

Broadband: Cable or DSL

Recently there has been discussion about which is best to use for broadband, Cable or DSL

Online speed tests are not good indicators. Why? Because its like saying that I have a car that has a top speed of 200 mph. If you live anywhere except on a speedway, you'll never get close to 200 mph. It becomes a meaningless number. Download speed battles are like horsepower battles, irrelevant. What is better Ford or Chevy? It depends on **what is important to you.**

Download speeds can change from minute to minute. Just wait until your next door neighbor starts to download the entire Internet.

Important issues are:

- a) Can you get either cable or DSL?
- b) What does it cost for a high-speed service over 1 meg?
- c) Do you need to buy telephone service or cable TV service to get a good price?
- d) If you talk to neighbors is the service reliable?
- e) If something breaks how long does it take to get it fixed?
- f) How is their customer support? Helpful? Open 24 x 7?
- g) Do I need to install it myself? Can I do the install?

DSL is fine and so is cable. They both work well and if given a choice between one or the other, price and support would be my deciding factors. Sometimes the price can be negotiated if you are using price as your determining factor.

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