

Re: OE and Hotmail

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I asked Metronet how big an attachment I could send, and here's their reply:

Mr Kelsey,

I don't have the exact value, but it's somewhere in the region of 100MB when using smtp.metronet.co.uk

Regards,
Oliver.

I don't suppose anyone has ever put that to the test!

David

PA Bear wrote:

- > *Some observations and facts upon reading your epistle, Mr. Kelsey, in*
- > *no particular order:*
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- > *Please keep in mind that MSN/Hotmail is still a free email account.*
- > *Accessing the account in OE or OL is what MSN/Hotmail is beginning to*
- > *charge for...and cheaply, too: At US\$19.95/year, Hotmail Plus costs*
- > *5½¢ a day (that's .044 € or .03 £) for unlimited sending/receiving. For*
- > *that money, in addition to the ability to access the accounts in*
- > *a Mail Client, subscribers also get:*
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- > *– 2GB storage space (vs. the default 250MB inbox),*
- >
- > *– the ability to send/receive attachments of up to 20MB (vs. 10MB*
- > *default; Try either in your ISP's account!),*
- >
- > *– no account expiration (as long as your accounts in good*
- > *standing), and*
- > *– no ads in your messages.*
- >
- > *All MSN/Hotmail accountholders also have access to MSN Calendar*
- > *again, a privilege withdrawn from free accounts about a year ago,*
- > *which can be shared with other MSN/Hotmail accountholders.*

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- > *Tell me this, does BT give you your telephone service, local,*
- > *national and international, free of charge? Does the Royal Mail let*
- > *you send letters, postcards and packages all over the world for free?*
- > *(Of course, Hotmail is about as reliable as BT and Royal Mail when it*
- > *comes to on time delivery <eg> and all three couldn't care less about*
- > *making anything convenient for you.)*
- >
- > *You heard it here first: If you do indeed have 5,000 contacts in your*
- > *Yahoo addressbook, I advise you *not* to synch it with Address*
- > *Book...unless you don't care about being able to *see* your contacts*
- > *listed in Address Book or Contacts pane.*
- >
- > *All Hotmail accounts are personal accounts. Using a Hotmail account*
- > *for business purposes is a violation of MSN/Hotmail's User Agreement.*
- >
- > *As <http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=878462#appliesto> clearly points*
- > *out, the new policy applies to all currently supported versions (5.5,*
- > *6 and 6 SP1) OE versions in all currently supported OSS*
- > *(Win98/98SE/ME, kinda/sorta, and Win NT, Win2K, WinXP and WinServer*
- > *2003, not just WinXP SP2.*
- > *The problem with spam doesn't necessarily refer to *received* spam*
- > *but, mainly, sent spam, most of it virus-laden. How much spam is*
- > *there these days?*
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- > *"Spam filtering company Postini is reporting that the percentage of*
- > *email processed by them which was identified as spam has dropped*
- > *between the months of August and September (2004). Unfortunately, the*
- > *number only dropped from 76% to 75%, meaning that the vast majority*
- > *of email is still spam. According to Postini, more than 5.6 billion*
- > *pieces of email went through their system during the month of*
- > *September, and they stopped nearly 79 million instances of viruses."*
- > *cf. <http://spam.weblogsinc.com/entry/8928259724858914/>*
- >
- > *Mind you, that's just mail that went through Postini's system!*
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- > *While MS may be beginning to return some shareholders money in the*
- > *form of dividends, I can assure you that *none* of these monies was*
- > *generated by Hotmail. As for "lobbing" some of that money "towards*
- > *the users who made those profits for them," MS is doing just that. MS*
- > *investors, by "loaning" money to MS in the form of purchasing*
- > *shares of stock, helped "make that profit for MS", not Hotmail*
- > *users. Have you no idea of capitalist theory? David Kelsey wrote:*
- >> *I have just signed up with Yahoo.co.uk for e-mail, and try as I*
- >> *might, I can't find any reference to pop 3 or smtp being chargeable.*
- >> *Perhaps they have taken pity on us impecunious UK pensioners, and*
- >> *let us off the hook. If*
- >> *they start to charge, I guess I will have to look around for*
- >> *somewhere else,*
- >> *or use the Ypops system. Re my ISP's mail service, they do charge –*
- >> *£7.50 per annum including pop3 and smtp – but they announced that at*

>> *the start and*
>> *gave me the free choice to accept or not. They did not suck me in*
>> *with a free mail service over nine years, then chop it at literally*
>> *no notice whatsoever. When I first heard about the apparently secret*
>> *MS intention to chop OE access, the info put out said the change*
>> *would take place gradually.*
>> *Well, I speak English as a mother tongue, and to me, gradually does*
>> *not mean*
>> *instantly yesterday morning.*
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>> *The main reason I don't simply ditch Hotmail is because I have*
>> *countless people out there who think my mail address is at Hotmail,*
>> *and it is kind of*
>> *difficult to inform them all of a new address when I don't know who*
>> *they all*
>> *are. I think my address has been unchanged since about 1995, when I*
>> *ditched*
>> *CompuServe, before MS bought Hotmail, but by no means is everyone in*
>> *my address book. Fortunately, Yahoo mail seems to allow 5000*
>> *addresses in the book, so that will be helpful in the future.*
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>> *I don't know how you all use your mail service(s), but you are*
>> *undoubtedly very well informed on the whole process, whereas I am*
>> *not, and e-mail is a convenience for me rather than my whole life. I*
>> *switch the machine on, go and have a coffee, and when I come back,*
>> *all my messages are nicely in OE, where I can scroll and click*
>> *through them at the same speed as I can any other file on my*
>> *machine. I do realise that downloading takes the same time*
>> *whatever method is used, but with the OE connection, I only have to*
>> *download*
>> *once, and that without any input from me. By contrast, if I use just*
>> *Hotmail, every time I open it, I have to download stuff in all*
>> *directions, because the files are not on my computer. Obviously this*
>> *takes longer. While*
>> *it has speeded up since we have had broadband access here, I pity the*
>> *thousands of dialup customers who just can't get broadband. And I do*
>> *realise*
>> *that if I remove a file from the server, it will disappear from OE. I*
>> *synchronise all folders and address books, and normally never go*
>> *anywhere near Hotmail itself, so all management of the mail is done*
>> *from OE with very*
>> *little bother. I can also move interesting e-mails or newsgroup*
>> *messages directly into various archives without having to think*
>> *about exceeding my storage limit. It is all very nice and sensible,*
>> *just like a well run office. I give thanks to Microsoft for helping*
>> *me to do all this for so long*
>> *without charge.*
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>> *Regarding the SP2 comment, have a look at KB article 878462, which*
>> *seems to*
>> *imply that you only get the immediate chop if you are running XP*

>> *with SP2. Otherwise, if it refers to all OSs, why say it? Who is
>> going to get the six
>> months' or whatever notice that was talked about? And what made you
>> think I
>> had uninstalled SP2?
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>> Business use – I don't include the people who just use a company e-
>> mail address for private mail, or small firms who operate like
>> private individuals (me for instance). But do you ever see
>> IBM@hotmail.com or any other substantial undertaking relying on
>> Hotmail for its communications? Here in the UK, the fashionable
>> business ISP for mail is Pipex, which no doubt makes charges for
>> various aspects, and is highly professional. No serious business
>> would be seen dead using Hotmail. Perhaps the people who scream
>> about losing mail should have used OE to manage it. On the spam topic, it
>> is very frequently said in the newsgroups that
>> Hotmail
>> attracts spam, probably because it has so many users. The people I
>> know who
>> do not use Hotmail can't understand my constant bitterness about
>> spam, since
>> they almost never get any. So maybe all this will be a blessing in
>> disguise.
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>> I can't believe you think Internet Explorer should be sold
>> separately. It is
>> a major promotional item for MS, and if it isn't ostensibly free, or
>> is unbundled, it would cause some big problems. If MS also decided,
>> presumably
>> with your blessing, to charge separately for Paint (the Hotmail among
>> graphics programs), and Outlook and Outlook Express, and the Roxio CD
>> burner, and Movie Maker, and Frontpage, and Wordpad, and Notepad, and
>> Windows Media Player and so on and on, what would they use for
>> promotion? Without the goodies, there is nothing very much to say
>> about an OS, is there? At least, not to the millions of uninformed
>> purchasers out there. Look what happened to all the stripped OSs
>> there have been over the last fifteen years. And for me, Hotmail and
>> OE is just the same as all the other
>> free apps. MS fought a major court battle to avoid having to unbundle
>> Internet Explorer. Who would buy it if it were in a straight fight
>> with all
>> its competitors? Even poor old Netscape might still be around. I
>> certainly liked it when it was free and IE didn't exist.
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>> For Mr. Miller – I saw the header re Yahoo – have you kept that on
>> your Hotmail server for two years? And all your other mail? Please
>> forgive my ignorance, but what do you mean when you say everybody
>> you know uses their browser to send mail? And what does
>> 'grandfathered' mean? You know, I am sure, that MS is handing back
>> substantial sums out of
>> profits*

>> *to its shareholders – I believe I heard a figure of \$10 billion*
>> *mentioned. Would you agree that it would be nice if they also lobbed*
>> *some towards the users who made those profits for them, without the*
>> *constant whingeing about*
>> *piracy and spam costs etc.?*
>>
>> *David Kelsey*
> <snip>