

The Internet

C20168

30% Project: *History & Structure of The Internet*

The development of file sharing

Guidelines

- You are required to produce a 4 A4 page assignment dealing with issues specific to the history & structure of the Internet.
- The 1st page is a standard cover page.
- We exchange files in many different formats today without a thought.
- It was not always possible to do this so easily. Over time different tools have been developed to facilitate us in doing this every more easily.
- We also have access to peer-to-peer networks which enable downloads from multiple computers, as well as for us to easily share our files.
- Discuss the origin of file sharing of all kinds on which you can find information, including illegal and legal file sharing methods.
- Mention at least four file-sharing technologies that have been or are popular.
- Discuss the issue of who is responsible for illegal downloads; those that make them available, those that download them or those (the ISPs) that facilitate the downloads.
- **Don't just copy and paste off the Internet; it stands out a mile and gets no marks!**
- If newspaper articles are used, scan and include those *after* the 4th (bibliography) page in the submission as primary/secondary source references.
- The assignment should break down into:
 1. Introduction
 2. Discussion
 3. Conclusionsections. **These sections should be clearly headed/marked.**
- The text should be standard formatted. Use the check-list!
- The completed assignment must be submitted in paper form in Room 15, as well as saved as a web page. You will receive further information on this aspect at a later stage.
- The deadline for this assignment is: **23/10/2009 – 12:45.**

This assignment is worth 30% of the total marks for the module.