Use Raspberry Pi to Measure Broadband Speeds to Hold Your ISP Accountable

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Install & Test Speedtest

sudo apt-get install python-pip sudo pip install speedtest-cli

Open a terminal window speedtest-cli

Create a script to run speedtest

- · In the terminal window, enter leafpad speedtest-cron.sh
- · This will open a new empty file and name it speedtest-cron.sh
- Enter the following lines:
 - #!/bin/bash
 - date >> /home/pi/speedtest.log
 - /usr/local/bin/speedtest -simple >> /home/pi/speedtest.log
- · Save the file
- · ./speedtest-cron.sh

Setup cron to run script

- · In the terminal, enter crontab -e
- · Add this line at the end of the file
 - 0 * * * * /home/pi/speedtest-cron.sh
- · Save
- · This will run the test once an hour at the top of the hour

Refine speedtest results

- · In the terminal, enter mkdir github
- · cd github
- git clone https://github.com/HenrikBengtsson/speedtest-cliextras.git
- · cd speedtest-cli-extras-bin
- · ./speedtest-csv
- · Now you get a single line results with the date and results

Setup Google Drive and IFTTT

- · Create a Google Drive account at https://drive.google.com
- · Create an IFTTT account at https://ifttt.com
- In IFTTT, click on your account name in the top right-hand square and select Services
- · Click on the Google Drive square and click on settings in the top righthand side
- Enter the userid and password for Google Drive to allow IFTTT to access your Google Drive

Put it all together

- · Alasdair Allen has created a recipe on IFTTT that we can use
- · https://ifttt.com/applets/379108p-log-speedtest-results-to-spreadsheet
- https://maker.ifttt.com/trigger/speedtest/with/key/{secret_key}
- https://gist.githubusercontent.com/aallan/bafc70a347f3b9526d30/raw/b976
- Edit speedtest-ifttt.sh that you just downloaded and substitute your
 SECRET_KEY
- · ./speedtest-ifttt.sh
- · Check Google Drive for a Sheet called Speedtest

Edit script

- · In the terminal, enter leafpad speedtest-cron.sh
- · Alter the contents to be:
 - #!/bin/bash
 - date >> /home/pi/speedtest.log
 - /home/pi/speedtest-ifttt.sh >> /home/pi/speedtest.log
 - echo "" >> /home/pi/speedtest.log
- · Save
- The test will run once an hour at the top of the hour because we set up the cron earlier