Proposal Prospectus for Final Project

The Electronic Frontier Foundation, founded July 16, 1990, for the purpose of achieving and defending actions that threaten or challenge digital rights andor net neutrality and independence, is the community chosen for the final project

*From Wikipedia: “The* ***Electronic Frontier Foundation*** *(****EFF****) is an international non-profit* [*digital rights*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Digital_rights) *group based in the* [*United States*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States)*.”*

*“EFF provides funds for legal defense in court, presents* [*amici curiae*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amici_curiae) *briefs, defends individuals and new* [*technologies*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Technologies) *from what it considers baseless or misdirected legal threats, works to expose* [*government*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government) *malfeasance, provides guidance to the government and* [*courts*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Courts)*, organizes political action and mass mailings, supports some new technologies which it believes preserve* [*personal freedoms*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Personal_freedom)*, maintains a* [*database*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Database) *and web sites of related news and information, monitors and challenges potential* [*legislation*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Legislation) *that it believes would infringe on* [*personal liberties*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Personal_liberty) *and* [*fair use*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fair_use)*, and solicits a list of what it considers* [*patent abuses*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patent_misuse) *with intentions to defeat those that it considers without* [*merit*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merit_(legal))*.”*

“John Gilmore, Mitch Kapor and John Perry Barlow formed the foundation in response to a series of actions by law enforcement agencies that led them to conclude that agencies were seriously misinformed and uninformed about online communication.

Initial funding was provided by Kapor, Steve Wozniak (of Apple fame) and an anonymous benefactor.

The website achieves the “more than average” challenges and each regulatory choice or action has an immediate effect on what the website endeavors to achieve and deliver.

There are many ways and attempts to subvert or thwart the efforts of EFF to maintain the digital rights in the ways their community wants to deliver a neutral net.

The final project will attempt to delineate those persons, agencies and entities, how regulatory choices impact the website, losses, gains, and the ways in which the efforts of EFF for digital rights and net neutrality are subverted or thwarted by other factors.