

# Working from the Whistler Cabin: Remote Access Technologies



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# WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN

- ◆ WHO is going to be a mobile lawyer?
- ◆ WHAT is it you are planning to do?
- ◆ WHERE are you going to be?
- ◆ WHEN are you going to be away from office?

# START WITH A PLAN

- ◆ There are no limits to the gadgetry you can take along except:
  - Cost
  - Weight
- ◆ No amount of gadgetry will help you if you:
  - Have no power
  - Lose it
  - Don't know how to use it

# START WITH A PLAN



- ◆ Evaluate
  - What is “essential”?
- ◆ Research
  - What resources are available where you are going
- ◆ Prepare
  - Hardware/software
  - Training
  - Talk to others
  - Try it BEFORE you go
  - Checklists

# GADGETS

- ◆ Laptops
  - Brand name vs. generic
  - Warranties and service
  - Must have accessories



# GADGETS

- ◆ Cell Phones
  - Check coverage maps
  - Headset
  - Chargers



# GADGETS



- ◆ PDAs/smartphones
  - Access email and internet
  - Contact, calendars, tasks
  - Track time
  - Work on documents
  - Password protect it!

# GADGETS

## Portable Storage

- Write-able CD/DVD
- USB "thumb" drive
- iPod or digital music player
- Password protect or encrypt



**1.8" ION™ USB 2.0 Hard Drive**  
USB 2.0 External 1.8" Hard Drive (40GB)

3.1" W x 6.4"L x .6"H

# GADGETS

## Cords and Cables

- Ethernet cable
- Phone cord (splitter?)
- USB hub
- Chargers for devices
- Laptop cables
- Sync cradle
- Secondary batteries
- Router for wireless
- ... (this is where is where the checklist and the weight factors play in)



# GADGETS

## Bags and carry-ons

- ◆ Wheels!
- ◆ Does it fit the overhead?
- ◆ Laptop sleeves
- ◆ Multitasking



# LUXURY GADGETS

- ◆ Portable printers
- ◆ Portable scanners
- ◆ Digital voice recorders
- ◆ Cordless mouse
- ◆ Presenter controller



# BE PREPARED

- ◆ Keep track of your toys
- ◆ Keep your workspace organized
- ◆ Keep essential phone numbers handy
- ◆ Check for cell/smartphone coverage
- ◆ Does the hotel have wifi – only in the lobby?
- ◆ Where can you print documents?
- ◆ Get directions or GPS
- ◆ Be wary of public access terminals and prying eyes

# ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE

- ◆ Backup and redundancy
- ◆ Power outages
- ◆ Take some CDs – for reinstalling software
- ◆ Don't be a repairperson
- ◆ Anticipate the worst case scenario

# REMOTE CONNECTIVITY

- ◆ Internet as Lifeline
- ◆ Getting on:
  - Wired broadband – DSL, cable
  - Wifi
  - Dial-up
  - EVDO
- ◆ Cell/smartphone coverage
  - Check coverage map
  - How much will it cost outside of the plan?
  - How often should you use it?

# DEVICE CONVERGENCE



- ◆ Cell phone + PDA = Smartphone
- ◆ Land line phone + Internet = VOIP
- ◆ Benefits = yes
- ◆ Drawbacks = yes

# ACCESS TO THE OFFICE

- ◆ VPN – virtual private network
- ◆ Extranet
- ◆ Remote desktop application
  - Eg. Gotomypc, logmein
- ◆ Bring essential files with you
- ◆ Do not depend on any of these to work – all dependant on Internet access (and other things)

# SOFTWARE

- ◆ Standard office apps
- ◆ Remote access software
- ◆ Research software
- ◆ Legal specific applications
- ◆ Consider an ASP – application service provider
- ◆ Test drivers for portable peripherals

# Internet Bookmarks/Favourites

- ◆ You need access to regularly visited sites
- ◆ Make bookmarks available anytime/anywhere with web-based tools
  - Mybookmarks
  - Esnips
  - Furl
  - Google

# TIPS FOR THE ROAD

- ◆ Keep Hydrated
- ◆ Wash Your Hands
- ◆ Keep rested



# Questions?



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