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"This is the end of the line my friends," BTJunkie said in a brief message posted on the home page of the site along with the dates of its existence: "2005-2012."

"The decision does not come easy, but we've decided to voluntarily shut

down," Britain-based BTJunkie said. "We've been fighting for years for your right to communicate, but it's time to move on.

"It's been an experience of a lifetime, we wish you all the best!" it said.

BTJunkie provided a search engine for Bit Torrent files and was one of the top five torrent sites with "dozens of millions of users a month," according to TorrentFreak, a website which covers file-sharing news.

TorrentFreak quoted the unidentified founder of BTJunkie as saying that BTJunkie's decision to close down stemmed partly from recent legal actions against [Megaupload](#) and The [Pirate Bay](#), which faces legal action in Europe.

Megaupload was shut down by the US authorities on January 19 and seven people were charged in connection with what the [Justice Department](#) and FBI described as "among the largest criminal copyright cases ever brought by the United States."

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