

Restoring Internet Freedom

The FCC has proposed to return the U.S. to the bipartisan, light-touch regulatory framework under which a free and open Internet flourished for almost 20 years. The FCC's May 2017 proposal to roll back the prior Administration's heavy-handed Internet regulation strives to advance the FCC's critical work to promote broadband deployment in rural America and infrastructure investment throughout the nation, to brighten the future of innovation both within networks and at their edge, and to close the digital divide.

From passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 until 2015, the Internet underwent rapid, and unprecedented, growth. Internet service providers (ISPs) invested approximately \$1.5 trillion in building networks, and American consumers enthusiastically responded. The Internet became an ever-increasing part of the American economy, offering new and innovative changes in how we work, learn, and play, receive health care, create and enjoy entertainment, and communicate with one another. During that time, there was bipartisan agreement that the Internet should be free of burdensome regulation so that it could continue to flourish.

Two years ago, the FCC abruptly changed course. On a party-line vote, the FCC applied 1930s-era utility-style regulation ("Title II") to the Internet. That decision appears to have put at risk online investment and innovation, threatening the very open Internet it purported to preserve. Requiring ISPs to divert resources to comply with unnecessary and broad new regulatory requirements threatens to take away from their ability to make investments that benefit consumers. The lack of clarity around what Title II requires ISPs to do further appears to harm investment and have particularly harmful effects on small ISPs.

Under Chairman Pai's leadership, the FCC has proposed returning to the longstanding light-touch regulatory framework for the Internet and restoring the market-based policies necessary to preserve the future of Internet Freedom. Specifically, the FCC has proposed to:

- Reinstating the "information service" classification of broadband Internet access service first established on a bipartisan basis during the Clinton Administration.
- Restoring the determination that mobile broadband is not a "commercial mobile service" subject to heavy-handed regulation.
- Restoring the authority of the nation's most experienced cop on the privacy beat – the Federal Trade Commission – to police the privacy practices of ISPs.

The FCC also is exploring how best to honor its longstanding commitment to Internet Freedom. Starting in 2004, the FCC promoted four principles for Internet Freedom to ensure that the Internet would remain a place for free and open innovation with minimal regulation. These four "Internet Freedoms" include the freedom to access lawful content, the freedom to use applications, the freedom to attach personal devices to the network, and the freedom to obtain service plan information.

To restore Internet Freedom, the FCC has proposed to examine the utility-style Title II rules to determine whether regulatory intervention in the market is necessary. The FCC has asked for comment on whether to keep, modify, or eliminate these "bright-line rules" adopted in 2015. And the FCC specifically has proposed to eliminate the vague "general Internet conduct standard," which gives the FCC far-reaching discretion to prohibit any ISP practice that it believes runs afoul of a long and incomplete list of factors. The FCC also proposed to conduct a cost-benefit analysis as a part of its analysis.

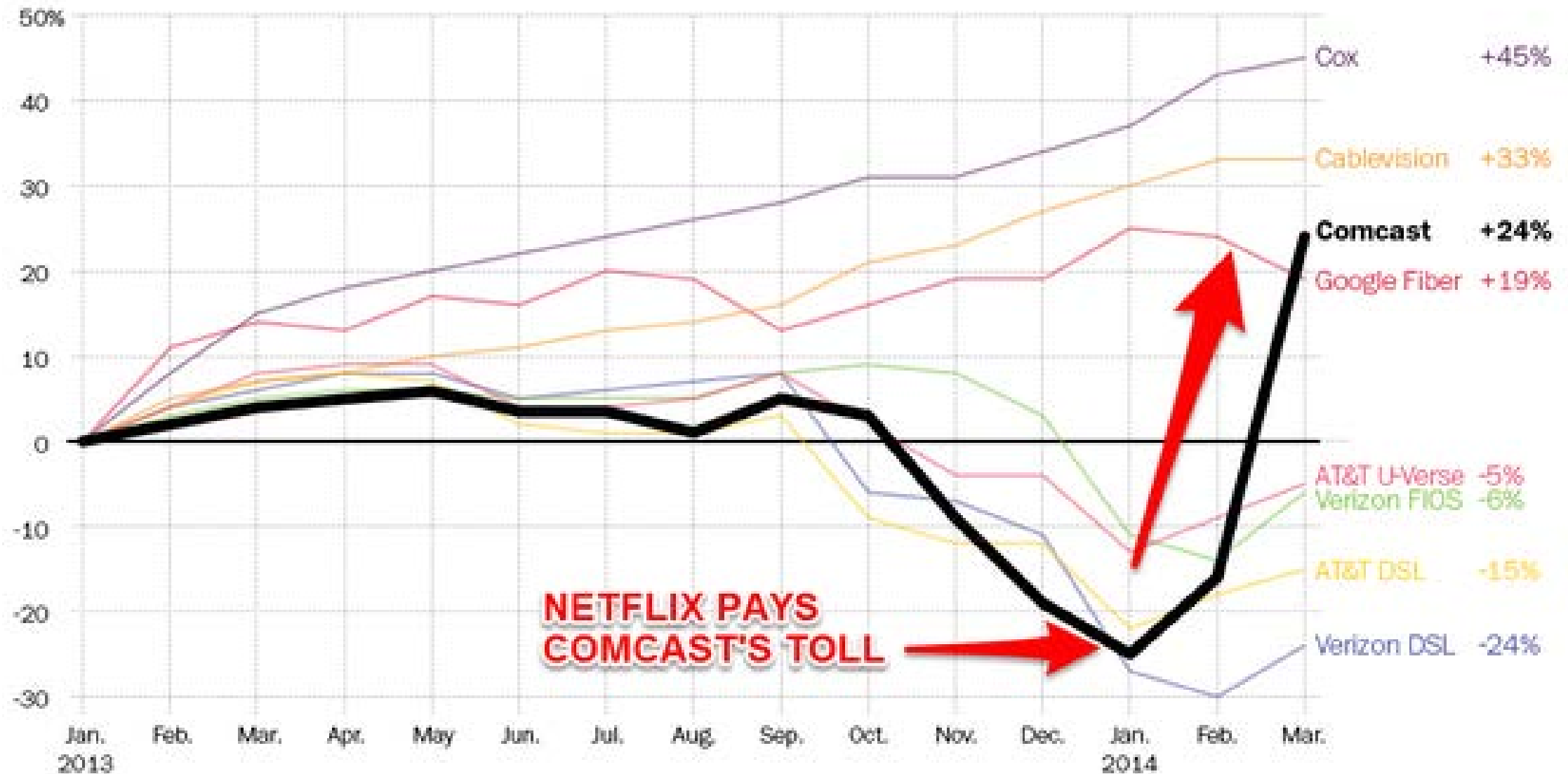
By exploring ways to reduce needless red tape, the Commission hopes that these proposals will spur broadband deployment throughout the country, bringing better, faster Internet service to more Americans and boosting competition and choice in the broadband marketplace.

The FCC is in the midst of a comment period on its proposals and encourages public participation. Comments are due by July 17, 2017, and reply comments are due by August 16, 2017. Comments may be filed via the FCC's [Electronic Comment Filing System \(https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/proceedings?q=name:\(17-108\)\)](https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/proceedings?q=name:(17-108)) in WC Docket No. 17-108.

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Verizon Accused Of Net Neutrality Foul By Zero-Rating Its Gogo Mobile Video Service

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Verizon, the [parent of TechCrunch's parent AOL](#), is being accused of violating net neutrality principles by excluding its own mobile video streaming service, go90, from data charges — thereby creating an unequal playing field.

On Friday it emerged (via [The Verge](#)) that Verizon would not be charging its own customers for the data they consume over go90. An end of January update to the go90 Android app (v1.4.0) notes the service can now be used over LTE without it counting against Verizon customers' data plans:

If you're a Verizon wireless post-paid customer, stream gogo videos over LTE without using up your data.

Verizon has [long since stopped offering new customers unlimited data plans](#), and instead sells a selection of [tiered plans](#) starting at \$30 per month for 1GB rising to \$100 for 18GB (you also need to pay \$20 per month per smartphone line, plus taxes). So its data costs can get pretty

Yet such a freebie has the obvious knock-on effect of penalizing other video services that *do* cost data to consume (and thereby eat into users' data allowances). Hence critics calling foul over the move — which looks like an attempt to circumvent [US net neutrality laws, passed by the FCC a year ago](#).

Verizon's argument for the legality of the service is that go90 is open to other content providers via its sponsored data program, [FreeBee Data 360](#), which lets content providers pay for customers' data costs. A Verizon spokesperson told [Re/code](#): "FreeBee Data 360 is an open, non-exclusive service available to other content providers on a non-discriminatory basis. Any interested content provider can use FreeBee Data 360 to expand their audiences by giving consumers the opportunity to enjoy their content without incurring data charges."

However, as [Re/code](#) notes, Verizon is pulling the strings here. So rivals merely wanting to compete on an equal footing with Verizon's free service would still have to pour data costs into Verizon's coffers just to do so. Which again skews the competitive landscape.

Carrier AT&T has also said it is planning to launch a mobile video service involved sponsored data — so as industry watchers have noted the Verizon move is something of a test bed to see how the FCC responds.

The body has already said it is looking at zero rating to determine whether the practice violates its general conduct statement. In the meantime, carriers are clearly seeing how far they can push things...



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PLOS Supports Net Neutrality to Ensure Global Access to the Scientific Literature

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Editor's Note: PLOS BLOGS is reposting this July 12, 2017 Official PLOS Blog to articulate the arguments against [anticipated actions](#) by the FCC, scheduled for next month, which would repeal net

neutrality regulations.

PLOS works to remove barriers to public access of scientific research. Typically, these barriers are considered in terms of copyrights and journal subscriptions, but unfettered access to network infrastructure also contributes to supporting readers' access to scientific literature. In simple terms, unencumbered dissemination of scientific research depends on a fair Internet. The provision of a fair and open Internet lies in the hands of Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and government agencies that regulate these providers. PLOS supported the July 12, 2017 Day of Action in the United States, led by [Battle for the Net](#), aimed at publicizing the issues surrounding Open Internet Rules and their critical role in maintaining Internet freedoms as currently in place.

In February 2015, the US Federal Communication Commission (FCC) reclassified broadband providers as common carriers rather than information providers under Title II of the [Communications Act of 1934](#), the law that continues to regulate modern communication modes such as the Internet. This gave the FCC authority to ensure that established, large corporations including AT&T, Comcast and Verizon can't block, slow (throttle) or otherwise interfere with Internet traffic. Innovations in online businesses and services, including those of PLOS, have thrived under Title II regulations. Importantly, these regulations in the US provide each and every user of the Internet a guarantee that ISPs and government regulators treat all data on the Internet the same, without discriminating against or charging differentially by user, content, website, platform, application, type of equipment or mode of communication (see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Net_neutrality). **These protections are known as net neutrality; scientists and those working to support the scientific endeavor rely on net neutrality for unprejudiced access to databases, the literature and information services.**

Allowing ISPs to sort traffic based on content, sender and receiver opens the door for corporate and government censorship which would greatly hinder access to scientific information around the globe.

To protect against this type of restriction in information flow, the first [EU-wide Net Neutrality rules](#) were adopted in October 2015 with public guidelines released by the [Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications](#) in late 2016.

In the US, the current FCC Commissioner wants to weaken these protections and this could have consequences for all scientists, not just those in the US: access to information around the world could become pay to play without these protections. Services provided by publishers such as PLOS and other providers could be restricted for all our users around the world, unless we pay for priority access to our content. This will affect any Internet traffic that routes through the US, from services relying on servers located in the US to requests that are routed through the US. For instance, most of the Domain Name Server (DNS) requests for South America, Central America and the Caribbean are routed by servers located in Florida.



July 12, 2017, was a Day of Action in support of a fair and open Internet. Visitors to the PLOS.org homepage (www.plos.org) and active PLOS staff blogs ([The Official PLOS Blog](#), [EveryONE](#),



PLOS Biologue, Speaking of Medicine, PLOS Channels and Collections, PLOS Tech and PLOS Podcasts) saw a message of explanation and letter of support for net neutrality in the form of a pop up window. This message appeared only on July 12, once per site, per device. Visitors to these web pages could choose to either immediately close the pop up by clicking on the x in the upper right or fill in the four boxes to send a message to the FCC in support of its current Open Internet Rules and the efforts to dissuade FCC Chairman Ajit Varadaraj Pai from his plan to roll back these rules. Public comment continues for an additional 60 days following the Day of Action. Form letters or personalized

comments may be sent directly from <https://www.battleforthenet.com/>.

PLOS purposefully did not place this notice on any journal content or information pages, so that access to our content was not impeded in any way.

To learn more about net neutrality around the globe, visit <https://www.thisisnetneutrality.org/>; to learn more about the Day of Action visit <https://www.battleforthenet.com/july12/>.

This post was edited slightly on July 13, 2017 to indicate past tense for the Day of Action.

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April 26, 2017

The Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Chairman Pai:

As a group of startups, entrepreneurs, investors, and the organizations who support them from all 50 states, we were excited to hear about your recent regional tour with startups and innovators and learn about your plans to drive better, faster broadband deployment across the U.S.

During your tour, you noted that "High-speed Internet access, or broadband, is giving rise to what I have called the democratization of entrepreneurship. With a powerful plan and a digital connection, you can raise capital, start a business, immediately reach a worldwide customer base, and disrupt an entire industry." We couldn't agree more. Each of our businesses is an example of the sort of innovation and investment that meaningful broadband access has fueled.

But the success of America's startup ecosystem depends on more than improved broadband speeds. We also depend on an open Internet—including enforceable net neutrality rules that ensure big cable companies can't discriminate against people like us. We're deeply concerned with your intention to undo the existing legal framework.

Without net neutrality, the incumbents who provide access to the Internet would be able to pick winners or losers in the market. They could impede traffic from our services in order to favor their own services or established competitors. Or they could impose new tolls on us, inhibiting consumer choice. Those actions directly impede an entrepreneur's ability to "start a business, immediately reach a worldwide customer base, and disrupt an entire industry." Our companies should be able to compete with incumbents on the quality of our products and services, not our capacity to pay tolls to Internet access providers.

Fortunately, in 2015 the Federal Communications Commission put in place light touch net neutrality rules that not only prohibit certain harmful practices, but also allow the Commission to develop and enforce rules to address new forms of discrimination. We are concerned by reports that you would replace this system with a set of minimum voluntary

commitments, which would give a green light for Internet access providers to discriminate in unforeseen ways.

Rather than dismantling regulations that allow the startup ecosystem to thrive, we urge you to focus instead on policies that would promote a stronger Internet for everyone. We applaud efforts to remove unnecessary barriers to construction of new networks, which would foster increased competition and faster, more affordable, open Internet access. We appreciate your consideration and stand at the ready to provide insights that support this work.

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Founderkit
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Foursquare
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FWD:Everyone
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San Francisco, CA

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Seattle, WA

Gauhaus
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Giveeffect Inc.
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Centennial, CO

Go Jane Go, LLC
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Des Moines, IA

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GOIAN Inc
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GoldFire Studios
Oklahoma City, OK

Good Audience
San Francisco, CA

Good Company Wines
Sonoma, CA

Good&Co Inc.
San Francisco, CA

Gorgias
San Francisco, CA

GoSpotCheck
Denver, CO

Grace
Santa Monica, CA

Grafly Inc.
Chicago, IL

GrandBanks Capital
Needham, MA

Graph Story
Memphis, TN

Gravitate
Des Moines, IA

Great Dental Websites
Denver, CO

Green Electrical Supply
Auburn Hills, MI

Greenlyfe
Rowlett, TX

Grey Market
Seattle, WA

GroundSource
Minneapolis, MN

GroupAhead
San Francisco, CA

GroupRaise.com, Inc.
Houston, TX

Grow Digitally
Kansas City, MO

Growth Geeks
Chicago, IL

Growth Institute
Austin, TX

Grubbly Farms
Atlanta, GA

GTG Capital
Reno, NV

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Gainesville, FL

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Lafayette, IN

Guyville.com
Rochester, MN

Gypsy Spoonful
Chicago, IL

HAAS Alert
Chicago, IL

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Keene, NH

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Little Rock, AR

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Redwood City, CA

Heartwood Studios Inc
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San Francisco, CA

Help Scout
Boston, MA

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Little Rock, AR

HERO app co.
Austin, TX

HipPocket
Dallas, TX

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Rockville, MD

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hobbyDB
Boulder, CO

Hoffman Consulting
Olean, NY

Hogaru
San Francisco, CA

Homebrew
San Francisco, CA

HomeHero
Los Angeles, CA

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San Diego, CA

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Austin, TX

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Imgur, Inc
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Impact Health
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Inflect, Inc.
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Inflection.com, Inc.
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Innerspace
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Seattle, WA

InnovateEDU
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Interprotrain
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Cedar Falls, IA

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Jackson Street Capital
Sausalito, CA

Jakt
New York, NY

Jellyvision
Chicago, IL

JKC Ventures
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Jobble
Boston, MA

Jobspring Partners
San Francisco, CA

June
Sacramento, CA

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Griffin, GA

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Denver, CO

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Birmingham, AL

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Denver, CO

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Foundation
Kansas City, KS

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Boulder, CO

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New York, NY

Karma+
San Francisco, CA

KBMax
Austin, TX

Keen IO
San Francisco, CA

Kickstarter, PBC
Brooklyn, NY

Kip
New York, NY

Knotel
New York, NY

KoalaChat
Boston, MA

Kubos
Denton, TX

KZoom
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Labdoor
South San Francisco, CA

LabFellows
San Diego, CA

Lacrosse All Stars
Boise, ID

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Lenexa, KS

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Kansas City, MO

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Oakland, CA

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San Francisco, CA

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LIDCORE
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Technologies
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Boston, MA

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Rockville, MD

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New York, NY

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Boston, MA

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Chicago, IL

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Columbia, MD

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San Francisco, CA

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Santa Monica, CA

ReadMe
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San Francisco, CA

ReallyFixIt.com
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Herndon, VA

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Lincoln, NE

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San Francisco, CA

Roomstorm
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Omaha, NE

Routific Solutions, Inc.
Chicago, IL

RRE Ventures
New York, NY

RSRF
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Runkeeper
Boston, MA

Runscope
San Francisco, CA

Rygbee
Delaware City, DE

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Houston, TX

Sailo
New York, NY

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Austin, TX

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Sandwich.Net, LLC
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Centralia, WA

Scaphold, Inc.
San Francisco, CA

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New York, NY

Schoolrunner
Denver, CO

ScienceDriven
Roxbury, MA

ScoreStik
Albuquerque, NM

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Seattle, WA

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Boulder, CO

SecureSet
Denver, CO

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Brooklyn, NY

SelfDecode
Los Angeles, CA

Sell News
Hanover, PA

Semantic Press
Mountain View, CA

Semiautomatic Semiotics
Darien, IL

SendBird
Redwood City, CA

Seneca Systems
Redwood City, CA

Senosis
Seattle, WA

SERPs, Inc.
Seattle, WA

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Bend, OR

Sewing at Ten
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Boston, MA

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Boston, MA

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San Francisco, CA

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New York, NY

Simply Made Apps, Inc.
Fargo, ND

Simplynew
Playa Vista, CA

Single Music
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Austin, TX

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San Francisco, CA

SlidesUp
Boston, MA

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Newark, DE

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new york, NY

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SnapEngage
Boulder, CO

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Bellevue, WA

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Seattle, WA

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Social Scout
Mason, OH

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SoftShores
El Cerrito, CA

SoftTech VC
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SoundCloud
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Sourcery
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Chicago, IL

SpotRight, Inc.
Little Rock, AR

Spring Noodles
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Burlington, VT

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San Francisco, CA

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Stone Soup Tech Solutions
Griffin, GA

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San Francisco, CA

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Chicago, IL

Streamweaver
Cedar Rapids, IA

Streetography, Inc.
Menlo Park, CA

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Seattle, WA

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Seattle, WA

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Chicago, IL

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TeamSnap
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Techstars
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Chicago, IL

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New York, NY

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Austin, TX

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Detroit, MI

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Dover, DE

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Mansfield Center, CT

TempoIQ
San Francisco, CA

Tenjin
San Francisco, CA

Tenzo
San Francisco, CA

Tesorio
Burlingame, CA

Test My Pitch
Ivoryton, CT

Textras
San Francisco, CA

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Concrete, WA

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