
Subject: Re: Arnold Schwarzenegger Commits Suicide
Posted by [Alex Molochnikov](#) on Mon, 26 Jul 2004 01:46:38 GMT
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"Bootstrap Bill" <wrcousert@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:T9YMc.29178\$eM2.9777@attbi_s51...

> I get unlimited downloads for \$41 per month. Nowhere in my contract does
it
> say that they can charge me for excess bandwidth. I regularly download a
gig
> or two a day, have been for several years.

The ISP may not charge you for the excessive downloads, but it is more than
likely that somewhere in your contract there is a clause setting an upper
limit on the amount of data transfer to and from your connection. Not only
that, but the ISPs usually distinguish between incoming and outgoing
traffic, and set different limits to each.

I, too, often download large files, and most likely exceed my nominal
allowance by several orders of magnitude. My ISP never reprimanded me for
that, but the point is that the limits do exist. And in order to make the
offender feel pain of the excessive downloads of their files, the amount
of traffic will have to come close to the threshold beyond which the ISP
will start taking notice. And if this happens, your ISP will do the same,
for the same reason.

> I think this is a great way to get rid of these jerks. If a bunch of
people
> were to group together and go after them, they'd lose their ISP connection
> in less than a day.

What you are saying (if you agree with my reasoning above) is that a number
of people can share the load and make the offender hit the limit without
coming close to their own "red line". Technically, this might work, but in
reality this will take a dedicated group of vigilantes launching a
coordinated assault on the given website. Not that it is a bad thing to do -
just difficult to orchestrate.

> Anytime a new one shows up, simply change the file name and let it run for
a
> few hours. Ignoring the problem won't make it go away.

Neither will honoring the posters of this crap with response, or downloads -
they might even take it as an encouragement, or as a proof of their tactic
working. Because unless you manage to build the traffic to the point where
they begin to hurt, all you will accomplish is making them happy with
downloads (since there is no immediate way for them to gauge the spread of
their visruses, the number of file downloads is a good approximation of

success).

Regards,

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