

Broadband should mean any Internet service with a real upstream and downstream speed of at least 1 Mb/s. This means that the sum of a customer's active connections in either direction should always be at least 1 Mb/s, and if it isn't, the Internet connection should not be a factor. This speed should only be used as a baseline. It should only be offered as a basic broadband option at a price that competes with dial up. Normal broadband packages should have real upstream and downstream speeds in excess of 5 Mb/s. Furthermore, it is important that the FCC treats baseline upstream and downstream speeds equally. Video chat applications, peer to peer file transfers, web applications, file sync services, and other Internet applications and services need high upstream speeds to function, as every download has to originate as an upload from somewhere.