

Peer-to-Peer Systems

What's behind the buzzword?

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What is it?

- What does Peer-to-Peer (P2P) mean to you?
- What does “peer” mean?
 - Merriam-Webster:
one that is of equal standing with another :
EQUAL; especially : **one belonging to the same societal group** especially based on age, grade, or status

P2P Principle

- Organizational principle, core concepts:
 - Self-organizing, no central management
 - Resource sharing, exploits resources at the edge of the network
 - Peers in P2P are all equal (more or less)
 - Large number of peers in the network

Properties of P2P

- Unreliable, uncoordinated, unmanaged
- Resilient to attacks, heterogeneous
- Large collection of resources

When to use it?

- Budget
- Resource relevance
- Trust
- Rate of system change
- Criticality

P2P Vision

No More Dedicated Servers,
Everything in Internet Served by Peers

P2P File-sharing

- The most popular application of the P2P principle
- Made P2P popular
- We will look at the “evolution” of P2P file-sharing in the following...

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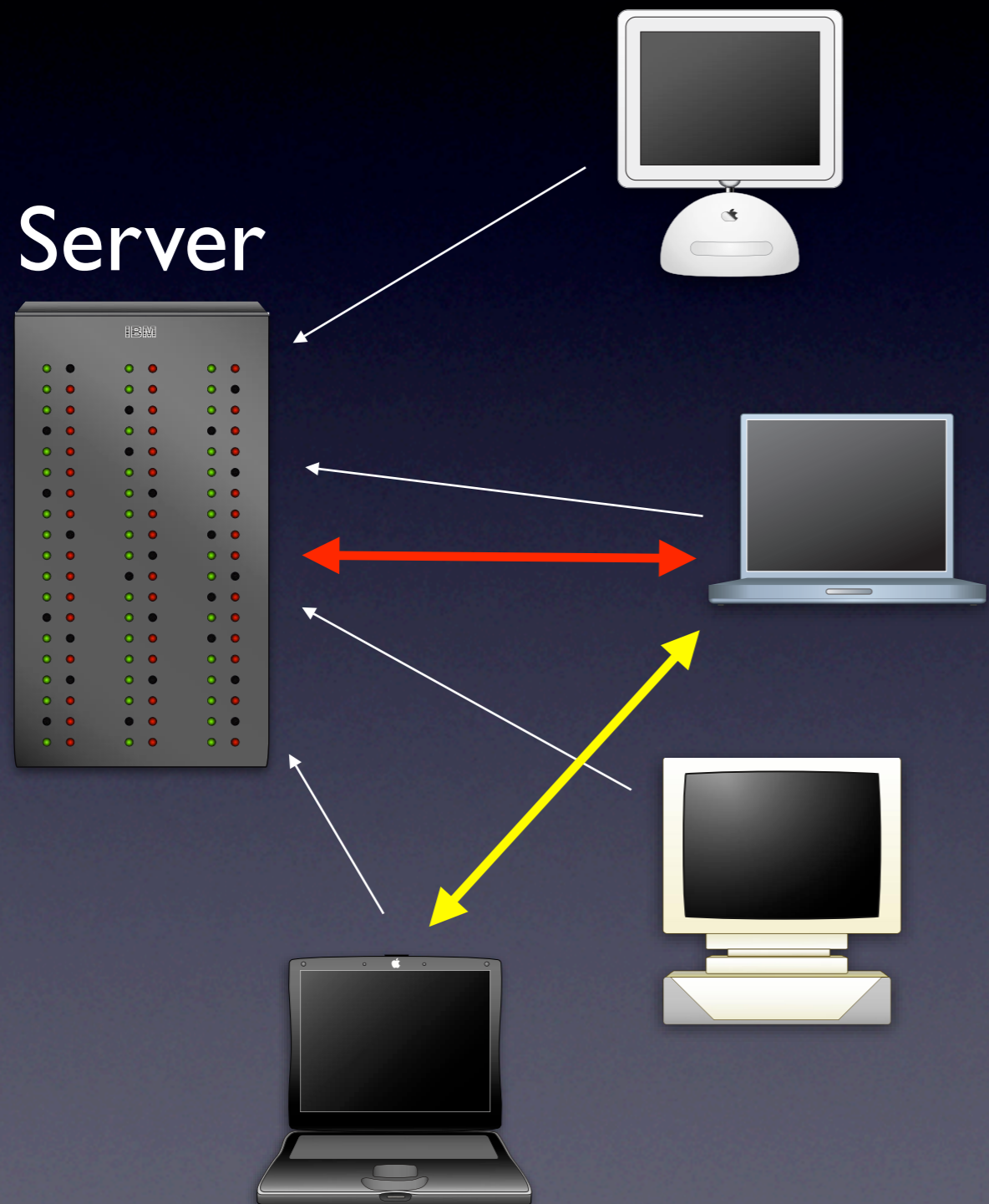
Napster

- First P2P file-sharing application (June 1999)
- Only MP3 sharing possible
- Made the term “P2P” known
- Created by Shawn Fanning (nickname “Napster”)

How Napster worked

- Based on central index server (farm)
- User register and give list of files to share
- Searching based on keywords
 - Results: List of files with additional information, e.g. peer's bandwidth, encoding rate, file size

Napster Diagram



- Peers log in
- Send list of files to share

- Peer queries server
- Server responds

- File transfer directly

Strengths & Weaknesses

Strength	Weakness
Fast, efficient and overall search	Central server is a single point of failure
Consistent view of the network	Expensive to maintain central server (farm)

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gnutellaNet
 Uploads
 Downloads
Search
 Monitor
 Config

Active searches: lebowski

120 items found Minimum connection speed (kbps)

lebowski (120) smashing pumpkins gish (59, 24)

File	Size	Speed	Host	Info
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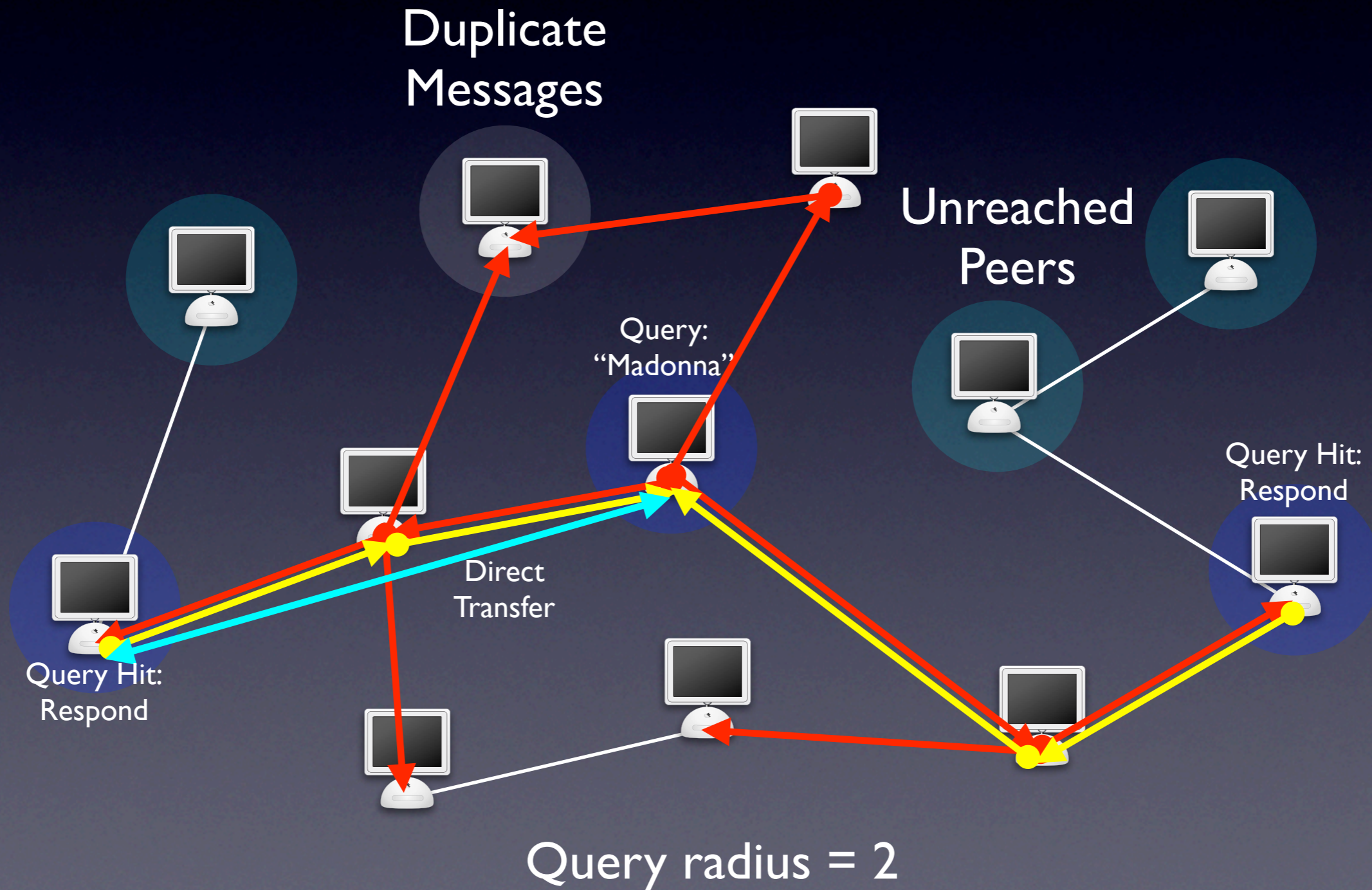
Gnutella

- Addresses some of Napster's weaknesses and introduces its own problems
- Originally developed at Nullsoft (AOL)
 - Accidentally released on their website
- Open protocol specifications
- Fully distributed

How Gnutella works

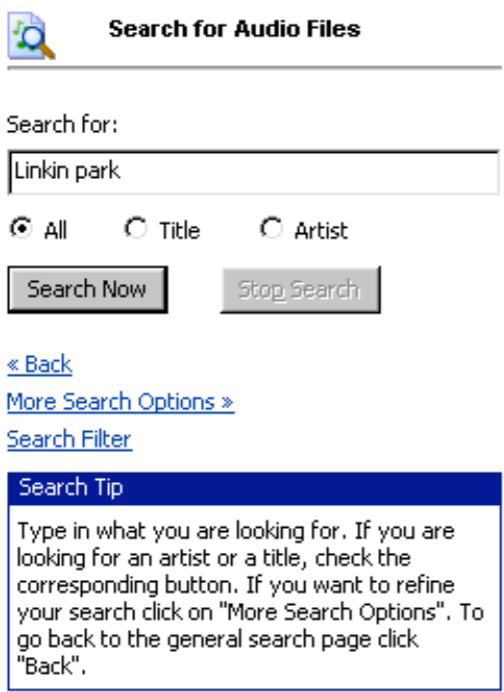
- Based on an overlay network
- All peers are fully equal
- A peer needs to know another peer, that is already in the network, to join
- Searching based on flooding
- Direct downloads

Gnutella Diagram



Strengths & Weaknesses

Strength	Weakness
Fully distributed, no attack points?	Flooding a query is extremely inefficient
Open protocol	Search only reaches a subset of peers due to limited query radius

Search	Title	Artist	Album	Category	ETA	User	Quality	Length	
	It's Going Down (Fea...	Linkin Park	Built From ...	Rap	0:06:34	klfhkhjgf@K...			4
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	In the End	Linkin Park	Hybrid Theo..	Rock	10:07:41	cheekyfella...	128	0:04:...	4
	Crawling	Linkin Park	Hybrid Theo..	Alternative	0:04:23	cheekyfella...	128	0:03:...	3
	In The End	Linkin Park	Hybrid Theo..	Other	0:04:27	faraz@KaZa...	128	0:03:...	3
	Break	Linkin Park	Unknown	Metal	0:03:33	elmasio@Ka...	128	0:02:...	2
	High Voltage	Linkin Park	Hybrid Theo..	Hard Rock	5:45:45	cheekyfella...	128	0:02:...	2
	Paranoia	Linkin Park	Unknown	Other	6:26:08	cheekyfella...	128	0:03:...	2
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	With You	Linkin Park	Unknown	Alternative	0:04:23	cheekyfella...	128	0:03:...	3
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	One Step Closer	Linkin Park	Hybrid Theo..	AlternRock	0:04:49	cheekyfella...	128	0:03:...	3
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	Runaway	Linkin Park	Unknown		4:47:34	cheekyfella...	96	0:03:...	2
	One Step Closer	Linkin Park	Hybrid Theo..	Other	0:03:12	cheekyfella...	128	0:02:...	2
	Forgotten	Linkin Park	Unknown		6:45:11	cheekyfella...	128	0:03:...	3
	Pushing Me Away	Linkin Park	Hybrid Theo..		6:39:34	cheekyfella...	128	0:03:...	2
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	Crawling	Linkin Park	Hybrid Theo..	Rock	5:26:40	cheekyfella...	96	0:03:...	2
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	By Myself	Hybrid Theory	Unknown	Alternative	0:03:59	cheekyfella...	128	0:03:...	3
	Forgotten	10_	Unknown	Blues	5:54:28	cheekyfella...	112	0:03:...	2
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What good is a cloned sheep?



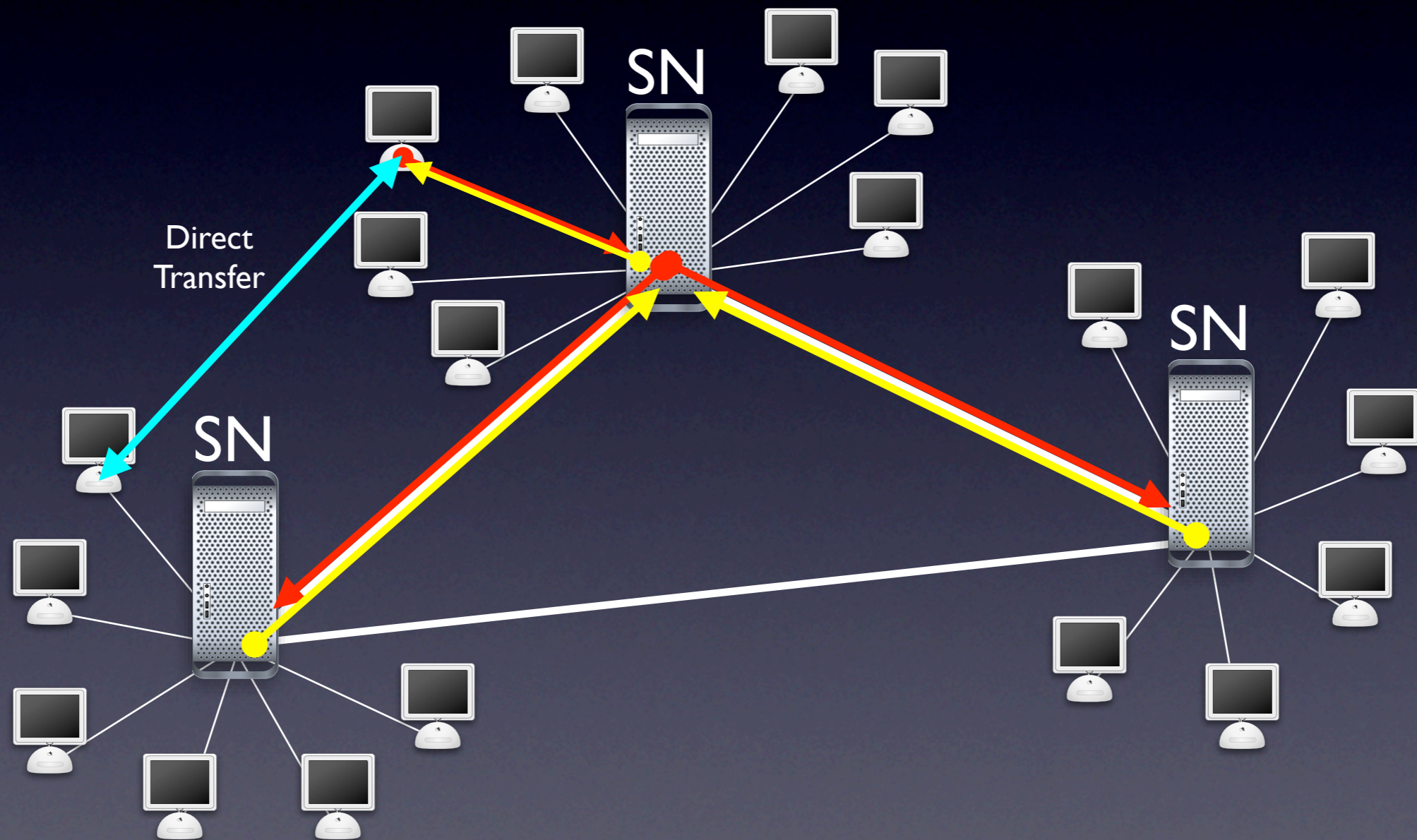
KaZaA

- Created in March 2001 (Niklas Zennström)
- Combines strengths of Napster and Gnutella
- Based on “supernode architecture”
- Exploits heterogeneity of peers
- Organize peers into a hierarchy

How KaZaA works

- Two-tier hierarchy
- Two kinds of nodes
 - Ordinary nodes (ON)
 - Supernodes (SN)
- ON belongs to SN

KaZaA Diagram



Strengths & Weaknesses

Strength	Weakness
Combines good points from Napster and Gnutella	Still no overall search
	Easier to attack?

Comparison

	Napster	Gnutella	KaZaA
Type of network	Centralized	Distributed	Hybrid
Efficient searching	+++	---	+
Resilience to attacks	---	++?	+

Current State

- Most bigger file-sharing systems sued into submission (e.g. Napster and KaZaA)
- Although many still running because of open clients
- User who share copyrighted content are sued as well...
 - e.g. by the RIAA

Non-direct file-sharing

- People try to be anonymous by disguising their identity, i.e. IP-address
- Idea: Non-direct file transfer, i.e. route traffic through intermediate peers
- Have currently too much overhead
 - slow and not very efficient

BitTorrent

- Developed by Bram Cohen in 2001
- New approach for sharing large files
- Goal: Quickly replicate one file to a large number of clients
- More appropriately called P2P content distribution instead of file-sharing

How BitTorrent works

- Build a network for each file to distribute
- Each file has unique “link”
 - “torrent” file holds metadata about a file
- Tracker is a server to manage active clients
- Files are broken into chunks

BitTorrent Download

- Client gets “torrent” file from somewhere
- Client contacts tracker, gets lists of peers
- Client contacts other peers directly for download of specific chunks

Tit-for-Tat policy

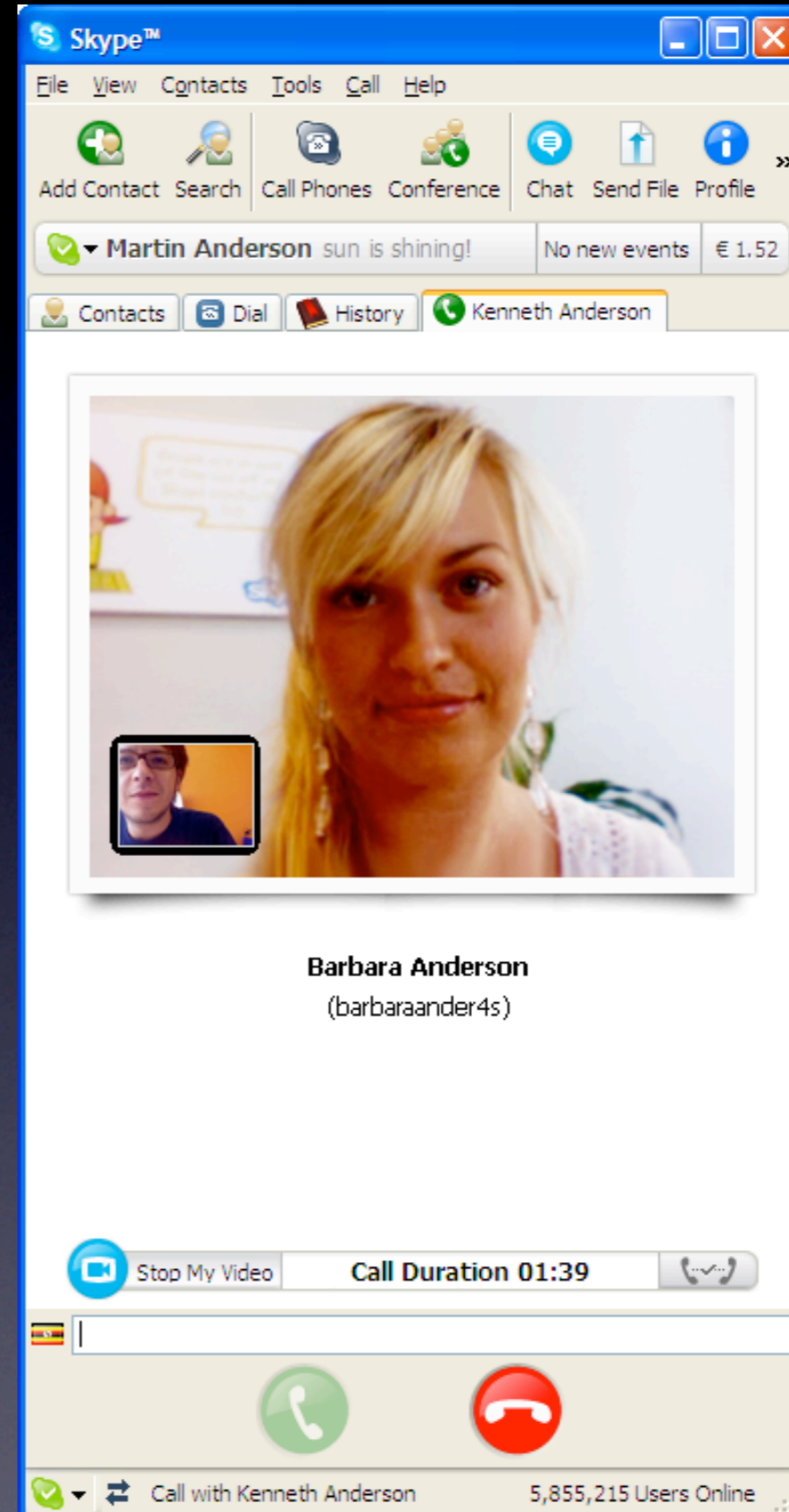
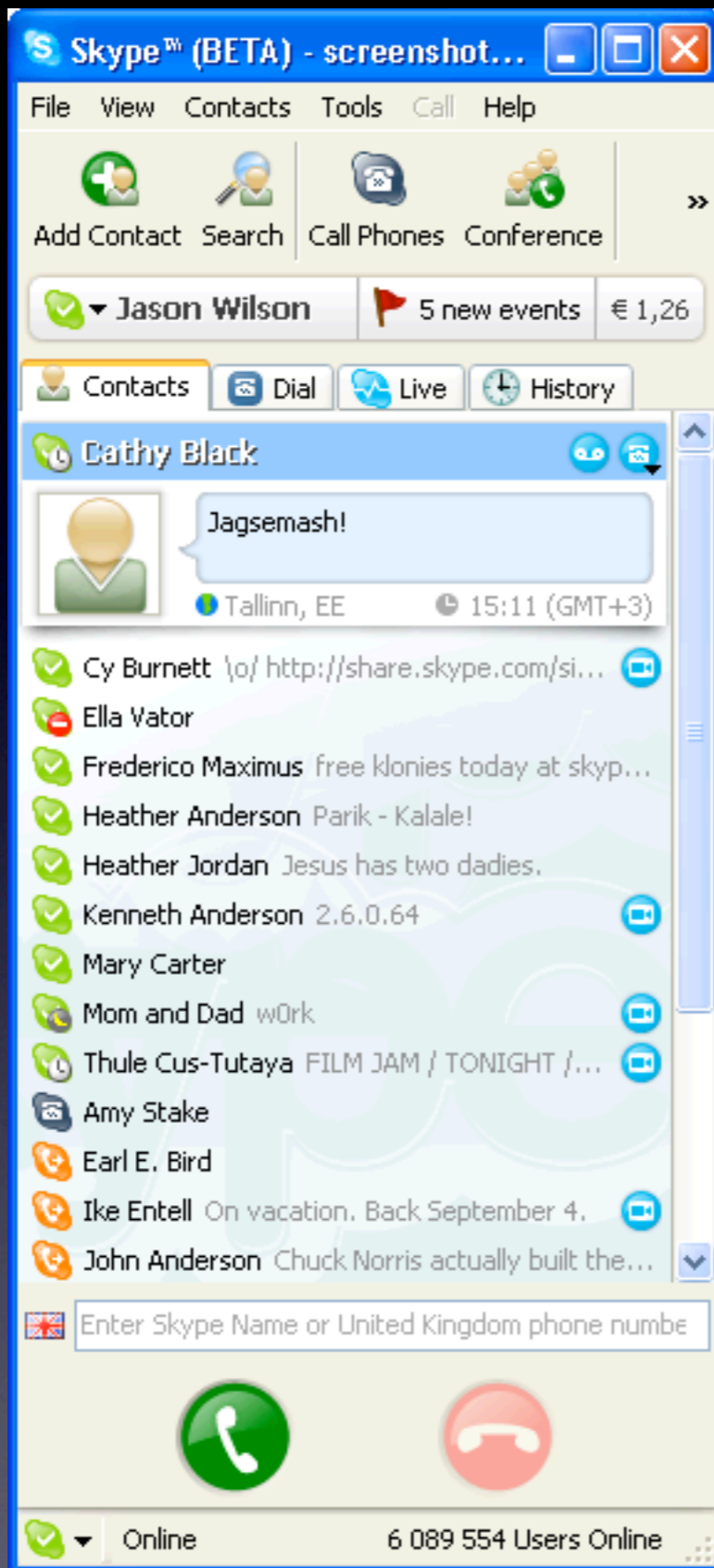
- Encourages cooperation, discourages free-riding
- A peer serves peers that serve it
- Peers download rarest chunks first
 - makes them attractive to other peers, they can then download in return
 - also prevents chunks from disappearing

Strengths & Weaknesses

Strength	Weakness
Works quite well, only slow in the beginning	Files have to be large
Efficient distribution mechanism	No searching
Enforces contribution, discourages free-riding	Everyone must contribute

Other P2P applications

- P2P Communications
 - Email, IM, VoIP
- P2P Computation
 - SETI@Home
- P2P Collaboration
 - Wikipedia



Skype

- Developed by the same people as KaZaA
- 9 Million concurrent users (Jan. 29 2007)
- Very similar to KaZaA's architecture
 - Supernodes and ordinary nodes
- Central server for login and billing

Skype

- Proprietary and encrypted protocol
- Source code is closed
- Executable uses a lot of mechanisms to protect against reverse engineering
 - Anti-debugger code
 - Partly encrypted

How Skype goes through Firewalls

- Skype server plays mediator
 - takes IP addresses and UDP ports
 - forwards them to other side
- Both clients start connections
- Firewalls think that packets from the other side are responses to started connections

Joost

- Brought to you by the guys who made KaZaA and Skype
- Uses P2P video streaming technology
- Tries to merge the best of TV with the best of the Internet
- Beta test is running right now
- Advertisement based, View on demand

+ My Joost™ Plugins

Instant Messaging

Offline

Username

Password

Remember my password

Sign in using your Jabber or
Gmail account

Sign in

Notice Board

Happy new year everyone - and once again, a big thank you for helping us test the system.

This is our plugin section, where you can find (and soon, create!) all sorts of interactive applications and community tools. We are continually working on

Rate It

Stereophonics - Dakota



Very good! (3.84)

19 Ratings

Channel Chat

Netwerk (1 person)

Actions

Started talking in the 'Red Hot Chili Peppers' chatroom as guest-678db2fa

Started talking in the 'Paris Hilton' chatroom as guest-678db2fa

Started talking in the 'Netwerk' chatroom as guest-678db2fa

guest-678db2fa: Man, I was at one of their concerts last year! They rock

That's it

Let's get some beer...

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