

## Save the Internet for My Mother

My mother is the internet. She is an aspiring author, with a website for her fans to visit. She is proud of what she does, but I don't think her writing has earned her even \$5 a day. She pays for e-mail, she pays for web hosting, she pays for access/browsing, and she pays to keep her domain name.

If broadband providers block, interfere with, or discriminate against traffic to her site, [www.blairbancroft.com](http://www.blairbancroft.com) will become increasingly harder to find, drowned out by "priority access fees" paid by bigger sites - fees which will be passed on to customers. So when my mother shops online, she will be forced to fund (through higher prices) the blocking of her own website with every online purchase she makes.