

## Re: should you get DSL or Cable ?

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yes, i do have DSL, and my brother has cable. yes, my brother can kill more online enemies faster than i can. no, i don't really care.

yes, web pages and Email download faster on my brother's PC using cable.

no, i don't really care. Since it takes me 30-60 seconds to peruse a web page or Email message, i don't really care that it takes 0.5-0.8 seconds longer using DSL for a web page to fully display. yes, i probably would care, if i often received huge Email attachments, or spent much of my time downloading giant files from KaZaa, music sites, or porn sites.

no, my brother does not mind spending \$240 more per year than i do. yes, my brother hates waiting 48-96 hours to get his cable problem fixed. every time i had a DSL problem, it was fixed while on the phone.

Should you get cable or DSL ? it all depends. if you are like 99% of average home users, and spend 99% of your Internet Time using a web browser, Email program, instant messaging / voice conversation program, or listening to internet radio, then \$240-\$300 more per year probably will not make a difference.

if you spend 99% of your Internet Time downloading giant files from KaZaa, online music stores, or porn sites, and often receive large Email attachments, then definitely spend the extra \$240-\$300 per year for Cable.

JW wrote:

- > *i think some of you are missing the point, and some of you "get it".*
- > *allow me to restate in simpler terms, since i have been told i have*
- > *problems communicating clearly, and some other readers later might miss*
- > *the point too. the point is not which technology has more Mega bps,*
- > *more Mega hertz, or fewer microseconds response time. the point is not*
- > *whether somebody can hear 3000 hertz, whether 0.005% THD is less*
- > *appropriate than 0.05%, or even if you spend \$1000 a month to have T1*
- > *piped in. and i'm certainly not talking about the worst case DSL*
- > *scenario (corroded connections, phone line submerged in a marsh, 5 miles*
- > *from the nearest central office) versus the best case cable scenario (a*

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> *dedicated cable, protected in underground PVC, that nobody else in the*  
> *neighborhood shares). What an unrealistic comparison. the point (that*  
> *a few are picking up on) is*  
>  
> *99% of home users only care about whether they can perceive a*  
> *significant difference or not in how fast the web page displays. now to*  
> *state this even more simply for those who still might not understand, if*  
> *it takes less than a second for a web page to fully display, then 99% of*  
> *home users really don't care whether the technology is 1.5 Mbps, 1.5*  
> *MByte per sec, T1, T3, DSL, LSD, cable, twisted-pair, or Twisted Sister.*  
> *All the talk about specs is just a bunch of techno-gibberish. A factor*  
> *i have found 1000 times more important than techno-gibberish is that*  
> *some ISPs i signed up with did not have sufficient resources to handle*  
> *rush hour congestion, not to mention gridlock on the shared cable when*  
> *Victoria Secret had their online-only lingerie show.*  
>  
> *99% of home users don't understand techno-gibberish and don't care to*  
> *learn, so for 99% of home users (and 90% of managers), you have to*  
> *translate that into something visible, tangible and meaningful (it's*  
> *called end-results). An example of translating techno-gibberish into*  
> *meaningful terms is by saying "Cable will allow XYZ.com home page to*  
> *display in 0.02-0.08 seconds. Because DSL is 10 times slower, the same*  
> *home page from the same web site will take DSL a whopping 0.2-0.8*  
> *seconds to fully display, Not factoring in rush hour congestion on the*  
> *web server or ISP. Furthermore, Cable will allow you to kill 20%-50%*  
> *more online enemies per minute than DSL, when playing Mercenary 7.*  
> *However, Cable will cost you \$240-\$300 more per year, Cable will take*  
> *72-96 hours longer to get service, and if your neighbor has the right*  
> *cable gadgets, he can Eavesdrop on your every activity because you all*  
> *share the same cable."*  
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> *JW wrote:*  
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>> *at some extreme point, isn't talking about 3 Mega bps vs. 1.5 Mega bps*  
>> *very similar to talking to the audio expert at the home theater store*  
>> *who says, "If you can afford it, it would better to buy ABC brand*  
>> *speakers than XYZ brand speakers, because XYZ brand has 0.005% THD and*  
>> *ABC brand has less than 0.003% THD." It is totally hilarious from the*  
>> *perspective of an outside observer who knows what THD means, and knows*  
>> *that neither one of them can hear a 3000 hertz frequency, much less*  
>> *hear the difference between 0.005% THD and 0.003% THD.*  
>>  
>> *the point in this case how much does 3 Mega bps vs. 1.5 Mega bps*  
>> *really affect any result that i care about ? if i spend hours playing*  
>> *online war games, or often download files that take over 2 minutes to*  
>> *download, then i would want the fastest speed possible. but if i*  
>> *spend most of my time with a word processor, email program, online*  
>> *chat, and surfing web pages, like over 90% of home users do, then i*  
>> *have to ask myself, "How much does download speed even matter ? Does*

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>> *it matter if the web page takes a whopping 0.2 seconds to display*

>> *instead of the much faster 0.02 seconds to display ?"*

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>> *if it really mattered to me, then i would fork up the extra \$20 a*

>> *month, in order to kill my enemies online faster than they can kill*

>> *me. but since i don't use my PC like a PlayStation, i save \$20 a*

>> *month, and can barely see the difference in how fast the web page*

>> *displays. and when i play music, what does it matter if my JBL*

>> *speakers have 0.001% greater THD, if i cannot hear the difference ?*

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>> *John wrote:*

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>>> *I hope this is the right group or someone can point me. I am trying*

>>> *to get some accurate information on this choice I have. I see TV adds*

>>> *that say Verizon DSL is faster than cable. What would be the benefits*

>>> *of one over the other for a home PC and home network of maybe 4 or 5*

>>> *systems. I have a cable modem and wireless-G BB router*

>>> *W/SpeedBooster(whatever that means) on Comcast BB now. I am looking*

>>> *for a package including cell and cable TV and ISP that could possibly*

>>> *save me a few dollars a month. I have the Verizon DSL package here*

>>> *and can install it for a evaluation period but I am hesitating is*

>>> *this installation will be more trouble than it is worth. I don't want*

>>> *to waste time and screw up my BB configuration and wonder if one*

>>> *system can be used with both connections at once and make comparisons*

>>> *or should I just forget about DSL and stick with Comcast BB.*

>>> *Thanks for any insight.*

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>>> *J.*

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