

Re: Qwest DLS & MSN Premium & Linksys Router & FreeBSD.. Oh my

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--- "Gary W. Swearingen" <garys@opusnet.com> wrote:

> *Kris Anderson <ciscoaix@yahoo.com> writes:*
>
> *I'm getting off cable (Comcast and 6 megabits) and*
>
> *Good move.*
>
> *Their fine print –*
>
> *Don't forget the finer print. "Invisible print"*
> *might be a better*
> *term; good luck even finding it before committing*
> *yourself. More*
> *below.*
>
> *home phone pac kage (\$24.99 otherwise), free*
>
> *Check out which "phone pac" that is. I doubt very*
> *much if regular*
> *phone service is considered to be a home phone pac;*
> *I managed to find*
> *(after considerable searching) their page for*
> *ordering non-pac phone*
> *service to get a 12.50 basic service (before more*
> *than that in various*
> *fees and taxes, one which seems to be part of*
> *_their_ taxes -- grrr).*
>
> *restrictions may apply. MSN ISP requires agreement*
> *to*
> *MSN Acceptable Use Policy.*
>
> *Yeah, after considerable searching I found a "MSN*
> *Subscription*

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> Agreement" link at <http://support.msn.com/> which
> took me to a member
> sign-in form. Do you really want to do business
> with a company that
> does business like that?
>
>> So am I right in still thinking that with MSN as
> the
>> ISP my setup it isn't going to be FreeBSD friendly
> and
>> that my spiffy little Comcast setup isn't going to
>> work with MSN as the ISP?
>
> I can't help you; and I wouldn't help MSN if I
> could. I know I
> first bought a (used) modem that was "guaranteed" to
> work with
> Qwest and a non-MSFT ISP, but I later learned that
> it would only
> work with Qwest+MSN and had to pay a "restocking"
> fee to get most
> of my money back. Grrr.
>
>
> I found what seems (in about 5 mo) to be a good ISP
> at opusnet.com .
> Relatively good contract terms and in actual
> practice, so far. And
> about as cheap as they come.
>
>
> Note that *_almost_ all ISPs have indemnity clauses*
> whereby you agree
> to pay their legal and other costs if some third
> party makes claims
> against the ISP which involve you in any way,
> whether or not you've
> done anything wrong in most such clauses. Another
> factor is how far
> away the courthouse and your lawyer would be.
>
> Last time I looked, Qwest had no indemnity clause
> for their pure DSL
> service, but they had one in their ISP contract and,
> of course, MSN
> does too. I say "of course", but I should note that
> MSN.net is one of
> increasingly-few web sites that has no indemnity
> clause in the
> site-use contract. Even such "open source" sites as
> Slashdot have

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> *them these days. I assume the risk of using such*
> *sites in read-only*
> *mode, but seldom, if ever, post anything to them.*
> *BTW, my insurance*
> *guy knows of no personal insurance against such*
> *indemnity risks.*
>
>
> *I bought a DSL modem at Fry's for about 10 \$ more*
> *than Qwest's, mostly*
> *because Qwest has given me many reasons to dislike*
> *and distrust them*
> *and partly because my modem has a 2-yr guarantee. It*
> *is a Zoom ADSL X5*
> *and seems to work fine and was easy to configure*
> *once I got past some*
> *problem that I had with Mozilla not accessing the*
> *modem's*
> *configuration web forms correctly. (I've already*
> *forgotten the*
> *cause.) Beware that the Zoom modem package says in*
> *big print that it*
> *comes with DSL filters and in fine print it says how*
> *many it comes*
> *with, which I didn't notice was _zero_. Grrr.)*
>
> *With the Zoom modem, at least, you may configure it*
> *to run DHCP and*
> *give the modem a fixed (eg, 10.something) IP address*
> *or run DHCP on*
> *whatever you connect to the modem. The Zoom X5 is*
> *also a 4-port*
> *router, but this one was not wireless like the Qwest*
> *modem.*
>
>
> *Finally, beware that a few weeks ago DSL providers*
> *like Qwest got*
> *permission (from the US gov) to refuse to do*
> *business (after 2005,*
> *IIRC) with good ISPs like opusnet.com, so don't be*
> *surprised if your*
> *choice in 2006 is between Qwest+MSN and*
> *Comcast+Comcast. Grr.*
>
> *-- Grry*
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Wowzers, I think I'll get a couple of tin cans and a string.

Thanks Gary, and everybody else who replied. Most appreciated.

~Mr. Anderson

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