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I was introduced to GigaTribe at the Consumer Electronics Show. At first I thought it was just another P2P network, much like Limewire or Kazaa, both of which I have used in the past, that requires you to become a member of a huge network of strangers, where every user on the network can access the files on my computer, thus not affording much privacy and allowing strangers to track my system. GigaTribe is not like those programs. It only allows those to whom you give permission the ability to share folders and files on your system.

A big problem the Southwest Computer Conference committee members faced was transferring large files between members; we are constantly working on publicity, website information, the conference handbook and much more. Large emails have to be broken down into smaller units to fit the various transfer standards and mailbox sizes. We no longer have those problems since we started using GigaTribe. We now easily see and transfer files among us.

It's easy to use when on the road and I have also used it to transfer files from one computer to another in my home.

And it's as easy as one, two, three ....

- 1 Download, Install GigaTribe, and create an account.** Go to [www.GigaTribe.com](http://www.GigaTribe.com) click on the free download. Once downloaded, install it on your system. During the install you will be asked to create an account.
- 2 Invite your friends onto your network.** Once you have connected to GigaTribe, To invite friends to your network, send them an invitation request from the software or accept their invitations. These invitees make up your private network.
- 3 Select the folders you want to share.** Choose the folders on your hard drive you wish to share. Your invitees will now be able to access the contents of these shared folders. You will be able to do the same when browsing through the folders they are sharing with you.

GigaTribe version 3 will be released for Mac and Linux. Users will be able to share files with anyone, no matter what OS he or she is using. No release date as yet.