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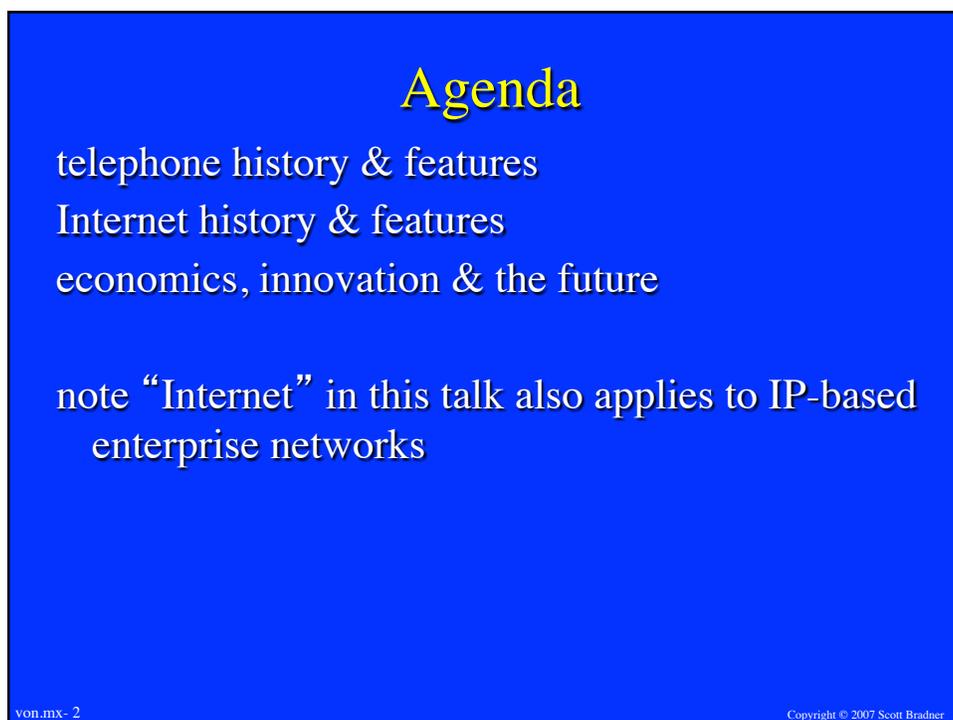
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How is the Internet Different?

Is “good enough” good enough?

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Agenda

- telephone history & features
- Internet history & features
- economics, innovation & the future

note “Internet” in this talk also applies to IP-based enterprise networks

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Telco Start

Bell founded 1877, patent upheld 1879

rent not sell

long term return

slow change

dumb instrument

closed system

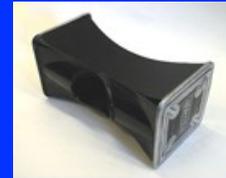
until Hush-A-Phone &

Carterphone

regulated as common carrier

not responsible for customer actions

sell same service to everyone



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Telco Features

circuit switched

defined quality & call state

end system to switch signaling

operator

dial (1st 1904, deployed 1919)

touch tone (1st 1941, deployed 1968)

accidental end-to-end signaling

switch to switch signaling

in-band tones (end in 2006)

out-of-band SS7 (1980)

one application: voice



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Telco Business

started with per call billing

flat rate expanding

long distance

intra country, inter country

different fees

settlements

calling party compensates receiving telco

regulators

dictate quality, features, tariffs, coverage ...



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Telco Security

dumb end stations secure

changing with cell phones

hackable signaling

tones - "phone phreaks"

SS7 - no built-in security & gateways

hackable switches (i.e., computers)

e.g., Mitnick & Greek telco

caller ID spoofing

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Internet Start

ARPANET 1969, www 1993

overlay network

enabled by Carterphone

government funded at start

smart ends, dumb network

open system

RFC 791: Internet Protocol

standards, hardware & applications

generally not regulated (some country exceptions)

generally not responsible for customer actions

sell same service to everyone

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Internet Features

packet switched

no defined quality or call state

end system to switch signaling

destination internetwork address in packet

end station to application signaling

end-to-end - “just IP” packets

switch to switch signaling

in-band routing protocol

thousands of applications

not designed for any particular application

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4	Identification				Fragment Offset											
8	TTL				Protocol				Header Checksum							
12	Source IP Address															
16	Destination IP Address															
20	Options				Padding											

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End-to-End Argument (e2e)

1981 paper by Saltzer, Reed & Clark
end stations know best
application aware networks get in the way
 keep per-session state out of network
network aware applications inhibit network
innovation
 e.g. ATM
enables user innovation -- “generative”
 far faster deployment of new technology
 not dependent on carrier permission

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E2E Got Us Here

not convinced that e2e is important?
 the www exists because of e2e
 as do Google, iTunes, Skype, Vonage, YouTube,
 Facebook,

e2e is hard to get at a corporate desktop or
residential net
 except port 80 (web)
 NATs abound & block some types of applications as a
 byproduct
 firewalls are designed to block some types of
 applications
but e2e still exists between enterprise boundaries

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Internet Business

small users: flat rate, big users: tiered
no concept of long distance
distance insensitive
technically too hard to know destination location
no settlements
origin ISP keeps all
but may have to buy transit service if small
large ISPs do cost-shared peering
governments & regulators are puzzled
try to make telco regulations fit
few ISPs make money
even with Internet bust

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Internet Security

mostly end-to-end
i.e, security is the end system's responsibility
the net, itself, transports versus and hacker attacks
as reliably as it transports any traffic
firewalls help but often ignores the inside attacker
mixed security in Internet infrastructure
secure routing updates
do not secure accuracy in routing updates
e.g., Pakistan induced You Tube outage

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Mental Images

traditional teleco: the Internet does not work

can not define what “work” means

no defined QoS

no service guarantees

no reachability guarantees

not good enough for voice



Internet geek: the Internet works “good enough”

as-is, the Internet can (and does) support all sorts of applications - but not everything

voice, video, etc (this conference itself)

Skipe, Vonage, Apple movie downloads etc.

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Good Enough

first basic Internet tussle

use the Internet (or enterprise net) that's there

or change the net to support an application

e.g., voice or emergency service

problem is that the Internet is “good enough” (most of the time)

“the Internet is not reliably crappy enough”

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“It fails to fail often enough so it looks like it works.”

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Routing Money

second basic Internet tussle

no ISP lock in for services

I still don't understand why it is a "users" choice where the "services" are executed - I would have thought that this would be networks choice - an IETF mailing list mid 1990s

telco carriers would rather have use-specific fees

like railroads

some bits are worth more than others

service provider can not reward distant ISP

no telco-like settlements

"We do not know how to route money"

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International Settlements

significant strain over International Internet costs

non-US ISPs generally buy a connection to the US
to be part of the Internet

or buy transit service from an international ISP

seen as unfair by non-US ISPs

seen as realistic by US ISPs

non-US content seen (by ISPs) as not worth paying for

sender-pays works in the phone world

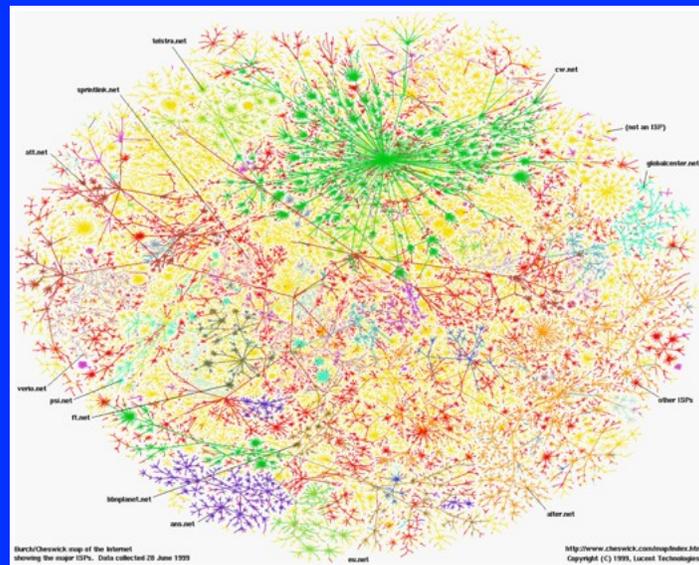
but not in the Internet

e.g., asymmetric traffic in the web

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Internet “Architecture”



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Role of Regulators

Internet benefited from little effective regulation
some attempts

- content (USA CDA, China “great firewall”)
- applications (VoIP is just a type of traditional telco)
 - quality, 911, wiretapping, tariffs

future?

- quality, services, openness, security
- but regulators do not understand the technical differences between the Internet and traditional telco

biggest issue: business model

regulator’ s #1 job: protect incumbents

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The View From the ITU

after WSIS - Secretary-General Yoshio Utsumi

“the Internet need not be one net controlled by one centre”

domestic networks are *“more efficient and economical”* (because much traffic is local)

“telephone networks are made up of regional, domestic networks united together in agreement with ITU framework. A similar situation may start with the Internet” - if so the ITU will be called upon to fix things (within 5 years)

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Network Neutrality

ISPs used to be ISPs

now telcos are ISPs

different mindset

public claim: need more money to deploy infrastructure

one way to get the money is to shake down service providers using the telco's wires (“my wires”)

options (as they see it):

carrier gets revenue from service providers

carrier is in the commodity business

forgotten factor: little real competition

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Neutral Networks

treat all traffic the same

or all traffic of a type (e.g., all traffic identified as VoIP)

network does not bias traffic to or from users based on its content, source, or destination

e.g., not give its own VoIP better quality

networks do not get in the way of innovation

a problem if the network becomes overloaded

could accept user markings to enable different handling (maybe for more money)

e.g., diffserve- requires admission control (does not exist)

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Non Neutral Networks

innovation pace driven by carrier

unless innovator can pay

require much more management than neutral nets

cheaper to add bandwidth in many cases

assuming aim is good service

may provide more revenue

but may not compensate for more management

Internet 2 experience

e2e must be blocked

at least for some things

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Driving Innovation

innovation happens when the user does not know what they want

little innovation in mature applications - e.g. old voice
low “market uncertainty” means little innovation and little product differentiation other than cost
high “market uncertainty” means he who guesses right can win big -- e.g., iPod

we are (or should be) in a time of high market uncertainty when it comes to Internet applications - e.g., voice
but too much imitation, too little innovation

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Enterprise Networks

enterprise nets are different

generally a single control/management/business/security regime

QoS is a business decision

applications are a business decision

but remember the tyranny of the data center

innovation in enterprises can also be hard

security is generally misunderstood

some bad guys are inside and they know where things are

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VoIP in Enterprises

phone-think still gets in the way

best effort (and good enough) are not good enough

security is misunderstood

today VoIP security is about the same as non-IP voice

i.e., not very good

standards exist but not enough implementation

end-to-end security is seen as a threat

by regulators, by enterprise security people

a perimeter firewall may be necessary but not sufficient

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voice (and video) over the net has been brought to
you by the letter e, the digit 2 and the letter e
and not by X.25, ATM or SNA

do not forget that unless you think that innovation
(over the Internet) has stopped

like Charles H. Duell did in 1899

or should be controlled (e.g., slowed, guided or
stopped)

like too much of the traditional telco world, some
countries, and some regulators think

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Dance With the Lady That Brung Us

e2e-enabled innovation got us here

but we are not yet where we will be, if we are
permitted to go there

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