

Peer to Peer File Sharing

Peer to peer (P2P) file sharing allows users to make files available for others to download and use. A number of online gaming programs may use P2P as well as open source programs like Open Office. The College provides limited bandwidth for the legitimate use of P2P file sharing.

P2P software can also undermine network security and expose your computer to threats, such as viruses, malware, spyware and other threats that can incapacitate computers and/or lead to identity theft. You can protect yourself and your computer by removing all P2P programs and using only free or subscription resources for music and media.

P2P file sharing may put you at risk to violate copyright law. Using P2P file-sharing software that copies and distributes music, videos, software, games, or other copyrighted works without permission of the copyright holder is a violation of US copyright law. If you use P2P software, you may receive notices of copyright infringement and/or be subject to other legal action. If you have P2P file-sharing applications installed on your computer, you may be sharing copyrighted works without even realizing it. Even if you do not intend to engage in infringing activity, installing P2P software on a computer can easily result in you unintentionally sharing files (copyrighted music or even sensitive documents) with other P2P users, and you may then be personally responsible for the legal and financial consequences.

Free Music

- Live365: Internet Radio Stations – www.live365.com
- Last.fm: the social music revolution- www.last.fm
- Pandora: the Music Genome Project - www.pandora.com
- Recording Industry of America – www.riaa.com
- Saint Michael's College Radio Station - WWPV: 88.7 THE MIKE – <http://wwwpv.smcvt.edu>
- SHOUTcast - www.shoutcast.com

Free Video, Television and Movies

- ABC – www.abc.go.com
- CBS – www.cbs.com
- Fox – www.fox.com
- Hulu – www.hulu.com
- Joost – www.joost.com
- NBC – www.nbc.com

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Subscription Services

- Amazon Video (video) – www.amazon.com/gp/video/ontv
- Cinema Now (video) – www.cinemanow.com
- iTunes (music, video, books) – www.apple.com/itunes
- Napster (music) – www.napster.com
- Netflix (video) – www.netflix.com
- Rhapsody (music) – www.rhapsody.com