



Hi KDSI Customers!

April is Internet Safety Month.

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children:

- * one in five children who regularly use the Internet are sexually solicited
- * one in 17 of those children are harassed or threatened
- * one in 33 of those children receive an aggressive sexual solicitation or are asked to meet
- * 70 percent of aggressive online solicitations occur in the child's home and less than 10 percent of those children who are sexually solicited report the incident to authorities

To better inform our customers about Internet safety, KDSI is kicking off a three-part series in this newsletter. In part one, found below, we highlight four web sites all parents must visit to become more web-savvy when it comes to safer surfing for your children. In next month's newsletter, we will highlight some protection and control software for your PC. And, finally, we will wrap up our series with an article on some practical advice for parents for setting rules and limits at home.

Max from Pella, IA is the winner of our 10-4-10 Anniversary prize. He will receive 10 lbs. of ham! Don't forget to check-out this months drawing on www.kdsi.net!

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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- New DSL Promotions

The new DSL promotions have been posted to our web site!

If you have Qwest as your phone provider:

- * NO activation charge (saves \$99). Available with Choice DSL (256k), Choice DSL Deluxe (up to 1.5M) and Standalone DSL (up to 1.5M, no voice phone line needed)
- * \$19.99 monthly recurring charge for the 1st 2-months for NEW Choice DSL Deluxe (up to 1.5M) and for those who upgrade from Choice DSL (256k) to Choice DSL Deluxe Service
- * Speed change charge waived (regularly \$9.99) when upgrading from Choice DSL (256k) to Choice DSL Deluxe (up to 1.5M)

If you have Alltel as your phone provider:

The DSL Lite Promotion: Receive the Alltel service for \$11/month for the 1st 3-months. After the initial 3-months, the monthly recurring fee will be \$21.

The DSL Tier 1 (1.5M/384k) Promotion: Receive the Alltel service for \$14.95/month for the 1st 12-months. After the initial 12-months, the monthly recurring fee will be \$29.95.

For more information, [Click Here](#).

Internet Safety (part 1 of 3) - Get Web Savvy

A parent must understand the dangers lurking on the Internet in order to find ways to protect their children. Here are four web sites that can help:

* www.learnthenet.com = Uses plain language with how-to articles and mini-courses.

* www.getnetwise.org = Is a great resource for safety information and products; provides tips, tools and steps to take action when something happens.

* www.safekids.com = Includes guidelines for parents and a Family Contract for Online Safety; has articles directed at children, written for children.

* www.wiredkids.org = Has many online safety games for younger children and information for children of all ages, as well as helpful information for teachers, parents and law enforcement.

Industry News - Protecting Your Instant Messages

Did you know that when you chat on AIM or MSN your messages are stored on the chat servers at Microsoft or AOL unencrypted? As if this were not bad enough, their terms of service allow them to use and distribute the content of your messages as they see fit! Does this bother you?

Thankfully there are a handful of open source programmers that still believe that we have a right to privacy! With the help of gaim-encryption available at <http://gaim-encryption.sourceforge.net>, it's now possible to carry on a semi-secure conversation over public messenger networks.

Gaim-encryption uses public key encryption to secure your conversation. A public/private key pair is generated for encrypting and decrypting the information. Whenever someone tries to send you an encrypted message their client will automatically request your public key so that it will be able to encrypt the message to your client. The private key stored in your client will seamlessly decrypt the information encrypted with your public key.

You must have gaim for this to be useful so we'll start there. You can download gaim at <http://gaim.sourceforge.net/downloads.php>. There are precompiled packages available for Windows and many distributions of linux, as well as a source tarball for do-it-yourself-types. Once you download and install it you are halfway there.

Next you need to go to <http://gaim-encryption.sourceforge.net/> and download gaim-encryption. It is available as an executable for windows, rpms for RedHat based linux distros and a source package for everyone else.

Once gaim-encryption is installed, you will need to start (or restart) gaim and choose `//tools->preferences//` from the drop down menu on the tool bar. From there select gaim-encryption and system tray icon. This will enable the encryption system and allow gaim to doc in the system tray when minimized.

There will now be two extra buttons in your message dialog window. One of them is labeled ****RX**** with a colon followed by either ****Secure**** or ****Insecure**** and the other is labeled ****TX**** with (you guessed it) a colon also followed by either ****Secure**** or ****Insecure****. These buttons show the state of the incoming and outgoing communication. To encrypt the conversation click the TX and it will request the key for the party on the other end and if they have gaim-encryption installed your conversation will be transparently encrypted.

The encryption is actually happening from client to client rather than client to server so your communications are not only safe from network eavesdroppers but also from the people controlling the IM servers be it AOL, MSN, Yahoo.

April Internet Tip - PDF Converter

Convert most any Microsoft document into a PDF file for free! Go to <http://www.neevia.com/> and look for the Free Online Converter. You upload the file you want to convert and it gives you a PDF file. You can only do 1MB files, so this may limit you; But hey, it's free!

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

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