

DC++: Abusing: What is Share Faking?

Question:

**Answer:** This is where you falsely inflate your projected file size being shared on Direct Connect.

Basically, the "reasoning" behind doing this is the large and elite hubs require users to share in the range of 80+ GB to even enter their hub. Many people do not have the hard drive capacity to share that much. They feel that the 400 other hubs out there, that don't have these high requirements, are not good enough for them. So they fake their fileshare to enter these "better than average" hubs.

Here is what the creator of the sharefaking tool says about this:

first off, i dont think my share fakers are killing dc because there are 100,000 other people who don't use my share faker. second, if you are very smart when using your faker, you hardly get banned. lol i get banned off oh 5 hubs out of the 400 i connect too when i need some thing off dc. and this sharing 'idology', you are bullshitting when u say if every body share faked and there would be no share to downloadin from, thats a lame statment, this would be true if dc was smaller. but there are lot of people and not every body will share fake.

If you do not have the hard drive capacity to join these top hubs, then you do not belong there. All the users have put in the money and time to have *valid* shares of these large sizes. Fakers destroy the DC community.

Fakers are easily caught by a simple share check. Those who resort to more clever methods to fakeshare with garbage files can also be easily caught.