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Using a PDA

For Starters

Your PDA must include a compatible wireless networking card/ adapter in order to connect wirelessly to the Internet (see side bar). Many devices come pre-equipped with this technology. If yours did not and you wish to try wireless, you will need to add a WLAN network adapter. Go to your devices vendor for advice on purchasing a WLAN network adapter.

The following instructions assume that your device is already compatible.

Configure Settings

1. Power-up your PDA wireless device.
2. If the WLAN adapter is not already enabled on the device, enable it using either a hardware switch or a software tool.
3. If a pop-up message displays indicating that a new network has been found, select **TowsonUguest** as the location to which the WLAN will connect you. Then tap **Settings**.
 - Tap the **Connectivity** icon (two arrows pointing in opposite directions) on the Pocket PC title bar and tap **Settings**.
 - Tap the **Advanced** tab and then tap the **Network Card** button. On the **Wireless** tab, you should see your WLAN SSID in the list of available wireless networks (if there are any other WLANs in range, their names may appear here).
 - Tap the name of your WLAN in the list.
-  5. Try your connection to the internet using your browser software.

If you need to access more information from Towson or send secure e-mail, you will need to install the VPN client software to your PDA device. For help in configuring VPN on your PDA please contact the Help Center to set up a consultation appointment at 410-704-5151.

Verifying the Pocket PC Connection to the WLAN

The simplest way is to connect to an application on the network, such as a Web site.

Connection Challenged?

If you're still unable to connect, attend a Wireless Configuration Clinic (<http://wwwnew.towson.edu/unplugged>) for OTS assistance.

Process Summary

Pocket PC devices that are new have full support for wireless networks. For more advanced settings, you will need to install the VPN client on your device. For help in configuring VPN on your PDA, please contact the Help Center to set up a Consultation appointment at 410-704-5151.

Compatibility Counts!

Leading vendors of these devices provide 802.11 WLAN-capable systems either with built-in WLAN hardware or with an add-on WLAN network adapter. Instructions may not be correct for all devices. You should follow the instructions provided by your device vendor. 