

Exercise 1

Peer-to-Peer Networks, Fall 2008

Guidelines

- Group work allowed, groups of up to 3 people allowed
- Due date: 4.11.2008 at 16:14
- Exercise is worth 6 points
- What to return: Your answers as either plain text e-mail, ODT, PDF, RTF, A4 paper format, or MS Word.
- Don't forget to write all the names and student numbers on the answer!
- Address for email submissions is pervila@cs.helsinki.fi.

Question 1

Write what you thought peer-to-peer means before you took this course. Even if you did not have a clear idea, write what the words “peer-to-peer” brought to your mind.

Question 2

Find three different websites which define the concept peer-to-peer on the web, using search engines, or any other methods. It is sufficient to find three different websites which give any definition, even if the definitions on the different sites are the same.¹

Compare the three definitions and discuss the differences between them. If you had a clear idea about peer-to-peer (see Question 1), also compare the definitions to your own idea. Is one of the definitions better than others? If yes, why? If not, why?

¹Any definitions from the domain tk.informatik.tu-darmstadt.de are not allowed.