

## Firewall & DSL performance

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Greetings,

I have a dedicated older box that is running FreeBSD 4.7-stable, IPFilter and nat for my home network. It has a 3com 10Mb ethernet adapter plugged into the dsl jack (we don't have /need dsl modems as we have fiber to the house). The other NIC in the firewall is another 3com 10Mb which is plugged into my Linksys 10/100 switch.

Problem:

Recently, our ISP upgraded (at no charge) our connection from 512K to 1.5Mb. When testing from a computer on my Lan, I was only seeing about 700K. Testing at the box on the side of my house yielded 1.5Mb. Testing at the jack inside also yielded 1.5Mb. So, my firewall seems to be slowing things down.

I am using CAT5 cabling, and quality jacks and patch cables (hubble).

Any ideas where to start on determining what is causing this slow down ?

A friend that also has the service is running Windows 2000 Pro, Norton firewall and zone alarm and has no problem getting 1200K.

thanks for ideas,  
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