



Following is the procedure for setting up VoIP service over your cable modem:

1. **Connect the VoIP adapter box to the cable modem.**
2. **Connect your computer to the VoIP adapter box.**
3. **Install the software provided by the VoIP provider.**
4. **Configure the telephone number and other parameters as directed by the VoIP provider.**
5. **Connect a microphone and speakers or plugs into the VoIP headset or handset.**
6. **Use the IP soft phone directly from your computer and begin to place VoIP telephone calls.**

An IP soft phone is software that provides a way to use your computer as a telephone. The software displays an easy-to-use dialing pad on the screen, along with controls for other common telephone functions, as shown in Figure 6-2. Some versions of soft phones provide an interface to a common directory, such as one maintained in Microsoft Outlook.