//The problem

Beneath the flashy homepages of your favorite sites lurk Hooli™ and other evil corporations out to hoard and sell your most personal data.

What was built to be the ultimate platform for the free sharing of knowledge has turned into a money-hungry monster feasting on our privacy and freedom.

But fear not, for Pied Piper has the answer! And it’s simple:

An autonomous peer-to-peer network featuring distributed storage powered by universal compression, accelerated scheduling allocation, and end-to-end encryption.

Put even simpler — it’s the internet, completely decentralized.

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We’re in this together! All of our computers and phones join in a network to make the strongest supercomputer the world has ever seen.

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Pied Piper's new internet is built for users, by users.

You supply the storage, compute, and networking resources that power our entire decentralized web.

Now there's a way to give credit where credit is due. Compute credit, that is!

The more you share your device resources, the more PiedPiperCoin you receive.

Whether you're a developer with an app ready for market, or just an Average Joe with a smartphone you'll love all you can do with PiedPiperCoin.

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About the team

**RICHARD HENDRICKS** is the CEO and founder of Pied Piper as well as PiperNet, and is currently a Gavin Belson Professor of Ethics in Technology at Stanford. Before founding Pied Piper, Richard was an employee of Hooli. At work he was often an antagonist to the brogrammers. While at Hooli, Richard worked on the Pied Piper algorithm. However, even though Richard created one line of code on the algorithm on a Hooli laptop which would mean that Pied Piper would be property of Hooli, Richard's contract with Hooli was void due to a clause preventing him from leaving.

Personality

Though timid and nervous, Richard is an intelligent coder and very passionate about what he does. He can be a perfectionist and spends a lot of time making sure everything is fitting his vision, and has even refused to hire coders and date someone because of the way they wrote their code. His anxiety causes him to struggle with being a respectable figure to his friends, coworkers, and others he's in business with, and often becomes the target for bullying. However, as time goes on, he gains more confidence and becomes more abrasive and demanding.

**DINESH CHUGTAI** Software designer, Dinesh lives and works in the [Hacker Hostel](https://silicon-valley.fandom.com/wiki/Hacker_Hostel) with [Richard](https://silicon-valley.fandom.com/wiki/Richard), [Big Head](https://silicon-valley.fandom.com/wiki/Big_Head), and [Gilfoyle](https://silicon-valley.fandom.com/wiki/Gilfoyle). He possesses a dry wit and skills in writing code, particularly with Java. Dinesh often finds himself sparring with Gilfoyle.

Although originally from Pakistan, Dinesh is a US citizen, unlike [Gilfoyle](https://silicon-valley.fandom.com/wiki/Gilfoyle). He claims it took him five years to get US citizenship and was asked about Al-Qaeda "like 14 times".

**NELSON "BIG HEAD" BIGHETTI** is a software designer, creator of [Nip Alert](https://silicon-valley.fandom.com/wiki/Nip_Alert),

Nelson "Big Head" Bighetti is of Italian heritage and was raised in Arizona. He attended Arizona State University for 5 years before dropping out. He is the best friend of [Richard](https://silicon-valley.fandom.com/wiki/Richard), who he formerly lived and worked with in the Hacker Hostel (an incubator owned by [Erlich](https://silicon-valley.fandom.com/wiki/Erlich" \o "Erlich)) with [Gilfoyle](https://silicon-valley.fandom.com/wiki/Gilfoyle) and [Dinesh](https://silicon-valley.fandom.com/wiki/Dinesh). He admittedly isn’t great at any one aspect of building sites or coding, but Big Head is considered more of a “jack of all trades.” Nelson is a competent enough software developer to maintain a low-level job at Hooli, but does not bring any exceptional skill to cutting-edge projects such as Pied Piper, which causes a mismatch with his genius-level coworkers.

During his time at the hostel, Big Head was developing Nip Alert, a GPS-driven application designed to give you the location of women with erect nipples. He leaves the hostel after taking an offer (proffered out of spite by [Gavin](https://silicon-valley.fandom.com/wiki/Gavin)) to work for Hooli, where he hangs out on the roof, consumes Big Gulps, and makes a potato gun. Which was cool, until he and some other employees put a Mr. Potato Head in it. He did not like that.

He is later promoted to make it look like he was the true creator of Pied Piper whole at Hooli, but is unaware of this.

In [The Uptick](https://silicon-valley.fandom.com/wiki/The_Uptick) his and Erlich's company Bachmanity purchases Pied Piper.

**BERTRAM GILFOYLE** is a Canadian man living in the Silicon Valley area of Northern California, staying at Erlich Bachman's [Hacker Hostel](https://silicon-valley.fandom.com/wiki/Hacker_Hostel) and working for [Pied Piper](https://silicon-valley.fandom.com/wiki/Pied_Piper_(company)), which he was one of the founding members. He is the companies network engineer and system architect.

Like Dinesh, Gilfoyle is quick-witted and merciless, but in contrast, highly apathetic, sardonic and brutally honest. He often bickers with Dinesh and competes with him in everything, and often wins, much to the chagrin of Dinesh. He is a talented and confident self-taught coder, and enjoys manipulating Dinesh by preying on his insecurities. He frequently makes jokes on Dinesh’s ethnicity, not because he is racist but because it gets a rise out of Dinesh. He has a penchant for hurting people deeply through his savage insults and unsettling stares. He is stoic and claims to be an anarcho-capitalist but mostly likely, pays taxes. Truth be told, Gilfoyle and Dinesh often argue and bicker because of how similar they are in terms of talent and ability but and Gilfoyle only wins so much Dinesh because just less self-assured and slightly less talented. Gilfoyle and Dinesh are subconsciously each other’s best friends. He is a [LaVeyan Satanist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LaVeyan_Satanism) and likes heavy metal.

**DONALD "JARED" DUNN** Although his real first name is Donald, Gavin Belson started calling him 'Jared' on his first day at Hooli, and the name stuck.

Jared quits Hooli and begs to join Pied Piper which he sees as having a huge potential. He is hired by Richard for his Business expertise and helps Richard create business plans and the registering of the business.

**Monica Hall** was an associate partner at [Raviga Capital](https://silicon-valley.fandom.com/wiki/Raviga" \o "Raviga) and board member for [Pied Piper](https://silicon-valley.fandom.com/wiki/Pied_Piper). She then joined [Laurie Bream](https://silicon-valley.fandom.com/wiki/Laurie_Bream) as the Managing Partner at [Bream Hall](https://silicon-valley.fandom.com/wiki/Bream_Hall). Following this she became the CFO at Pied Piper.

Monica joined Raviga in 2010, worked her way up quickly under Peter’s tutelage, and is now the youngest Associate Partner in Raviga’s history. Previously, she had been an analyst at McKinsey and Co., and before that did opposition research for the 2008 Obama campaign. Monica focuses on software startups. She also is passionate about both the consumer and healthcare sectors and has written several scholarly articles regarding consumer and patient rights. Monica earned her Bachelor of Science in economics from Princeton University and her MBA from the Stanford School of Business.

Before [Peter Gregory](https://silicon-valley.fandom.com/wiki/Peter_Gregory)'s death, Monica was Raviga’s head of operations, handling the day-to-day duties of his tech investment business and often fielding pitches and working directly with tech folks using Peter’s money. Now she works under [Laurie Bream](https://silicon-valley.fandom.com/wiki/Laurie_Bream) as an associate partner. Monica took a particular interest in [Pied Piper](https://silicon-valley.fandom.com/wiki/Pied_Piper)'s algorithm from the beginning and has taken Peter's board seat at Richard's request.