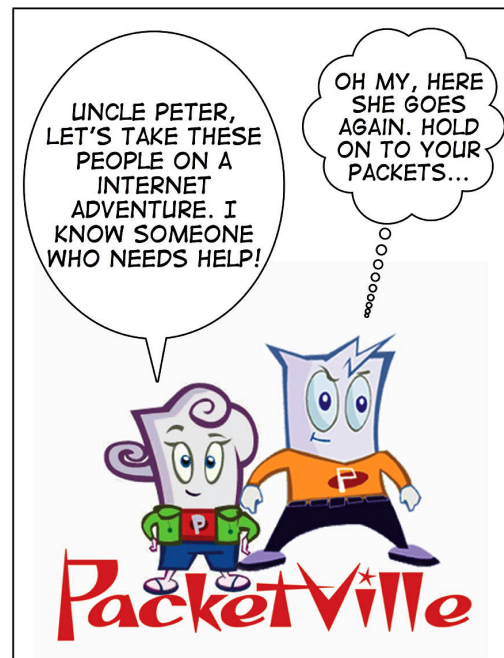


Parents' Quick Guide to Packetville

What is Packetville? It's an exciting online community for your children, ages 8-14. It features video-type games, student activities, lesson plans, and resource materials designed to help your children better understand how the Internet works (packets, servers, routers, virus and hacker detection, etc.), how technology can be used to help others, and how a career in IT/engineering may be a good choice for their future.

See for yourself. Here's a path to Packetville:

1. Log onto Packetville's main page (www.cisco.com/go/packetville). Click on **Packet Riders** at the top of the web page.
2. Select **Games** and then **Play** under **Episode II, Penny's Search**.
3. Because you'll probably only have time for part of a game today, click **Skip** to skip forward until you come to **Mission Log**. Select **Moscow** and continue until you complete the Russian mission. You'll see the Mission Log page again when you are finished. Close the game by clicking the "x" in the top left corner of the screen. This will take you back to the game page.
4. Select **Hacker Busters** at the top of the page. Click on **Activities**. Test your Internet IQ. Then go on to browse one or two of the other activities of your choice.
5. Select **Parents** at the top of the page. Check out the links of interest to you.
6. In case you don't think your knowledge of the content is exactly what it should be, click on **Educators** at the top of the page. Then choose **Hacker Busters Instructional Materials** and select **Educator Background Information**. The files in this section will give you everything you need to know about the content in the Peter Packet and Penny's Search games.



A Glance at Packetville's Resources...

Newsletters: In the **Educators, Parents, or Advisors** sections, click on the link, **Newsletters**. Check out the latest editions and some of the previous ones as well.

WebQuests: In the **Educators'** section under **Lessons and Units**, you'll find links to **WebQuests**. *To Jennifer's Rescue* encourages students to tackle the problems of online safety while *Math, Science & Technology Are Boring* transports students to sites that feature exciting activities in target fields.

Comic Books: In the **Packet Riders** student section, take a look at the comic books that children can download and complete using what they've learned in the games.

Peter and Penny Packet Humor—What do you call an excited cable? (Wired)