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AOL and Sprint

Today the Internet has become a part of many people's everyday life. AOL and Sprint have some things in common, but AOL is an ISP and Sprint is an IP. AOL is more user friendly compared to Sprint. AOL makes online a lot easier to get around on. There are some inconveniences with AOL because they are so large, whereas Sprint is not as large.

AOL is different from Sprint, in that AOL is an Internet service provider. Which means with AOL a person can go online, but then still has to connect to the world wide web. When signing on to AOL people have various choices of what they can do. Such as the Internet, news shopping malls, and various entertainment sites like MTV, People magazine and others.

Whereas, Sprint is an Internet provider, so when a person signs on to Sprint they are on the World Wide Web. On Sprint, a person does not have advertisements or shopping malls as AOL does.

AOL is an ISP and therefore is more user friendly and offer tours of different sites. AOL uses its own program to access the Internet. Sprint on the other hand, is not as user friendly. On Sprint, a person has to figure out what to do themselves. By contrast, Sprint uses programs already found in Windows, that have to be configured properly and a misconfiguration can cause many problems.

AOL is more popular than Sprint; therefore, it is harder to get technical help than it is from Sprint. On the other hand, since AOL has more clients it allows them to add more to the Internet and to upgrade their system more often. An example of this is that AOL is already in the

process of upgrading their connection to x2 technology, that allows clients to connect of up to speeds of 53.3 kilo bites per second. Also since AOL is larger there system is not upgraded to where they are having problems with people signing on. Whereas, Sprint no one has trouble signing on. At the same time both Sprint and AOL can give people access to the World Wide Web.

Although AOL is larger than Sprint, some people may prefer Sprint. If people like advertisements and shopping then they will more than likely want to go with AOL. On the other hand, if someone just wants to do their business and that is it then they might enjoy Sprint better. Both can access the World Wide Web. AOL just offers more at the moment.