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Subject: Bittorrent and File Sharing

Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Thu, 14 Feb 2008 02:19:50 GMT

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I started this topic because an angry mod would didn't want to be proven wrong close a topic that was on the topic subject and blah blah blah. Anyway, this will bring what people THINK they know to show them how little they know. Bittorrent is illegal? You are dumb.

I have no idea where to start but here it goes:

Point 1)Bittorrent is 100% legal in every single country. How you ask? The actual .torrent file is only metadata, they contain NO copyrighted material.

Point 2)Bittorrent especially for "backup" purposes is 100% legal, stated by federal law (even in the US), despite what companies/corporations try to tell you.

Point 3)The way it works, the .torrent file connects you to users with the full (or sometimes partial) copy of the requested file, you download from the "swarm", and you upload, which turns into their download speed from you. The website/tracker does NOT host any copyrighted material either.

Point 4)In a recent HUGE case between the MPAA/RIAA vs American College students (some 15,000 users in total), the MPAA/RIAA lost because the court found Bittorrent can not be held reliable for what users upload/distributed, and the fact that it can also be used for legal purposes (legaltorrents.com)

And finally @ that mod:

1)demonoid got shutdown? LOL. You have proven your lack of knowledge about this subject already.

2)elite torrents is a TOTALLY different matter, it was a private site meaning you need donations to gain access to the site, and the only reason they lost in court was because the stupid judge assumed that the money went towards the personal wealth of the admin vs anonymous paypal accounts which were used ONLY to pay for the server (which was the cause), and making money off "pirated" material is a serious offense, so infact, the site was NOT shutdown because of the BT side of things.

More information:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BitTorrent\\_%28protocol%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BitTorrent_%28protocol%29)

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DMCA>

My credibility?

- mod on the worlds 8th largest bittorrent site/tracker
- been using P2P for about 8 years
- I download 120GB+/month

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [Canadacdn](#) on Thu, 14 Feb 2008 03:09:20 GMT  
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Bittorrent is awesome.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [Ryu](#) on Thu, 14 Feb 2008 03:16:00 GMT  
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yeah we all know Bittorrent is legal.

to say it's illegal would mean you're dumb.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [Try\\_lee](#) on Thu, 14 Feb 2008 04:23:24 GMT  
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Surely the arguement isn't whether the technology used in bit torrent is illegal, but rather that using it to download materials under copyright without the copyright holders permission is illegal?

Oh, and morally wrong too... you thieving bastards!

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Thu, 14 Feb 2008 05:20:20 GMT  
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BT is perfectly legal, and many companies use it to send data to consumers.

But the argument was about someone downloading copyrighted material which is illegal.

Still, this is one of those rare instances where I'll agree with troopr02, in that the moderators may have shot the messenger.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Thu, 14 Feb 2008 08:50:58 GMT  
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Knowing that it is used for piracy but there is "nothing" they can do about it pisses them off, so they do things like pressure ISP's to block P2P traffic, etc.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [IronWarrior](#) on Thu, 14 Feb 2008 13:54:33 GMT  
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trooprm02 speaks the truth.

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Posted by [luv2pb](#) on Thu, 14 Feb 2008 15:16:04 GMT  
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Did you just compare downloading porn to killing police?

IronWarrior wrote on Thu, 14 February 2008 08:54trooprm02 speaks the truth.  
There is something I never thought I would see in writing.

BT is awesome.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Thu, 14 Feb 2008 15:40:04 GMT  
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I never claimed the technology used was illegal. The fact all of these torrent sites share links that help you acquire illegal content is illegal, though.

Helping someone to do something illegal is also illegal, in case you didn't know this.

How does the fact you download 120+ GB of data, most of which is probably copyright protected content, give you any form of credibility? It rather affects your credibility negatively. Same for being part of the bit torrent administration team...

So yes, a torrent-file would probably be legal. Using them to spread copyright protected content isn't.

One should see this topic in its context, though. Someone asked on this forum where he could download Renegade full version. Trooprm explained him where he could get it and how he could use it without a valid serial. I moved his post to the silo.

Then afterwards he started his "torrent sites aren't illegal" posts... This will be my final post on this issue. It's not as if we're going to come to an agreement here, are we? I'll keep removing links you might post to spread illegal content, though.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [IronWarrior](#) on Thu, 14 Feb 2008 15:56:28 GMT  
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Sharing a link to a not so legal content is fine, hosting the legal content is not.

But, this is really pointless, I can bet over half the users here are happy to download whatever they want, only a small selection of the community are anti-p2p.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Thu, 14 Feb 2008 20:31:30 GMT  
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So your saying if I post a link to a bittorrent website, you would edit my post to remove the link? May I ask why? For example, Isohunt recently was fighting a lawsuit as well, and I could go into details (I know the admin somewhat personally), but even in the AMERICAN court system, ALL charges were dismissed, and the website was deemed legal, partially on the fact that it can (and is) also used for legal purposes. Why remove links to a perfectly legal site?

@Blazer, in a case last week, a Belgium ISP, "tele2" was ordered to block access to the pirate bay, for "conspiracy to commite copyright infringement", and surprisingly it passed. Guess what...the law didn't even last till this week. The EU high court (after being appealed) ruled that the ban on a LEGAL website infringed on the privacy and rights of Tele2 users, AND that such a law in the first place was ILLEGAL, and its gets more complicated but basically, ISP have NO RIGHT to monitor let alone decide for themselves what their users are doing.

In Saudi Arabia, a similiar case, the country actually firewalled several BT websites, it lasted about a month before ISP customers protested and threatened to leave for a few smaller ISP's not firewalled, all those sites were unblocked.

@Goztow, I was directing him to a bittorrent website to dowload a "backup" copy of Renegade, which again, 100% legal, in both my country and his.

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Posted by [Goztow](#) on Thu, 14 Feb 2008 20:57:14 GMT

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Wow, now you're the expert here but...

\* it was Tele 2 in Denmark, not in Belgium

\* not the blocking itself but the motivation of the judge was against the European laws who say that they can't be responsible for the data passing on their routers (more or less). It had nothing to do with the rights of the users, though that would indeed fit your story better.

Just to correct your incorrect info.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing

Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Thu, 14 Feb 2008 23:13:47 GMT

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Makes no different between those two countries, both are members of the EU, and either way the law was ILLEGAL. Its funny how much money was spent on pressuring Tele 2 to do this, and in less than an entire week, it was all undone. I have a feeling the judge who made the original ruling might even be in deep shit, bribed? Also, The Pirate Bay has a right to counter-sue for damages and defamation.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing

Posted by [Goztow](#) on Fri, 15 Feb 2008 07:28:26 GMT

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The "law" isn't illegal, as I said: the motivation of the judge was found to be against European legislation. There's a big difference.

If PB wants to counter sue, then they'll have to proove damages. That will be very hard as it seems that all this publicity has made their number of visitors go way up and Tele2 never actually blocked their adress.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing

Posted by [jnz](#) on Fri, 15 Feb 2008 16:52:43 GMT

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [CarrierII](#) on Fri, 15 Feb 2008 17:23:04 GMT  
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Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Fri, 15 Feb 2008 20:23:37 GMT  
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Thats the obvious one, and the fact that China is a craaaaazy ass dictatorship, so why compare yourself to them? That makes alot of sense...

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 15 Feb 2008 20:29:13 GMT  
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I love my torrents. I'll admit, 99% of what I torrent is copyrighted material that I do NOT own the rights to. However, I can easily justify this...

What I torrent is mostly music. I don't just use this music for "trials" and then delete it. I do keep it on my harddrive, but if I like the music enough, I will go out and buy the CD for it. Case in point? Yesterday, I purchased Clutch's "Blast Tyrant" and today bought their "From Beale Street to Oblivion" album that I originally torrented last night.

Like it has been proven, those that download music are much more likely to actually purchase music in a store. Damn us "thieves".

Oh, and Demonoid was only shut down because their host is a pussy company that couldn't stand the heat from the CRIA. Fucking wimps.

Also, remember 10/23. RIP OiNK.

Edit: Goztow, you say that "helping" people do something illegal is also illegal, right? Only if their intention is to help people to do things illegally. If a shop owner sells a guy a gun and the guy murders someone, the gun shop owner is NOT an accessory. Nor are torrent sites that allow people to download music illegally. The premise of a torrent site isn't necessarily to illegally download copyrighted content. Sure, we can all agree that most sites are well aware that their trackers are used to illegally download music, but that is a moot point. It's not the purpose of the tracker, so they are not an accessory.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Fri, 15 Feb 2008 20:30:31 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 15 Feb 2008 20:35:00 GMT  
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trooprm02 wrote on Fri, 15 February 2008 15:30 Demoniod hasn't been shutdown....they changed hosts...big whoop...  
Proof of this? When I access the Demonoid site, I get a link to their forums. If they changed hosts, they haven't opened the site on the new host, then.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Fri, 15 Feb 2008 20:50:06 GMT  
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[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demonoid#In\\_Canada](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demonoid#In_Canada)

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Obviously they wouldn't be anywhere as popular as they are now if they did. + they do make money from the advertising on their website, though they might claim that it's only used for covering hosting costs.

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Choosing to ignore what happens is not a reason to claim innocence.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Fri, 15 Feb 2008 20:58:38 GMT  
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You are an idiot for arguing with people who think torrents are illegal.

They aren't illegal. But what they ARE is a waste of time. I don't even bother with them any more. The only things that I have ever used a torrent to download was for Anime.. but there is IRC for that now..

Saying torrents are illegal is like saying the internet is illegal. If a torrent website gets shut down, it is because it is hosting torrents that are used to download pirated programs. The entire use of torrents though is not illegal. Just like P2P programs like Limewire, Bearshare, ect, aren't illegal either.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 15 Feb 2008 21:05:10 GMT  
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Also, I don't see why it should be considered "illegal" if someone downloads a copyrighted album, and then deletes it, or if they own the CD, but don't want to rip it or have lost the album. There are plenty of reasons why copyrighted content isn't necessarily downloaded for illegal purposes.

As for sites like TPB, they take the strict stance of being the means to sharing, but they don't moderate what they have. This, at one point, even included child porn. You could find child porn on TPB, since they didn't moderate anything.

Edit: I love torrents. It's great for finding new music. I wouldn't like half the bands I do if it weren't for "illegal" sharing.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing

Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Fri, 15 Feb 2008 21:07:27 GMT

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biggest problem with tpb is that there are also a lot of viruses due to lack of control. Wheres my beloved supernova

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing

Posted by [Blazer](#) on Fri, 15 Feb 2008 21:21:36 GMT

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anyone have an invite for scenetorrents?

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Fri, 15 Feb 2008 22:02:00 GMT

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cheesesoda wrote on Fri, 15 February 2008 16:05

Just because I download copyrighted content doesn't mean I'm downloading it illegally, either. If I download a movie, it could be that I have the DVD, but I would just rather not waste the time ripping it then encoding it.

Yea, but have you actually ever read the cover of CDs or DVDs?

Often it will say on there "Do not make copies of this disk" or something like that. Without

specifying under what circumstances, it just says don't copy it. Meaning even if you wanted to rip a DVD you already owned, it still be illegal. But that is only in some cases.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 15 Feb 2008 22:04:04 GMT  
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Which is complete and utter bullshit, and that shouldn't even be considered by anybody to be a valid argument for something being "illegal".

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [havoc9826](#) on Fri, 15 Feb 2008 23:39:12 GMT  
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Digital Millennium Copyright Act - the official government summary  
United States Code Title 17 - 92 pages of copyright laws!  
Renegade End-User License Agreement (.doc format) - Read Section 2, Paragraph 3 (on the first page).

Enjoy.

Edit: I just found the DMCA in its entirety.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [troopr02](#) on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 00:42:17 GMT  
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Dam...the stupid things that some people say..

1)TPB does NOT host any child porn, from their about page:

To report child abuse or other similar unlawful activities please do so to your local authority. In Sweden you can contact [childabuse@rkp.police.se](mailto:childabuse@rkp.police.se) to report child abuse matters. Please do so.

2)I am fully sided with TPB, full media sharing of all files for the advancement of cultural/social structure should be allowed. Either way, the amount of money made by the music industry in particular has been going up steadily, now how does that work out?

3)Demoniod's many trackers were not even down for 6 hours, the only thing that needs to be re-hosting is the website which is what people upload the .torrent files to (which as mentioned, perfectly legal), which shouldn't be too hard to find a host of, the only thing was that they have a REALLY bullshit western-canada ISP, which is the only reason they went offline for even a second anyway. If the site had been located eastern-canada, it would have stayed online.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 02:14:20 GMT  
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I am against it. Mainly because the media market is dwindling. The Anime market is hurting because of it too. Western companies aren't localizing as many anymore because they don't make as much money as they used to off of it. Cause people simply download them from Japan and fan sub them then people download those instead.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [z310](#) on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 05:24:40 GMT  
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Just an FYI for your Comcast guys:  
<http://it.slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=08/02/16/0422249&from=rss>"An article at TorrentFreak notes that several BitTorrent developers have proposed a new protocol extension with the ability to bypass the BitTorrent interfering techniques used by Comcast and other ISPs. 'This new form of encryption will be implemented in BitTorrent clients including uTorrent, so Comcast subscribers are free to share again. The goal of this new type of encryption (or obfuscation) is to prevent ISPs from blocking or disrupting BitTorrent traffic connections that span between the receiver of a tracker response and any peer IP-port appearing in that tracker response, according to the proposal.'"

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Oops, you didn't read all replies...

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 19:06:40 GMT  
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I swear, people just ignore everything I say. Look and tell me if you don't see "Demonoid" in #3. It's there. I just looked.

Edit: I realize I made it seem like I was only replying to his #1 point, but I tried to make it somewhat clear that I was replying to his other points by numbering them accordingly.

Edit2: Of course you wouldn't see "Demonoid" in #2... it's in #3.

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nah, I have 16 invites to a much better private tracker.

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 19:18:52 GMT  
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I has a few to what.cd. I thought I had an account at stmusic, but I can't sign in. O\_O

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 22:14:25 GMT  
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1)TPB did not EVERY support uploading child porn, and it has ALWAYS been against their usage policy. Child porn is 1 of the many things they DO filter for.

2)The demoniod TRACKERS were not even down for more than 6 hours, AND there is a backup way to upload torrents to them anyway, so basically Demoniod ONLY lost the GUI (the website). Which is like 1% of their entire infrastructure anyway. Ping the many demoniod trackers, see for yourself. And the sub-admin has said for right now, they are not worried about the website, they want to subtract attention from themselves.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 22:48:44 GMT  
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I think it should be said that many of us payed to play Renegade.

Now I cannot find the original topic that this thread has spurred from, but really, you can pick up a copy of Renegade for a decent price. Most people here can afford really awesome computers, and internet access, so why can they not afford a new copy of an old game?

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [BlueThen](#) on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 23:31:36 GMT  
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I wonder if Trooprm02 got Renegade illegally...

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\*starts to wonder if we should suggest to EA to sue... ;o\*

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 23:41:58 GMT

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trooprm02 wrote on Sat, 16 February 2008 17:141)TPB did not EVERY support uploading child porn, and it has ALWAYS been against their usage policy. Child porn is 1 of the many things they DO filter for.

2)The demoniod TRACKERS were not even down for more than 6 hours, AND there is a backup way to upload torrents to them anyway, so basically Demoniod ONLY lost the GUI (the website). Which is like 1% of their entire infrastructure anyway. Ping the many demoniod trackers, see for yourself. And the sub-admin has said for right now, they are not worried about the website, they want to subtract attention from themselves.

1. You have to be the stupidest person I've ever encountered. Did I say that they ever supported it? No. Did I ever say that they don't filter for it? No. I said that at one point their moderation of uploaded torrents was so lax that they DID NOT remove ANY torrents, INCLUDING CHILD PORN.

Did you read the link I gave you, or do you just assume that you know more than the collective body of Wikipedia users and therefore ignored the link?

2. You claim to know torrenting quite well, so I figure you understand the concept that torrents can't be downloaded without the torrent being uploaded TO the tracker, so as it's a registered torrent. Generally, this process is done VIA A WEBSITE. The tracker is useless if there is no new torrents or leechers. It's like a car without any wheels. Sure, you can start the car and it runs, but it's not exactly mobile, thus rendered useless. You wouldn't say that the car is operational, would you? I didn't think so.

Edit: Troop, do you realize the difference between past and present? According to the bullshit you're arguing, you don't differentiate between the two.

So, by using your logic, you can completely ignore the history of your own country and deny the fact that Canada was ever a colony of France and Britain.

Since Canada is currently its own sovereign nation, it must have always been one. If it has always been its own nation, it could never have been colonized by England or France. Why is this? Because the past never existed or doesn't matter, according your fucked-up logic.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing

Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Sun, 17 Feb 2008 03:40:24 GMT

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Sun, 17 Feb 2008 03:44:39 GMT  
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I was giving a random example of why your logic is incredifail.

Going to ignore the fact that I'm right about the whole TPB thing? I thought so.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Sun, 17 Feb 2008 03:46:13 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Sun, 17 Feb 2008 03:50:24 GMT  
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Read the info on the link that I gave you. If you can argue against me after that point, you will basically prove to everybody that you have the cognition of a 3 year-old.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Sun, 17 Feb 2008 08:45:53 GMT  
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trooprm02 wrote on Sun, 17 February 2008 04:46g33k online essays lllmfao.  
trooprm02 wrote on Sat, 16 February 2008 21:40no nerd essays Immmfao..

trooprm02 wrote on Wed, 13 February 2008 20:19I started this topic because an angry mod would didn't want to be proven wrong close a topic that was on the topic subject and blah blah blah. Anyway, this will bring what people THINK they know to show them how little they know. Bittorrent is illegal? You are dumb.

I have no idea where to start but here it goes:



Point 1)Bittorrent is 100% legal in every single country. How you ask? The actual .torrent file is only metadata, they contain NO copyrighted material.

Point 2)Bittorrent especially for "backup" purposes is 100% legal, stated by federal law (even in the US), despite what companies/corporations try to tell you.

Point 3)The way it works, the .torrent file connects you to users with the full (or sometimes partial) copy of the requested file, you download from the "swarm", and you upload, which turns into their download speed from you. The website/tracker does NOT host any copyrighted material either.

Point 4)In a recent HUGE case between the MPAA/RIAA vs American College students (some 15,000 users in total), the MPAA/RIAA lost because the court found Bittorrent can not be held reliable for what users upload/distributed, and the fact that it can also be used for legal purposes (legaltorrents.com)

And finally @ that mod:

1)demonoid got shutdown? LOL. You have proven your lack of knowledge about this subject already.

2)elite torrents is a TOTALLY different matter, it was a private site meaning you need donations to gain access to the site, and the only reason they lost in court was because the stupid judge assumed that the money went towards the personal wealth of the admin vs anonymous paypal accounts which were used ONLY to pay for the server (which was the cause), and making money off "pirated" material is a serious offense, so infact, the site was NOT shutdown because of the BT side of things.

More information:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BitTorrent\\_%28protocol%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BitTorrent_%28protocol%29)

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DMCA>

My credibility?

- mod on the worlds 8th largest bittorrent site/tracker
- been using P2P for about 8 years
- I download 120GB+/month

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [Ethenal](#) on Sun, 17 Feb 2008 08:56:11 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Sun, 17 Feb 2008 10:40:01 GMT  
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trooprm02 wrote on Sat, 16 February 2008 21:46no...you are soo wrong i dont fell like typing out 1 of your g33k online essays lllmfao.  
yeah, you certainly dont have enough time to write an essay, considering you wrote this answer 2 minutes after chees sodas post

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [sadukar09](#) on Sun, 17 Feb 2008 12:34:17 GMT  
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Ad hominem sir faggot.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Sun, 17 Feb 2008 16:36:58 GMT  
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This thread is retarded.. All it is is "Omg you're an idiot" "No you are!" "Nuh-uh, YOU!"

Grow up!

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Sun, 17 Feb 2008 18:47:15 GMT  
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funny how when people are proven wrong they resort to personal insults, you guys must be cool in real life! lmfao

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Sun, 17 Feb 2008 18:48:22 GMT  
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Case and point.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Sun, 17 Feb 2008 18:54:39 GMT

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troopr02 wrote on Sun, 17 February 2008 13:47funny how when people are proven wrong they resort to personal insults, you guys must be cool in real life! Imfao

The thing is, I have yet to be proven wrong. All you've done is repeatedly say that TPB currently prohibits child porn and it's one of the few things they WILL moderator for. However, you haven't proven that this has always been their policy. I'm waiting...

To make it easier for you, I'll just prove you wrong right now.

WikipediaWhether child pornography was to be found on The Pirate Bay or not, it was their official policy not to remove any content that has been labeled correctly, even if it is child porn. As they said in their contact page (added somewhere near 19.2.2007):

we do not remove any content, what-so-ever, if it is not wrongly labeled. Seriously, NO content will be removed. Whatever it is. Do not even write to us about it.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing

Posted by [luv2pb](#) on Sun, 17 Feb 2008 20:56:21 GMT

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Blazer wrote on Fri, 15 February 2008 16:21anyone have an invite for scenetorrents?

I could use one of those as well.

Ryu wrote on Sat, 16 February 2008 14:15

nah, I have 16 invites to a much better private tracker.

So hook a brother up.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing

Posted by [Ryu](#) on Sun, 17 Feb 2008 21:29:19 GMT

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nah, I have 16 invites to a much better private tracker.

So hook a brother up.

You have nothing I need so I'm good.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Thu, 21 Feb 2008 18:44:38 GMT  
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The Songwriters Association of Canada is proposing a \$5 tax on every internet connection in Canada, so a subscriber can download as many illegal songs as they wish.

[http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20080221/song\\_downloads\\_AM\\_080221/20080221?hub=TopStories](http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20080221/song_downloads_AM_080221/20080221?hub=TopStories)

I don't download music; instead, I buy it. But five bucks a month extra on my internet connection IS a hell of a bargain compared to the \$160 I spent on CD's yesterday.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Thu, 21 Feb 2008 18:46:36 GMT  
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Same idiocy as with taxes on empty cd's: let's tax everyone, that even though only few actually do download music illegally.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Thu, 21 Feb 2008 19:01:25 GMT  
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Goztow wrote on Thu, 21 February 2008 12:46 Same idiocy as with taxes on empty cd's: let's tax everyone, that even though only few actually do download music illegally.

One other option my country is considering is upping the taxes on mp3 players. Some estimates say a 60-80 GB iPod would have have a \$75 dollar tax.

Personally, I think the best way to do this, is to tax the heaviest users OF bandwidth. For example, anyone who downloads 120GB+ should get taxed at a higher level than someone like myself.

One problem however... is that how much of that 120+ is going just to music, and how much is being used for videos, or programs?

Still, \$60 a year in taxes to cover music downloads is a friggin' bargain. Just yesterday, I spent \$165 on 10 CD's. Although I'd likely still buy CD's, I'd happily download music just to see if it's worth the purchase or not.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Thu, 21 Feb 2008 19:52:33 GMT  
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The government should just stay out of it as a whole. Net Neutrality FTW.

Record companies just need to offer FLAC versions of albums for download at a discounted price. Then, allow people to make as many backups as they want. I'd be more apt to purchase CDs for \$8 online than spend \$15 on one in a store.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing

Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Fri, 22 Feb 2008 02:28:26 GMT

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I agree on the bandwidth thing. It would be bad for me because I surpass about 500GB+ Per month (im at 320GB atm), but it would better the internet infrastructure. The only reason ISPs are getting involved in the debate at all is because we (BT users) max out their 20 year old connections, so if it was by bandwidth, they would ATLEAST have to upgrade to all 100mbps switches, which is a start. When will they learn people dont pay \$50/month for broadband to used the internet for text-based browsing anymore..

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing

Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Fri, 22 Feb 2008 07:52:50 GMT

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Since Jan 28th, I've used less than 1GB...

I think I just lost at the internet.

Anyhow, I was watching the news, and there may actually be some Parliamentary (Canadian) support for a user pay system where levies on bandwidth are implemented.

Estimates suggest it would bring in at least half a billion dollars annually, which would be distributed not only to the music industry, but also to other media industries. That's a decent chunk of change.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing

Posted by [Goztow](#) on Fri, 22 Feb 2008 08:21:13 GMT

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So no more downloading Linux distro's and game demo's? Even bandwith doesn't work unless you start scanning content, which is against any privacy law.

Piracy has been encouraged by the music industry for long enough: asking 20 EUR for 13 songs was for long time the norm...

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Fri, 22 Feb 2008 13:13:51 GMT  
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Its doesn't matter the content, because it was never suggested that the money go to anyone apart from the ISP Who they will end up having to pay is their own problem

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 22 Feb 2008 13:53:36 GMT  
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Governments are funny. When will they learn that they work best if they just stick to the basics such as police, military, fire, and road construction?

If the ISP wants to charge for bandwidth usage, fine. That's the ISPs priority. However, any government can kiss my ass if they think they should enforce taxation on bandwidth usage. They don't control the Internet.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Sat, 23 Feb 2008 22:06:18 GMT  
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Actually, your government has stated it does.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Sun, 24 Feb 2008 16:02:02 GMT  
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I think that we can all agree they're a bunch of arrogant assholes in doing so.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [Muad Dib15](#) on Mon, 25 Feb 2008 01:53:28 GMT  
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trooprm02 wrote on Sat, 23 February 2008 16:06Actually, your government has stated it does.

You are somewhat retarded. They just said what is against the law to use. Like child porn.

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Subject: Re: Bittorrent and File Sharing  
Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Mon, 25 Feb 2008 13:09:22 GMT

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You obviously know what your talking about!

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