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Posted by [Kim](#) on Wed, 11 Jul 2007 01:30:07 GMT

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Subject: Re: OT: Internet and Transferring large files from L.A...

Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Wed, 11 Jul 2007 05:39:16 GMT

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Yes, Wifi is pretty widely available, but bandwidth and cost may vary. I think Starbucks is something like \$25/month - no idea what the bandwidth is, but last I recall an associate I was working with transferred a client video preview of 250M or so in about 40 minutes from a Starbucks (not too fast, esp if you are thinking of larger files than that). Don't know if they are in LA, but Panerra Bread has free wifi, as do many other cafes, so really no need to pay for Starbucks'. That's just what we have here in Colorado - LA may have even better/more options.

The full mobile deals are a bit more per month - last I check I think it was around \$100/month and bandwidth was (I think) around 128k. Yes, the US sucks for bandwidth allocation compared to the speeds the rest of the world offers, at least for ADSL/broadband (20-24M Canada, Europe, Japan, etc - 1.5M if you are lucky in the US - stingy bunch we are, sigh...not sure about wifi elsewhere).

Probably not the specifics you need, but a google for "Los Angeles wifi" may be your best bet.

Regards,

Dedric

On 7/10/07 7:30 PM, in article 4694329f\$1@linux, "Kim"
<hiddensounds@hotmail.com> wrote:

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Posted by [JeffH](#) on Wed, 11 Jul 2007 06:23:24 GMT
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Kim,

Try this:

<http://www.wififreespot.com/ca.html>

The price is right if nothing else. Also if you are at a hotel, many of them have free wifi...it's supposedly mandated at Holiday Inn Express Hotels, others a following suite.

Jeff

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Wed, 11 Jul 2007 18:24:41 GMT

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You'll probably be behind a NAT router so you're going to want to know exactly the ip/host you'll be transferring to. One other option would be to send the files out via a P2P network and ask a bunch of your bittorrent using friends to download them, thereby distributing the load a bit. Again, NAT becomes and issue here.

TCB

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Posted by [excelav](#) on Wed, 11 Jul 2007 23:20:47 GMT

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Posted by [Kim](#) on Thu, 12 Jul 2007 02:19:47 GMT
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James,

Thanks for that. I'm actually more looking for connection options than transfer options. We have multiple ways of getting the files back, but it's getting access to the internet for \$2 a day when bouncing all over L.A. is the issue...

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