Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Software Risks

Standardized Consumer Disclosures Solution

To Be Universally Applied By Complying P2P Software Suppliers

Developed by the Consumer Disclosures Working Group (CDWG)

PART 1 -- The following copyright warning will be prominently displayed each time a user installs a new version of P2P software developed and distributed by participating companies:

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One World Beat Global Music Festival 2004 is our chance to help make a difference. It's a 3 day long series of concerts and events taking place simultaneously across the globe all for the purpose of raising money for children with HIV / Aids.

All participating artists are donating all or part of the proceeds of their gigs to 'Keep a Child Alive' - a charity dedicated to providing life-saving medicine to children and families.

We can support this worthwhile project by doing the following:

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- We can tell our friends to logon to the One World Beat website and make a donation
- And we can volunteer to help with the project (find out

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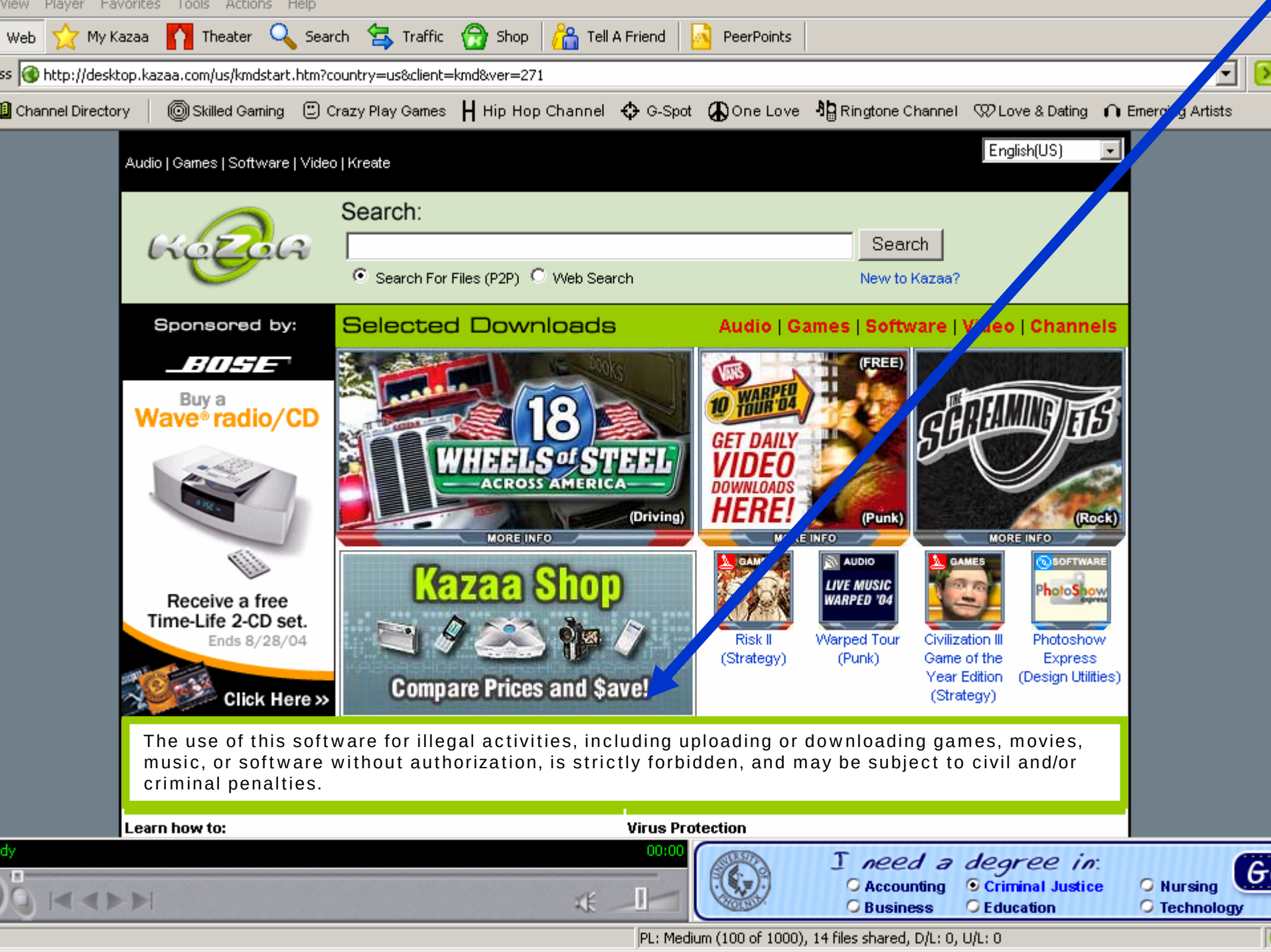
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- **Expanded multi-network access.** TrustyFiles now supports Kazaa (Fast Track), Gnutella, Gnutella2, and Bit Torrent.
- **Simply the Most Results.** TrustyFiles' streamlined P2P engine provides maximum files and fast downloads.

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Help Center

Please visit our online resources for information and support.

Installation or startup problems?
Check Update Info for release notes and installation instructions.

Software Help provides an overview on file sharing, how to use TrustyFiles, software tips, and links to various help pages.

Use our **Support Forums** for detailed help, FAQs, and to submit questions or give feedback.

Visit the **TrustyFiles software home page** to find software announcements and updates, newsletters, special offers, and music, video, and other file links that you can download.

My Computer

PART 2 -- The following risk alert will be prominently displayed in a framed message box above-the-fold on the home pages of websites of participating P2P software companies:

Click here for important information about P2P software risks.

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Welcome to Blubster, the newly improved and enhanced music community. Become a "Blubzie" and start enjoying of all the new features and advantages this worldwide file-sharing network offers you. **Blubster is FREE!**

Blubster is designed to make the P2P experience uncomplicated for anyone. Bearing in mind some of you will not be familiarized with the mp3 download process, we at the Blubster team offer freely an effortless file-sharing program that will make all your music downloads manageable in a fast and easy way.

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- Easy-to-use and user-friendly
- The fastest searches, the fastest downloads
- Multi-source and autoresumable downloads
- Unlimited scalability
- Totally decentralized, anonymous network
- Brand new internal player
- Hot List/Buddy list
- Chat and Voice chat
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- **Auto Resume:** Grokster will automatically seek out the same file from multiple sources and continue downloading until complete.
- **Fastest Downloads:** Grokster will download the file from multiple sources with the fastest connections automatically.
- **File Preview:** Preview files as you start downloading them.
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Trusty FILES

Simply More Results

- NO spyware or added software
- Kazaa, Gnutella/2, Bit Torrent
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"The Best P2P Network Engine in the Business."

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Imagine a rich universe of music, movies, games, and software. Hot tunes, killer videos and pics, rad games. ... Explore new tastes and genres. Rediscover forgotten pleasures. ... Revel in 10 billion titles and choose among thousands of search results. Enjoy a single click to share or save for the fastest downloads.

The dream lives today -- free file sharing, no spyware, no added software, multiple network access including Kazaa, Gnutella, and Bit Torrent. A state-of-the-art P2P file sharing engine for the most results. Pure P2P. Only with TrustyFiles.

Click here for important information about P2P software risks.

Why limit yourself to one network or download software that adds OTHER software to your PC???

We dare you to compare!		Trusty FILES	Morpheus	Kazaa
MULTIPLE NETWORKS	Includes Kazaa, Gnutella, & Bit Torrent	✓	✗	✗
VALUE	Free, NO spyware, NO added software	✓	✗	✗
FREEDOM	Personal, Private, &	✓	✗	✗

Feature Summary

- FREE
- Easy to Install/ Easy to use
- NO spyware, NO bundled software
- Share a File/ Share a Search
- Integrated Web searches
- Internet access blocklist
- Virus scanning

Advanced P2P Network Engine

- Search, download, and share on Kazaa, Gnutella, Gnutella2, & Bit Torrent
- Multiple simultaneous searches
- Fast search results
- Unlimited and global search results
- Multisource downloading
- Partial file downloading
- MORE button for additional integrated results
- File compression
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- Lightning Fast Downloads
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- Having Kazaa is 100% Legal

Important Info

Get it Now!

Search for and download music, movies, games, software, images and documents.

Latest News: US courts affirm Kazaa 100% legal!

The 9th Circuit Appeal Court declared that p2p software does not infringe US copyright laws. Read More.

What you get with Kazaa

SEARCH

- Search Agent Scans 24/7
- Up to 24 Simultaneous Searches
- Multiple Search Result Tabs
- Up to 5 Search More's
- Download from Multiple Sources
- More

SAFE

- Built-in BullGuard Virus Protection – Exclusive to Kazaa!
- Kazaa Virus Filter Blocks Suspect Files
- Adult Content Filters – Password Protected
- Having Kazaa is 100% Legal. Important Info
- More

EASY

- Customizable Toolbars
- Gold/Bling Icons
- Preview Files
- Online User Guide
- More

REACH

- Global - Millions of Peers
- Promote Your Blog
- Publish Self-authored Content
- Magnet Links
- More

Click here for important information about P2P software risks.

- How is Kazaa Free?
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PART 3 -- In addition to “here” *(in the preceding message boxes) linking to the following page on each participating website, this message box and page link will also appear each time the user opens the P2P software, for example in a pop-up window or on the homepage.*

On the following risks disclosures page, please note that risks are listed alphabetically, and any future risks would be added in alphabetical order.

P2P Software Risks

Click here for important information from the US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) about the use of P2P software.

Copyright Infringement - **Some files contain copyrighted works, like popular games, movies, music, and software. P2P software makes it possible to upload and download copyrighted material from the Internet without proper authorization, but that can violate copyright laws and subject you to criminal and civil penalties. Click here for information about how to use this P2P software application to minimize copyright infringement.**

Data Security - **P2P software allows any user to access the files you place or move into your shared folder. If you're not careful, files containing your personal and confidential information could inadvertently be uploaded for distribution on the Internet. This could cause a number of problems, including identity theft. Click here for information about how to use this P2P software application to minimize data security problems.**

Pornography - **Files downloaded from the Internet using P2P software could contain pornographic material. These files may be mislabeled with seemingly innocent names. This can result in users, including children, being inadvertently exposed to pornography. Redistributing files containing child pornography or obscene content can be a crime. Click here for information about how to use this P2P software application to minimize inadvertent exposure to pornography and illegal redistribution.**

Spyware - **Files downloaded from the Internet using P2P software may contain spyware that can track your online activity, control your computer, or harm its operation. These files typically are disguised and can go undetected. Click here for information about how to use this P2P software application to minimize spyware and about the differences between legitimate adware and spyware.**

Viruses - **Files downloaded from the Internet using P2P software may carry computer viruses, worms, or trojans that can damage your computer or cause other problems. These files typically are mislabeled to disguise their true purpose. Click here for information about how to use this P2P software application to minimize computer viruses.**

By clicking "here" (at the top of the preceding page) users will link to the following document posted online by the US Federal Trade Commission (FTC), where they can obtain additional important information about P2P software applications.

FTC Consumer Alert

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File-Sharing: A Fair Share? Maybe Not.

Every day, millions of computer users share files online. Whether it is music, games, or software, file-sharing can give people access to a wealth of information. You simply download special software that connects your computer to an informal network of other computers running the same software. Millions of users could be connected to each other through this software at one time. The software often is free and easily accessible.

Sounds promising, right? Maybe, but make sure that you consider the trade-offs. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the nation's consumer protection agency, cautions that file-sharing can have a number of risks. For example, when you are connected to file-sharing programs, you may unknowingly allow others to copy private files you never intended to share. You may download material that is protected by the copyright laws and find yourself mired in legal issues. You may download a virus or facilitate a security breach. Or you may unwittingly download pornography labeled as something else.

To secure the personal information stored on your computer, the FTC suggests that you:

- Set up the file-sharing software very carefully. If you don't check the proper settings when you install the software, you could open access not just to the files you intend to share, but also to other information on your hard drive, like your tax returns, email messages, medical records, photos, or other personal documents.

- Be aware of spyware. Some file-sharing programs install other software known as spyware. Spyware monitors a user's browsing habits and then sends that data to third parties. Sometimes the user gets ads based on the information that the spyware has collected and disseminated. Spyware can be difficult to detect and remove. Before you use any file-sharing program, you may want to buy software that can prevent the downloading of spyware or help detect it on your hard drive.

- Close your connection. In some instances, closing the file-sharing program window does not actually close your connection to the network. That allows file-sharing to continue and could increase your security risk. If you have a high-speed or

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Security and Privacy

Anytime you use the Internet you need to be careful to ensure that your private information is kept safe and confidential. Using peer-to-peer technology like Grokster is no different. The three main areas to be aware of are:

- Safe sharing
- Viruses
- Your privacy

Safe Sharing

Grokster, enables you to share files with other users, which is encouraged. However, it is important to ensure that you choose carefully which files you want to share. Don't share files which are confidential, such as financial information, or which you do not have the right to distribute.

For this reason, it is safest to use 'My Shared Folder', (usually found on your Desktop), which will be automatically set up as the folder to which files are downloaded. This means that all files inside 'My Shared Folder' are available for other Grokster users to find and download from you. New files that you download will automatically go into 'My Shared Folder'.

If you want to share other files (which is a good thing to do) you can copy them into 'My Shared Folder' through the Windows Explorer program.

Important Note
When you select a folder to share, all files and sub-folders inside that folder will be available for other Grokster users to download. Please take great care not to accidentally share files that are confidential or which you do not have the right to distribute. It is highly recommended that you do not share your entire hard drive or 'My Documents' folder.

Viruses

Most files that are accessible using Grokster originate from other users. This means that there will always be the risk of irresponsible users introducing viruses. The Grokster team is working hard to develop solutions to make

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1. Understanding how files appear in Kazaa
2. How can I manage what my children see on Kazaa?
3. How can I protect against viruses?
4. What do I do if I find something that I think is inappropriate?

Peer-to-peer technology is a powerful resource that gives people the ability to find virtually any kind of digital media file. Peer-to-peer applications like Kazaa allow people to perform research, communicate, share ideas, and connect with each other across the globe.

Kazaa is the world's most popular file sharing application and is used by people of all ages. Responsible, active sharing is the key to a great peer-to-peer experience, and it is the responsibility of each individual to carefully choose which files they share.

For your peace of mind as a parent and to protect your children from being exposed to files that may contain offensive or potentially harmful content, Sharman Networks has developed features in Kazaa that are designed specifically to minimize this risk of exposure.

This section covers what these features are and how you can use them to ensure that you and your children have the best experience possible using Kazaa.

To provide your comments to the Consumer Disclosures Working Group as to the value and usefulness of the foregoing P2P software risks disclosures and to make recommended changes please e-mail cdwg@dcia.info.

Thank You