

Meeting with Norwegian state-of-the pirate

Reveals how the real pirates work.

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This is one of the few people in Norway who is high up in the pirate community. Introduction This is the file sharers who have been there from the start and that's the first point for pirated goods. From when the first applications and games were distributed on floppy discs, BBSer and later the Internet. The network of FTP servers (hereinafter Topsite) who exchange copyrighted material, and communication between members on the IRC network is called the stage. In addition to the stage it is important to note the title of site-op. A site-op (site operator) is one who manages a Topsite. And a Topsite is a FTP server with pirate goods. A Topsite can call themselves a Topsite when it has many good affiles. A affile a pirate group with good reputation. Examples: Razor1911, Deviance and Fairlight. This is pirate groups that specialize in giving out the games, often before they reach stores. The different groups have different specialties such as movies, TV shows, music and games. Also Norwegian groups There are Norwegian groups in the scene. Among other crntv, portable radio and Nordic Mission. These are groups that mostly specializes in ripping off the TV series. The person we spoke with one of the few in Norway that manages a so-called Topsite. He is in the mid-20s, studying programming and has been a member of the scene for many years. He was first site-op a Topsite in 2003 and has since been responsible for adding users, throw out those who break the rules and program scripts to automate tasks on IRC. In addition to being site-op, he has also its own server at home that he download movies, games and TV shows to and from the Topsites. Since he's Site-Op he has no restrictions and can download as much as he wants. Site has a very fast Internet connection that makes it possible to download a DVD movie in minutes. All informing each other - In addition to categories such as games, applications, music and movies we have a news category. On Topsite, it warned against raids and rogue groups in the news category. It is also possible to find out who leaks warez to trackers and environment. People who leak out of the stage is thrown out. It is very easy for police to take people who are spreading torrents. One of the reasons why it is very difficult to break the scene is a very sophisticated security system. Security protocol SSL is frequently used. - The system we use SSL on Topsites and IRC. In addition to the Blowfish -aggregation on IRC. You have to login to one of the top-working streams for Blowkey password. Without Blowkey everything will be encrypted. Topsites encrypt everything with SSL. It is common to all 30TB of warez (1TB is 1000GB) of the Topsites. This summer was a German Topsite by German police. The site had

40 members. The following was posted on Topsites news category to warn the whole scene (translated from German): New police action in Germany! This morning was over 40 people in the BKA visits. All user accounts, etc. Anyone who has visited the site is in great danger! I miss you. - The laws must be changed, he does not believe that changing the law will have no effect on the Topsites. - There will be no effect to change the law. The MP3-laws ... the only thing the law does is to destroy for normal people. Those who are downloading from a website, torrent, Limewire and other P2P programs. It would be easier for the police if they could set up fake servers, but they could only hurt the scene, not destroy it. How likely is it to be taken? - Hehe, very small chance of being caught in Norway. Police in Norway are not allowed to do anything illegal to take any. They are not allowed to set up servers to lure users. All the users in the network is known. They have entered the scene through someone vouching for them. - Do it because it is educational for site-open, we interviewed the main point is to engage with this that it is educational. - It's fun. I learn a lot about running servers, programming (C, C++, Java and scripting). I started this before I thought about starting a career in programming. When you learn some languages it is easy to teach others also. interest in file sharing has been there for several years, but it was not until later he was site-op a Topsite. He reveals that there are very many Norwegian ISPs, especially those that provide fiber that has Topsite on their network. - The first time I was siteop was in 2003. I started setting up servers, but then we had no contacts in the scene. There are lots of sites on Lyse, Hafslund and Sandefjord. I also know that there are found around the colleges and universities. Site-Op tells us that he has no plans to stop piracy, even when he gets a job in the software industry. - It is very difficult to catch pirates, I have learned. I'm learning about how things work, and then you can easily protect themselves against it. Anything that comes will be cracked even before we give it out anyway. There is no point spending millions on copy protection. Social? Is there a social environment in the scene uteover communication network with IRC? - There is no one to meet. Those OP (operator, manager at IRC) know who the other is open, but usually we do not know who they are in real life. We use only nicknames, not proper names. According pirate, many in the scene who think it is easy to replace people who are caught in the raid. It is a truth with modifications. Those who remove copy protection (known cracker) on the game has a lot of expertise and not as easy to replace if they were to be taken. - It's not that easy to replace a cracker, as this is very difficult to do. Sometimes we might run out, but it is very difficult to catch. Let's say they manage to cripple the gaming scene, but to spread the film and music can be the man in the street do. The FBI is allowed to set up fake servers, but they have failed so very much. About Norwegian police are going to take some, they must set the start with the same strategy servers. You can not take Topsites without doing something illegal, you have to distribute copyrighted material. Thus, the police had to have done something that was illegal. Site opens work pirate known even to tipser within the scene, but are confident that they exist. - I do not informants, but there is probably someone in the community telling. If the scene is out of this the person will be taken by a news a Topsite and the person is locked out of everything he had to have access to. As a Site-Op he has a series of tasks that must be performed for the site to work. Glftpd is the most widely used server application within the scene. - A site-Op and add users. Make sure people do not break the rules. Programming and scripting. Linux servers running as a rule, always glftpd server application. Site-Op is one of very few who have pre-information. Pre-information is information about a specific warez that have not been shared with others. The different groups (Razor1911, Fairlight, etc.) have their own folders on the

Topsites with content that is not yet launched. This is very sensitive information that competing groups would like to have. There is great competition to be first with a movie or a game. When an item is pre-released a so-called race. A race implies that everyone who participates in the Topsites trying to be the first to distribute a copyrighted material. In this way all working streams filled up the fastest possible. - Amazingly, few have pre-information. Only Admins can see all the pre-folders. One should not really hacking at pre. Because you will not be hacking other people's folders. Speaking with the major A site-op also has direct contact with the really big in the scene. Those that create headaches for game and film industry. The largest groups use their own IRC servers to communicate, while Topsites often use the secure IRC Network Linknet with SSL. - We have direct contact with the Fairlight and the others, but mostly it is a fact that the working streams they are familiar with some the crew on the Topsites so it is safe that they are there. We talk to them on IRC. IRC servers that are used are part Linknet . The large Topsite have their own IRC servers for better security. Site-Op reveals that many post internal scene information in Wikipedia . scene has little to spare for the torrent community. According to the scene they steal copyrighted material and posting it on trackers. The scene is of the opinion that it is very easy to take people who post copyrighted material on torrent sites like The Pirate Bay. - It often happens is that people are leaking just before it is launched. It suggests that people have access to places that get it fast. And do you do that makes someone a insceure user and therefore banned from the stage. This is probably the only thing we have to do with the torrent scene. Dislikes The Pirate Bay - As siteops do not like The Pirate Bay. We do not have contact with the media, the police will have to work with it because the media focuses on it, but as a system developer I do not like file sharing, particularly in the small companies that are suffering. Those who are in the scene learn a lot from it and think it's fun. Those high up buying music and movies they want anyway. - For example, I paid for FlashFXP (program for file transfer between Topsites), to support the developers. This is also a program I use a lot. That way we can actually get rid of the torrent community, mainly because it is so uncertain. The police can just walk in and see who's parts.