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Demonoid Shut Down. This Time It's Serious!

The BitTorrent page closed again

Demonoid is one of the most popular BitTorrent websites on the Internet but the authorities always tried to close it, accusing it of distribution of illegal material. The Register reported today that Demonoid went offline and this time it might be a serious matter. It appears that the Canadian Recording Industry Association (CRIA) blocked the service after it made legal pressure over the company which hosts the Demonoid servers. At the time of writing this article, Demonoid is still available and, as the same source reports, a message posted on its page states that CRIA took the website down.

"The CRIA threatened the company renting the servers to us, and because of this it is not possible to keep the site online. Sorry for the inconvenience and thanks for your understanding."

Obviously, everybody expects to see Demonoid available again as this is not the first time when the service encountered legal problems but it managed to deal with them and got back online. Some time ago, Demonoid went offline but nobody knew for sure the reason for the outage. It was said that Demonoid was affected by the same legal pressure which closed other BitTorrent pages such as TorrentSpy.

But TorrentSpy was involved into a more serious matter as it was sent to the judge being accused of pirated software distribution. Moreover, the court demanded TorrentSpy to provide private details about the users accessing the page but the BitTorrent service refused to do so and restricted the access of the US members. TorrentSpy's officials sustained their internal privacy guidelines protect the users from such demands.

Soon after the TorrentSpy trouble, IsoHunt, another BitTorrent popular service, became unavailable, all the users talking about a similar action launched by the authorities. Now, we're just waiting to see if Demonoid manages to face the legal pressure and come back online.