

USSD

USSD stands for **Unstructured Supplementary Services Data**.

- It is a way of **sending short commands** from the mobile phone to the GSM network.
- It uses, like SMS, the **signalling channel** of the GSM connection. Unlike SMS, it does not use a store and forward architecture, but a session oriented connection.
- USSD text messages can be up to **182 bytes** in length. Messages received on the mobile phone are not stored.

Links

- [3GPP TS 03.90 Unstructured Supplementary Service Data \(USSD\) Stage 2](#)
- [3GPP TS 22.090 Unstructured Supplementary Service Data \(USSD\) Stage 1](#)