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Subject: file sharing, LEGAL w/ friends?

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Is that US law? I'm sure it's different over here in the UK.

and for the purpose of commercial advantage or private gain is nice n vague.

The law is behind electronic distribution, it's to new a medium and law takes a long time to catch up.

My point was that morally speaking, file sharing is a form of theft. You can dress it up all you want with proclamations of how record companies are huge greedy and corrupt, and so on. But like it or not, piracy screws the industry. The more you pirate, the more a record company takes losses, the more they take losses the more they go for safe main stream and ultra bland options and the chances of new and interesting music being supported becomes even more minimal.

A small amount of piracy in some ways can be beneficial, but pirating on the current scale as more and more people have access to broad band will give us a top 40 that sounds like being stuck in a permanent lift/elevator.

It may seem like it now, but believe me it could get worse.

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