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Vinton G. Cerf - VP / Chief Internet Chief Evangelist

"We are accustomed, as Americans, to talking about the Freedom of Speech. But there's another important freedom, the freedom to hear. Speakers need listeners. Listening should not be prevented by legislation, regulation, or bad business practices."

Vinton G. Cerf, in a March 30, 2005, talk to attendees at the "Freedom-to-Connect" conference in Silver Spring, Md. "

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Cerf says government needs to encourage Internet competition(June 3, 2008)

Cerf one of backers of anti-malware initiative (Jan. 25, 2006)

Vinton G. Cerf is one of the pioneers of the Internet. He is credited with developing transmission control protocol/Internet protocol, or TCP/IP, the basic "traffic control" which manages all Internet traffic. He did so in 1973 for the U.S. military while a Stanford University assistant professor. In recent years, he has also been among those expressing concern about the possibility that TCP/IP might be corrupted by commercial interests to allow preferential transfer and speed for certain types of information.

On Sept. 8, 2005, Google announced it had hired Cerf , then 62, away from MCI: http://www.technologyreview.com/articles/05/09/ap/ap_090805.asp
<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/chronicle/archive/2005/09/09/GOOGLE.TMP&type=tech>

"Vint Cerf is clearly one of the great technology leaders of our time," Eric Schmidt, Google's chief executive, said in a statement. "His vision for technology helped create entire industries that have transformed many parts of our lives."

As of September 2005, Cerf was chairman of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the private non-profit which is responsible for handing out top-level "addresses" on the Internet.

While at MCI, Cerf maintained a personal web page called "Cerf's Up" which chronicled current Internet technical and policy issues -- and on subjects like how to raise children, and on personal principles of integrity and conflict-of-interest.

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