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Finland: Finreactor I & II (Supreme Court), 30 June 2010

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Finland: Finreactor I, Supreme Court (Korkein oikeus), 30 June 2010.

Filesharing: The defendants were administrators of the Finreactor BitTorrent file sharing network. The networks' users could illegally download copyrighted works. The network was built so that the files were not available on the Finreactor's site but resided on users' own computers. Finreactor had a tracker that kept track of which user had which files available for downloading. The administrators had removed torrent-links, given warnings and banned users from the site. The administrators were not aware of the content of individual files. The court held that the administrators' criminal liability was not limited by the technical fact that they were not participating in every file sharing and reproduction event. Court held that the administrators and users together made available and reproduced copyright works.

For the full text of this case click here.

Finland: Finreactor II, Supreme Court (Korkein oikeus), 30 June 2010.

Filesharing: 'A' had posted Torrent-files on Finreactor file sharing network. 'A' did not share the game files but the networks users could use the torrent-files to download computer game files from other users. The court held that "A" made the game files available and thus infringed copyright (voted decision).

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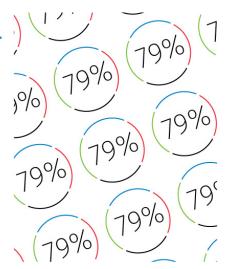
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