

Compression/proxy option

- * A 3rd party paid for add on service
- * Uses proprietary compression to speed up your existing Internet Service
- * Low cost add on that improves the dial-up speed experience
- * Web pages, web email and images all download much faster
- * Multimedia content (video, audio) and secure(https) connections will however NOT see any speed improvement
- * [Onspeed](#) is a well known purveyor of this service who charge £1.99 a month or £24.99 a year
- * Others include are [Proxyconn](#) and [Propel](#)
- * Can also improve low bandwidth broadband and mobile Internet speeds

It's not as good as true broadband but it helps improve the browsing experience by giving your dialup service a bit of a helping hand. In effect a third party provider is compressing the Internet for you in order to fit more into the small bandwidth space that dial-up allows.

Some people are happy with minimal Internet access of even occasional use at the library whereas others are lucky enough to be able to tap into community [wireless Internet](#) connections. For some, where broadband monthly cost is an issue I have even helped set up a

shared wireless and even wired connections between neighbours.

The smaller ways to improve your web browsing experience:

Try to use a hardware modem rather than a [software modem](#) (which draws on the processing power of your computer) especially if your computer is a little older and of average processing speed

Add extra memory if you can- this will always make a difference.

Installing [free Ram optimizer](#) to help make sure that you have not consumed more RAM than you thought,

Make sure you browser is up to date and try other available browser such as [Opera](#), [Firefox](#), [Flock](#) or even [Torpark](#) the secure, private browsing variation of Mozilla.

Get your computer checked over to make sure that an undetected virus, worm or Malware isn't impeding the performance of your computer (Windows only).

If your Windows computer is very sluggish and you know it's not just down to low RAM memory or a full up hard drive then it might be worth re installing your operating system from scratch which can often be a breath of fresh air to many struggling users (I know this from

experience). Obviously this can be quite daunting, especially backing up your data and requires a slow methodical approach or ideally somebody experienced who is prepared to do this for you.

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