

# Re: Net Neutrality

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Salmon Egg wrote:  
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There are things about Net Neutrality I do not understand. Wouldn't true net neutrality be a boon for spammers? Why should a user of internet services not pay for the resources used? Some people just have more money than others, and why should they not be allowed to get better service if they are willing to pay for it? I do hope, however, that there will be no price discrimination. That is already in the nations anti-trust laws. Unfortunately, those laws are not well enforced.

Bill  
— Ferme le Bush

The band width on the net increases every year – charging for band width use and content requires sophisticated and expensive equipment.

It is very dubious that the cost of the sophisticated servers and equipment would be any cheaper than just increasing the band width to support extra traffic. – It would allow the telecommunication companies to monitor traffic and make more money.

– The proposed fee based charges for type of use were first pushed by Cisco systems to sell their equipment. It was touted to the telecommunication industry as a way to increase profits.

The Canadian government is looking into providing cheap Internet access for everyone. – Government building an essential infrastructure – like concrete highways, only cheaper.

I've heard estimates that the current wireless technology could provide broadband links nationwide and cost 10's of dollars per connection to install. It would cost approximately \$10.00 – \$20.00/yr to run – not \$10.00–\$20.00 per month.

PC magazine has a lot of editorials/blogs on this subject.

Also – municipalities that try to provide broadband access typically get sued by the local telecommunication company – even if broadband isn't currently available.. – our neighboring municipality worked out a deal to get fiber optic cable installed so it could provide "free" broadband access (and not get sued). – taxes pay for it – but it's a hell of lot cheaper than commercial broadband and they have wireless access so you can surf and watch your kids play in the park – or surf while drinking coffee in the cafe..

The whole subject of fee for use stinks! – It will help eliminate small web based businesses in favor of the big

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guys.

It will also crush the availability of streaming media on the web.

Spend money to increase the band width – it's probably a hell of lot cheaper than spending the money to procure expensive equipment to choke traffic and limit access.

I believe this issue will have very import com