This chapter examines the nature of network neutrality or net neutrality. This is a highly prized design feature of the network that all data packets shall be treated equally. It was the nature of the early network that this design feature was protected and established by visionaries such as Vint Cerf and Bob Kahn. Tim Berners-Lee the creator of the World Wide Web has written at length as to how net neutrality allowed him to create the web without asking permission from anyone. However, modern network design challenges this ‘first amendment of the internet’ and recent developments, in particular in the United States, have led to debate on whether net neutrality should be legally enshrined.

Access to the complete content on Law Trove requires a subscription or purchase. Public users are able to search the site and view the
3. Net neutrality

abstracts and keywords for each book and chapter without a subscription.

Please subscribe or login to access full text content.

If you have purchased a print title that contains an access code, please see the information provided with the code or instructions printed within the title for information about how to register your code.

For questions on access or troubleshooting, please check our FAQs, and if you can't find the answer there, please contact us.