

## Disable Media Center when using Vodafone 3G

There have been several reports of problems with the new Vodafone USB modem where the VMC Lite software (built into the modem) doesn't recognize the modem or gives connection errors. These range from the connect button being greyed out so you can't connect, or when trying to connect you receive errors such as "the device is already in use".

After investigation it has been found that the majority of these issues have been on machines running Microsoft's Media Center edition.

To disable Media Center Services:

- Go to the Start Menu and click Run
- Type services.msc and click ok
- At the services window right click each service starting with "Media Center" and select stop (these should be the Extender, Receiver and Scheduler services)
- Once done go into the properties for each of these services and change the start up type to "Disabled"
- Reboot the PC and reinsert the USB Modem and retest