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Subject: file sharing, LEGAL w/ friends?

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Well, I'm too lazy to look up actual proof, but I can tell you that "Ever noticed that P2P applications, that allow you to download FREE music, movies, ect, are ILLEGAL?" isn't true.

Napster was illegal, yes. So it got shut down.

Kazaa and all the remaining P2P programs work differently, and are not illegal. It's how you use them that can be.

For a metaphor, lets think of Kazaa as a car. You drive it around town, having fun (downloading legal files), but then you intentionally hit someone (download an illegal file). What you did was illegal, owning or using the car was not, though. Could someone go after the car manufacturer because you killed someone with their car? No, of course not.

Napster functioned differently, though. It would be the equivalent of a car specifically designed for killing people.

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