Net Neutrality: An Issue By Any Other Name

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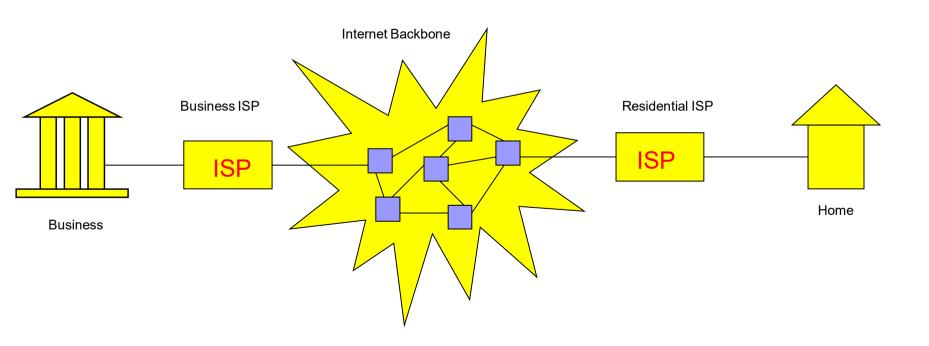
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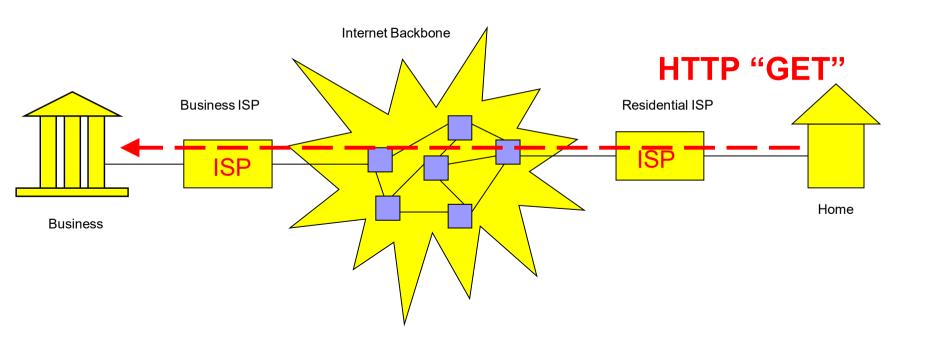
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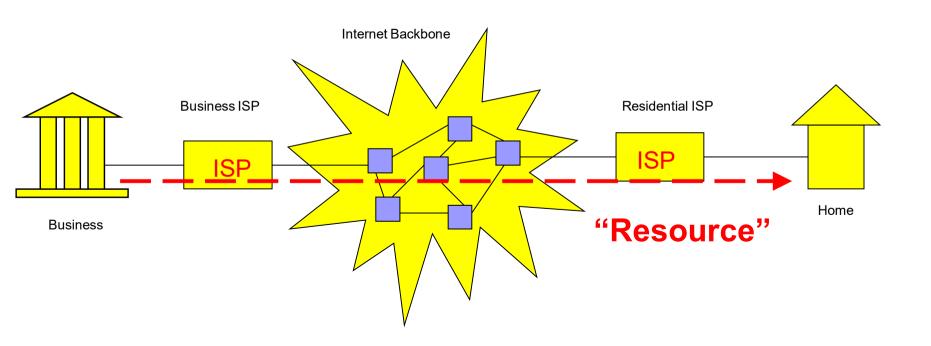


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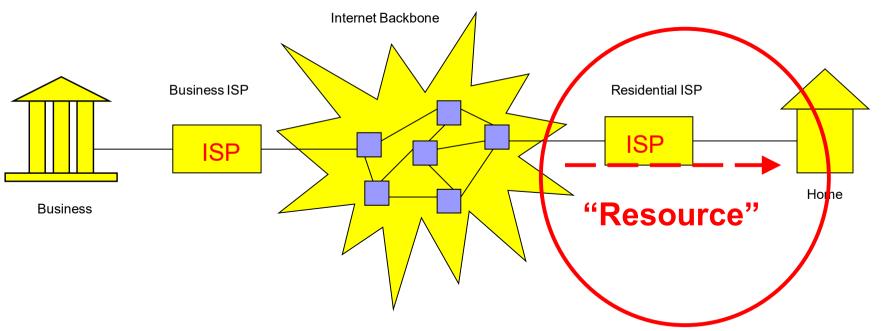




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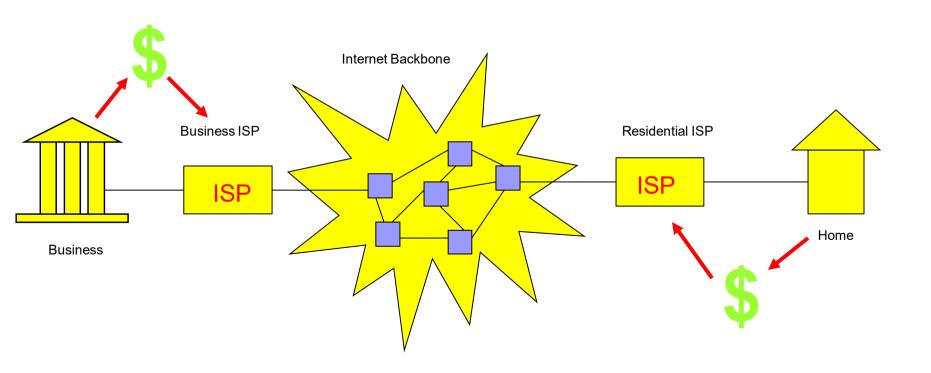
"Resource" gets here only if pulled by end user



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Internet Access





But Residential Internet Access is Changing

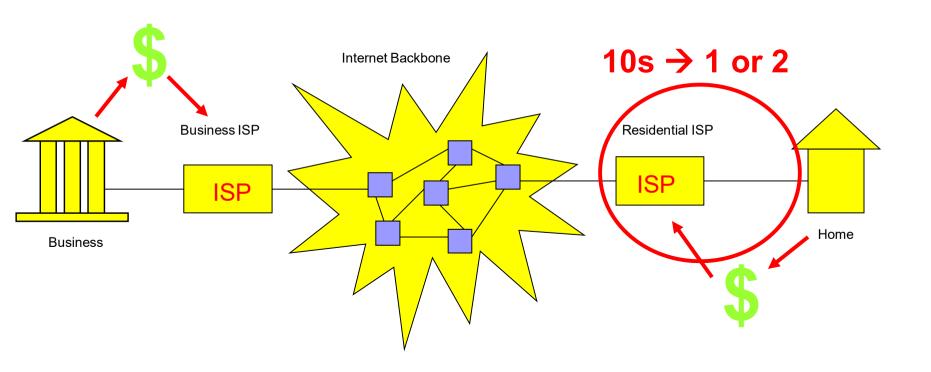
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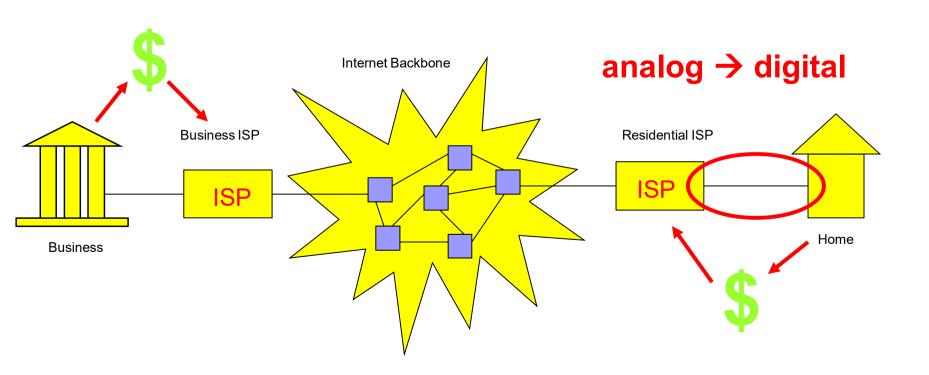
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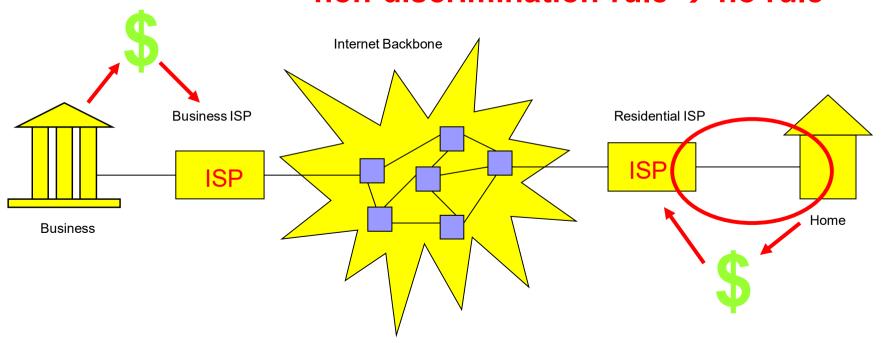






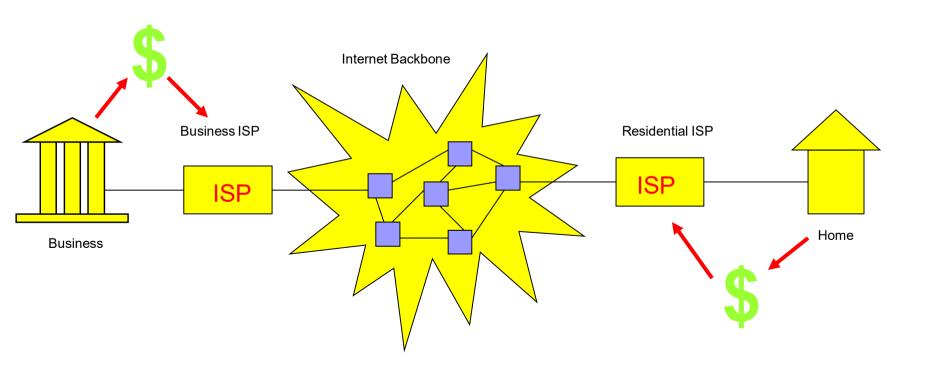
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non-discrimination rule → no rule

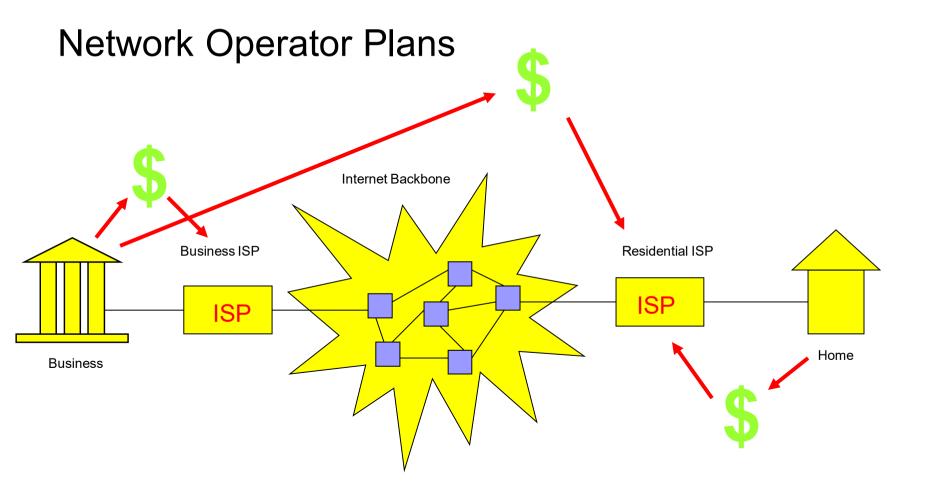


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What is the new \$?

X% of transactions?

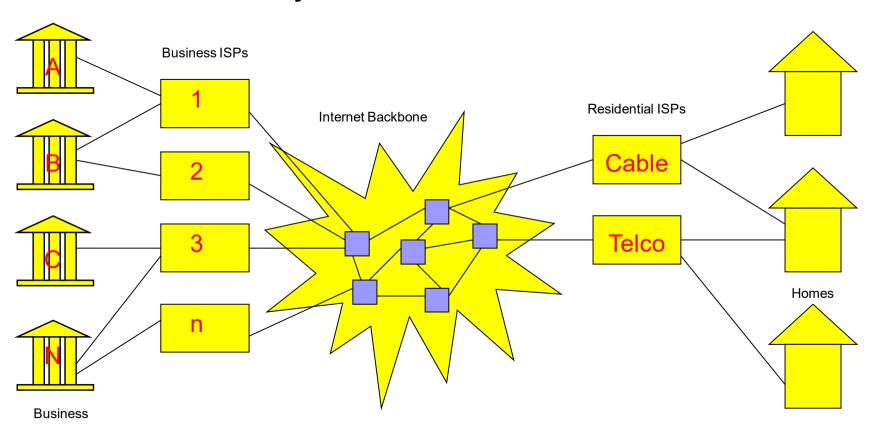
X% of online revenue?

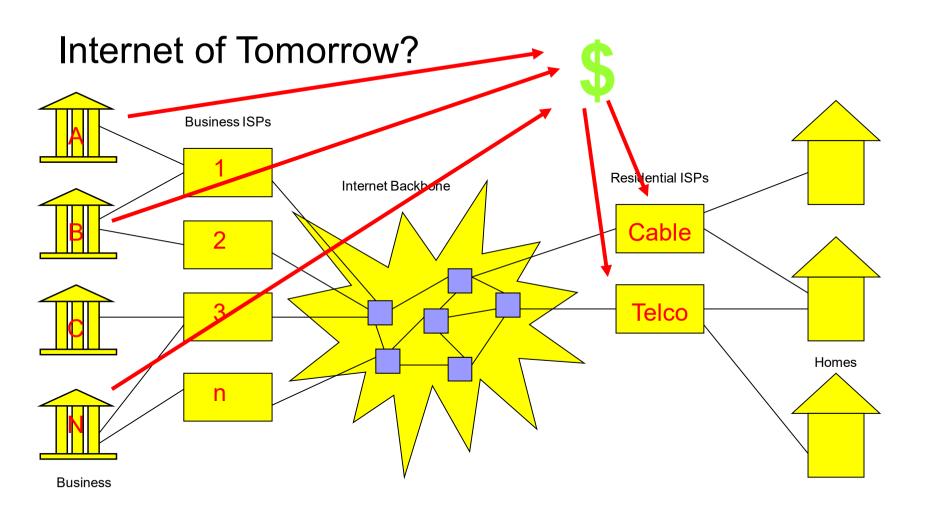
\$X per net op subs that are OSP customers?

\$X for "special" security measures?

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Internet of Today







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Net Neutrality

- Preserve the openness of the Internet
 - ☐ Good for consumers, innovation
- Prevent the extension of market power
 - □ Not bust up the power a la 96 Act
- Core idea: no discrimination based on the source or ownership of content



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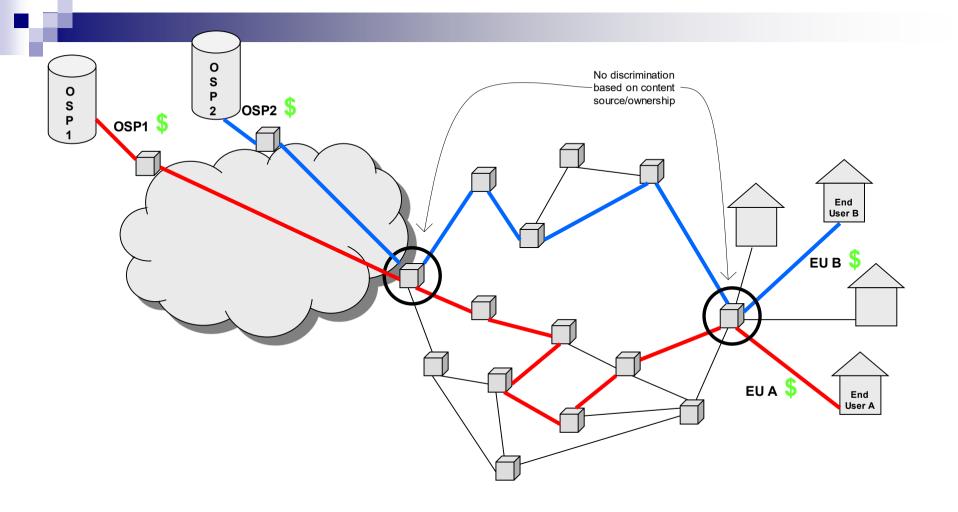


Disagree: Facts not Philosophy

- Let the Competitive Free Market Work
 - □ But >98% duopoly
- Don't Start Regulating the Internet
 - □ But non-discrimination governed most
- Net Ops Won't Invest w/out Discrimination
 - But fast deployment under non-discrimination
- Common Carriage Bad, Video Competition Good
 - □ But it's not, and video comp bill relies on non-discrimination
- Net Ops Should be Paid for Services

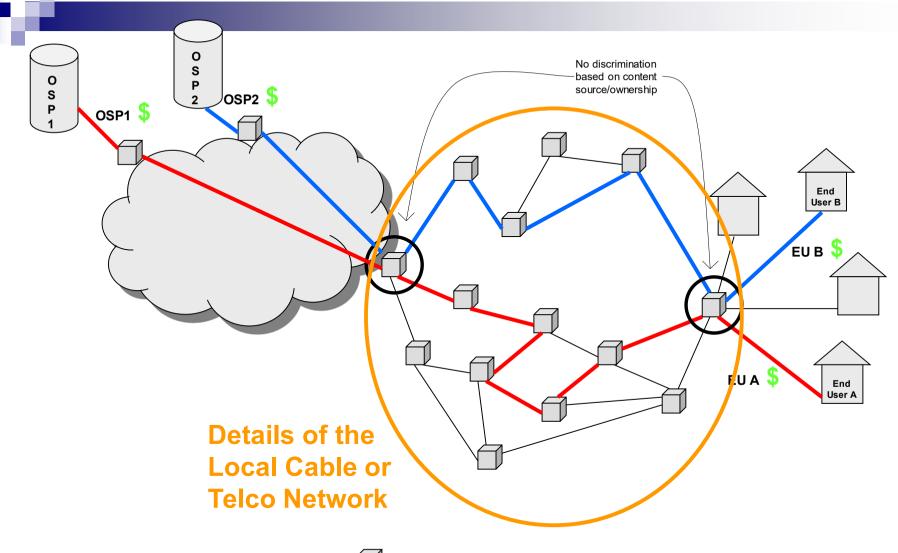


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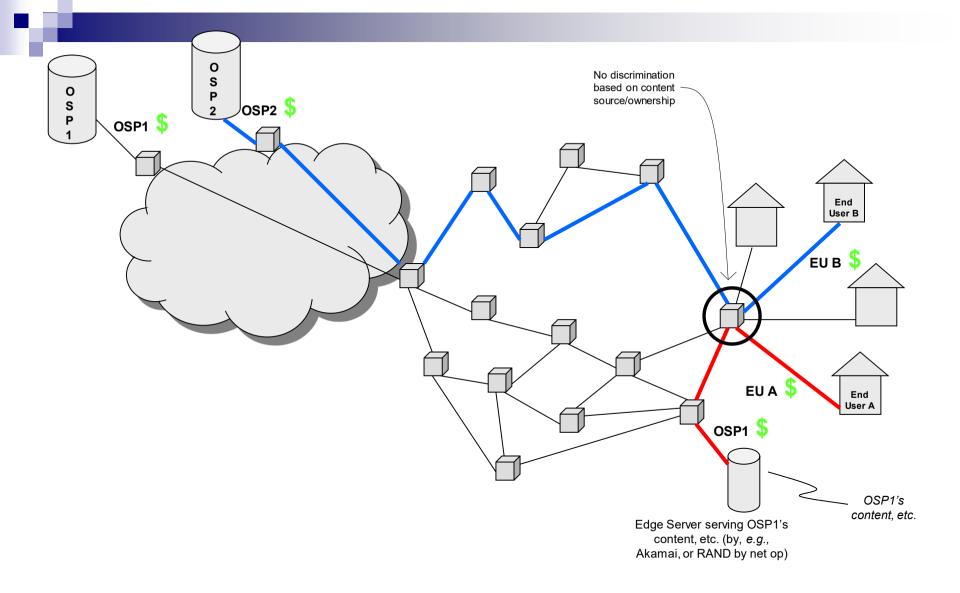
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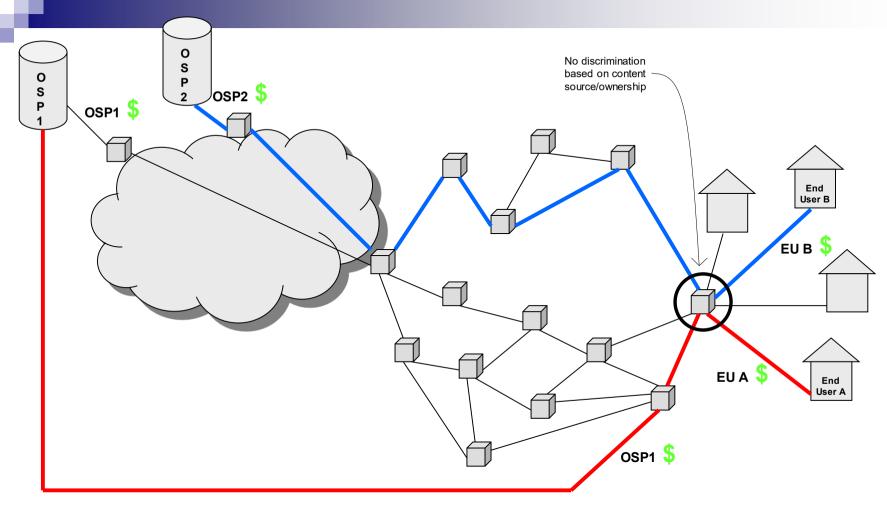


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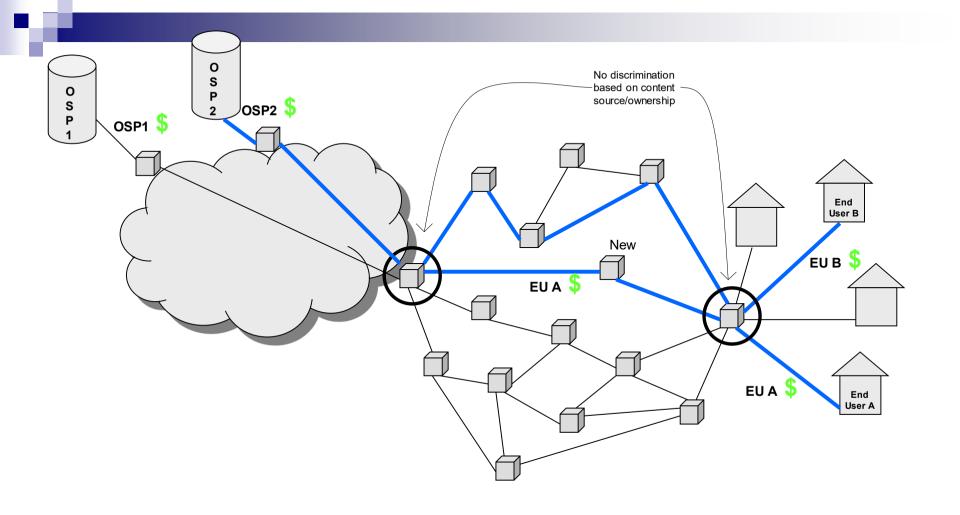


OSP Paid RAND Edge Serving

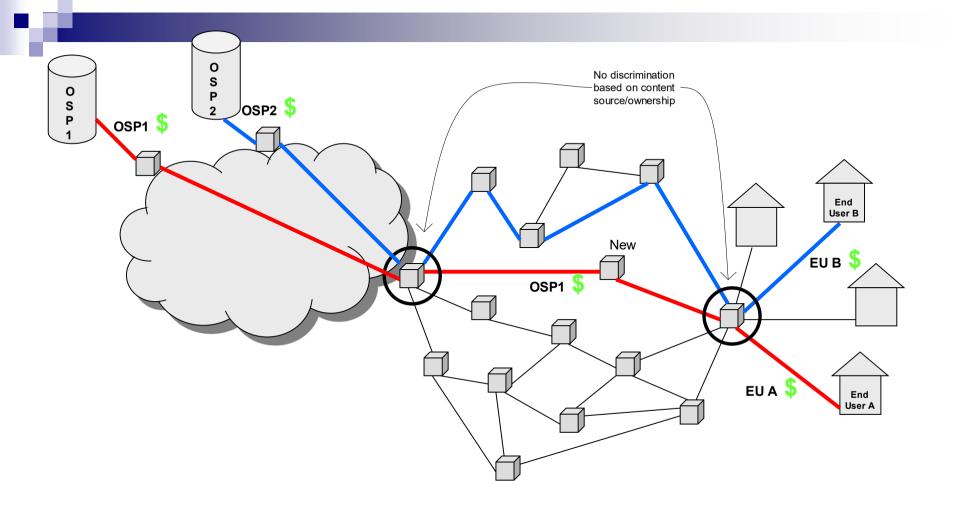


Private network carrying OSP1's content, etc. (by, e.g., Level3, or RAND by net op)

OSP Paid RAND Private Net Injection



User Paid QoS ("turbo button")?



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