

# Blown to Bits Chapter 6

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# Summary



Recording  
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- The RIAA files lawsuits against people who are illegally downloading music
  - They send a letter to the person with their demands and an opportunity to settle
- The RIAA matches names to IP addresses which is unreliable because multiple people share the same address
- Each time a song is copied, it counts as a separate infringement

# Punishment Throughout the Years

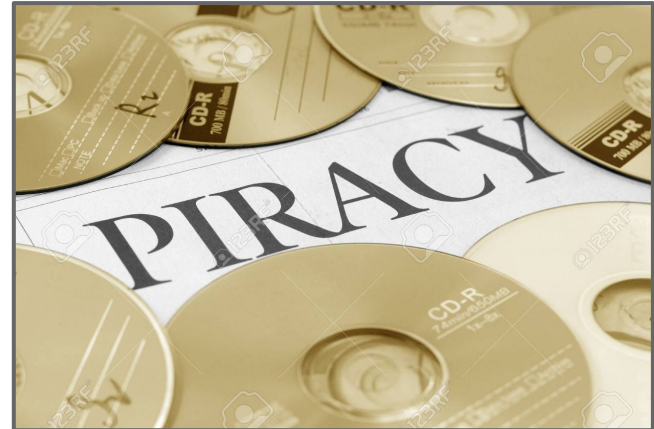


- The cost of settling is less than the legal fees for contesting
  - \$750 per song downloaded
- 1897, punishment was a year in prison and a \$1,000 fine
- 1992, punishment was ten years in prison and stiff fines if the infringement was done for financial gain



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- 1994, bootleg copies did not qualify as stolen property so there was no punishment
- The 1997 No Electronic Theft (NET) Act meant any unauthorized copying would pay over \$1,000

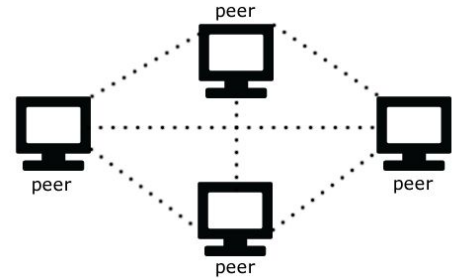


# Types of File Sharing

- Centralized systems collect files at a central computer for people to download
- Peer-to-peer architecture is individual computers passing files among themselves directly (more efficient than centralized systems)



Centralized



Peer-to-peer



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- The NET Act marked the first time that the Internet had made a significant expansion of liability for copyright infringement
  - Napster
    - Easy to share files
- The indignation, or feeling provoked by unfairness, over copyright is intense
  - Google
    - Embarked on a project to index the book collections of several large libraries for Google's search engine.

# Relevance



- Projects that involve research
  - Explaining ideas
  - Internet makes it easy to copy other people's work
- Pirated Movies & Music
  - Internet allows us to see or download movies
  - Can illegally download music
- Chapter emphasizes to not copy
  - Would be violating copyright laws



# Questions

- Why do people continue to break the rules even though there are consequences for their actions?
- How has copyright infringement laws affected us today?
- Will there be better ways to protect this type of content in the future?

