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Internet piracy, particularly through peer-to-peer (P2P) networks, is the biggest concern in Iceland. High levels of broadband penetration and other means of Internet access make the country fertile ground for online pirates. In 2004, following on leads from local anti-piracy associations, the police conducted raids at 12 locations against the operators of the file sharing network Direct Connect. It appears that the police were able to seize 11 terabytes of content during the raid. The hubs reportedly made available movies, music and computer games. The police are continuing their investigation and prosecutions may be initiated early this year.