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## Peer2Peer File Sharing

Removal instructions and more



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For more details visit: <http://cio.uiowa.edu/itsecurity/bestprac/filesharing.shtml>

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# How to remove Peer2Peer file sharing programs

## Windows XP Computers

Use the **Add/Remove Programs** window in the **Control Panel** to remove (uninstall) these programs – just as you would remove any program from your Windows system.

1. Turn off all file-sharing programs and all of their components.
2. Go to your computer's **Control Panel**. You can get to it by following this path from your computer's **Start** menu:  
**Start -> Control Panel**
3. Double click on the **Add or Remove Programs** icon.
4. Under the select **Change or Remove Programs**, locate the software you would like to remove in the list (sorted alphabetically).

Click once to highlight the software you would like to remove (Limewire, BearWare, BitTorrent, etc.), then click on the **Remove** button at the end of the row.

Follow the prompts on the screen to completely remove the software and its components. Some peer-to-peer file-sharing programs have companion programs that are not automatically removed (e.g., Kazaa and "My Search Bar"). If you have more than one program to remove, when prompted to reboot the computer, click **No**. Then repeat these steps until you have removed all file sharing programs.

5. Make **sure** you **reboot** your computer when you are finished.
6. Double check your **Program Files** folder to make sure no files or folders for your program remain; delete any you find.

## Windows Vista and Windows 7 Computers

Use the **Programs and Features** window in the **Control Panel** to remove (uninstall) these programs – just as you would remove any program from your Windows system.

1. Turn off all file-sharing programs and all of their components.
2. Go to your computer's Control Panel. You can go to it from your computer's Start menu.
3. Under the **Programs** icon, click on **Uninstall a program**.
5. Locate the P2P software you are removing on the list of installed programs. Click once to highlight the software. At the top of the list of programs, select **Uninstall**.

Follow the prompts on the screen to completely remove the software and its components. Some peer-to-peer file-sharing programs have companion programs that are not automatically removed. If you have more than one program to remove, click **No** if prompted to reboot your computer. Then repeat these steps until you have removed all file-sharing programs.

6. Make **sure** you **reboot** your computer when you are finished.



## Apple Macintosh Computers

1. Quit all file-sharing programs.
2. Locate the folder containing the P2P software that you want to remove. It is usually in the **Applications** folder.
3. Double-click the P2P program's folder to examine its contents.
4. Some Apple-compatible P2P programs come with an **"Uninstall"** program. If you see an **"Uninstall"** or **"Uninstaller"** program, run it to remove the P2P software. If you do not see such a program, go back to the **Applications** folder, and move the P2P program's folder to the **Trash**.
5. Empty your computer's **Trash** folder.
6. Go to the **Apple** menu and select **Restart** to reboot your computer.

The link below lists some of the most common peer-to-peer clients and links to instructions on how to disable file sharing on each one. Note that the link below is external and for your information only; **DO NOT** attempt to contact The University of Chicago for support issues.

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## Online@Iowa Copyright Course

Links to the ICON course resources on student copyright.

### What is Copyright

<http://online.uiowa.edu/Copyright/WhatisCopyright/>

### Creating Media

<http://online.uiowa.edu/Copyright/CreatingMedia/>

### Peer-to-Peer File Sharing

<http://online.uiowa.edu/Copyright/Peer2Peer/>

