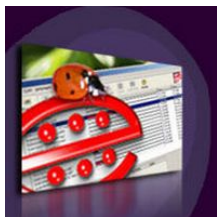


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iMesh Becomes a Legal Peer-to-Peer Client

Starting with its 6.0 version

Even though "in the good old days" iMesh was fighting hard with music labels for infringing copyrights, now the software is turning legitimate and with its 6.0 version it will also benefit from the support of the music labels. This is practically the rebirth of the iMesh network, which takes the role of the first P2P service that is fully legal while allowing file sharing through a Peer-to-Peer client. To better understand the situation, iMesh representatives officially announced that the latest version of the software (version 6.0) will include special filters which prevent sharing music that is not protected in the Gnutella network. The only files that will be shared without any inhibition will be "fake" songs or content provided by independent artists. Soon, iMesh will announce the launch of a service that allows downloading an unlimited number of songs in WMA DMR format, the monthly fee for such a service being \$6.95. At the same time, the network will allow sharing video files with a total length of less than 15 minutes or size less than 50 MB. Even though iMesh 6.0 will be completely legal, older versions which illegal allow file sharing will still be possible for older versions of the software. Users will not be able to download kits to install these older versions, but the once installed will work just as before.