

Just How Fast Is Your Internet?

Has your internet slowed down drastically since the first time you plugged in that cable modem and went whizzing off into the world wide web? A quick internet speed test will tell you if its the connection itself that has slowed down or if its your computer. There are thousands of speed tests out there and they are all free to use, so why not use them?

You can check the homepage of your cable company or do a Google search and find hundreds of speed tests out there. Trying different ones at different times of the day will help you get a good idea of your actual speed.

I like the one at the PCnineoneone site. It has a cool race car interface too, which makes running the test fun. In just a few seconds you will know if your internet is performing the way it is supposed to be. The test will check both download and upload speeds for you.

Slow internet speeds could either mean a problem at the internet provider's end or a problem from within your machine. Running a series of internet speed tests might help you determine where to start troubleshooting your slow speeds.

If you know there is a problem, then at least you can work to figure out what is wrong. Your internet provider should be more than happy to provide tech support for you to troubleshoot and determine the cause of the slow speed.

If you find the problem is not with the cable company, start with unplugging your modem for 30 seconds to reboot it. Many times this will be all that you need to do to get your lightning fast internet back up and running properly. If that doesn't do the trick, try running a through scan for spyware and remove anything you might find. A fantastic free tool for this is AdAware.

About the Author

You can run a quick [speed test](#) at the pcnineoneone site. I think the folks at PC911 have one of the [internet speed tests](#) available on the net.

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