

Qwest doubles top broadband speed in some cities

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(AP) -- Qwest is doubling its top Internet download speeds in some areas to keep up with the offerings of cable companies.

The phone company is introducing a plan with [download speeds](#) of 40 megabits per second and upload speeds of 20 mbps in a few areas, including Denver, Tucson, Ariz., Salt Lake City, and Minneapolis/St. Paul. It costs \$110 per month for the first year when combined with home phone service.

[Qwest Communications](#) International Inc. aims to add more areas in the next few months. It's also offering higher upload speeds to existing customers: 5 mbps for \$5 per month.

Cable companies are rolling out a new cable-modem technology this year, allowing them to offer download speeds of 50 mbps.

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