

Computer Guy Is Back

Back in February of this year the Knoxville area experienced a couple of snowfalls during two consecutive weekends. It was cold, snowy, and windy; not the type of weather you want to get out in on a lazy weekend. I thought it was the perfect type of day to cuddle up on the couch under a blanket and watch a movie. The only trouble was, I really didn't want to watch any of the movies I had in my library, and I really didn't want to pull my shoes on and get out in the weather. Surly I thought there must be some alternative.

I have high-speed Internet service and I had heard about legal movie download sites. So I did some searching on the Internet to see what I could find. After spending a few minutes on Google I found two sites that offered on demand movie downloads: www.movielink.com and www.cinemanow.com.

So you might ask, how does it work? I would say very well, however I would recommend a few things. First, a high-speed Internet connection is a must. These files will average in size from about 700 Megs to 1500 Megs. It would take entirely too long to download a file of this size over a dial-up connection. Second, your computer system needs to be of sufficient power, not necessarily state of the art but for best playback quality it should be at least 1200mhz or faster with at least 256 Meg ram and a good video card. Lastly for the best viewing experience you should see if your computer has the capability to output to your television. Most of the off the shelf, less expensive computers won't have the necessary s-video port. Many custom built system or higher end store bought systems will come with this feature. Consult with your tech support provider or make a visit to our shop to add this feature to any computer.

I found both sites very easy to use; they are divided into categories complete with a new release section just like a real video rental store. After choosing the video I wanted, I filled out the online order form paid the \$3.99 charge with my Visa and clicked the download button. Within seconds the movie began to download and within a minute or two I was able to begin watching the movie even while it continued to download in the background.

Overall I was very satisfied with my movie download experience. A couple of things to keep in mind though, the selection at these download stores is very limited. Once a movie is downloaded to your computer you have up to 30 days to view the movie, however, once you begin watching the movie you only have 24 hours to complete viewing the movie before you have to pay for it again.

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