

“Information wants to be free”

..and it will be...

The “hacker” viewpoint

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File-sharing systems in legal win

Fans of file-sharing have been handed a significant victory by a US court.

Federal appeal court judges have ruled that the makers of peer-to-peer software are not responsible for what users do with their network.

They said the structure of the networks made it impossible for the system's creators to exert control over users.

“ Today's decision should not be viewed as a green light for companies or individuals seeking to build businesses that prey on copyright holders' intellectual property ”

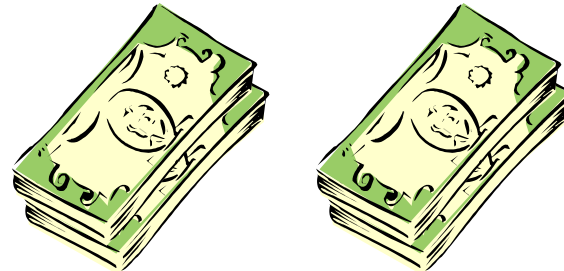
Jack Valenti, MPAA

The court drew on earlier rulings about copying technology

the system's creators to exert

It's expensive to get “free stuff”

To download a DVD movie for free:
Computer (large HD) / OS +
Broadband connection and time +
DVD writer, Blank DVD media +
Domestic DVD player +
Printer, paper, toners, ink +
A lot of your time =



Mutual Self interest

- H/W and Consumable producers need new content to keep sales high
- Content providers need resources to keep producing new content
- Many possible models =
- So what's the problem?

