

Re: Kazaa

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Salut/Hi Bruce Chambers,

>> *What? Including Mbongo Mbongo in Uganda, who has no electricity, and has
>> never heard of computers. Don't you think you're being a _touch_ careless in
>> your use of language?*

> *It's called "exaggeration for affect," and usually requires no explanation.*

If I may be thoroughly pedantic to match your stuffiness.

It's called hyperbole, and as such it's always worthy of adverse comment. Furthermore it's not "affect", but "effect." (Just because I don't know much about XP doesn't make my illiterate, and just because you usually give _excellent_ advice about technical matters doesn't put you above criticism.)

>> *Hmm, Bruce, that's rather an extreme view.*

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>> *I guess 90% of the population would regard copying a pop record illegally as
>> being entirely different from snooping through private papers.*

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>> *In fact I believe that statistically, something like 90% of employees have
>> no sense of wrong in "relieving" their employer of paper, writing material
>> etc, nor in making private phone calls/emails on company time. They do not
>> regard such as theft (in the case of office material) or dishonestly
>> obtaining services. I'm not saying I agree with them, merely trying to show
>> you that your view is somewhat eccentric.*

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> *So you're saying that 90% of the world lacks integrity? And you're
> calling my view—point extreme?*

No. I'm saying that I have read surveys that have shown what I quoted. I've differentiated between what I suspect to be true (downloading legally or illegally) and in quoting what I've read, sought to give my reasons for a more nuanced view of the world. You're the one tying that to integrity, I'm merely saying that I feel your view of what is and isn't honest is too black and white.

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All the Best

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