

Re: Verizon DSL & Suse 9.3Pro

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gilligan wrote:

- > *I am getting Verizon DSL next Friday. Is there anything special/needed to*
- > *get it working ok or does it install with no problems.*
- > *Thanks*

Don't let SuSE control the DSL modem for you and don't install any software that Verizon may give you. Just attach the modem to a router and connect everything else to the router – then there is nothing special to do. That is the best way for a number of reasons. Sometimes the modem they give you will include a router so there may be nothing else to buy.

You MIGHT need to set up networking manually, briefly, to reach the router (or modem) through a web browser to configure it with your account settings. That in turn may take you to a special web site to activate your account. Sometimes, some of these have IE only interfaces – but I think those issues are mostly resolved by now. If not, you may need to use another computer to activate your account (or call the service number). After that everything should run like a charm.

I never install their troublesome, bloated, resource-hogging spy and phone home software to set up the accounts and "configure everything for you" no matter what operating system I use. And the NAT services built into your router make the best, fool-proof, hardware firewall you should probably need. That leaves malicious-logic software "attacks" limited to "pull" options (you have to go and get them to bring them home).