

Hello,

My name is Terrance Starling, 21, and i am a college student in Dallas, TX. While I may not always stay up-to-date with breaking news and current events, i do my best to make a difference when i can.

The issue that currentely has my attention is Net Neutrality. I started following it upon hearing the possiblity of my own ISP Time Warner Cable being acquired by Comcast.

Now there are quite a few things wrong with that picture. Firstly, the current services my family use through TWC is their most affordable bundle. Being a college student(Film Major) with car and cell phone bills of my own, i am fortunate to have my father pay for the internet bill. If comcast was to take over and utilize this "fast lane" theory, there is no way me or my father would be able to upgrade our plan and pay more money just to get the internet speeds we currently have. That's just the personal financial side of this issue.

I spend 6-8 hours in front of a computer at work building banners and websites. When i get home, i spend an additional 4-5 hours in front of a computer researching filmmaking. A lot of that research consist of watching videos on sites such as Vimeo, YouTube, and of course Netflix. Netflix has recently been on the frontlines of this battle and has made it clear that they are in the slow lane. If i am trying to watch a 5 minute video, i shouldnt have to sit thourgh slowed page loading and video buffering just because a website chose not to pay my ISP more money for the "fast lane". The speed of a webpage loading should not be effected by anything except for how heavy that page is loaded with content and how stable the user visiting the pages connection is.

While they are slightly different, i look at it this way: Imagine going into a five-star restuarant and getting your menu. The menu shows all these delicious meals that the resturaunt offers. You decide to get the Pink Salmon and the waiter asked you if you want it out faster or slower. Ummm..you obviously want it as soon as they can get it to you, right? Unfortunately, you have to pay more to get it right after they finish cooking it or wait the additional time for them to bring it out and pay the standard price. Pretty awful right? People claiming that something is standard when they are purposely slowing it down.

I dont have all the answers to this problem and thats why i have decided to write this in. My best solution would be for you guys to work with Google and bring Google Fiber to as many locations as possible in the USA and abolish this "fast lane/slow lane" plan before it really even begi ns.

Thank you.

-Terrance Starling