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Posted by [npsmith82](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2003 15:37:53 GMT
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Posted by [Dr.Snuggles](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2003 15:42:42 GMT
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A simple keep-alive thingee wouldn't suffice?

Subject: Question: Dialup Internet Users
Posted by [tHz2](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2003 16:06:46 GMT
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I might have access to a T3 if I secure the flat I've wanted for the past 2 years, but I aren't going to hold my breath. I am resigned to my 56k for now [url]

Subject: Question: Dialup Internet Users
Posted by [Sir Phoenixx](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2003 21:13:34 GMT
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Yeah, euro dial-up sucks...

They don't disconnect after a certain time over here... I haven't seen a isp here that does that.

(and i'm on dial-up...)

Subject: Question: Dialup Internet Users
Posted by [Epyon](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2003 21:37:11 GMT
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Well, if your using free, its a bit hard to complain...

But the only other way I would know would be inactivity.
Some (almost all) dial up isps will disconnect you if you go over a certian period of inactivity.

Subject: Question: Dialup Internet Users
Posted by [General Havoc](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2003 22:57:13 GMT
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I had BTopenworld Anytime but got kicked off for over use so i went to BTopenworld ADSL.

Trust me if you live in the UK Dial up internet services are not worth using. There is an auto cutoff after 2 hours and you can't send a "heartbeat" to keep yourself connected it happened no matter

month, which to us is nothing. Also you can't use the phone at the same time meaing the cost of

can be used whilst online with no affect, and a data rate of 512K. Hardly seems worth the cost for dialup, i can never go back to it now.

512K: 200 Megabytes / Hour average (max 230.4 MB/hour @ 64k/s)

56K : 15 megabytes / Hour average (max 25.2MB/Hour @ 7k/s)

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Posted by [tHz2](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2003 23:53:53 GMT

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O_o I'd get ADSL if the garbage eating stink bags of BT would get their arse in gear and connect my area.

Subject: Question: Dialup Internet Users

Posted by [Majiin Vegeta](#) on Wed, 12 Mar 2003 00:46:55 GMT

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errrr....Freeserve DO disconnect you after 2 hours as i have had this deal for the past month at

and BT oh dont start me with them.....they disconnect you after 2 hours AND they give you a 150 hour limit a month thats why i changed to freeserve

i know there is a way to stop the 2 hour lease that the ISP give you..but my teacher at college wont tell me

i'm hoping to get 1mb from NTL if they move there fukin asses in to gear

Subject: Thank God for High speed

Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Wed, 12 Mar 2003 00:51:21 GMT

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Thank God for highspeed internet hahaha....

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Posted by [tHz2](#) on Wed, 12 Mar 2003 00:51:58 GMT

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They DO disconnect you? Maybe I just havent been on for 2hrs straight then?.

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Posted by [Sir Phoenixx](#) on Wed, 12 Mar 2003 02:03:53 GMT

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The only ISPs I've heard that disconnected you after a certain time (or charge by how long you've been online) are European...

The ISPs over here don't disconnect after a period of innactivity...

And in what form of innactivity do they disconnect you for? If you havn't visited a webpage in so long? If you havn't clicked on something in the window etc.? If your modem stops sending info for so long? Etc?

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Posted by [tHz2](#) on Wed, 12 Mar 2003 03:34:44 GMT

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The disconnect due to inactivity thing is a windows setting. I've haven't heard of the kind of disconnection described above happening since the early 1990s, even if they DO still do that, all you need is a program that goes "Oi!" every so often.

Subject: Question: Dialup Internet Users

Posted by [NHJ BV](#) on Wed, 12 Mar 2003 10:48:25 GMT

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AFAIK, my ISP never disconnected me after being online for several hours. I do not know about disconnects when being completely inactive for several hours, however, because I try not to

Subject: Question: Dialup Internet Users

Posted by [weesheep](#) on Wed, 12 Mar 2003 11:06:36 GMT

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I really feel sorry for you guys on your 56K modems, especially if you are in the UK.

I had that piece of complete and utter crap from BT about 2 years ago and I got disconnected every hour or so without fail. Also if I kept trying to reconnect eventually they just locked me out and I would get error messages such as the "the line you are dialling is busy". I would have to wait

and then don't give you a service.

In the end I went to BT Openworld ADSL and so far have not had any problems with them, no cutoffs, no capping, consistent high speed and low pings. I know the Broadband companies are pretty slow at rolling out to other parts of England, well any where out of London really but here is a link that might help: <http://www.adslguide.org.uk/> Here you will find the latest news on Broadband companies in the UK and there is a section where you can register your interest in Broadband in an area it is not currently available. Many companies set a threshold of "interested" users for a specific area, once this threshold is met they will install Broadband in that area. You can register your interested for you area at adslguide, I would suggest doing this if your area does not currently support Broadband.

Later

Wee

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Posted by [Breetomas](#) on Wed, 12 Mar 2003 11:18:43 GMT
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i hate it when people host these SMALL servers 4v4 or 2v2 and say no 56k..i ask them why they

say they lag games.....on these small games that a 56k can handle up to 16 players..... and on dethserv 32 player i luagh when people blame me and my 56k for the lag..when i have none..and no one else has lag

maybe people could ready up on how the internet works and how busy ISP can get and the amount of internet traffic is around....dont always blame a 56k lag when its your ISP....

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Breetomas is absolutely right.

This is a screenshot of the program so far...

<http://www.spliff.wideboys.co.uk/files/pictures/dialupwarning.jpg>

The purpose of this is that if your internet follows a time limited session, it will inform you that the connection will soon disconnect. Many people have complained about Renegade, that if your internet disconnects mid-game you cannot reconnect to WOL for a few minutes because "your nickname is currently in use." If you were to leave the game, reconnect your internet then you're able to rejoin instantly, without waiting 2-3 minutes.

I hope i haven't given people the wrong idea about this project. I'm just fine tuning this little app right now, shouldn't be too long before it's ready.

Subject: Question: Dialup Internet Users

Posted by [npsmith82](#) on Wed, 12 Mar 2003 20:32:09 GMT

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Okay, second screenshot with the changed user interface.

I'll be running this through some tests over the next few days, if there's anybody else that would like to beta test it with me. It'd be very appreciated. Thanks.

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Posted by [Majiin Vegeta](#) on Wed, 12 Mar 2003 20:43:09 GMT

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Posted by [npsmith82](#) on Thu, 13 Mar 2003 03:34:05 GMT
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Majiin Vegetai would love to test it with ya NP
Majiin, do you visit the n00bstories IRC often? If so i can speak to you there. Otherwise, catch me on MSN Messenger - npsmith82@hotmail.com.

Subject: Question: Dialup Internet Users
Posted by [Griever92](#) on Thu, 13 Mar 2003 04:31:57 GMT
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Looks nice, i'd test it with you guys, but i'm on ADSL

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Posted by [Sir Phoenixx](#) on Thu, 13 Mar 2003 13:19:08 GMT
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Is this Visual Basic or C++?

Subject: Question: Dialup Internet Users
Posted by [Majiin Vegeta](#) on Thu, 13 Mar 2003 19:42:59 GMT
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Majiin, do you visit the n00bstories IRC often? If so i can speak to you there. Otherwise, catch me on MSN Messenger - npsmith82@hotmail.com.
im always on mIRC but never in the n00bstories (its boring no offenece - and i aslo have like 5 other channels and i get confused reading them all)

catch me on #moonlightshakers
or renevo

btw your added to me msn

btw2 can you make it with a renegade skin so it dont look soooo...blue lol

Subject: WHY PAY BT DSL PRICES?

Posted by [kawolsky](#) on Thu, 13 Mar 2003 21:03:42 GMT

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PLUSNET..... 1ST CLASS ISP.
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Subject: Re: WHY PAY BT DSL PRICES?

Posted by [Majiin Vegeta](#) on Fri, 14 Mar 2003 00:20:08 GMT

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we dont give a f**k at what speed you have on your broadband

didnt you read the topic : Dialup Internet Users

this does not mean..you..so..err...*** off

this is a great idea as the only warning i get that im gonna get cuz off is a slight puase 1 sec before it cuts off lol
