Subject: Services and subs that remained valuable
Posted by Leot55 on Sun, 31 Mar 2024 01:17:31 GMT
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I'm disappointed with how far Amazon has fallen from its once customer-centric motto. The company has slowly chipped away at Prime benefits while raising the price of the subscription. Do you think it was inevitable? Can you think of any company that has provided a service or subscription that maintained its value over the years? It seems like something always gives. It's either the price, customer service, what's being offered, or what's being demanded (like personal data), that lessens its value. I hope you guys can come up with something, because I'm drawing a blank.

Subject: Re: Services and subs that remained valuable
Posted by Rusty on Sun, 31 Mar 2024 11:34:43 GMT
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Brother that's the finance capitalism I rave about all the time in the dungeon. Monopolizing the marketplace. Gaining advantage, wiping out the competition, (and all the brick & mortar). Everything is interconnected in business as is nature in this world. Getting goods to it's customers in super-duper time has it's consequences. That are unsustainable for the environment and logistically unrealistic.

Corporate profits though are at an all time high now. And, we pay for it.
Several corporations are being challenged for their anti-trust behavior, including Apple, Google and Amazon. High time I say.

Subject: Re: Services and subs that remained valuable
Posted by Leot55 on Wed, 03 Apr 2024 23:33:52 GMT
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Back to the topic, I finally thought of two valuable services. I believe that our internet options have improved over the years and still remain valuable. Consumers also have more choices than ever. I've noticed there's been a consolidation of companies in certain areas; however, consumers still have the option to access the internet by tethering their cell phone to their other devices. Consumers can also purchase a hotspot device or use free public Wi-Fi.

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Posted by Becky on Sat, 11 Oct 2025 16:32:28 GMT
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You are not far from the truth. There's great improvement on internet services. You don't stress yourself so bad to have a connection on you phone because internet is becoming better. Library service are what we have taken for granted due to the fact that we don't use it all the time.