

From: Information Security Office <nobody@stanford.edu>
To: {EMAIL}
Subject: Traffic Advisory for {HOSTNAME} ({IPADDR})

TARGETED SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: FILE-SHARING TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Dear Stanford Network User,

This is an advisory from Stanford's Information Security Office. Part of our job is to help Stanford users protect themselves and their computing resources.
(See <http://security.stanford.edu>)

While performing routine network management, we observed traffic patterns that suggest your computer is being used in peer-to-peer file sharing. We did not look at any data being transmitted. We also did not look at any data or applications stored on your computer.

Network traffic patterns similar to those that led us to send you this email are monitored and used by the entertainment industry and other copyright owners in their investigations of illegal sharing of copyrighted materials.

The Information Security Office is not affiliated with the RIAA, MPAA, BSA, or any other copyright-owner association. No one is accusing you of doing anything illegal. We recognize that there are legitimate uses of peer-to-peer file sharing applications, and no one at Stanford actually polices file sharing. We only send these advisories to help you avoid illegal activity.

For your protection, take a moment to check the configuration of your computer. If you were unaware that you are running peer-to-peer applications and need assistance cleaning or re-configuring your computer, please contact your local computer support, your RCC, or helpsu.stanford.edu, 5-HELP. If you are purposely running peer-to-peer applications, be certain that you have the right to share all files that you are sharing.

File-sharing of copyright protected material without the right to do so is against the law. It also is a violation of University policy. As you probably know, the music and movie industries are cracking down on file-sharing of songs and movies. The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) has been filing lawsuits for a few years now, and in November 2004, the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) announced that it would also begin filing lawsuits. These lawsuits can seek hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages. Under copyright law, for each movie or song shared, a copyright owner may seek up to \$150,000 in statutory damages. To date, two such lawsuits have been filed against users of the Stanford Network.

Copyright owners also have the right to complain about illegal file-sharing under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act. Stanford's policy is that, if we receive three DMCA complaints about a particular Stanford Network User, we terminate that User from Stanford network

services, including access to the Internet. (Stanford does this because the DMCA requires us to terminate repeat offenders.) Students, faculty, and staff may also be referred to Judicial Affairs, the Provost, or Human Resources for consideration of disciplinary action.

We assume that you and all other members of the Stanford community are following the law and University policy. File-sharing technology can be used in both legal and illegal pursuits. It is your responsibility to ensure that your computer is not being inadvertently used to further illegal pursuits, and to ensure that any peer-to-peer file sharing you allow is legal.

For more information about this message, please see our FAQ at <http://security.stanford.edu/TA/FAQ.html>

For more information on the DMCA and University policy, and myths about file-sharing, please review:

<http://www.stanford.edu/dept/legal/Worddocs/CopyrightReminder2004FINAL.pdf>

http://www.stanford.edu/dept/legal/Worddocs/Provost_ltr.pdf

<http://rescomp.stanford.edu/info/dmca/>

Thanks very much for your attention,
The Stanford Information Security Office