

Comcast don't discriminate against iTunes

If cable and telecom giants are allowed to become gatekeepers on the open Internet cable giants like Comcast which provides its customers with high speed Internet and also provides its own digital cable service may be able to discriminate, censor, or block access to competing sites or services that it feels are a threat to its cable television business -- or at the very least require users to pay additional fees to buy music and video files on Apple 's iTunes Store. Of course Apple Inc., is the maker of the wildly popular iPod and iPhone players along with the Mac computer (they sell the iMac, Mac Mini, Mac Pro, MacBook, MacBook Pro and MacBook Air line of portable and desktop computers) They see legal video download stores and/or services like iTunes pose a threat to Comcast's existing television business. Comcast cannot stop its customers from using iTunes Store per se they could use the technique they did with Bit Torrent to try and block iTunes however, it might be more convenient for them if Network Neutrality was removed for them to set up toll booths on the Internet and act as gatekeepers.

Comcast customers who buy from iTunes Store or even Microsoft's Xbox Live Video Marketplace, even Blockbuster's MovieLink.com, or the CinemaNow.com website may if cable and telecom has its way pay additional charges to access said content from other distribution providers.

In the same way what the RIAA and MPAA are doing on the Internet front -- suggesting that everyone pay \$5 extra on their monthly ISP bill and in exchange RIAA won't sue consumers who share files freely on the Internet for piracy. This is an extortion scheme that should not be allowed to take place either.