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Wholesale Dial: E-Commerce for the Late Majority

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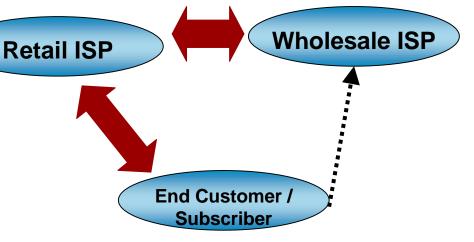
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#### What is Wholesale Dial?

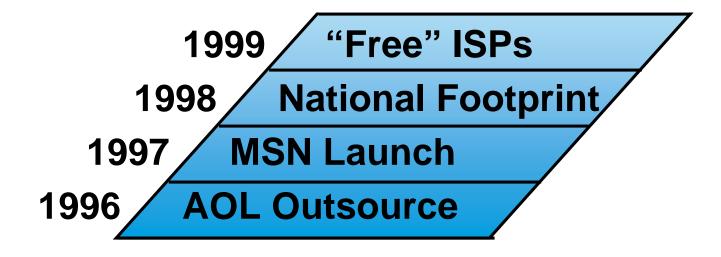
 Wholesale ISP provides "virtual dial ports" to Retail ISPs

 Subscribers get Internet access (i.e. not a VPN service)

 Retail ISP owns relationship with user base



### **History of Wholesale Dial**



#### Who Are The Wholesalers?



























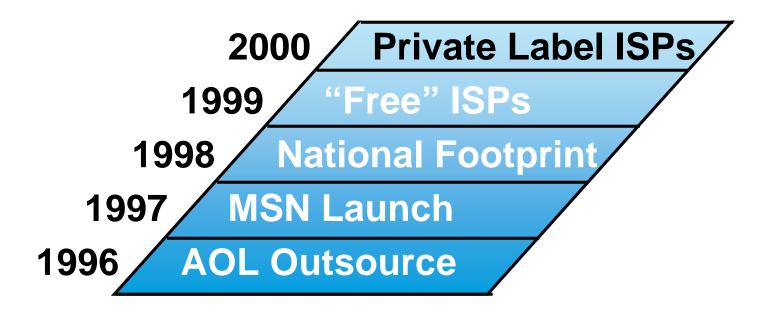






## New Opportunity in Wholesale Dial

 Private Label Internet is branded Internet access where consumer's Internet dial-up is free



## Private Label Internet Access Components

- Enterprise / Private Label ISP
- Consumer
- Wholesale Dial Provider
- Advertising Technology

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### **Private Label ISP Segments**

**Portals / Content** 

Commercial

JB Oxford

Tesco.net

**Ameritrade** 

Virgin.com

Bluelight.com

**Dixons Freeserve** 

**Personal Identity** 

**YankeesExtreme** 

**Chipshot.com** 

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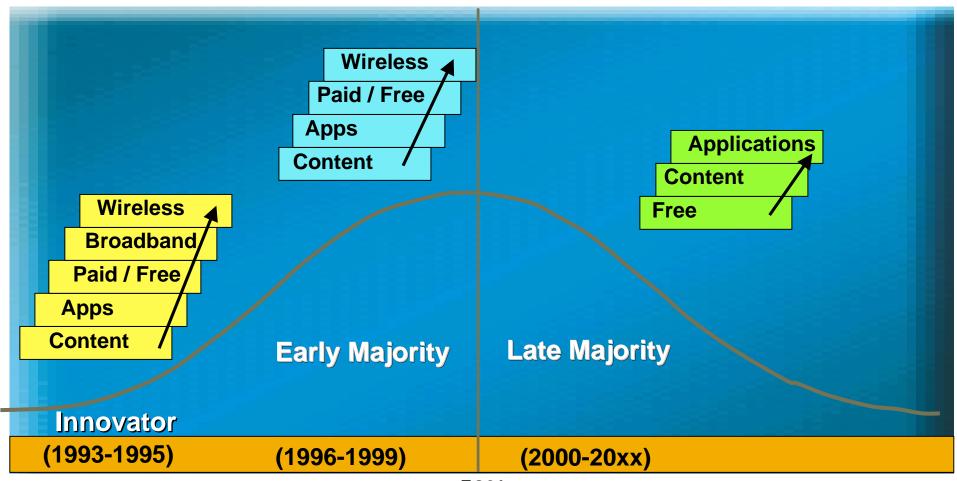
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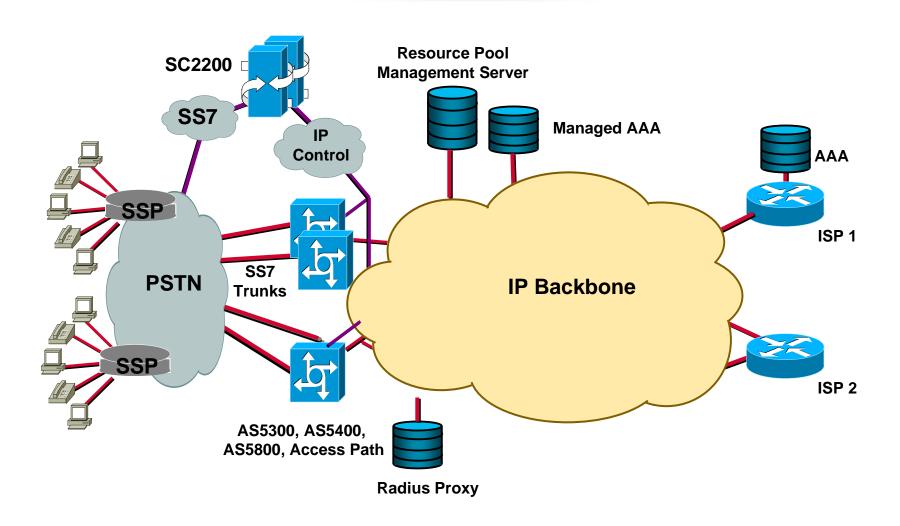
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# Private Label Consumer Groups



50%

## Cisco Wholesale Dial Infrastructure



### Wholesalers Need Advertising Delivery Technology



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### Advertising Intermediaries

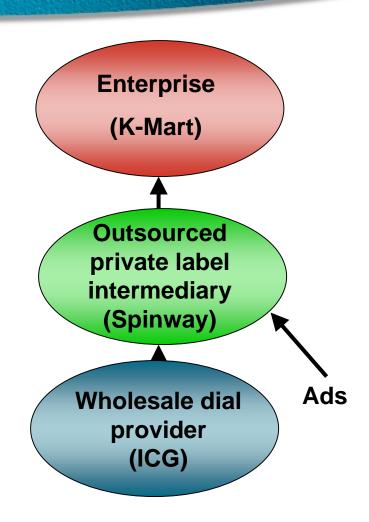
Focuses on advertisers' needs

Outsource entire private label solution for enterprise

No direct relationship between wholesaler & enterprise

Wholesale dial provider sells ports to intermediary

E.g. 1StUp.com, Freei, Spinway.com



## Advertising Technology Partners

Focus is on enterprise brand control / positioning

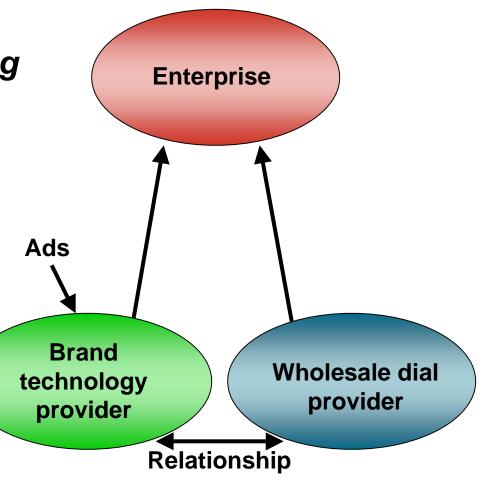
Provides brand management tools to enterprise

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Partnership between wholesaler & ad tech.

E.g. Brand3



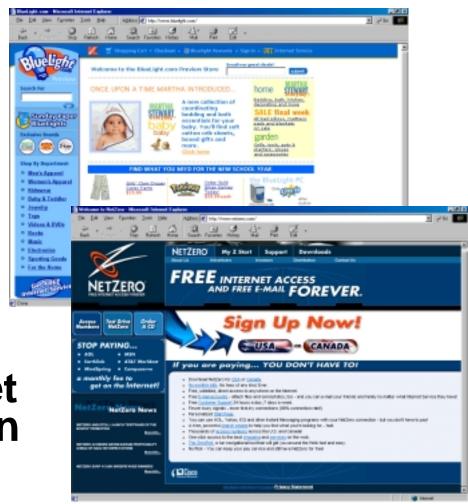
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## Private Label Internet Access Benefits

- An interactive, direct e-channel to consumers
- Highly targeted advertising relevant to each individual consumer
- Immediate feedback
- Strong branding opportunity

## Adoption of Private Label Internet Access

- Bluelight.com exceeded 3m subscribers in 7 months
- Freei had 2.2m subscribers in 8 months
- NetZero offers ad supported Internet access to 5 million subscribers



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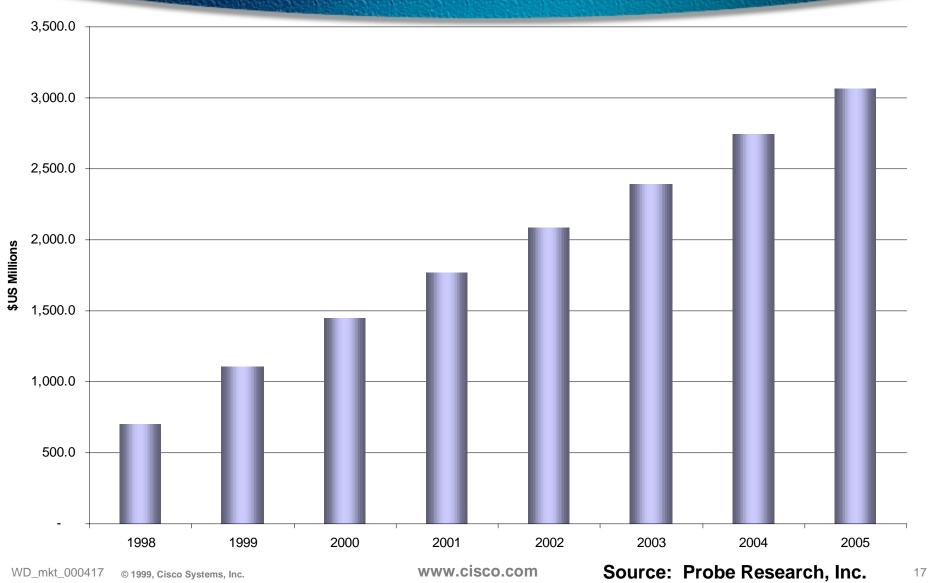
- Excite@Home signed up 500K subscribers in 6 weeks
- Seventeen.com provides free access to 500K readers



#### **Benefits of Wholesale Dial**

- Revenue opportunity
   Fast-growing market
  - Facilitate enterprise e-business model
- Leverage Existing Infrastructure
   Dial-up & backbone networks
- Avoid capital-intensive retail ISP model Retail ISP brand establishment prohibitively expensive
- Foundation for future services
  - Unified Communications, Access VPN, Internet Gaming, Web Contact Center, etc.

### **US Wholesale Dial Market Growth**



#### **Issues in Wholesale Dial**

- Footprint
- Port Capacity Planning
- Bandwidth allocation
- Privacy

### **Footprint**

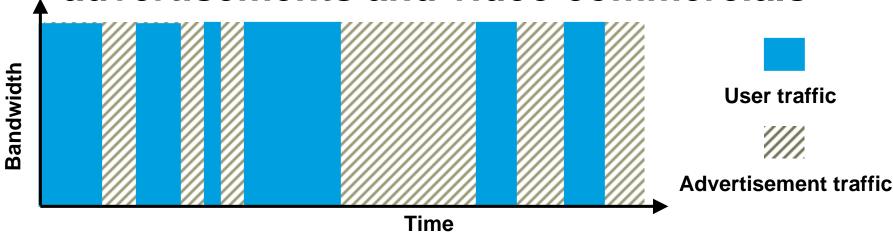
- Strong competition in NFL cities
- Strong requirement to reach population outside NFL Cities
  - K-Mart / Wal Mart / Target locations
- 2nd tier cities easier
- Rural coverage important
- Getting easier with reduced bandwidth prices due to fiber deployment

### **Port Capacity Planning**

- Intermediaries / free ISPs lack capacity planning expertise
- Uncontrolled oversubscription on shared ports leads to dissatisfaction
- Use information from NASes / port policy managers / SS7 gateways
- Port guarantees for those who'll pay and oversubscription control for those who won't

#### **Bandwidth Allocation**

- Typical user has low overall bandwidth requirement
- Bursty traffic pattern
- Ad-supported ISP always downloading advertisements and video commercials



### Privacy

 85% of Internet users concerned about privacy

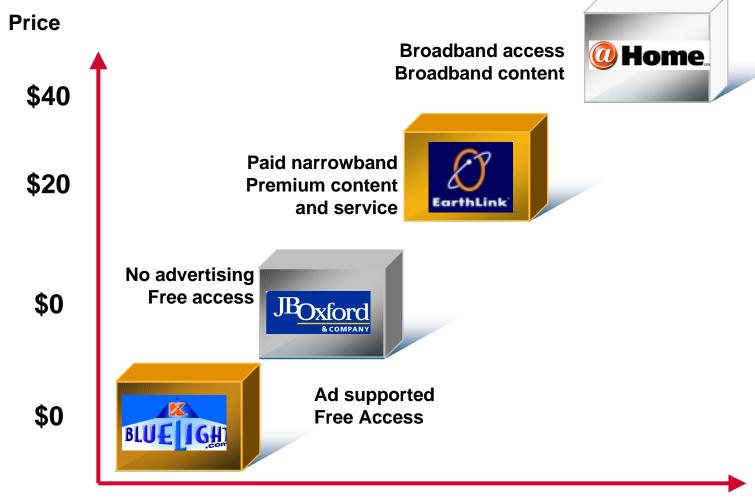
(source: Pew Charitable Trust)

- Internet users want "permission based" personal information usage
- Service providers should proactively work with governments to pass sensible privacy protection laws

#### **Wholesale Dial Future**

- Differentiated Internet Access
- Foundation for future IP services

#### Internet Access Differentiation



Service Value

## Wholesale Dial as a Foundation for IP Services

Virtual Private Networks

Internet Gaming



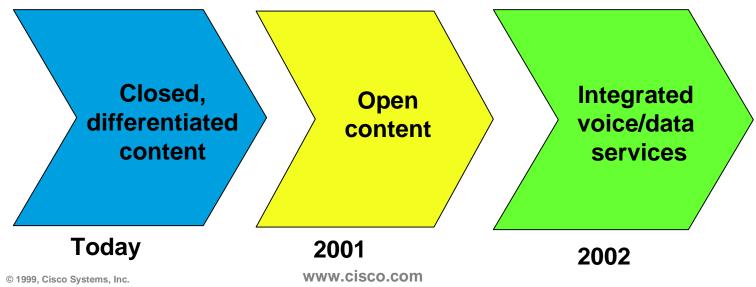
Unified Communications

Mobile Wireless

Voice Over IP

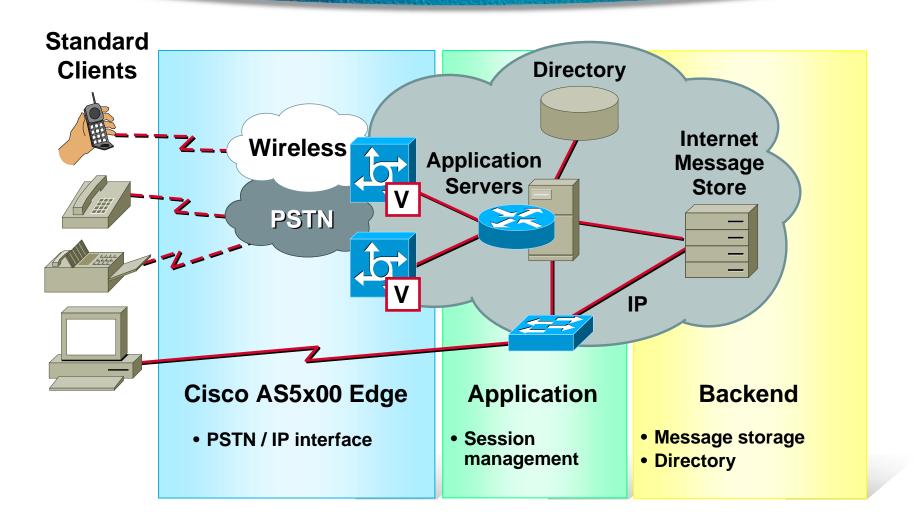
#### **Mobile Wireless**

 Wholesale dial infrastructure enables outsource of Internet connectivity for wireless handsets



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### **Unified Communications**



### **Internet Gaming**









#### Summary

- Wholesale dial is a large, growing market
- Majority of growth driven through private label and free ISPs
- Wholesale dial infrastructure lays foundation for future services
- Becomes springboard to broadband and mobile wireless Internet access



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