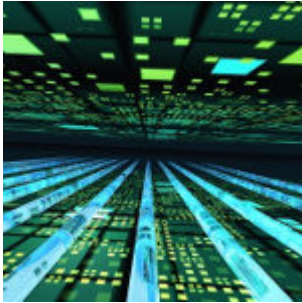


How the Little Guys Beat the Monopolists on Net Neutrality



FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's statement was last week supporting net neutrality was improbable, reports *The Daily Beast*, and it was a political miracle.

The chairman's proposal, which will be voted on by the full five-member commission on Feb. 26, bans broadband companies from discriminating between different content providers based on who can pay. The rule could protect the Internet from a world in which there are slow lanes for poor content providers and fast lanes for rich ones.

Wheeler's statement represents a reversal from his earlier stance. He was forced to reverse his course because of an explosion of the type of decentralized political power that even the most powerful Washington lobbies cannot beat, according to the report.

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