

Useful Tips on Using a Dial up Internet Connection

While high-speed Internet is becoming more popular, some people still choose to use a dial up connection, which can often be really slow. However, there are a few simple tips you can follow that will help speed up your Internet experience.

First, you want to make sure you are using a 56k modem. You can check which kind of modem you are using by simply opening the Windows Device Manager and checking the properties of your dial up modem. You may also want to visit the modem manufacturer's website to verify that you are using the correct firmware for your modem.

Next, you will need to check your phone line connections to make sure that all of the cables and connections between the computer's modem and the telephone jack are not damaged and are secure. You can also use Internet accelerator software to speed up your dial up connection. Most Internet Service Providers (ISPs) offer an accelerated dial up service. Definitely check to see if this is an option that may be available for you.

Next, scan your computer for malware, spyware, and adware. The existence of these things on your computer will slow it down. There are many free programs that will scan and remove malicious software from you computer. These can be downloaded online. Whatever software you choose to use, make sure it is a reputable one.

You can speed up your connection by turning off unnecessary add-in like toolbars, instant messaging programs, and automatic weather updates. These will slow your connection down tremendously.

Another tip is to disable any program that you don't need or aren't using regularly. If you do not want to disable them, you can prevent them from automatically starting.

Upgrading your browser is also a good tip. The newer browsers like Firefox and Google Chrome are faster and more efficient than the out dated ones. You will need to clear the browser cache often because when it gets too full, it will take up space on your hard drive and slow your computer down.

After clearing the browser's cache, you should configure it and make the maximum cache size a manageable amount that won't slow down your computer. Invest in a good pop up blocker or enable the one that comes with the browser. Pop ups take up space and use unnecessary bandwidth. The newer browsers come with pop up blockers automatically so you should be get unwanted advertisements and pop ups.

You should always let your Internet connection run any updates before you actually start to use the web.

This allows programs that auto update such as your anti-virus program to download and install all of its necessary updates without slowing down your connection.

Lastly, use a download scheduler to manage files that you want to download from the Internet. With a download scheduler, you can pick a time and date to download file, such as when you don't have important business to handle online and you won't have to worry about it slowing down your connection.

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