

torrent downloader that doesn't suck



uTorrent Stuck on Connecting to Peers [Fixed]

uTorrent is one of the most popular BitTorrent clients used by people to download Torrents. People download different kinds of Torrents whether its games, movies, software or anything which is available on the internet. Many people do not know how to correctly configure and optimize uTorrent's downloading capabilities due to which they report numerous issues when using BitTorrent clients like uTorrent. One such reported issue occurs while downloading files where uTorrent becomes stuck on "Connecting to Peers".

Connecting to Peer.

uTorrent not connecting to peers means that a client can't start downloading the desired file from torrent. Now, before proceeding towards the detailed solutions indexed below, check the speed of your internet connection by running a speed test. A stable internet connection is vital when you want to download files. If your internet is working fine then navigate to the methods stated below to resolve this issue.

Method 1: Modify the uTorrent Settings.

To connect to peers and start downloading follow the steps mentioned below:

Click on the Options button located on the top left corner of the screen and when the dropdown menu appears in front of you, select Preferences from there. Preferences Select BitTorrent and afterward in the Protocol Encryption section, change the Outgoing option from Disabled to Forced. Change outgoing option After completing the above steps, check the downloading files again and see if the issue of connecting to the peers goes away. If the connection is still not established, then proceed to the next method.

Method 2: Monitor Your Firewall.

Your Firewall might interfere with some of the features of uTorrent hence make sure that your Windows Firewall or any third-party Antivirus is not blocking uTorrent. If you've installed any third party Antivirus software it would've modified your settings and you would have to manually allow the uTorrent to bypass through Windows firewall. Hence, in order to do so follow the guide below:

Click on the search bar and type Firewall and Network Protection. Firewall and network protection Navigate to the Allow an app through firewall option, and choose the Change settings button. Allowing an app through the firewall – Firewall Settings Move down the list to find uTorrent. Afterward, check both Public and Domain options and save your settings. Note: If you can't find uTorrent in the list, add it manually by clicking on Add another app option. Allow another app.

After monitoring your firewall open uTorrent and try to download any file from there and check whether the issue is resolved. If the bug still exists proceed to the next method.

Method 3: Enable Port Forwarding.

Another quick way to get rid of this issue is that you should enable port forwarding on your system because, in order for uTorrent to work efficiently, it requires opened network ports that allow incoming and outgoing traffic. You can set up port forwarding which helps in pushing the traffic from the BitTorrent ports to your PC (and vice versa). This aids uTorrent in making a steady connection. Therefore, follow the steps illustrated below to enable port forwarding on your system:

If your network has automatic port forwarding options like UPnP and NAT PMP then uTorrent can itself advance firewall limitations and associate your PC with the users that have already downloaded torrent files. Navigate to the options located on the top left corner, click on Preferences, and then choose Connection. Check the three boxes highlighted in the picture below to directly connect to the seeders, then click OK. Enable Port Forwarding.

If the error "connecting to peers" still displays on your screen try some more fixes indexed below.

Method 4: Run Network Configuration Tests on uTorrent.

The backbone of this error could be the altered Network Configuration. Therefore, to monitor your network settings and, to modify uTorrent's settings to the most optimal configuration, run these uTorrent tests below to troubleshoot the issue.

Click on the Options button located on the top left corner and from there select Setup guide. You will observe that the uTorrent setup guide window will open in front of you and from there check the Network and Bandwidth boxes. Check both boxes Click on the Run Tests option below and once the setup guide has completed, the results will be displayed under Bandwidth and Network section. Any preferred changes will be automatically saved when you will tap on the Save & Close button. Save and close.

When you'll run tests the uTorrent will automatically configure your Internet settings and it will resolve any issues if they're present that might be preventing you from downloading the torrent files.

Method 5: Try a VPN.

Try to use Virtual Private Network (VPN) to bypass the restrictions so that you are able to share and download torrent files. Choose the VPN provider wisely because when you are trying to connect to the servers, some VPN's can block BitTorrent connections. Therefore, to guarantee the absolute compatibility and security, I recommend using Nord VPN, because it allows you to share and download files without any problems.

Thank you for downloading Vuze.

If your download doesn't begin shortly, [click here](#) to try again.

Installation Instructions for Chrome.

Step 1: Open the VuzeBittorrentClientInstaller.dmg file at the bottom left of your browser. Step 2: Double click on Vuze Installer icon to mount the application. Step 3: A pop-up will appear. Click on the Open button to start the installation.

Click on "VuzeBittorrentClientInstaller.exe" to begin installation.

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Some magnet links stuck on downloading metadata #2044.

Certain magnet links are stuck on "Downloading metadata". Restarting the torrent do not work. Pause and Start. Restarting qbittorrent do not work.

It shows many seeds and peers but it is not fetching the torrent file.

Both uTorrent and Tixati is able to download the torrent file.

The text was updated successfully, but these errors were encountered:

We are unable to convert the task to an issue at this time. Please try again.

The issue was successfully created but we are unable to update the comment at this time.

sledgehammer999 commented Oct 18, 2014.

Which qbt version and OS are you using?

Miserable-Clown commented Oct 18, 2014.

qbt v3.1.10 Windows 7 64-bit.

sledgehammer999 commented Oct 18, 2014.

What does the peers button show? Does it try to connect to any peers? Does the log say anything relevant? (view->execution log) I don't suppose you hit your queue limits?

Miserable-Clown commented Oct 18, 2014.

Peers button: Many peers, none with 100% A quite a few with 0% Flags: H P X P X H P X.

Using both BT and uTP connection.

execution log - General: Do not say anything.

execution log - Blocked IPs Do show something interesting. The same IPs are getting blocked over and over again. Is that normal behavior?

I do not know what "queue limit" is. I have not enabled any such settings. Is that on by default? Other torrents download just fine.

sledgehammer999 commented Oct 18, 2014.

Try pausing everything except the magnet. Does it download? Have you set an ipfilter? If yes, it probably blocks those ips.

Miserable-Clown commented Oct 19, 2014.

"Try pausing everything except the magnet. Does it download?" I've tried that. Doesn't work.

I do not use ipfilter.

sledgehammer999 commented Oct 23, 2014.

Can you update to v3.1.11 and try again?

Miserable-Clown commented Oct 24, 2014.

Updated and tested. Still the same behavior. The ips are getting blocked several times in a row. eg: ip1 blocked ip1 blocked ip1 blocked ip1 blocked ip2 blocked ip2 blocked ip3 blocked ip1 blocked.

sledgehammer999 commented Oct 24, 2014.

How are you connected to the internet? ethernet or wifi?

sledgehammer999 commented Oct 24, 2014.

If you want/can, send me 2-3 of those magnets links via email to sledgehammer999 (at) qbittorrent (dot) org.

Miserable-Clown commented Oct 24, 2014.

I am directly connected to internet using ethernet. No, sorry, I am not allowed to share those magnet links.

sledgehammer999 commented Oct 24, 2014.

I might be able to provide you a build with libtorrent 1.0.x which exposes the reason a peer has been blocked. However only v3.2.0alpha is compatible with libtorrent 1.0.x. Are you using a private proxy? Are you allowed to use v3.2.0alpha or do they do version whitelisting?

Miserable-Clown commented Oct 29, 2014.

"Are you using a private proxy?" Sometimes. Why do you ask? Do not the alpha support it?

"Are you allowed to use v3.2.0alpha or do they do version whitelisting?" That will not be an issue.

I am willing to try it.

Miserable-Clown commented Dec 2, 2014.

The longer you wait, the less likely I can reproduce the bug.

sledgehammer999 commented Dec 7, 2014.

Can you try my latest alpha build? -> http://builds.shiki.hu/qbittorrent_3.2.0alpha_20141207_78d4258_setup.exe Now the log shows the reason why an ip/peer was blocked.

Miserable-Clown commented Dec 7, 2014.

Can I install it along side the stable version without corrupting my transfer/torrent/download list and settings?

sledgehammer999 commented Dec 7, 2014.

Only one version is possible. It shouldn't corrupt anything. You can backup the 2 qBittorrent folders found in(Windows XP):

C:\Documents and Settings\Application Data\qBittorrent C:\Documents and Settings\Local Settings\Application Data\qBittorrent.

and then restore them.

Miserable-Clown commented Dec 9, 2014.

I have installed the alpha version but it do not work. It will hang and use 100% of one cpu core. I have a quad core cpu. That means that 12% stable cpu usage is one core.

Here are the stack dump of the two active threads:

sledgehammer999 commented Dec 31, 2014.

I made a new build. Can you test it and tell if you have the same issues? Link: http://builds.shiki.hu/qbittorrent_3.2.0alpha_20141229_ca2dc325_setup.exe.

sledgehammer999 commented Dec 31, 2014.

There is high probability that you don't get any ip blocked messages now. libtorrent had an option where it blocked by default peers using a low port. I have disabled that. More discussion here: <http://qbforums.shiki.hu/index.php/topic,2951.0.html>.

Miserable-Clown commented Jan 29, 2015.

Now it gets as far as showing the UI then it hangs and use 100% of one core.

sledgehammer999 commented Jan 29, 2015.

How did you get that stacktrace?

Miserable-Clown commented Jan 29, 2015.

Via Process Explorer. I always have it running

sledgehammer999 commented Jan 29, 2015.

Remind me in the weekend to prepare for you a new msvc build. Then I want you to create a mini dump from process explorer. The build you're using is build with gcc and it has different symbols (and I am not sure I'll be able to get the minidump to work with gdb)

Miserable-Clown commented Jan 31, 2015.

Reminder it's the weekend.

sledgehammer999 commented Feb 1, 2015.

Here is an alpha build with latest code and libtorrent version: <http://qbforums.shiki.hu/index.php/topic,2344.msg15066.html#msg15066> If you still experience problems, please make a minidump with processexplorer and post the file somewhere. (or email it to sledgehammer999 at qbittorrent dot org)

Stokestack commented Apr 27, 2018 •

I have the same problem with version 4.04 on Mac OS. qBittorrent has become essentially unusable, at least on my system. On three popular torrents with over 100 reported seeds, I was stuck at "downloading metadata" for an hour with no peers or seeds found. I downloaded Deluge onto the same system and set up my proxy info exactly as I have it in qBittorrent, and it started downloading all torrents immediately.

The log doesn't reveal anything interesting as far as I can see; just routine actions such as "torrent added."

uTorrent is flagged as malicious by several antivirus engines currently.

If you check the latest uTorrent setup file on Virustotal or other virus checking services, or run local checks using security solutions, you may notice that it is being flagged.

Both uTorrent Classic -- the local version of uTorrent -- and uTorrent Web -- the new web-based solution -- and BitTorrent are flagged by multiple antivirus solutions at the time of writing. The main release, uTorrent Classic, is detected by ten antivirus engines including Microsoft Defender, Sophos, Eset Nod32, GData, and Dr.Web.

Being flagged does not necessarily mean that a program is malicious or problematic; false positives happen but the likelihood is reduced when mainstream security solutions flag a program.

What is being detected? Most engines list "PUA or potentially unwanted application" as the reason and that indicates some sort of software bundling or file dropping on user systems. ESET lists Web Companion as a reference and that leads to Ad-Aware's Web Companion application. Whether that program has been offered as part of uTorrent's installation is unclear at this point.

A test download and installation revealed the following:

uTorrent Classic downloaded fine in Microsoft Edge on Windows 10 with Windows Defender enabled. The program was not blocked from being downloaded. The software installed fine on the same machine. Windows Defender did not prevent the installation. It did include an offer to install the password manager Dashlane, but that offer was not checked. It did include another offer, this time for WinZip and that checkbox was checked (and very tiny in comparison to the big next button). There was also an add for NordVPN on the installation succeeded screen.

It is reasonable to assume that offers are switched at times, e.g. based on region, time or incentive to put them up. The flagging of the executable file that is downloaded from the official website by Microsoft but the inactivity during download or installation is puzzling but only on first glance.

Windows Defender does not detect or block potentially unwanted programs by default. You need to enable the option first before it checks executable files for that. The security solution prevented the download of utorrent.exe after I enabled the option on the Windows 10 system. Other security solutions that flag the executable may block its download or execution automatically.

Users who have installed uTorrent may notice that the program is blocked from execution. The beta release is flagged by just two antivirus engines. One possible reason for that is that it does not include nearly as many offers as the release version.

Closing Words.

Some users use legacy versions of uTorrent that don't include offers, ads and other unwanted content. Others have moved on to solutions such as qBittorrent or Transmission. It is interesting to note that the previous owners announced in 2015 that they would move away from the bundled software offer model.

Torrents.

So you want to get all of the many many BipTunia albums free? In lossless 24-bit FLAC glory? AND earn your nerd merit badge, keep BipTunia drone proof and get on the Golden Floppy Disc of Redemption? (Not a real list, just really is people we like.)

You can do it one album at a time. Or you can do it all albums at once, and automatically get all future BipTunia album going forth. The first way is

easy, but involves more work each time. The second way requires more work up front, but then you get all the albums with less effort per album

The first way is just to go through all our albums and download each one with a torrent program. The list of pages with all the individual torrents is [here](#).

The second, more automated way, is below.

It works automatically, it's completely legal (for now), and seeding will get you on the Golden Floppy Disc of Redemption by helping make BipTunia's media drone proof when it BECOMES illegal, which could be any day now, the way the Central Scrutinizer is stepping up its tyranny. Seed if you want, but at least have them. So if we get droned, or the site gets CISPAed, you can turn the torrents back on and start sharing.

That is: <http://freedomfeens.com/blog/FeenTorrentsRSS/FeenTorrents.xml>.

(Yes, it says "FeensTorrents", but it's the BipTunia albums. Because y'all are Feens for BipTunia. You know, Fiends.)

You can just download without sharing (leech), but if you really want to help keep us drone proof, you can seed them at home. This is free, but involves keeping a computer on while you sleep. Directions below.

WHAT DO I DO WITH THIS?

You insert it into uTorrent and it will AUTOMATICALLY download all the albums, and new ones as they go up.

HOW DO I DO IT?

You copy the torrent link to your clipboard. Then open uTorrent, and over on the left, single left click on "Feeds." Then Right Click on Feeds, and choose "Add RSS Feed."

The feed URL should already be in there if it's on your clipboard. If not, paste it in to the Feed URL space (after deleting the http:// that shows up automatically). Then in the same dialogue box, under "Subscriptions", change it to "Automatically download all items published in feed", and click the OK button.

If you've never downloaded our albums with uTorrent before, it will start downloading all of them. It may queue some for after the first bunch are done. If you've downloaded before, and have some of them, it will only download the ones you don't have. And when we add new episodes to our Torrent RSS feed, uTorrent will automatically download the new episodes. Easy, fun and breezy!

It will look like this in the program (but the titles will be BipTunia albums):

You may have to right click the feed, pick RSS Manager, add a filter, and use this:

Add this text in the for the filter is:

Then add a checkmark on "Check Title Field", then hit "OK."

It should soon start downloading all our albums, and download new ones when they're released.

If you plan to seed, DO NOT remove the completed torrent listings from your downloads list, or people cannot download these files from you anymore, unless you re-download all of them and then leave the torrent listings intact. I didn't include this fact in the original post, because I thought it was obvious. But we had one fan write us who deleted them and wondered why no one was connecting to him, so I added this part.

WHAT IF I WANT TO HELP, BUT DON'T KNOW WHAT A TORRENT IS, OR HOW TO USE ONE?

Want to contribute to liberty but short on cash? You can help BipTunia without even spending a post-1964 dime.

Download uTorrent (free) and start seeding BipTunia. When you install uTorrent, chose the option NOT accept the add-ons and toolbar when it asks you. Leave your computer on seeding the torrents, while you're at work or asleep. Make sure if you leave your computer on 24/7 that you reboot it every few days. It will run better than if you leave it on for weeks.

ENABLE DHT.

Yup. Enable it. Google where it is, it's in different places in the preferences in different Torrent programs.

I set up the scheduler to NOT upload during times I need my full pipe, like when I'm doing my shows.

If you have torrent throttling on your ISP, you can get around it by using Boleh VPN, and setting it to one of the Fully Routed servers. Using Boleh on one computer will not affect the IP and settings of other computers on the same router.

WHAT IF I HAVE A TORRENT PROGRAM OTHER THAN uTORRENT?

Here is a list of torrent programs and their features. Find yours on there and check the column called "Broadcatching (RSS)." It will say if that feature is supported for your program. If it is and you can't figure out where to insert the RSS feed, a quick Google search of "RSS" plus "(the

name of your torrent program)'' will usually lead you to a page that will show you how. (Note: Transmission, the default torrent client in most GNU/Linux installations, does NOT have the RSS feature at this time. If you have Transmission and don't want to install a different torrent program, you should be able to add the feed into the Live Bookmarks of your browser, and click on new items to manually download...When you click on an item, it will open up Transmission automatically and begin downloading.)

TROUBLESHOOTING : If the feeds don't work for you,... It works on Boleh seedbox and on home servers. May have been because some of our torrents have trackers and some seedboxes forbid that. Or could be because some of them do NOT have trackers, and that requires DHT, most seedboxes turn it off by default. Try the Bad Quaker ones, they do not have trackers. If that works, you have your answer. Worms.

Thank you folks, and you're doing a very good thing by spreading BipTunia media to the world.