

When we sign up for a broadband plan, the ISP (Internet Service Provider) quite happily tells us about the maximum internet speed we can get. Though when things don't turn out quite as presumed, with webpages not loading properly or downloads getting stuck half way through, one is bound to get frustrated. There are a lot of ways to check your current internet speed via a variety of websites and apps and last week, Microsoft Research released their own [speed testing tool for Windows Phone](#)

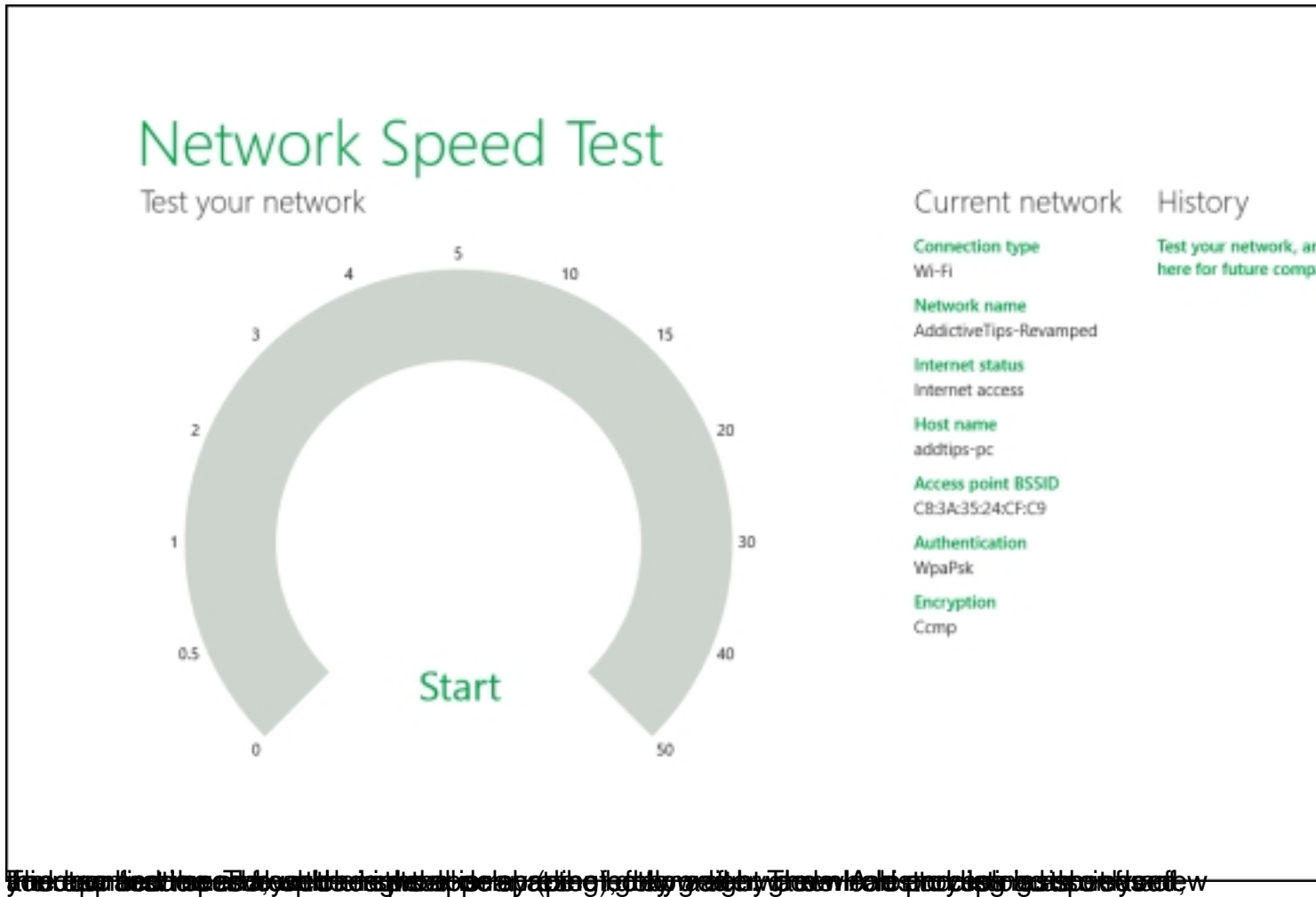
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### **Network Speed Test**

that allows users to test their broadband speed without much effort. The app has now also been made available for Windows 8 and Windows RT, and looks and works exactly like its Windows Phone counterpart. Read on for our full review.


Even though one can check their internet speed from websites like SpeedTest without having to install anything on their computer or device, there are obvious reasons for having an app at your disposal for the purpose, first and foremost of which is that you don't need to fire up your web browser and navigate to the website every time you want to perform a quick test. Furthermore, what if the service you use to check speed goes down itself?

Sporting a user-friendly interface, Network Speed Test looks plain simple on the surface, featuring a completely white background with no funky colors. The interface carries a large speed meter to the left that measures the upload and download speeds. In addition, the app provides you with brief information about your network such as connection type, network name, internet status, hostname, BSSID, authentication and encryption type. To begin the speed test, make sure you are connected to your desired network, and hit the Start button under the speed meter



# Network Speed Test

Test your network



0.49 Mbps

Stop

Network delay: 405 ms

Download speed: 1.21 Mbps

Upload speed: 0.49 Mbps

| Current network           |                        | History        |             |
|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| <b>Connection type</b>    | Wi-Fi                  | <b>Network</b> | <b>Date</b> |
| <b>Network name</b>       | AddictiveTips-Revamped | Wi-Fi          | 4/7/2013    |
| <b>Internet status</b>    | Internet access        |                |             |
| <b>Host name</b>          | addtips-pc             |                |             |
| <b>Access point BSSID</b> | C8:3A:35:24:CF:C9      |                |             |
| <b>Authentication</b>     | WpaPsk                 |                |             |
| <b>Encryption</b>         | Ccmp                   |                |             |

The windows speed test application is available in the windows store. The application is available for Network, State, Test, and Bandwidth.

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Last Test (4/7/2013 12:41 PM)



Network delay  
396 ms

Download speed  
1.15 Mbps

Upload speed  
0.75 Mbps

## Current network

### Connection type

Wi-Fi

### Network name

AddictiveTips-Revamped

### Internet status

Internet access

### Host name

addtips-pc

### Access point BSSID

C8:3A:35:24:CF:C9

### Authentication

WpaPsk

### Encryption

Ccmp

## History

| Network | Date     | Delay  |
|---------|----------|--------|
| Wi-Fi   | 4/7/2013 | 396 ms |
| Wi-Fi   | 4/7/2013 | 417 ms |
| Wi-Fi   | 4/7/2013 | 409 ms |
| Wi-Fi   | 4/7/2013 | 407 ms |
| Wi-Fi   | 4/7/2013 | 410 ms |
| Wi-Fi   | 4/7/2013 | 402 ms |
| Wi-Fi   | 4/7/2013 | 405 ms |
| Wi-Fi   | 4/7/2013 | 424 ms |

[Microsoft's Network Speed Test App is a Windows 8 RT App with a Microsoft Store, but it's](#)