

## Parents to help fight file sharing (Saturday, January 29, 2005)

### WARM UPS

**CHAT:** Talk about movies / P2P / file sharing / piracy / parental responsibility / parental spying / new technology / Big Brother / George Orwell...

**TECH JARGON:** Explain the following technical terms. Do you have / use any of them? Are they good?

ADSL / ISDN / AOL / blog / SD ROM / CD-RW / CPU  
/ DVD / Ghz / HTML / http / ISP / LAN / MP3 /  
MPEG / PC / PDA / pdf / PS2 / PSP / URL / WAP /  
WWW / WYSIWY

Answers at <http://www.jonstorm.com/glossary/glosssz.htm>

**RU A PIRATE?:** Talk about illegal downloading and copyright infringement.

Who has photocopied a non-copiable book / taped music from the radio or friends' CDs / videotaped movies from the TV / downloaded music or movies on the Internet / bought fake goods ...?

Find the biggest infringer.

**OPINIONS:** Discuss the following opinions with your partner / group. Find out which are the most commonly held opinions:

- (a) Parents should not be asked to spy on their kids like this.
- (b) The MPAA and the music industry is fighting a losing battle – kids (and adults) will always find software to download stuff.
- (c) The movie industry must protect itself – if everyone downloads everything free. Movie studios make no money and cannot make movies. We all lose eventually.
- (d) Movies are too expensive. Lower the cost of cinemas and DVDs and piracy will be reduced.
- (e) File sharing is the same as stealing from a store. People should go to prison for illegal downloading.
- (f) Movie stars and rock stars make too much money. They are not really hurt by piracy.
- (g) What's on a child's computer is their own private matter. Parents have no right to search for and delete files.
- (h) Parents should check what their children are watching just to make sure the content is OK.
- (i) Breaking copyright laws is not new – everyone photocopies from copyrighted books, tapes music and videotapes movies. File sharing is just the next step.

## PRE-READING

**WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionaries, or a search engine, to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... of the words 'parent', and 'pirate'.

**TRUE / FALSE:** Predict from the headline whether these statements are true or false:

- (a) The movie industry is trying to fight piracy. T / F
- (b) The movie industry is enlisting the help of Mums and Dads. T / F
- (c) Parents will arrest their children for file sharing. T / F
- (d) Computer software called Parent File Scan allows parents to search the computers of their kids. T / F
- (e) Parents must report to the police any illegal programs or files found. T / F
- (f) All info found using Parent File Scan is automatically mailed to the police. T / F
- (g) Many parents are concerned about what their children have downloaded. T / F
- (h) Many children are concerned about what their parents have downloaded. T / F

**SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article:

- |     |              |            |
|-----|--------------|------------|
| (a) | industry     | theft      |
| (b) | battle       | guarantees |
| (c) | piracy       | people     |
| (d) | infringement | choices    |
| (e) | illegal      | fight      |
| (f) | prosecution  | business   |
| (g) | optionsunder | violation  |
| (h) | obey         | being sued |
| (i) | consumers    | follow     |
| (j) | assures      | unlawful   |

**PHRASE MATCH:** Match the following phrases based on the article (sometimes more than one combination is possible):

- |     |                            |   |
|-----|----------------------------|---|
| (a) | movie                      | passed on                                 |
| (b) | file                       | prosecution                               |
| (c) | get                        | sharing                                   |
| (d) | copyright                  | about what their children have downloaded |
| (e) | avoid                      | software                                  |
| (f) | the risk of                | law                                       |
| (g) | obey the                   | industry                                  |
| (h) | peer-to-peer               | infringement                              |
| (i) | no information would be    | the risk                                  |
| (j) | Many parents are concerned | involved                                  |

**DEFINITIONS:** Match the following words with the most likely definitions:

(a) **step** (n)

- (i) when a hill is difficult to climb because it's up and up and up
- (ii) one stage of many actions or processes that are taken to achieve or reach a goal

(b) **piracy** (n)

- (i) a dangerous fish that lives in the Amazon River
- (ii) the illegal use or copying of copyrighted or patented material such as music, books, movies, computer software etc

(c) **file sharing** (n)

- (i) an information exchange system that secretaries use in their offices
- (ii) the process of sharing data (music or video files) on the Internet

(d) **copyright** (n)

- (i) the legal right an author, composer, musician, writer has to their material
- (ii) when a pilot makes sure the air traffic controller has heard them correctly

(e) **infringement** (n)

- (i) something that breaks the law
- (ii) when the straight line of hair above your eyebrows becomes a bit messy

(f) **obey** (v)

- (i) to ignore what someone tells you to do
- (ii) to do what someone tells you to do

(g) **peer-to-peer** (adj)

- (i) a form of Internet communication that allows people sharing the same system to communicate with each other or share information and data
- (ii) the distance a ship travels from its starting point and finishing point

(h) **assures** (v)

- (i) to make someone believe you, to remove any doubts someone has
- (ii) to behave foolishly

(i) **body** (n)

- (i) the tape inside a video cassette
- (ii) a group of people formed into an organization such as a company

(j) **concerns** (n)

- (i) the things that people are worried about
- (ii) small shells found on the seashore

**GAP-FILL:** Put the missing words under each paragraph into the gaps.

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*encouraged   risk   took   reported   released   material   generated   options*

### DISCUSSION:

- (a) Do you illegally download movies or music from the Internet?
- (b) Do you think it's wrong to download movies or music from the Internet?
- (c) Do you think about the loss of income suffered by the actors and others in the movie industry?
- (d) Do you infringe other copyright laws, such as photocopy books or magazines, tape music from the radio, burn CDs, videotape movies etc?
- (e) Should parents have the right to access their children's computers?
- (f) Are movie theatres and DVDs too expensive?
- (g) Would you use Parent File Scan?
- (h) What other things would you worry about when (your) kids use a computer?
- (i) What do you think of the argument that people will always go to the movies, so P2P isn't a problem?
- (j) What punishment should people receive for infringing copyright?
- (k) Should book publishers follow the movie industry and encourage parents to tear up any illegal photocopies their children have?
- (l) Do you think this new Parent File Scan software will be effective in reducing piracy?
- (m) Teacher / Student additional questions

## INTERNET / WEB LINKS:

Motion Picture Association of America web site:

<http://www.mpa.org/home.htm>

Respect Copyrights.Org – can download Parent File Scan here:

<http://www.respectcopyrights.org/content.html>

What is copyright protection?

<http://www.whatiscopyright.org/>

More on copyright protection:

<http://www.csusa.org/>

History of copyright:

<http://www.riaa.com/issues/copyright/history.asp>

BBC Q&A re Movie downloading:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/entertainment/film/3985917.stm>

File sharing programs for Mac:

<http://www.limewire.com/english/content/home.shtml>

... and for Windows:

<http://www.kazaa.com/us/index.htm>

## HOMEWORK

**DOWNLOAD GUIDELINES:** Create a list of guidelines outlining what can and cannot be downloaded.

**LETTER TO DAN:** Write a letter to MPAA boss Dan Glickman telling him what you think of his new Parent File Scan software.

## FULL TEXT

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