal telephone number and 50 untimed local calls every month. Any additional local calls are 15cents per call, untimed. This service uses a pre-configured \$199 IP phone, but BBP also sells an analog telephone adapter (ATA). The main point here is that you don't need a computer to get up and running.

We tested BroadBandPhone's second type of service, BBPGlobal. It uses the freely downloadable SJPhone software and your own handset/headset (you can also buy one through the company).

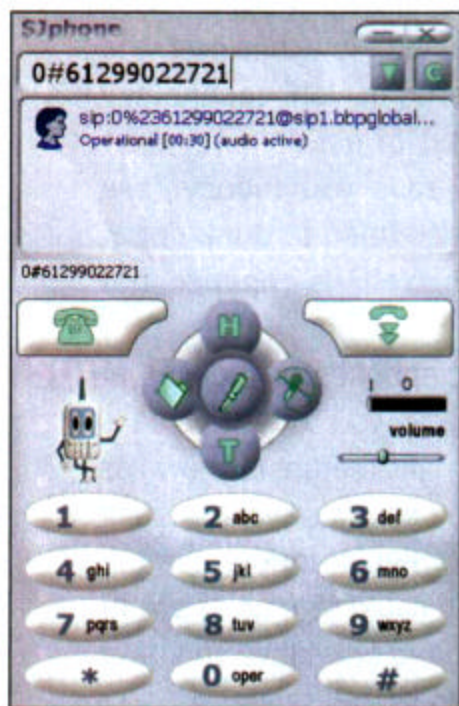
Because BBP is a global service, we had to type "61" followed by "2" for Sydney, before the actual local number. Calls to other SJPhones are free, along with voicemail and voicemail-to-e-mail. You also get access to an e-mail account and a directory service.

Unlike Skype and Firefly at the time of writing, you can receive calls from normal phones. Friends can call a local BBP exchange and use an automated system to enter your BBP service extension to be transferred to you. Local access numbers are available in Sydney,

Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Canberra and Auckland. We noticed that voice quality was a little flat due to compression and there was lag, but the service certainly works well.

PRICE: Free (SJphone to SJPhone); call-out rates vary

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