

Exercise 1

Peer-to-Peer Networks, Spring 2008

Guidelines

- Group work, groups of up to 3 people allowed
- Due date: 28.1. at 10:00 (start of lecture)
- Exercise is worth 6 points
- What to return: Bring answers on paper to the lecture on 28.1.
- Don't forget to write all the names and student numbers on the answer!

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.