

Computer Bits by Mark Eggert of Raad One Network Solutions, Inc.

Welcome to Computer Bits, a series of articles on computers and network information. In this month's article I'm going to look at a web site/service that lets you send and receive emails with large attachments.

For awhile now I've been using Google's Gmail as a secondary email service when I need to send and receive many emails with attachment because Gmail gives you a very large mailbox (more than 4GBs) for free. While Gmail gives you this large mailbox it does limit the size of an attachment to about 15MBs. In most cases this limit doesn't hamper my sending and receiving of emails with attachments, but I have had a case or two where I needed to break up my attachment and send it over a number of emails. While talking with a colleague about this, I was pointed to the web site/service called yousendit.com.

Yousendit.com is a service that allows you to send and receive emails with very large attachments, up to 2GBs for business accounts. How does yousendit.com work? Well, they actually use a combination of email services and FTP (File Transfer Protocol) services. When you want to send an email with a large attachment you go to their web site and you use a form to give them the email addresses of the recipients and the location on your computer where the attachment is. When you click the Send It button, the information in the form is sent to yousendit and the attachment is uploaded to their servers via FTP. Yousendit then emails your recipient(s) a link that they can use to download the attachment via FTP. There are options that will send you an email when your recipient has downloaded the attachment. You can try out the service by setting up an Individual account which is called a Lite Account and it's free. If you find the service of value you can set up a Pro Account for \$9.95/month. And there are even larger business and enterprise accounts available.

If you have a computer or network question you'd like answered and you think others would like to know the answer too, please forward them to me. My email address is meggert@wi.rr.com, my phone number is 262-679-7704 and my fax number is 262-679-7664.