

# SHARING & DOWNLOADING FILES: P2P PROGRAMS

File sharing or Peer-to-Peer (P2P) is a network of computers configured to allow certain files and folders to be shared with everyone or with selected users.

Some tips that you need to be aware of when sharing or downloading using P2P:

- ⊙ Downloading music, video, electronic books, posters, images without permission is illegal. Be sure it is free before you download.
- ⊙ Be aware that the downloaded files may contain obscene photos or videos.
- ⊙ The P2P program used to access files on your computer can come with programs that reveal your private information and display annoying banners and advertisements.
- ⊙ Avoid sharing your own files and do not take the offers to install programs on your computer.
- ⊙ P2P programs that you download and install can contain malware (virus, spyware, etc).
- ⊙ Discuss netiquette (good practice and conduct on Internet) and copyright issues with your parents and teachers if you are not sure.



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