

Re: dial-up "response"

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Paul E. Schoen wrote:

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Trying to download something larger than 2Meg; used to be possible but recently not.
Observations: short 100-300mSec burst or bursts incoming followed by 1-20sec no data transfer; repeats until line drops out for no apparent reason.
Solutions other than unobtainable high speed connection?

Probably a noisy phone line on your end, or a bad modem or other problem at your ISP. I have dial-up and had this problem sometimes, and I could hear static when I picked up a phone on the same line. This happened for a while after rainy spells, so probably water in the cable. There were also vines growing around and into the junction box on the pole. About like this:

http://www.smart.net/~pstech/PowerJungle03_200807.jpg
http://www.smart.net/~pstech/PowerJungle04_200807.jpg
http://www.smart.net/~pstech/PowerJungle07_200807.jpg

Finally I experienced a close lightning strike that caused more visible damage, and the Telco replaced the line. The arc apparently traveled down a large sycamore tree until it reached a power line, where it arced into the neutral, and causing a fireball that broke the window and got into the nearby phone line. I was working on my computer about 50 feet away, and I could smell ozone after the flash-bang.

<http://www.smart.net/~pstech/Lightning/Lightning038.JPG>
<http://www.smart.net/~pstech/Lightning/Lightning039.JPG>
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I think the drop-out is due to the line; and the "deadtime" might be the ISP.

Too bad there is no free ISP for testing...

I changed modem drivers as suggested by my ISP to no avai; a different OS not previously used for online work also had same problems.

Cannot FTP upload due to similar problems (timeout mentioned in this case).

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