

To whom it may concern,

As a Comcast subscriber, a network engineer, and a developer of free/open source software (FOSS) I find Comcast's practices despicable. Network management through technologies like Quality of Service (QoS) are not only fair, but they're reasonable. The technology is designed to allow traffic management and prioritize levels of traffic throughout a network, much in the way a stop light ensures everyone gets a chance to navigate in a safe manner, or a HOV lane can alleviate traffic congestion . The practices Comcast have been using cannot be called "Traffic Management". When seeding a copy of the Fedora Linux operating system that I perform development on, I often find that my network connection suffers from 25% packet loss or higher and latency of two seconds or more. As soon as I turn of seeding of the software (which is the primary way this piece of legal software is distributed) all of my issues clear up. Comcast's methodology for "traffic management" is less like a HOV lane and more like putting caltrops at the onramp to a highway.

There may be less traffic on the highway, but only because the congestion has been moved locally.