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### PocketSurfer helps load Web pages on cell phone

Anyone who has ever tried to load a Web page on a cell phone knows what a clunky experience it can be. Pages can take a long time to load and, when they do, it's tough to navigate them because the size of the phone's screen isn't compatible with the dimensions of the Web page.

A new gadget called the PocketSurfer not only displays the page on a wide screen for better viewing but also loads pages 10 to 30 times faster. Using a Bluetooth wireless connection, Pocket Surfer connects and uses its data signal -- as well as some speed-enhancing technology -- to quickly load Web pages.

A \$30 adapter is available for non-Bluetooth phones. For now, the device is not WiFi-compatible. manufacturer, DataWind of Montreal, Canada, expects WiFi access in a future version.

The device is small -- about a half-inch thick -- and unfolds to reveal a 640-pixel LCD screen and keyboard.

PocketSurfer is priced at \$199 and requires a \$10 monthly Internet access fee for unlimited usage. It can also work over traditional land-line phones by using an optional Bluetooth modem, priced at \$

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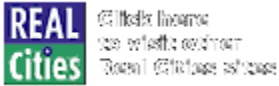
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