

# **End User Control Panel**

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# Introduction

This document is a user manual for your email and Internet services. It provides instructions for managing your email account(s) with the End User Control Panel, including personal information and password changes, spam and virus settings, Webmail (email access from the World Wide Web), Greymail (spam and virus repository), Content Filtering and Parental Controls. It also covers features like Web Racer Accelerator, Roaming Access, Personal and Corporate Web Space, Video email, Security Suite and other services. Peoples Mutual reserves the right to make these controls available to you or manage these controls on your behalf. Therefore, you may or may not have access to the controls mentioned in this manual. Screen shots used in this manual are for examples only. Your actual screens may vary depending upon the controls and services made available to you by Peoples Mutual. Contact Peoples Mutual Customer Service at 434-656-2291 or 434-324-4291 if you have questions regarding controls and services that are available to you.

# Setting Up your Internet Service

Contact Peoples Mutual Customer Service if you have questions related to the initial setup of your account. This manual is intended to cover managing your account and services after your account(s) have been established.

# Basic Requirements

#### **User IDs and Passwords**

User IDs should be entered in all lower case letters, since many email systems can only accept email addresses in lower case and your user ID is an email address in this system. However, passwords are case sensitive, meaning upper or lower case letters used to establish your password will be checked for matching case each time you log in. This provides an increased level of security with less likelihood of your account(s) being accessed by password generation technology employed by hackers and identity thieves. Users must log in with their full user ID (bobsmith@domain.com for example) and password when initiating email sessions in order to be able to send email as detailed below. Please quard your user ID and password information carefully.

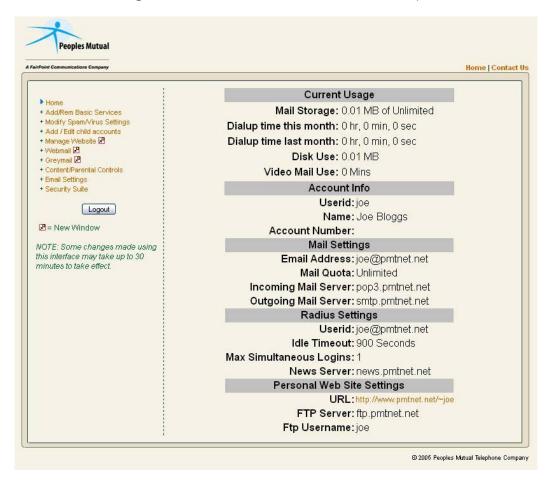
#### **SMTP Authentication**

In order to reduce virus and spam proliferation, the outgoing email servers used to support your email account(s) require SMTP Authentication. This will require a minor configuration change in your email program to support and enable SMTP Authentication, and that you log in with your full user ID and password when initiating an email session. Otherwise, you will not be authorized to send email and will receive error notifications upon attempting to send email. This is an important step in preventing unauthorized individuals from distributing attacks and junk email, and in uniquely identifying those users who launch such attacks. This support only has to be enabled once for each account. For information on how to update most email applications to implement SMTP authentication go to http://www.pmtnet.net/smtp\_auth.htm and follow the instructions.

# **End User Control Panel**

The End User Control Panel (EUCP) is a quick and easy way for you to manage your Internet account and account settings via the web.

To access the EUCP, you must browse to http://myaccount.pmtnet.net, Once there, you must enter your full user ID and password to log in. You will then see the home page below which shows your current usage for the month, your account information, as well as your mail, radius, and personal website settings. This screen is known as: Home in the drop down menu on the left.



Please take a look at the menu on the left side of the main page above. This menu gives you the ability to make changes to the services you receive, as well as to add or cancel individual services. You can make changes to the services listed in the menu above and below you will find instructions on each one. As noted, some changes made using this interface may take up to 30 minutes to take effect.

# EUCP - Change Personal Info

By clicking on this link, the screen below allows you to update your personal information. Customer Service will be notified of the changes you are making within 24 hours. Remember to click on **Save** after you have entered in your new information!



# EUCP - Change Password

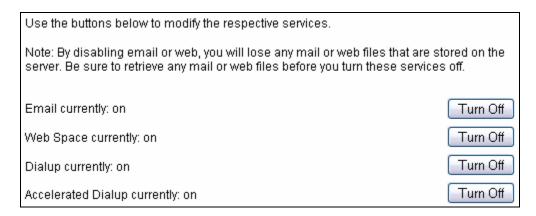
The screen shown below allows you to change your password. Remember that passwords are case sensitive. You must input your existing password and then a new password; you will then need to verify your new password. This will ensure that you do not mistype the new password. Remember to click on **Save** after you have entered in your new information! It is important to remember that it could take up to 30 minutes after you click **Save** for this change to take effect, and it will affect all services that require you to login with user ID and password. If you have a DSL account, it may be necessary to match this password in your DSL modem or router. Contact Technical Support for more information. Forgot your password? Contact Technical Support.



#### **EUCP - Add or Remove Basic Services**

This screen allows you to enable or disable your basic services. This can be useful if you add a child account and need to go in and add services to it. You can turn Email, Web Space, Dialup and Web Racer Accelerator either on or off by clicking the buttons that are labeled **Turn On**, or **Turn Off**. As the screen below mentions, by disabling Email or Web Space, you will lose any mail or web

files that are stored on the server. Be sure to retrieve any mail or web files before you turn these services off.



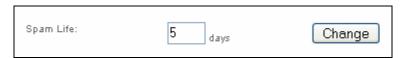
# **EUCP - Modify Spam and Virus Settings**

With anti-spam and anti-virus services your time spent using the Internet is now much more enjoyable! Your emails that are classified as spam and those containing viruses are quarantined in one location for you which is called "Greymail", so your inbox isn't cluttered with spam and your computer and valuable data aren't at risk of being corrupted by dangerous viruses.

If your anti-spam and anti-virus services are not automatically set up for you, you may set them up by visiting the End User Control Panel, and logging in to enable your service and manage your settings. There is also a link to Greymail from the End User Control Panel for your convenience.

Once you have logged in to the EUCP with your user ID and password, click on **Modify Spam/Virus Settings** on the left-hand menu. You will then see the following items which you are allowed to modify. A brief explanation of each item is below:

Email messages categorized as spam are left in your Greymail for 14 days as the default setting. You are allowed to change this period of time. You can leave a message in Greymail for any amount of time between 1 and 14 days. It is recommended to not set this time period too low so that you will have enough time to retrieve any email from Greymail that you would actually like to receive. Log in to Greymail, check the box beside the message(s) you would like to receive and click forward. Selected messages are then forwarded to your inbox. Set the amount of days you want messages to remain in your Greymail and then select **Change**.



You have the ability to turn your Spam Filtering service **on (Content-Based)** or **Off** by clicking the item and then clicking **Change**. Content-Based filtering gives you the ability to determine which types of email messages you want to block and which ones you would like to receive. Content-Based filtering will be detailed later in this document.



A Greymail Notification consists of an emailed report containing all of the emails you received which were either classified as spam or classified as containing a virus and were sent to your

Greymail. You can decide to receive this report on a daily or weekly basis or not to receive it at all by clicking on one of the options below and then clicking on **Change**.



The Virus Filtering Section simply allows you to turn on or off your Virus Filtering service. (Peoples Mutual may elect to have this function on at all times regardless of the user settings.)



The Virus Notification is an email which is sent to you each time an email is flagged as containing a virus. You have the ability to turn this service on or off as shown below.



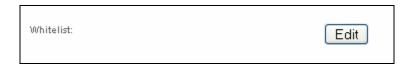
By selecting **Content-Based Spam Filtering**, you then have the ability to enter Advanced Spam Settings, create a Blacklist, and a Whitelist. (See details below). Advanced Spam Settings is the section you would use to edit your spam sensitivity settings and specify types of spam to quarantine. By selecting **Edit** here you will then be able to modify your settings. The Content-Based Spam Settings will be detailed later in this document.



The Blacklist is a mechanism for blocking emails from specific email addresses. If you do not want to receive emails from certain senders you may add their addresses in this section.



The Whitelist allows you to make sure that you always receive emails from specific senders. To ensure that a certain someone's emails are not sent to Greymail, add them to this list.



Both the Blacklist and Whitelist functions will accept "wildcards" using an asterisk "\*" as the wildcard. Using wildcards in an email address means every address that matches the rest of the

address will be affected. For instance, if you were to put the following address in your Blacklist file: "\*@bobdomain.net", then all mail from anyone in the "bobdomain.net" domain would be sent to Greymail. Similarly, if you were to put the following address in your Whitelist file:

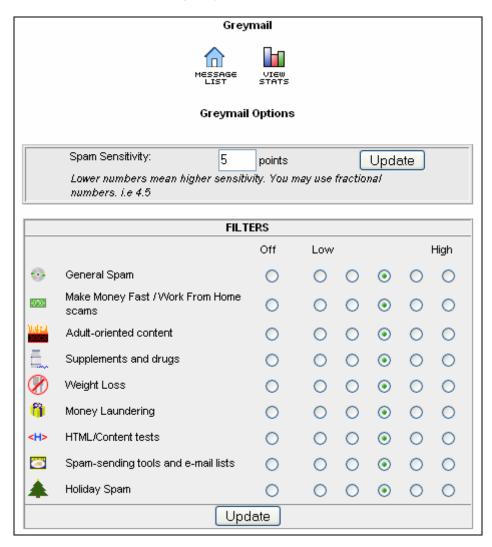
"\*@joedomain.net", then all mail from anyone in the "joedomain.net" domain would be sent to your inbox, provided no viruses were detected.

Finally, you also have the option of having email sent from a Blacklisted sender either discarded immediately, in which case you will never know it was sent to you, or you can choose to have it sent to your Greymail. The default setting is Greymail, and is recommended.



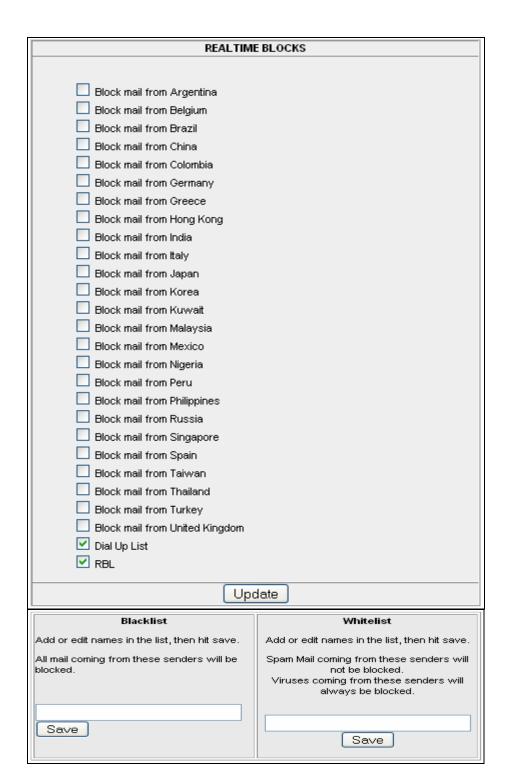
# EUCP - Advanced Spam Settings / Content-Based Spam Filtering Options

Once you have logged into your Greymail via the EUCP or http://greymail.pmtnet.net, you can modify your settings as detailed below. Please notice the two buttons listed at the top of the screen shot. The first one is **Message List**. If you click on this button you will automatically be shown all of the emails in your Greymail. If you click on the second button, labeled **View Stats** you will see the number of messages quarantined into Greymail broken out on a monthly basis giving you proof of how well this filter is working for you.



You have the ability to set an overall Spam Filtering sensitivity above. You can set the service anywhere between 0 and 999, where the lowest number indicates the strongest of filtering settings. The default setting is 5. You can also choose the level for each individual filter. Experiment with the filters until you are satisfied with your exact filtering specifications. After making your changes, select **Update** in order for your settings to take effect.

Real Time Blocks are a method of blocking emails from specific countries that originate spam. Once you make changes, you must click **Update** so that your new selections go into effect. Check **Save** to save your Blacklist and Whitelist settings. It is recommended to leave **RBL** and **Dial Up List** checked, as these are lists of addresses known to generate a lot of spam.



The screens below are used to select your Blacklist actions, Spam Life, Virus Notification, and Greymail Notification settings as described earlier in this document.

# Messages from blacklisted senders can be sidelined (placed in Greymail) or discarded. These messages are currently sent to greymail. Discard messages Discarded: any message from a sender that has been blacklisted will be removed. HOTE: Messages are unrecoverable. Greymail: any message from a sender that has been blacklisted will be viewable in greymail.



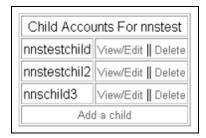




#### EUCP - Add / Edit child accounts

A child account is any additional email account opened through the main (parent) account's Internet accessibility. The main account is opened by the person who is designated as the parent account, and then child accounts can be opened under that parent account information. These email accounts can be used as a secondary account for the parent account, by the spouse of the parent account holder or by children of the parent account holder. Exceeding the number of child accounts allowed by your service provider may result in incremental charges. Contact

Peoples Mutual Customer Service if you have questions or concerns about how to create child accounts and how many you can create at no additional charge.



## **EUCP - Manage Website**

The **Manage Website** link will take you to the control panel shown below. Personal web space is a repository for you to store a website, documents, images, or even photos. This space is "write" accessible by you, the site owner, by using your Internet browser, Web Page Editor, or ftp (File Transfer Protocol) Application. It is also "read" accessible to the rest of the world by typing the web space URL (Uniform Resource Locator, also known as your web address) into their Internet browser. Your web space administration is password protected so your files will stay safe and secure and will only be available for others to view or copy by surfing to your URL.



#### How do I put files into my web space?

In order for files to become available from your personal web space, you must first put them there. The method of doing this is called "File Transfer Protocol" (ftp). FTP is the method of delivery, but you must have a way to use this method known as an ftp client. An ftp client is a software application that allows you to put files on the server (upload), and get files from the server (download). There are several types of clients that can be used, as mentioned below.

#### What clients can I use to put files in my web space?

As mentioned before, there are several types of ftp clients. Programs such as "WsFTP" and "SmartFTP" are 100% ftp clients. This means that their only function is to put files on a server and get files from a server. These are great for people who are only storing files in their web space or are using a text editor (like notepad or WordPad) to create web pages and then uploading them when they are done. Programs like "Dream Weaver" and "FrontPage" are webpage editors (also known as HTML editors) that, in addition to creating and editing web pages, also have a built-in ftp client. This is handy for creating many web pages and then uploading them quickly. And lastly, there is the web based software that you access from our ftp site. Our ftp tool allows you to upload files from your Internet browser without the need for these third-party programs. Simply go to our ftp site,

log in with your user ID and password, choose the directory that you would like to put your files in and then upload. See details below:

#### What steps do I take to use the web-based ftp tool?

- 1. Surf to http://webftp.pmtnet.net
- 2. Enter your user ID and password.
- 3. Click the link of the folder you want to upload your files

	Upload a file    Create a direc	ctory    Advanced mode				
Current directory: /						
File/Dir	Actions	Size (bytes)	Date			
<b>Ü</b> <u>ftp</u>	Del    Rename	(directory)	Jun 27 10:46			
public_html	Del    Rename	(directory)	Jul 6 09:50			
	Upload a file    Create a dired	ctory    Advanced mode				
	Logou	ıt				

The ftp folder is accessible by anonymous ftp, which means a user can surf to ftp://ftp.pmtnet.net/~username. The "public\_html" folder is where you would place all of your webpage related files and images. "Username" is the portion of your email address in front of the @symbol, for instance bob@lnfo.com would have a username of "bob".

This folder is accessible to the rest of the world by surfing to <a href="http://www.pmtnet.net/~username">http://www.pmtnet.net/~username</a> (be sure to put a "~" in front of your username.)

Once you are inside your desired folder, you are presented with three options:

- **Upload A File**: Allows you to put a file from your computer to your web space.
- Create A Directory: Organize your web space by creating additional folders.
- Advanced Mode: View important information about your files and change permissions.

#### What are the addresses that I give to friends and family?

All addresses are composed of two things, the domain of your ISP and your user ID.

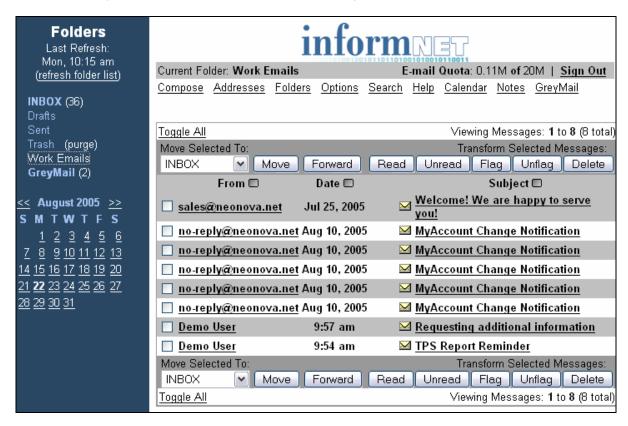
Listed below is the format you would use to access these "sites".

- I want to access my files directly from an Internet Browser using ftp:
  - ftp://ftp.pmtnet.net/~username
- I want my friends/family to see my webpage:
  - o http://www.pmtnet.net/~username
- I made a folder called "images" in my public\_html directory, how do I access it:
  - http://www.pmtnet.net/~username/images

#### **EUCP - Webmail**

The **Webmail** link on the EUCP takes you to your Webmail account. You can also access your Webmail account by browsing to **http://webmail.pmtnet.net** and logging in with your user ID and password.

Webmail allows users to access their email from the Web. They can create and send new messages, import contact lists, reply to or forward email, set up folders to file and store email on the server, capture video and audio using the Video email option. They can use the personal calendar, create notes and reminders, or access Greymail to check quarantined spam emails or emails containing viruses. For more information on using Webmail, see the built in Help files.



# **EUCP - Greymail**

This link on the EUCP takes you to your Greymail account, where you will find quarantined spam, and emails containing viruses. You may also access Greymail by browsing to <a href="http://greymail.pmtnet.net">http://greymail.pmtnet.net</a>. The Greymail home page is shown below.



Please note the **OPTIONS** link at the top right of the Greymail home page above. When you click on this link, you will see the advanced spam settings detailed in the Advanced Spam Settings

section shown earlier in this manual. Please note the icons at the top right of the Greymail home page which are shown below. :

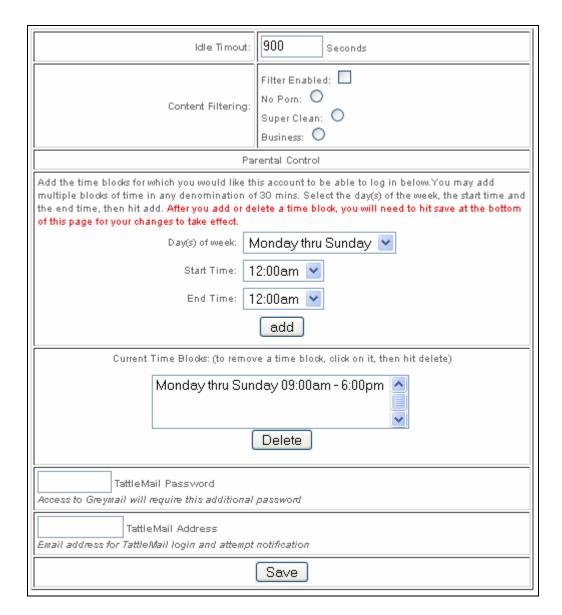


Tag messages by selecting the **tag box** to the left of the message. You can tag **All** or **None** using these boxes in the header. Selecting the icons above will then take actions as described below.

- Mark as Read You have the ability to tag an email (click on the box to the left of the
  email and you will see a checkmark appear) and then click the Mark as Read icon and
  that email will now show that it has been read.
- Mark as Unread You have the ability to tag an email and then click the Mark as Unread icon and that email will now show that it has never been opened.
- **Delete Selected** This icon allows you to delete emails you have tagged.
- Forward Selected Check the box to the left of any email you would like forwarded to your inbox then click this icon. The email will be forwarded to your inbox.
- Forward and Allow This icon forwards the selected email(s) to your inbox and places the sender's email address on your Whitelist. You will be taken to the Greymail options page and must select the **Save** button under your Whitelist to save your changes.
- Allow Sender If you tag an email in your Greymail and then click on the Allow Sender icon, this email address will be placed on your Whitelist. You will be taken to the Greymail options page and must select the Save button under your Whitelist to save your changes.
- **View Stats** By clicking on the **View Stats** icon, you will be able to view your spam and virus statistics for the months you have had service.

# **EUCP - Content Filtering/Parental Controls**

This section of the EUCP allows you to manage your Content Filtering, Parental Controls and TattleMail. See below for descriptions of the options available on this screen.



In the section above labeled "Idle Timeout" you have the ability to determine the number of idle seconds of inactivity you would like to pass before your session times out and terminates. In the screen shot above, you have the option to enable Content Filtering and choose which level of filtering you want. Your three choices are described below.

You will not notice that Content Filtering is in effect until you try to reach a site that has been deemed unacceptable, in which case you will see an "Access Denied" screen.



We are sorry, but the site or resource you are trying to access has been blocked by your Internet Service Provider.

If you feel that this access denial is an error, please contact your Internet Service Provider to correct this issue.

If enabled, the content filter automatically activates upon logging in, using the selected filter:

#### No Porn:

No public proxies or pornography sites are allowed to be accessed

#### **Super Clean:**

No alcohol, Anarchy, Criminal Skills, Cults, Drugs, Gambling, Hate Groups, Obscene & Tasteless, Public Proxies, Pornography, or R-Rated sites are allowed to be accessed.

#### **Business:**

No Alcohol, Anarchy, Chat, Criminal Skills, Drugs, Employment, Financial, Gambling, Games, Hate Groups, Humor, Obscene & Tasteless, Public Proxies, Personals, Pornography, R-Rated, Shopping, Sports, Web Based Email, Web Based Newsgroups.

Once you have made your selections, you must click **Save** and your requests will be made within 30 minutes. You must logoff and re-enter the system for these changes to take effect, or they will take effect the next time you log in.

Under the section labeled "Parental Controls" above, you can add and delete current time blocks for which you want an account to be able to access the Internet. You simply select the day(s) of the week, the start time and the end time, then hit **Add**. You will see your changes go into effect within 30 minutes. Again, you must logoff and re-enter the system for these changes to take effect, or they will take effect the next time you log in.

Password and email addresses are options for Tattlemail on the screen shot above. Tattlemail is a mechanism that allows parents to be notified if their children or someone using one of their child accounts is trying to access the contents of Greymail. Oftentimes, the nature of the spam emails in your Greymail can be unsuitable for children, and by providing an email address and password for Tattlemail, you will be able to make sure your children don't access Greymail and if they try, you will be notified via email to the address you specify.

## **EUCP - Email Settings**

In the Email Settings section you may have the ability to change your email quota, set-up email aliases, and to set-up email forwards. Peoples Mutual reserves the right to make these controls available to you or manage these controls on your behalf.

Upon clicking on the Email Settings link, you will see a screen like the one below:



The Email Quota section above determines the amount of space you may use on the mail server in megabytes. Once you have reached this amount of storage, you will not be able to receive email until you delete old mail from the mail server. Please be aware that increasing your mail storage may result in a significant increase in your monthly invoice.

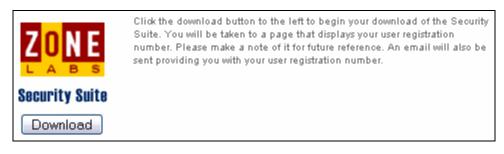
The Email Alias section above allows you to add up to 100 different addresses for which email arrives at your one main account. For example, if your user ID is "Bob" and you make an alias called "Jim", any mail sent to "Jim@domain.com" will be delivered to your "Bob@domain.com" account.

In the section labeled "Forward all mail to:" above, you can insert a new address for which you would like all email addressed to your old address to be forwarded to. Your existing mail will be removed from the mail server, and all new mail will be redirected to the email address that you enter. It is very important to retrieve any existing mail from the server before you enable this feature. To remove a forwarder, simply delete it, then click on **Save**.

## **EUCP - Security Suite**

Protecting your personal computer and personal information while using the Internet is important. In order to make your Internet experience safer and less risky, a Security Suite of Internet protection programs is available to you. ZoneAlarm Internet Security Suite, provided by ZoneLabs, is an independent software package. Logon to www.pmtnet.net and select the ZoneAlarm Security

Suite download link to download and install this suite of security tools. You will be sent an email with a license key that must be entered during installation of the software. Save this email. The install process will activate a Configuration Wizard that will help configure your security suite. You may see some alerts soon after your installation. This is normal for ZoneAlarm. Select **Help** in the upper-right corner of the user interface if you need help understanding how to use ZoneAlarm.



Please print this page and retain it for your records.

You will be prompted for a license key during the Security Suite installation process.

Your license key is: j2kdcxcu3nwjdh54uzappd345

Please Click here to download the Security Suite.

ZoneAlarm provides PC users with the following:

Triple Defense Firewall – makes your computer invisible to Internet users, blocks hackers, and protects your programs and operating system from malicious programs and worms

Anti-Spyware/anti-virus – automatically updates, scans and removes Spyware viruses and worms in a single operation, clears legitimate monitoring software (cookies) so they do not get picked up in spyware scans

SmartDefense Advisor – automatically distributes new spyware and virus signatures to your PC for up-to-date protection

Identity and Privacy Protection – prevents your personal data from leaving your computer without your approval and automatically stops pop-up ads

IM Protection - protects your instant messages so they cannot be monitored

Automatically detects wireless networks and secures your PC from hackers

# **Using Accelerated Dialup**

With Web Racer Accelerator, you can now surf at near DSL speeds and still keep your dialup connection. This service speeds up your Internet experience by up to five times, using your existing dialup phone line and modem at just a fraction of the cost of DSL. Contact Peoples Mutual or log in to www.pmtnet.net for pricing and availability of Web Racer Accelerator in your area.

This high speed solution with the convenience of dialup is easy to install, runs seamlessly and doesn't alter any of your existing software. The compression process allows a smaller amount of data to be sent, up to five times smaller in some cases, making the download time of your web pages and your online experience that much faster.

In addition to accelerating web pages, images, animations, and email, Web Racer Accelerator is bundled with a pop-up blocker and an integrated diagnostic support tool.

## How do I get started?

#### **Download**

Web Racer Accelerator service is enabled by downloading a program from the Peoples Mutual website. To download the program, visit **www.pmtnet.net** and click on the link associated with Accelerated Dialup. You may be required to contact the Customer Service department to activate this service.

#### Install

Follow the instructions for installing the program. Once the installation finishes you will be prompted for a user ID and password. The user ID should be in the form of your full email address. Enter your email user ID and password. In order to avoid having to keep entering your user ID and password each time, ensure that the **Save password** box is checked.

#### **Starting Web Racer Accelerator**

Web Racer Accelerator is automatically started when your computer starts up. Acceleration will begin as soon as a supported browser (such as Internet Explorer or Netscape) or a supported email client (such as Microsoft Outlook or Eudora) is started. On some Windows platforms a bubble icon will appear when Web Racer Accelerator service has been established. On other Windows platforms, you can verify that Web Racer Accelerator has been established by hovering over the tray icon (you should see a "Service Enabled..." message).

## **Using Web Racer Accelerator**

Browse the web or download email as you normally would. Your web and email access will be automatically accelerated. If you desire to stop the application, select **Stop** from the pop-up menu, or if you desire to exit the application completely, click **Exit** from the pop-up menu.

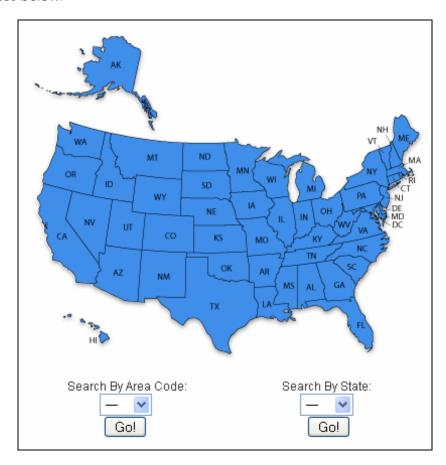
# Roaming

Tired of traveling with no access to the Internet? We've got you covered. Roaming allows you to access your Internet services while traveling or when you are away from your home or business connections. Several types of roaming may be available and are reviewed below. Contact Peoples Mutual or log in to www.pmtnet.net for pricing and availability of Roaming Access services in your area. You may be required to contact the Customer Service department to activate either of these services.

# **National Roaming**

With National Roaming, you can now travel all over the country with access to local dialup numbers anywhere in the United States! Remember, even while roaming, to log in, you must use your full email address and password.

<u>Before you leave your local service area</u>, please visit Peoples Mutual's website or log in to www.pmtnet.net and click on the **Roaming** or **Remote Access** link. You will then see the map of the United States below:



The coverage map above will help you determine the local dialup number you will need to use while traveling. To find the number for your location you can do one of three things:

#### **Interactive Map Search:**

Click on the state in which you wish to find a local access number. If available, the numbers will be listed below.

#### Search By Area Code:

Select an area code from the drop-down list below and click **Go!** to view a listing of all access numbers in that area code

#### Search By State:

Select a state from the drop-down list below and click **Go!** to view a listing of all access numbers in that state. An example is shown below:

Access Number	City	State
(808) 443-5233	HILO	HI
(808) 482-2072	LIHUE	HI
(808) 442-3276	MAUI	HI
(808) 356-4928	MILILANI	HI

## Roaming Access via 800 Number

Roaming access via an 800 number will also enable traveling subscribers to access their email account(s) while away from their home or business connections. Contact Peoples Mutual or log in to www.pmtnet.net for pricing and availability of Roaming Access services in your area. You may be required to contact the Customer Service department to activate this service. Again remember, to log in, you must use your full email address and password.

# Video Email

Video Email is designed to let you express yourself with audio & video. If Mom wants to hear and see you, all you have to do is click on **Video Email** and follow the easy directions. You can send an audio or video message just as easily as sending a text email! Once you record your audio and/or video message, anyone with a Windows PC can play back your audios and videos - no special software is needed. And, friends' email inboxes are never overloaded by large audio or video file attachments because there are none! Your audio and video messages simply "stream" across the Internet from our servers!

# Installing the Recorder Software

Recording audio or video messages is easy. Just follow these simple steps:

Make sure you already have a microphone (for audio messages) and/or a video camera (for video messages) installed on your computer. Many computers already have built-in microphones. If you do not have a microphone or a camera, you may purchase these and other items at your local computer store.

Use the Video Email service to record an audio or video message. The first time you record a message, audio/video recorder software for Windows PCs with Microsoft Internet Explorer (4.0 or higher), Netscape (4.0 or higher), or AOL (4.0 and higher) Web browsers will be sent to your computer automatically. You will be asked to accept software from Talkway and, depending on your computer's setup, from Microsoft Corporation. Please do so.

If you are asked to accept Microsoft software, please follow the directions to shut down your computer and start it again after the software has been sent to your computer. This shutdown and restart may be done automatically. If not, please shut down and restart your computer.

With a 56K modem, this process should take about 60 seconds. Once your computer has successfully received the audio/video recorder software, you will be able to record messages whenever you use the service.

#### How do I record a Video Email?

Recording audio or video messages is easy with Microsoft Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator. Make sure that you have only one browser window open to minimize the conflicts with the recorder. Also make sure that you are not running the CD player, an MP3 player, or other audio or video software before starting the Video Email recorder. The recording page will automatically detect if you have a microphone or a video camera. If you have only a microphone (most PCs today have built-in microphones), the recording page will state "Recording Audio Only", and you can record an audio message. If you have a video camera that is compatible with the service, you can record a video message.

To create and insert your video messages into an email for friends or family, click the **Insert a video message** link and wait for the window to launch that contains the recorder. Click on the **Record** button to record your message; click on the **Stop** button to stop recording. For best results, limit messages to no more than 3 minutes of recording time. To review your message before sending it, click on the **Playback** button. If you are not satisfied, you can re-record your message by clicking on the **Record** button again. If you are satisfied with your message, click on the **Insert message** button to upload and embed the link to your message.

Depending on the connection to the Internet, you may experience problems transmitting your message:

If you are using a modem, make sure that you have disabled Call Waiting; should someone call and Call Waiting is \*NOT\* disabled and you are transmitting your message, you could experience an error in sending.

Check to see if your Internet connection has not been disconnected. This will cause an error while transmitting your message. This may occur due to inactivity with your web browser.

Check to make sure that you have entered a valid email address in the To: field.

Do not terminate your Internet connection until you receive a confirmation that your message has been sent.

In rare instances, your transmissions will "time out." This is evident if you are sending a short message (i.e. 20 seconds) and it takes 15 minutes or more to send the message.

#### How do I view a Video Email?

When you receive a Video Email message, you will see a Web link (http://...) for playing back audio or video in your email client. Either click on this link or (if nothing happens after you click on it) copy it to your Web browser's address box (Microsoft Internet Explorer) or location box (Netscape) and then press "Enter" on your keyboard. There will be a brief delay while your computer gets ready and the message is sent across the Internet, then playback will begin.

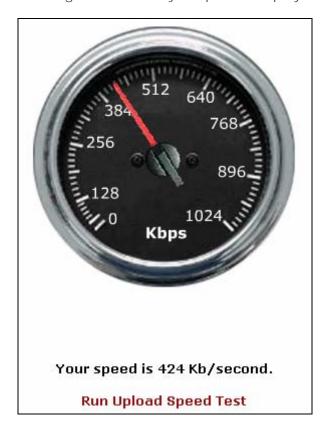
# **Bandwidth Speed Test**

Ever wonder what kind of speed you are really getting? With Speed Test you can find out easily and quickly by running a test on your upload and download connection speeds. Here's how....

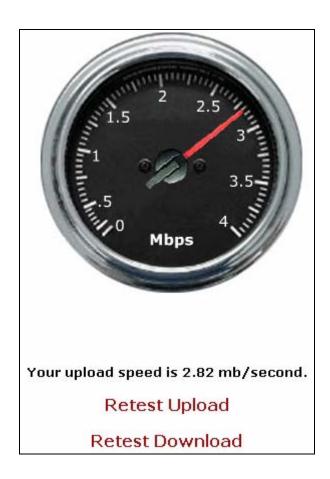
To access the speed test, you must visit the following website: http://speedtest.pmtnet.net.



You must enter in your email address and click on **Go!** You will then be told that your connection is being tested and to please wait while the revving speedometer is displayed. Once the test is complete you will see the following screen where your speed is displayed...



If you'd like to see your upload speed, click on **Run Upload Speed Test** at the bottom of the previous page. Your speed will then be tested and displayed to you and you will also have the option of running the tests again by clicking on either **Retest Upload** or **Retest Download**.



# **Additional Resources**

For further information regarding your email and Internet services, log in to pmtnet.net.

You can contact our Customer Service department at 434-656-2291 or 434-324-4291.

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