

# European countries bust massive illegal filesharing ring

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German prosecutors say authorities in three European countries have dismantled a massive illegal filesharing site for movies, music and pornography.

Prosecutors in the western state of North Rhine-Westphalia say police in

Germany, the Netherlands and France searched property in the three countries Wednesday linked to three men accused of operating the site.

In a statement Thursday, prosecutors said the suspects—aged 40 to 54—are accused of running the biggest site in Germany for illegally sharing copyrighted material.

Prosecutors said the operation is believed to have generated revenues of more than 50 million euros between April 2008 and October 2017.

The trio had hired servers with a capacity of more than 10,000 terabytes, which is enough to store about 5 million hours of video.

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