





P2P - Definition*

- A Peer-to-Peer (P2P) computer network is a network that relies on computing power at the edges (ends) of a connection rather than in the network itself. P2P networks are used for sharing content like audio, video, data or anything in digital format.
- All peers can access other peers' available resources for free sharing of anything from Linux distributions to music and video.
- Collaboration tools including messaging and more recently, Internet telephony (VoIP).
- Basic P2P technology has been around for a long time Usenet, Fidonet, etc...

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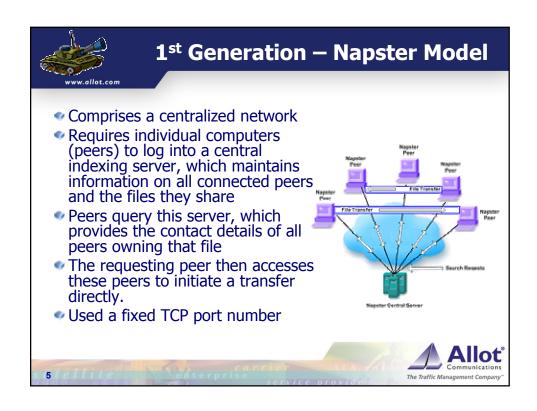


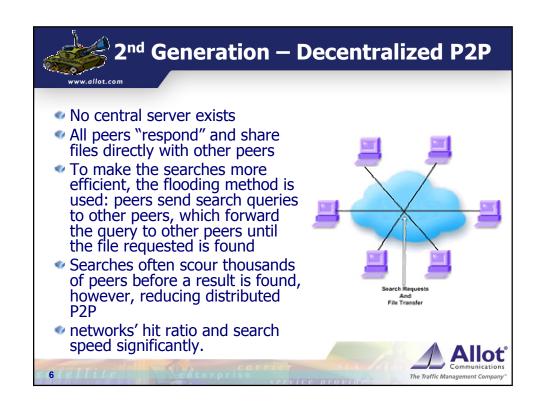


The Birth of Modern P2P - Napster

- Shawn "Napster" Fanning created Napster in 1999 to provide an easy way to download music.
- First widely-used P2P music sharing service
- Its technology allowed music fans to easily share MP3 format song files with each other.
- There were over 20 million users worldwide by end of 2000.
- Several lawsuits later, the Napster network was shutdown in July 2001.







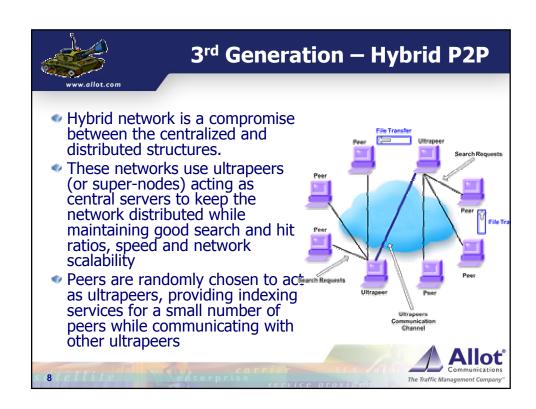


"Evasion Techniques"

- Port-hopping No fixed port number; instead, each peer uses a random or manually defined port number.
- Well-known ports. Some P2P applications use port 80, the official HTTP port, to evade firewall restrictions, gaining access to the Internet.
- HTTP Tunneling. On many enterprise networks, Internet access is only available when using an HTTP Proxy. Applications that are not HTTP-based and not accessible via an HTTP proxy cannot reach the Internet. To bypass such restrictions, many P2P applications have adopted HTTP as their base protocol, evading the network administrator once again.

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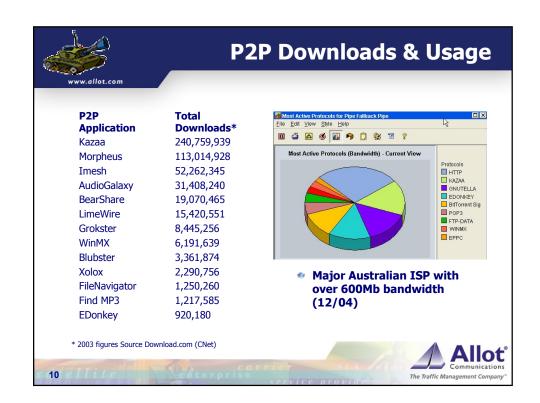
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- CURRENT (WINNY/FREENET)
- Files are entered into the network then stored transparently by the Nodes.
- Files cannot be intentionally deleted once added to the network.
- Files are stored transparently on each Node they pass through, multiplying the potential sources for a file.
- If files are not accessed for a period of time, they time out and are deleted automatically from the Nodes.
- The network itself is a vast storage device that nodes access.
- Traffic is encrypted HTTPS, Tunneling, etc..

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External Influencers

BSA Business Software Association

 Recording Industry Association of America & Australia

MPAA Motion Picture Association of America

NMPA National Music Publishers Association

<u>IFPI</u> International Federation of the Phonographic Industry

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Recording Industry Tactics

- PC Lockup: Placing code within files that would lock-up the PC on a P2P network
- Spoofing: Flooding the P2P network with lowquality or damaged versions of music files.
- Baiting: Placing a desirable file on the P2P network then determining the identity of the persons who choose to download it.
- Legal Action Australian University and ISP Raids
 - Latest US court action against Grokster and Streamcast



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Security Risks

- Distributed Denial of Service (DDOS) These viruses contains code that force the infected PC to participate in a DDOS, where the infected PC repeatedly connects and disconnects to specific websites.
- Disable Anti-Virus and/or Firewall These viruses attempt to delete and/or disable the anti-virus and/or personal firewall applications installed on the infected PC.
- Trojan/ Hack/ Keylogger These viruses generate malicious activity that represents a potentially severe threat to corporate security. Trojans open a port (channel) on the infected PC that can be used by an attacker/hacker to connect to the PC. Trojans can enable almost everything for an attacker to do harmful things like viewing/modifying/deleting data, accessing the network, etc.

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Security Risks Cont...

- File Deletion/Infection These viruses will destroy specific file types, such as DOC (Word), MPG (movies) and MP3 (music). They may also infect data files (DOC, XLS) with the virus itself (i.e. 'push-mode').
- Infect MS-Messenger These viruses will use MS-Messenger to distribute the virus disguised as another file to any and/or all of the online users listed on the users MS-Messenger 'buddy list'.
- P2P-Applications and 3rd Party Malware 'Malware' collectively describes browser-based applications that are deemed as 'adware' (pop-ups, banners), 'trackware' ('context sensitive toolbars') or spyware (silent applications that track and transmit your web browsing habits).

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Infrastructure Risks

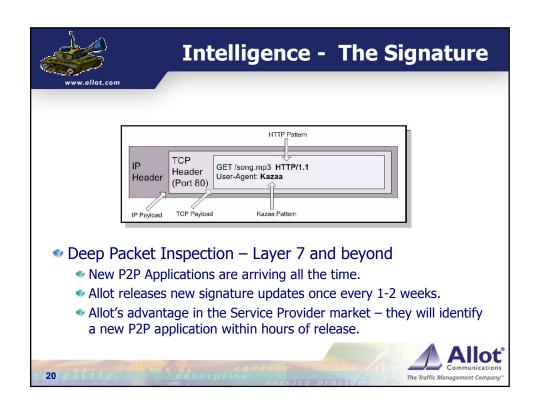
- Increased Usage & Over-usage: A few P2P users can disproportionately consume most/all of the bandwidth intended for a much larger user base.
- Usage patterns disrupted: Previously, one could anticipate peak usage at certain times of the day and lower usage at other times. With P2P applications, the PCs can automatically transfer data throughout the day (and overnight).
- Upstream/Downstream traffic ratios reversed: upstream traffic is much larger then the downstream traffic. This results in network congestion on the link that was never planned for with initial deployments.

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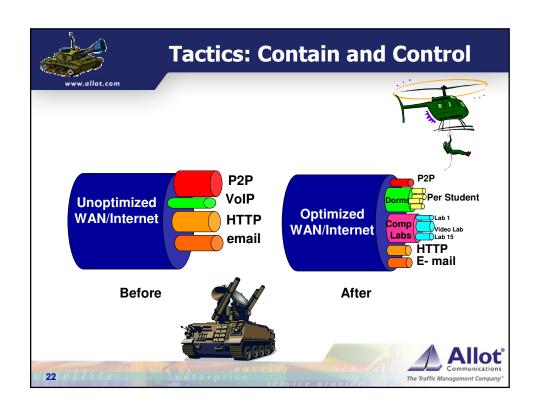


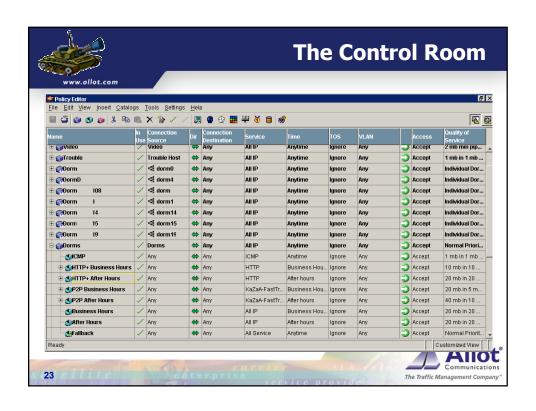


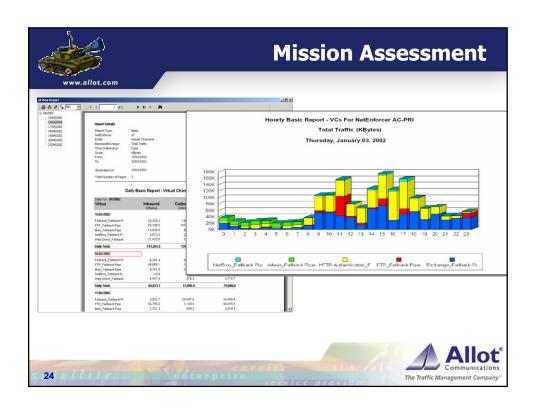


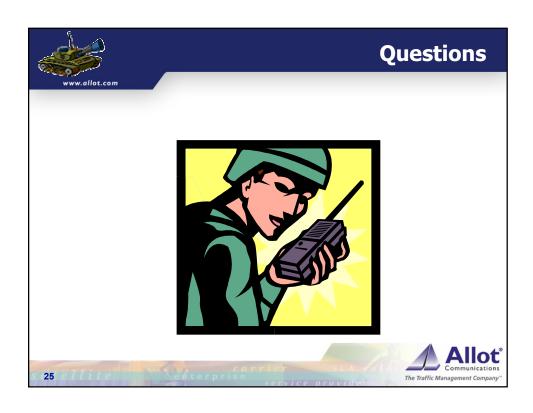






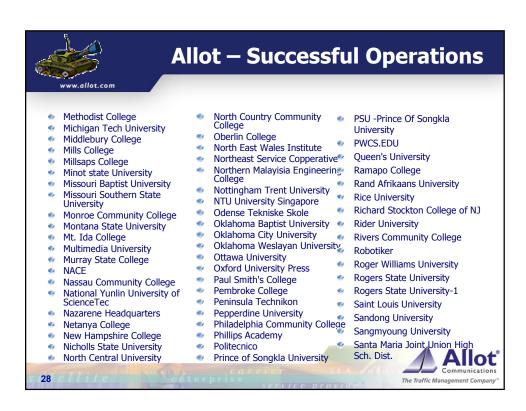


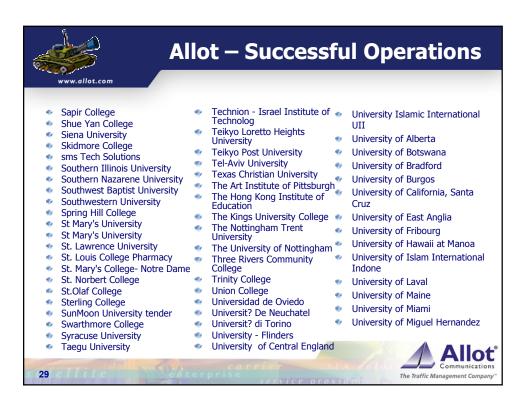












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