

CyberNexus was founded in 1996 as a small, customer-focused, dialup Internet Service Provider in Biddeford, Maine. At that time, dialup was about all there was for local Internet service. With a few incoming lines, a stack of modems, and a 56K line to another provider, it met the minimal needs of Internet users back then. The WorldWide Web was just getting started, and we mostly were chatting and emailing, and looking stuff up just with WebCrawler because we could. Even ads and Flash movies were in the future.

I found CyberNexus through a flyer in a laundromat. Talking with the owner, he told me that he had built CyberNexus on Linux, a new operating system I had just discovered through a book, The Internet CD, by Vivian Veou. Wow, synergy already! I used it mostly to access AOL without paying for a toll call to Portland... and that new thing called the World-Wide Web, and email too.

When my employer at the time, WordWrap Service Corp, was exploring offering Internet services, we approached the owner of CyberNexus, and he came on board to build and administer our system and develop business. Now CyberNexus offered two dozen incoming modem lines, ISDN and T-1 connections for clients, service in two Southern Maine cities, VPN services, and even a Usenet feed. I was being tasked with providing off hours and emergency support, and learning the ins and outs of Linux.

Over time, it became apparent that competitors had the advantage, and WordWrap discontinued their Internet business. I took over CyberNexus, but didn't do much besides maintain e-mail and some minimal web hosting, which we don't do now. CyberNexus has always been hosted on a Linux box, usually Red Hat or Fedora distributions. Recently it moved to a virtual hosting solution under a Debian release, the first time Cybernexus was running on a machine it shared with anything else. Hard to let go, but...

And it was time to develop this web site... Long overdue, actually. Stay tuned. Much is happening!.