

Ukraine surfs wirelessly 30% faster without 3G technology

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Ukrainian internet users can now surf the web wirelessly up to 30 per cent faster than with EDGE/GPRS using Life's EDGE+/GPRS+ network and Bytemobile's data services. Life believes this to be the fastest web browsing available without 3G network technology.

Astelit, a mobile operator that operates under the brand Life, launched its EDGE+/GPRS+ services in the Ukraine on May 17, 2006. The Life network covers all cities with over 50,000 inhabitants and more than 18,000 settlements in Ukraine, as well as all of the country's major highways.

Internet protocol service provider Bytemobile has embedded its optimization services node (OSN) in Life's network. The OSN compresses and optimizes data transmitted over EDGE (enhanced data rates for global evolution) or GPRS (general packet radio service) networks, which allows for faster transmission of data.

Tolga Gedikoglu, marketing director of Life, says, 'With Bytemobile's optimization solution, we have increased data speeds to provide Life subscribers with many new data services, including the mobile Internet. EDGE+/GPRS+ will be our next-level platform for evolving to the world of 3G.'