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Google Web Accelerator (GWA)

To use a few acronyms, I have been testing GWA for several months with an HP laptop on my Wi-Fi Home Network with a DSL connection.

GWA reports that I have saved 43.1 minutes. Without GWA I would have burned up 4.2 hours loading web pages instead of my actual 3.5 hours.

Google Web Accelerator uses various strategies to make your web pages load faster, including:

- Sending your page requests through Google machines dedicated to handling Google Web Accelerator traffic.
- Storing copies of frequently looked at pages to make them quickly accessible.
- Downloading only the updates if a web page has changed slightly since you last viewed it.
- Prefetching certain pages onto your computer in advance.
- Managing your Internet connection to reduce delays.
- Compressing data before sending it to your computer.

The above procedures used 16.3 MBs on my laptop.

For security reasons, GWA won't speed up pages encrypted with the HTTPS: protocol (such as bank records pages). Also, GWA only speeds up web pages, not large data downloads such as MP3 and streaming video files. In addition, I set the GWA preferences to exclude web sites requiring password access, e.g., Gmail and AOL.

Return to Sender, Address Unknown

Thank you for the e-mails, all of them tactful I might add.

I found out the hard way that when you provide a web address in a 2 column newsletter and the address will not fit on 1 line it is difficult to impossible to copy the address to your web browser.

I spent part of a Saturday morning looking for a solution including visiting www.pdfzone.com.

This month's page 2 will include some fixes for prior 2-line addresses. Sorry.

GWA might not be for everyone and before you give this free program a try I suggest you review some of the basics at:

<http://webaccelerator.google.com/support.html#basics>

I anticipate results will vary based on connectivity and web use patterns. You can always uninstall GWA if you don't like it.

Speaking of Security

Lately I have been accessing unfamiliar Internet addresses by copying the address into the Google search box. No www or http stuff.

I use the free McAfee site advisor on Firefox and IE 7 and I have saved myself some problems.

You can download this excellent utility by going to Google and entering "mcafee site advisor" – use the quotation marks.

If you have any tips or suggestions feel free to send them to me at: nteumlp@gmail.com

2008 Internet Addresses



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PDF Zone
www.pdfzone.com

Google Web Accelerator Basics
<http://webaccelerator.google.com/support.html#basics>

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Official Business Link to U.S. Gov't
www.business.gov

Data on specific neighborhoods
www.everyblock.com

Every Free How-to Video That Exists
www.wonderhowto.com

IRS Intranet – Expectations Managing Instructions to Staff
http://spder.web.irs.gov/imd/memoranda/InstructionsToStaff_scan.pdf

Over 230 shortcuts to top web services
<http://mashable.com/2007/06/29/keyboard-shortcuts/#comment-1004296>

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Store health information online
<http://healthvault.com/>

Word has better search features than are generally known.
<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/word/HP051894331033.aspx>

If you have any tips or suggestions feel free to send them to me at: nteumlp@gmail.com