

## U.S. Robotics and Propel Accelerator

Accelerate your U.S. Robotics analog modem!

### Q. What is Propel Accelerator and what does it do for my U.S. Robotics dial-up modem performance?

A. U.S. Robotics has teamed up with Propel to offer Propel Accelerator, a subscription-based service that works seamlessly with your existing Internet Service Provider (ISP) dial-up connection, to provide the highest quality analog experience possible by dramatically increasing your Web surfing speed using your U.S. Robotics analog modem and dial-up connection. Pages that previously took almost 30 seconds to load can now be viewed in less than 7 seconds, on average, and even faster! In addition to accelerating Web browsing, Propel Accelerator allows users to block pop-up windows and in-page advertisements, and also increases the speed of file downloads, making your high-performance U.S. Robotics modem even better.

### Q. Why should I use Propel Accelerator?

A. Propel Accelerator works with your U.S. Robotics modem to save you time and money; it's also always available, and is easy to use. While 30 seconds may not sound like a long time, it can feel like an eternity when you're waiting for a Web page to load. With Propel Accelerator, most pages can be viewed in less than 7 seconds! Stop letting your productivity and Web surfing fun take a backseat to slow browsing.

While broadband options like DSL and cable offer high-speed Internet access, they are expensive and offered only regionally, so they are not always available to many Internet users. For close to the price of one month's DSL subscription fee, you can get a full year of accelerated Internet speed using your existing dial-up connection and U.S. Robotics modem, from wherever you and your phone line are. If you live in North America and have dial-up Internet access, then you can accelerate your connection!

And with Propel Accelerator, there's no new hardware or special equipment to set up or install. Just download the software directly to your PC and start surfing the Web faster than ever before!

### Q. How much faster will my U.S. Robotics modem be when using Propel Accelerator?

A. On average, Web pages will load 3 to 5 times faster when using Propel Accelerator. And the more frequently you visit specific Web sites, the higher that performance will be. Just look at the following popular Web site test results:

Popular Web Sites	Before Propel'	With Propel'	How much faster with Propel?
eBay	11.65 seconds	2.97 seconds	3.92 times faster
USATODAY.com	32.43 seconds	3.77 seconds	8.6 times faster
MapQuest	30.56 seconds	5.01 seconds	6.10 times faster
Monster	11.74 seconds	3.04 seconds	3.86 times faster
CNN.com	11.68 seconds	2.26 seconds	5.17 times faster

### Q. Where can I get Propel Accelerator for use with my U.S. Robotics modem?

A. Just log on to [www.usr.com](http://www.usr.com), and you'll be able to sign up for Propel Accelerator for a faster – and more fun – online experience. Try it risk free! See for yourself how much faster it is. Sign up for the free trial period, and your credit card won't be charged for the first 7 days to make sure you're convinced.

### Q. How does Propel Accelerator work?

A. Propel Accelerator is designed to provide maximum acceleration for the Web sites you visit most frequently. So the more you surf, the faster your favorite Web pages will load! Specifically, Propel Accelerator speeds up the delivery of Web pages in several ways:

- **Compression:** Propel Accelerator delivers text and graphics more efficiently, using a proprietary compression technology that significantly reduces the size of Web pages and page elements to your browser.
- **Caching:** Propel Accelerator intelligently retains and reuses Web pages and page elements that have previously been sent to your PC. That's why the longer Propel Accelerator is in use on your PC, the faster your Web pages will load.
- **Persistent Connections:** Propel Accelerator uses proprietary techniques to carefully manage and optimize the communication between your U.S. Robotics modem and Propel Accelerator network servers through a persistent connection. This eliminates the time wasted re-establishing and closing TCP/IP connections.
- **Blocking Unwanted Content:** Propel Accelerator can block pop-up windows and in-page advertisements. This increases web surfing speeds since you're not slowed down waiting for content you didn't ask for.

# Questions & Answers

## Q. What kind of Web content gets accelerated?

A. Propel Accelerator will accelerate the following Web content:

- All text: HTML, markup, and JavaScript
- Most graphics and photos: JPEGs, GIFs, and most Flash images and animation
- All browser-based e-mails
- MP3's and executable programs
- Most banner ads

## Q. Is there any kind of content that will not be accelerated?

A. Propel Accelerator is not capable of accelerating the following content:

- Streaming media and audio/video files
- Secure pages, such as those used for online banking and credit card forms

## Q. Will Propel Accelerator work with my computer?

A. Propel Accelerator has been thoroughly tested†. It is designed to run in North America on most Microsoft Windows-based PCs, including virtually any PC purchased within the last four years.

See the following for specific compatibility and system requirement information.

Download Information	
Version (NEW)	3.0
File Size	1.6 MB
Approximate Download Time	5 – 10 minutes

Compatibility	
Platforms	Windows 98/Me/NT 4.0/2000/XP
Connections	Any low-speed Internet connection (under 200K)
ISPs	All major ISPs
Browsers	Internet Explorer 5.0 or later, AOL 6.0 or later, Netscape 4.7 or later, or MSN Explorer
Utilities	Works with many ad blockers, pop-up stoppers, personal firewalls, and other utilities

System Requirements	
Available Hard Disk Space	25 MB (135 MB recommended)
Total System Memory (RAM)	32 MB (64 MB recommended)

## Q. How much does Propel Accelerator cost?

A. Propel Accelerator is a service. You simply pay a small monthly acceleration fee to Propel in order to speed up your dial-up connection by up to five times!

You can choose between a monthly or yearly subscription billing. Choose the yearly price for greater savings, or the monthly price for more flexibility.

Length of Service	Regular Price <sup>§</sup> (MSRP)	Cost Per Day <sup>§</sup>
Monthly	U.S. \$7.95	Only 26 cents per day!
Yearly	U.S. \$59.95	Only 16 cents per day! Get a year of accelerated Internet access for close to the price of one month of DSL!

## Q. How do I sign up for Propel Accelerator?

A. Signing up is convenient and easy. Just visit the U.S. Robotics Web site at [www.usr.com/propel](http://www.usr.com/propel). Make the most of your U.S. Robotics modem and your time spent online – start surfing the Web at an accelerated pace!

## Q. Where can I find additional support information for my Propel Accelerator account?

A. Please refer to the following web site for FAQ's and other support information: <http://support.propel.com>

\* Average time calculated on loading the home page. First time visit to a Web page loads, on average, two times faster. Subsequent visits to the page load, on average, three times faster.

† Testing conducted by E-Testing Labs: [www.etestinglabs.com](http://www.etestinglabs.com).

‡ CompuServe subscribers will need to use Netscape 4.7 or later.

§ Prices of service and product specifications subject to change without notice.

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