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History of the humble download

First there was direct download
Then came central peer to peer networks.
This then became decentralised peer to peer networks.

History of trackers

First there was a direct tracker sites.
Then there was Ripmap that was a decentralised peer to peer tracker.

Ripmap is just another chapter in social phenomena that is p2p.

What is a tracker/metadata?

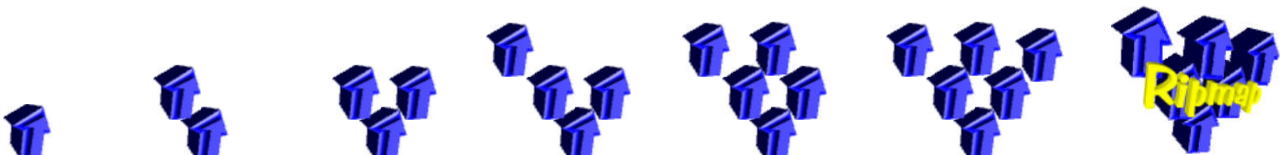
A tracker is just information that is associated with a file.

A good analogy of tracker is telephone number in that the phone number is the tracker and person who you try to call is the file. Another good analogy of tracker is the bar code on goods, being the bar code is a tracker and goods are the item which it relates to.

	Tracker	File
Telephone	555 1234	John Doe
Bar Code	5045 7250	Some Cool Stuff

What is p2p?

p2p is a network of computers which work together to get a job done. p2p has become renowned for transferring files between various computers quickly.





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What is Ripmap?

Ripmap at the moment doesn't really exist; Ripmap is an Open Source project. It just metadata format which can be disputed over various p2p networks but there shouldn't be any reason why they couldn't be disputed by other solutions. Ripmap uses various security systems which attempt to protect the integrity of all its metadata. It also controls updates to the metadata a bit like software updates but in this case it's just updated metadata. Ripmap is licensed under Open Source GNU General Public License (GPL)

How to get more information?

[http://www.ripmap.org/
press@ripmap.org](http://www.ripmap.org/press@ripmap.org)

Other sites that may be of interest with this press release.

<http://www.open-content.net/>
<http://www.dublincore.org/>

<http://www.slyck.com/>
<http://www.zeropaid.com/>
<http://www.openp2p.com/>

<http://sourceforge.net/projects/azureus/>
<http://sourceforge.net/projects/emule/>
<http://sourceforge.net/projects/shareaza/>

Guide lines for use of the Ripmap in the media.

The word Ripmap; whatever font or style and whether or not with an upper "R" but should not have an upper "M". As such it must not be written as "RipMap" or as "Rip Map", or any contention otherwise as this would be incorrect. It should only be written as "Ripmap". The only exception to this is when documenting Ripmap URL it should be written as "www.ripmap.org" or "http://www.ripmap.org".

For an copy of the official Ripmap logo from the file

<http://prdownloads.sourceforge.net/ripmap/ripmaplogo.1.1.zip?download>

