

## Re: Are Suse Linux Internet App's Compatible with MSN Network?

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bbriley@highstream.net (Bob Riley) writes:

> Hi,  
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> For several reasons, my wife and I have decided to go from a single  
> line dialup account – and all the phone–internet conflicts! – to a dsl  
> line (256 K). At the same time, I am planning to move from Windows XP  
> to Suse Linux (little by little) for my normal online work (browsing,  
> email) as well as office functions (using open office 1.1).  
> Eventually, I will only use Windows XP for any weekend game play.  
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> In our area, by far the cheapest DSL connection is offered by the  
> phone company but it only features MSN! Argggghhh.... This brings up  
> a question:  
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> Are the Linux KDE browser (Konqueror or perhap Opera or Mozilla?),  
> email (Kmail or perhaps Thunderbird) compatible with the MSN network?  
> I am told that, as always, I can get MSN mail with any good mail  
> client used for popmail and smtp servers. But will the Linux internet  
> software be compatible with the MSN network, run by that big company  
> up in Redmond, Washington?  
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Hi

Have Suse 8.2, used to run 7.3.

Can vouch for Thunderbird, Opera and Mozilla working fine on Linux.

I have never tried to read my hotmail account via any of these browsers. You will need to find and install gaim (or some similar package) to use Messenger. Access to other MSN sites seems fine unless you want to use MSN's community chat rooms or public chat rooms, in which case you need to hunt out something called amsn (iirc).

Please note that a lot of web sites work well with MSN, which has it's own

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non-standard Java engine on XP. IE is also tolerant of poor HTML code. You may notice some sites don't work with Mozilla; mostly because they've been written very poorly with non-standard HTML in them that only IE can interpret. In such cases try Opera.

I used to have XP and Linux on dual boot but now run Linux only. I don't use Open Office so can't comment on it.

One reason ISP's do not support Linux is the number of different versions and different ways of doing things depending on what distro and what windows manager you are using. Gnome and KDE are only two well known window managers tailored to the masses as an easy intro from Windows environmenrs. If you ever get a bit braver, try enlightenment.

What will you be using instead of your modem to make the connection? Does the deal you are going for provide the hardware or are you buying that separately?

HTH

Lesley

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