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Peer-to-Peer (P2P) systems do not operate on secure lines, thus providing a conduit for hackers to enter a network or computer, access personal and confidential information, as well as deploy viruses or worms. Users of P2P systems are prime targets and/or launching points for malicious hacker attacks simply because it requires downloading and sharing electronic files or programs, not to mention usage on publicly open and interpretable industry standard protocols and industry standard codec.

A Staff Report submitted by the Government Reform Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives (May 2003), entitled "File-Sharing Programs and Peer-to-Peer Networks - Privacy and Security Risks", stated that users of these programs have inadvertently made their personal information available to other users. "A search of one P2P network found at least 2,500 Microsoft Money backup files, which stores the users' personal financial records, available for download."

Personal information includes tax returns containing you name, address, and social security numbers of not only you, but your spouse and dependents, financial information such as income and investments, medical records, business files such as contracts and personnel evaluations, and attorney-client communications, to name a few.

Spyware and adware programs are frequently bundled into P2P file-sharing software. These programs collect personal information for marketers and provide access to your computer by malicious hackers. In an article located on Vnunet.com entitled "Users Fume at Grokster `Drive-by Download'", these two programs "...can redirect a user's homepage to a different website, install a new browser toolbar, insert entries into the users' browser bookmark list, reinstall itself after uninstallation, and ultimately crash a user's system."

Another grave concern for both individuals and businesses when using P2P software is unknowingly having your computer used as a supernode. A supernode occurs when your computer is arbitrarily assigned as a hub.

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When you are running the software for P2P services, your computer's disk space, bandwidth, and processing power are used to help other users on the same system operate their software more efficiently because of their own network or firewall constraints.

Not only can this overload systems or networks with excessive data, disk space, and network bandwidth, unscrupulous hackers can also insert arbitrary code in each supernode's address space or crash all supernodes.

Peer-to-Peer (P2P) systems such as Skype operate by taking bandwidth (information carrying capacity) from customers on their service to assist other customers using their service – analogous to a symbiotic relationship. The tools that enable them to accomplish this are bundled in the software their customers download to access their VoIP service.

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### **Using RSS: When It's Ok To Keep Up With The Joneses**

**By Scott Lindsay**

"Peer pressure has many redeeming qualities. It is the pressure of our peers, after all, that gives us the support to try things we otherwise wouldn't have." – Bill Treasurer

Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feeds have a feeling of being en vogue. You know, the type of feeling that has you jumping into the river just because your friends are. The kind of thing your mother warned you about.

The truth is RSS feeds are sweeping the Internet community, but for reasons far greater than peer pressure.

Businesses involved in online marketing are fast discovering the value of making their site information RSS compatible. Savvy online business owners are finding that the application of an RSS feed provides a win-win scenario. You win because clients return to your website time after time, your client wins because they receive information from you based on their own set of preferences. In the end it is a relatively hands-free way of building trust with your client.

#### **Building Links**

The application of RSS feeds also provides a targeted opportunity to increase link building for your site. The RSS feeds include links you may have on your blog or website and allow your RSS feed

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subscriber to visit those links that generate traffic for your website or blog.

As web-based businesses work to integrate technologies they are finding that the full implementation of business friendly applications create greater recognition for their website and allow them to grow the business at an accelerated pace.

### Unified Pressure

"Rarely do schools acknowledge the power of peer culture in defining standards, and rarely do they take advantage of this power as an engine for quality. When students themselves are in charge of projects that they care about, peer pressure can become a powerful force for high standards." – R. BERGER, Harvard Education Letter

The School of Hard Knocks has its own set of peer pressure tactics, unfortunately much of the peer pressure results in decreased business when there is a refusal to look into the 'high standards' of purposeful advancement.

Many business owners may be intimidated by the new technology or they may simply refuse to learn the new skills. The good news is there are businesses that can assist you in implementing the technology of an RSS feed. There are also businesses that can provide targeted and fully optimized content for your website that has the ability to increase the frequency that your website is utilized, information downloaded and products purchased.

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