



The MEGA Affair

Insights into the largest copyright case to ever hit the Internet



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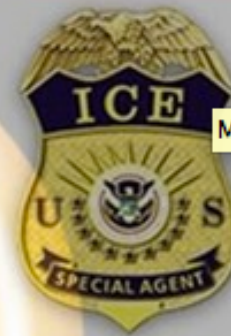


Chronology

- **2005.** Megaupload is incorporated and starts a pioneering cloud storage service to answer the problem of sending large files by email.
- **2008.** Megavideo is launched with a mission to be the best video cloud streaming service.
- **2009-2011.** The Mega groups starts new services (Megabox, Megapix, Megalive, Megapay) and consolidates its position as a cloud service provider.
- **19 January 2012.** A synchronized takedown in several countries put a halt to all Mega operations, seizing all assets and bank accounts and issuing arrest warrants for 7 of its executives.



Domain Seizures



Megaupload

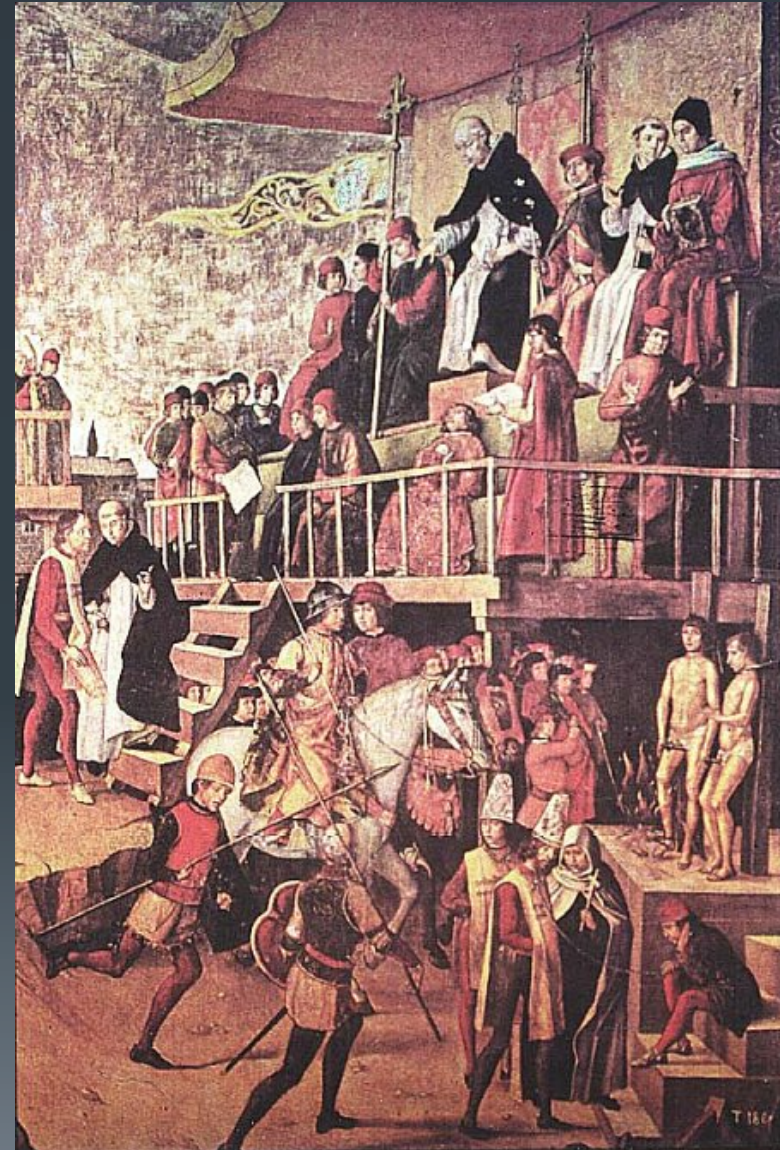
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The Charges

- Copyright infringement.
- Racketeering.
- Money laundering.
- Conspiracy to commit criminal infringement.
- Witchcraft.





The Bust

- Kim Dotcom and top execs Mathias, Bram and Finn sent to jail in Auckland.
- Sven settles in his Germany homeland safe from US extradition proceedings.
- Andrus restricted to staying in the Netherlands and Julius in Slovakia.
- Over 200 employees and contractors of Mega instantly out of a job without severance pay.
- All Mega assets seized including bank accounts, cloud servers, payment processors, corporate and personal assets.



All your cars are belong to us!





The Legal Saga

- **Lack of due process** from the very beginning.
- **Irregularities** in police paperwork filings.
- **Illegal** use of wiretapping.
- **Unlawful** assets seizure.
- US **cannot charge** criminally a non-US corporate entity.
- New Zealand extradition treaties do **not hear civil cases**.
- **Collusion between the FBI and the MPAA** to create a false picture of criminal activity.
- **Abuse of power** and blatant **violation of international laws**.
- Millions of honest users and businesses **deprived of their private digital assets** stored on Mega's cloud.
- **Delaying tactics** by the US government to unlawfully destroy a billion-dollar cloud business based on hearsay evidence.





The Defense

- First and foremost, **Mega was 100% legal**. They spent fortunes on very high-profile lawyers to make sure they were operating within the boundaries of the law.
- Takedown requests were real-time automated processes with manual QA that ensured **full DMCA compliance**. All major studios and labels had direct access to it.
- Mega went a long way to be the **good citizen** of the so-called “cyberlockers” industry.
- There was **no conspiracy**. The business used Google for its email and Skype for chats. Nothing was hidden. They had servers in US and EU with full compliance with legal frameworks. No encryption.
- Like all other cloud storage and video streaming services, some users will violate the usage policy and upload infringing content. This was dealt swiftly through a number of measures.
- **Majority of the users** on Mega used it to stored **legitimate content**, work files, family archives, etc.



The Youtube Conspiracy

YouTube film complet

Filter About 192,000 results



L'enquete Corse Film Complet

TRANSLATE

L'enquete Corse **Film Complet** et En HD !!! Like, D'ont Like, Abonnez-...
3 weeks ago | 30,421 views
by GrueTaxe83



The 9th company [FILM COMPLET VF]

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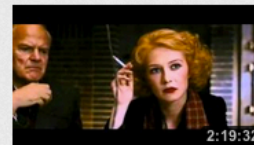
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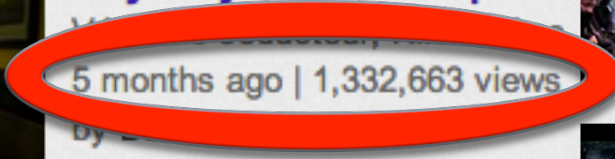


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5 months ago | 1,332,663 views



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Kim & Woz



“You don’t just shut down the whole street because somebody is speeding”

“ this type of copyright disagreement between Hollywood and new cloud storage technology is a political debate, not something that belongs in the criminal court and certainly not something to justify breaking down the door to my house “



The Offense

- The old Mega was **legal** and **complied with the DMCA** framework. It was engaged in a number of ventures with online media companies providing a wealth of original and legal content.
- Initiatives to **change the ancient business model** of the majors were not well received, not surprisingly.
- The **new Mega**, planned to launch before year end, will follow the same cloud provider philosophy and add a few tweaks.
- Outlawing the new Mega will imply that cloud storage companies such as **Google, Dropbox, Microsoft** and a multitude of others will become the target of similar lawsuits.
- The war for the Internet has begun... It's time to reclaim our **rights to privacy and freedom**.



The New MEGA

- Governments and corporations **cannot be trusted with our data**. The answer to this Orwellian nightmare is cryptography.
- The new Mega will deploy a seamless **client-side cryptosystem** that will be transparent to the end-user.
- A new Asset Manager GUI will allow advanced cloud storage configuration to manage **your own secure cloud** infrastructure.
- A **set of APIs** will allow the development of **innovative apps** that can use the full power of the crypto functions, filesystem operations and several cloud operations.
- **Full legal compliance** will again be observed, starting with the deployment of an **advanced DMCA takedown** processor and a number of measures to combat piracy.
- Mega is **negotiating a number of partnerships** with hosting companies, services providers, bandwidth operators and data centers.
- Mega will also cooperate with lawful organizations meant to **protect creators' rights** and help them implement their vision of **reducing piracy** and finding new ways to **reward creators**.



MEGABOX





A Free Internet

- Where nobody can read your files. This is your data, your life, your business.
- Where you decide freely how you manage your files. And your life.
- Where due process is followed before destroying a business.
- Where you can be protected from unlawful interceptions.
- Where you are not scared to express an opinion.
- Where you are not getting bullied by antiquated greedy corporate gluttons.
- Where YOU have the power. This is the essence of the Internet.



**KIM
DOTCOM**

THE TRUTH WILL COME OUT!

