

Welcome to Telehamster!

We're very proud of our homegrown telephone network and we're grateful that you've joined. The bigger the network grows, the better for everybody. So thanks.

Setting up your gear

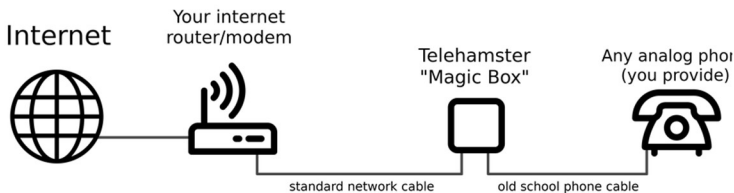
Inside your package are:

- A black Telehamster "magic box"
- A black power cord
- A blue ethernet cable ("RJ45")

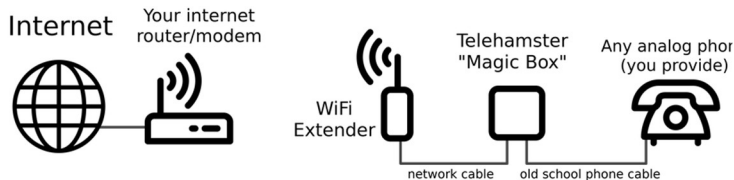
You'll need to get yourself:

- a phone and
- a phone cord ("RJ11").

Once you have this gathered, plug the black box into power via the black power cord, plug the black box into your internet router via the blue ethernet cable, and plug your phone into the black box via the phone cord. Wait until all three lights on the face of the box turn solid blue, and you are ready to go!



If your router is not in a convenient location, we recommend using a wifi range extender with an ethernet port. See www.telehamster.net for which device we recommend.



If you want to protect your sleep at all cost, you can put the box on an old-fashioned Christmas light timer so it switches off at night.

You can also connect an answering machine to your phone. Some modern phones have answering machines built into them.

Your account

You should have recently received an email from us explaining how to log in to your account. Once you are logged in, you can

- access the full member directory
- change which numbers your phone can and can't call
- change which number can and can't call your phone

How to use Telehamster

- 1) Call a friend
- 2) Call a "robot" or another of our unique creative experiences
- 3) Call an organization

Did you know you can use Telehamster in public? See the directory for a list of public places to access a Telehamster phone.

How to be a good member

Here is some basic telephone protocol that we all once took for granted:

- Answer with "Hello?" or better yet "Graves residence, Simon speaking".
- If you're the one calling, identify yourself and then ask for the person you hope to reach. "This is Simon; may I please speak with Nicholas?"
- Don't make rude prank calls
- Don't call when you think someone might be sleeping.

Spread the word!

We don't advertise on social media, except via the very reasonably social medium of person-to-person talking! We don't collect your data, sell you to advertisers, spy on you, spam you, or fight for your attention. We're a very small, personable outfit and we promise to stay human, always. Please tell anyone who values our humanity to give us a try!

Enjoy!

-Simon and Casey

