



Hi KDSI Customers!

Thank you for ALL of the positive feedback on the new and improved www.kdsi.net. We appreciate hearing from our customers and encourage you to contact us on a more regular basis.

With all of the excitement of the 10 Year Anniversary, we had over 280 customers sign-up for our 10-4-10 Drawing. Last months winner was Cathy from Pella, IA. Don't forget to check-out this months give-away. In the spirit of the Spring Holidays, we have chosen 10 lbs of Ham. Now I know that this give-a-way may make you chuckle, but who can't use ham? :)

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We hope you find our newsletter to be valuable for enhancing your Internet experience with KDSI. If however, you would prefer not to receive these bulletins on a monthly basis, simply send a message to kdsi-connection-unsubscribe@corp.kdsi.net.

The KDS "I-team"

Product Highlight- Bruno Enhancements

We've recently upgraded our Bruno spam filtering platform to make it more robust. In the process of the upgrade some existing things were beefed up and a number of new features were added.

1. More Spam Black Hole Lists Including our Own

We have evaluated and begun using additional black hole lists and have even developed our own. This reduces the amount of spam that even makes it into the spam filter to be processed. We have special 'spam trap' addresses that do nothing more than wait for mail to hit them. Any mail that is received by these accounts are verified as spam by real people. Any ip addresses used to send spam to these accounts are blacklisted and are no longer able to send mail to any KDSI subscriber. We block almost 200,000 connection attempts by known spamming or compromised hosts in an average 24 hour period.

2. More Aggressive Rules to Identify Spam

We've found and developed a number of new rulesets to help the spam filter more accurately detect spam. Each message is subjected to hundreds of pattern matching tests based on header and body content. Each test is assigned a score and the message is determined to be spam/not spam by the final score accumulated by all tests. Of the messages that made it through the black hole lists Bruno successfully tags another 28,000 messages as spam in an average 24 hour period.

3. Antivirus Content Scanning

Every email that a KDSI user receives from the internet is ran through a virus scanner before it is received. The scanners check for new virus definitions once an hour so the virus definitions are always up to date. This isn't a replacement for running good updated antivirus software because there are more ways to get a virus than email but, it's a big help. Our virus scanner successfully identifies and blocks an average of 35,000 infected attachments in a single 24 hour period.

4. Phishing/Fraud Detection

To help stop phishing and internet fraud we have enabled a phishing detector for Bruno. If an html message includes a link that points to a destination other than what the link describes, an error message is added so that you are aware that you are not going where the link tells you that you are going. Clicking on the link will still take you to the original destination but you are aware of the difference.

What's New @ KDSI - DSL Expansion

DSL is NOW available in Ogallala, NE and is coming soon to Minden, Gothenberg and Elwood, NE!

DSL is a high speed connection that provides immediate access to the Internet. With DSL you can surf the web/check email and talk on the phone at the same time, on the same phone line.

Contact us to test your line for service availability via email or at 888-382-5670.

DSL is also available in Alliance, Beatrice, Broken Bow, Grand Island, Hastings, Holdrege, Lexington, Lincoln, Norfolk, North Platte, Omaha and Sidney.

WIRELESS INTERNET EXPANSION UPDATE

KDSI has been extending the reach of our wireless network and have 3 new towers that are currently available for customer access. Each of these systems can reach a range of 8-10 miles depending on signal conditions. The new tower locations are located in Doniphan, the East Co-op elevator in Grand Island, and a location 4 miles north of Wood River, NE. We are also looking at adding additional locations to extend our high-speed wireless capabilities.

Industry News - INDUSTRY NEWS - MICROSOFT'S FREE ANTI-SPYWARE PRODUCT; Part 2: SEARCHING FOR A WINDOWS ALTERNATIVE?

MICROSOFT'S FREE ANTI-SPYWARE PRODUCT

You are probably well protected from viruses, but are you protected from spyware? It is absolutely vital that any computer connected to the Internet today be protected from spyware. Spyware is computer software that gathers and reports information about a computer user without the user's knowledge or consent. If you use Windows, you need to be aware of Microsoft's free anti-spyware (beta) available for you to download now at no cost. You can find out more about spyware and Microsoft's anti-spyware tool by visiting Microsoft.Com.

SEARCHING FOR A WINDOWS ALTERNATIVE?

Part 2: Ubuntu Linux

In part one of our series on 'Windows Alternatives,' we briefly explored the Mac Mini. This time out we will focus on Linux, and specifically the desktop Linux OS known as Ubuntu.

Ubuntu Linux is clean lined, Debian based (for the uninitiated, Debian is yet another Linux) operating system which is easy to install, easy to maintain and easy to use. Those who have steered clear of Linux because of horror stories about installations gone awry or clumsy interfaces with applications that don't work well, should pay heed to those last two statements.

Ubuntu installs from a single CD image. The Synaptic Package Manager allows the Ubuntu user to quickly install applications that are not part of the installation CD and keep the system packages up-to-date (think: patch or service pack).

Applications such as OpenOffice, an open source office application that is compatible with Microsoft Office, are available through the package manager. Using the search feature of the package manager

allows you to try and find applications associated with a file type. Doing a search for 'office' in the package manager turns up a host of other applications, koffice, gnome-office, etc., and the description of what the package does. A search for games turns up it's own list, and so on.

Once installed, Ubuntu just sits on the desktop and works. The learning curve is shorter than for other desktop Linux operating systems and users will learn to love the stable, bug-free environment. In short, Ubuntu is a great Windows alternative.

March Internet Tip -Tips when calling KDSI for Technical Support

If/when you ever have to contact KDSI for technical support, here are a couple quick tips ..

1. When dialing 888-382-5670, press #6
2. Be ready to provide the technician with your email address and what type of operating system you use (such as Windows 98, Windows XP, MacOSX, etc.)
3. If you happen to have received an error message that resulted in your call, please write down the exact error message for our technician to better help troubleshoot the issue.

Lastly ... a little "life in general" trivia ... Did you know that a dime has 188 ridges around its edge?

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