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The recent furor over peer-to-peer file sharing via Napster and other music sharing programs masks a deeper revolution, with new applications that are reshaping the Internet. We’re moving from a strong client-server architecture to one in which applications connect user to user, device to device, program to program, in distributed peer networks.

Napster shows us one dimension of the revolution, internet-based file sharing, but there’s more to P2P than that. Distributed computation, web services, instant messaging as an application platform, automated service discovery by wireless devices, and more, are all part of a new and rapidly evolving story. We’re in one of those fertile periods of innovation that will spark new industries. How can you tell the winners from the losers and see through the hype to the underlying technical and business dynamics that generate opportunities for creating lasting value? If you’re an IT manager, how do you harness the power of P2P to make better use of idle computing resources within your organization without letting the genie out of the bottle?

I’ve put together a new conference to explore the technical, legal, and business dimensions of peer-to-peer computing. If you want to play a role in shaping the next generation of Internet applications, this is the place to meet the people who are out in front, to hear what they’ve learned, and to try your own ideas on for size. The conference will be highly interactive, with many opportunities to ask questions and engage with both technical and business leaders in the peer-to-peer space.

See you there!

Tim O’Reilly
Founder and President, O’Reilly & Associates
This conference explores the business and technical questions raised by the most revolutionary new Internet applications since the Web. Napster, Gnutella, Freenet, Infrasearch, SETI@Home, Popular Power, Groove, Jabber, UDDI, you name it, they’ll all be there under one roof, providing a unique opportunity to meet and learn from the technology and business innovators who are shaping the next generation of pervasive technologies.

Because peer-to-peer is in that fertile period where technical innovation and evolving business models collide and spark, the O’Reilly P2P Conference features both a technical track and a business track. The technical track will focus on innovation, scalability, security, and interoperability of peer-to-peer systems. The business track will focus on application areas, business models, and intellectual property issues.

DISCOVER HOW PEER-TO-PEER APPLICATIONS INFLUENCE THESE IMPORTANT AREAS:

DISTRIBUTED FILE SHARING

Napster’s amazing success demonstrated that there’s no need to collect digital content in one location. It can be shared directly from users’ hard disks using technology that tracks who has what and whether they’re willing to share. Will file sharing stay a free-for-all of copyright violation, or will we discover business models that compensate content producers enough to keep them producing?

DISTRIBUTED COMPUTATION

SETI@Home has demonstrated that it’s possible to harness millions of idle PCs to work on large scientific problems. Now dozens of start-ups are pursuing new markets, from gene sequencing to distributed performance testing. What kinds of problems lend themselves to distributed computation, and where’s the money in it?

INSTANT MESSAGING AS AN APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT PLATFORM

Groove, Jabber, AIMster, Microsoft’s RVP, Invisible Worlds’ IMXP, and many peer-to-peer projects have something surprising in common: they represent the extension of the Instant Messaging metaphor to provide more than just chat. What can we learn from instant messaging as it explodes beyond the consumer space?

P2P ON DEVICES

The promise of peer-to-peer is especially strong in the device space. How else can you have a billion devices interconnect except by having them discover and interact with each other, without central management? How will device peering change computer applications?

PEERED WEB SERVICES

It’s become clear that we’re starting to think not of “web sites” but of web services. Programs talking to other programs will provide powerful new applications, transforming data on the fly as it is passed from computer to computer. Several intriguing new peered web services platforms will be announced and demonstrated at this conference.

DISTRIBUTED METADATA: NAMESPACE MANAGEMENT, XML-BASED SERVICES, AND RESOURCE DISCOVERY

Many of the key opportunities in decentralized computing arise from understanding the role of directory-style services for connecting users. A core competency of most peer-to-peer systems is managing the metadata associated with files, resources, or services. How will frameworks like SOAR, UDDI, and .Net address the issue of Internet-aware programs using the services that are offered by other programs? What is XML’s role in managing and routing data and services?
Here are only a few of the speakers and panelists you’ll be meeting and hearing from at the conference:

- **Ray Ozzie**, the creator of Lotus Notes and founder of Groove Networks
- Gnutella and Infrasearch developer **Gene Kan**
- Freenet and Uprizer founder **Ian Clarke**
- **David Anderson**, CTO of United Devices and developer of SETI@Home
- **Dan Werthimer** of the UC Berkeley Space Sciences Lab, project director of SETI@Home
- Novell CEO **Eric Schmidt**
- **Rob ‘CmdrTaco’ Malda** and **Jeff ‘Hemos’ Bates** of slashdot.org
- **Lucas Gonze** of WorldOS
- **Jim McCoy** of MojoNation
- **Steve Burbeck** of IBM
- **Bob Knighten**, Intel’s chief peer-to-peer evangelist
- **Cory Doctorow**, Chief evangelist and founder of OpenCOLA
- **Rael Dornfest** of Meerkat and RSS 1.0
- **Marc Hedlund** and **Nelson Minar** of Popular Power
- **Andre Durand** of jabber.com and **Jeremie Miller** of jabber.org

Executives and technical visionaries from all of the major peer-to-peer projects and startups are expected to be on the program.

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**THOUGHT-PROVOKING INVITED TALKS**

We’ve invited some of the early leaders in peer-to-peer networking and key business commentators to give their real-world perspective, warts and all. For example:

**LESSONS FROM NAPSTER**

Business 2.0 columnist, pundit, and venture capitalist Clay Shirky provides a detailed analysis of the driving forces behind Napster’s rapid adoption: “If the Internet has taught us anything, it’s that you must never underestimate the power of rough consensus and running code over ideological perfection.”

**P2P IN EXISTING INTERNET INFRASTRUCTURE**

Conference organizer Tim O’Reilly explores the history of peer-to-peer in areas such as Internet routing, email routing, usenet, and the World Wide Web. What can we learn from the mix of peer-to-peer and centralized elements in existing technologies? Who were the winners and losers, and who found the hidden pathway to success? What do the stories of UUnet, Yahoo!, and Network Solutions tell us about the business opportunities in peer-to-peer?

**LESSONS FROM SETI@HOME**

SETI@Home’s architect David Anderson and project director and chief scientist Dan Werthimer talk about what they’ve learned after two years of operation: managing the load, ensuring reliability of data that’s submitted, and encouraging participation.

**THE CORNUCOPIA OF THE COMMONS: HOW TO GET VOLUNTEER LABOR**

Dan Bricklin, inventor of the electronic spreadsheet and now CEO of the Trellis platform for collaborative web publishing, talks about how a well-designed peer-to-peer system can lead to a reversal of Garrett Hardin’s fabled “tragedy of the commons”—the cornucopia of the commons.

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**WHO’S GOING TO BE THERE**

Because the technology is evolving so fast, we’re leaving a lot of space in the conference program for companies and projects that are still in “stealth mode.” Keep abreast of peer-to-peer conference program updates by joining the P2P mail list at:

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HARD-HITTING PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Our in-depth panels will feature technical experts being grilled by users, system administrators, and business executives, and head-to-head debates by competitors about the issues that differentiate them. Expect controversy and thought-provoking discussion as people with strong opinions and experience to back them up share why they think the way they do.

EXAMPLES OF PLANNED PANEL DISCUSSIONS

PEER-TO-PEER IN THE ENTERPRISE

Peer-to-peer will reduce costs as companies are able to more efficiently tap the power of their own idle computing resources, but it also raises the specter of those resources being put to use inappropriately. How do you administer peer-to-peer networks and manage security? What kinds of applications is peer-to-peer good for—and what is it not good for?

PEERED WEB SERVICES ARCHITECTURES

SOAP provides a lowest common denominator, but the infrastructure that will support a robust web services platform is still being developed. Microsoft’s .Net, UDDI, and several yet-to-be announced platforms provide overlapping functionality. Key developers from each project go head to head, with hard-nosed questions about business models and vendor choke points on the agenda.

BUSINESS MODELS AND APPLICATION AREAS FOR DISTRIBUTED COMPUTATION

Despite the huge success of the SETI@Home project in attracting contributors and doing valuable scientific research, everyone wants to know about the business model. Leaders from distributed computation companies such as Popular Power, United Devices, and Parabon talk about where the opportunities are.

THE IMPACT OF NAPSTER

Despite all the hype, it’s not clear what the impact has really been. University network administrators, music publishers and retailers, and performing artists share their experiences.

P2P: WHERE ARE THE STANDARDS?

In the current peer-to-peer discussion, one question that comes up again and again is: “What, if anything, to standardize?” Intel’s Peer-to-Peer Working Group has proposed an industry consortium model for standards making, but de-facto standards are also emerging. This panel will discuss the question of what, if anything, needs to be standardized, and what’s the best way to go about doing it.

NATs, FIREWALLS, AND P2P ROUTING

One of the central issues of P2P is how to connect arbitrary endpoints efficiently, in the presence of firewalls/NATs. If the demand becomes huge, it could end up changing how NATs, or TCP, or both, work. And arguably, demand already is huge. Representatives of various projects discuss how they’ve dealt with NATs and firewalls, whether their workarounds are sufficient, and whether more fundamental architectural changes are needed.

COPYRIGHT, ANONYMITY, AND UNTRACEABILITY

What is the role of systems that guarantee anonymity and untraceability? Are systems like Freenet, FreeHaven and Publius just copyright spoilers, or might they play an important role in preserving civil liberties? Will the free-for-all be replaced by paid “content dialtone” or anonymous underground file distribution? How will the Napsterization of intellectual property play out?

LOCATION-BASED COMPUTING AND WEB SERVICES

The availability of location-based computing on handheld devices will transform our technology infrastructure and economy. Who will provide the database backends and application frameworks that will be the key control points in this space?

LIGHTNING TALKS

We’ve adapted this popular feature from YAPC (Yet Another Perl Conference) to give you a whirlwind tour of the companies in the peer-to-peer space. Each Lightning Talk session gives a dozen companies and projects pursuing related markets an opportunity to give a 5-minute elevator pitch. Lightning Talks will appear in both the technical and business tracks. Presentations will be followed by questions and evaluations by a panel of experts.

• Lightning Talks in the business track give you a quick way to evaluate possible investments, the depth of competition in a given area, and the quality of the key company executives.

• Lightning Talks in the technical track help you to evaluate competing or complementary approaches to the same problem.

Lightning Talk presenters will also be available at specified times for more detailed follow up.

“If we treat peer-to-peer as a literal definition for what is happening, then we have a phrase that describes email but not Napster.”

Clay Shirky
REGISTRATION & LOGISTICS

The O'Reilly Peer-to-Peer Conference, San Francisco, California, February 14–16, 2001

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Vivian Russell of Vivian Russell Travel Services, 182 Farmers Lane, Suite 102C, Santa Rosa, CA 95405, Phone: 707-525-0550, Fax: 707-525-0560, Email: vivian@metro.net
“In times of change, managers almost always know which direction they should go in, but usually act too late and do too little. Correct for this tendency: Advance the pace of your actions and increase their magnitude.”

Andy Grove, Intel

“P2P is likely to forever change the way we think about sharing digital information across networks.”

Lee Bruno, Red Herring

“Trying to come up with standards for something like peer-to-peer is a little like trying to decide what color you should be painting your house before you’ve decided to build it.”

Ian Clarke, Freenet founder

“More and more computers on the Internet are talking directly to one another, and the conversation is beginning to get interesting... Ultimately, peer-to-peer is about making the Internet smarter and more productive by squeezing more potential out of its myriad parts.”