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**Revealed: Elon Musk's Plan to Build a Space Internet**

Musk wants to wire the world—and one day, Mars—using satellites

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Because he doesn't have enough going on, Elon Musk—he of [Tesla Motors](http://www.businessweek.com/articles/2013-07-18/the-tesla-electric-cars-creators-chase-their-iphone-moment), SpaceX, [SolarCity](http://www.businessweek.com/articles/2014-06-19/why-teslas-elon-musk-doubed-down-on-solar-with-solarcity-deal" \t "_blank), and the [Hyperloop—](http://www.businessweek.com/articles/2013-08-12/hyperloop-physics-101-with-elon-musk)is launching another project. Musk wants to build a second Internet in space and one day use it to connect people on Mars to the Web.

Musk is tonight hosting a SpaceX event in Seattle, where the company is opening a new office. The talk will mostly be about SpaceX’s plans for hiring aerospace and software engineers in the Pacific Northwest to boost the company’s rocket-building efforts. But he'll also use the talk to announce his newest idea, which would launch a vast network of communication satellites to orbit earth. The network would do two things: speed up the general flow of data on the Internet and deliver high-speed, low-cost Internet services to the three billion-plus people who still have poor access to the Web. “Our focus is on creating a global communications system that would be larger than anything that has been talked about to date,” Musk told Bloomberg Businessweek ahead of the announcement.