

**e-Pirates of the Digital Age – Copyright Issues in Software and Music**

**During the Program**

1. Most people have participated in piracy, or breached copyright at some point. and some strongly believe that you are not hurting anyone when you download a song or use pirated software.
   1. In what forms does piracy takes place?

Music, software, video games, movies.

* 1. Where is piracy having a significant impact?

Piracy is having a significant impact on the music and software industry. It has a negative effect on record sales in Australia.

1. The Internet continues to present many new and exciting opportunities for the ICT industry. However, the internet has also dramatically increased the rates of music and software piracy. What is internet piracy?

Uploading software, music, etc. To the internet and allowing others to view or download it without the copyrighters permissions.

1. Myspace and YouTube have fast become two of the most popular websites in the history of the

internet. These sites provide a platform for users to

and . Another great feature is

For free

that users can view other people’s content .

1. What measures have MySpace and YouTube taken to prevent copyright breach?

By putting a digital fingerprint code into a file so that it cannot be uploaded onto the site.

1. Under the copyright act, downloading or copying illegal business software for the purpose of obtaining a commercial advantage is a crime. Do copyright laws apply to the internet?

Yes, copyright also applies to the internet.

* 1. Complete this sentence:

Not all copyright owners are the mega rich multinational record labels or software companies. The

majority are struggling bands and software developers who work out of a home office. All

To copyright their work, to get paid for their work

musicians and software developers have a right

1. What are other issues apart from the ethical issues surrounding piracy?

Other issues are security. People can get viruses

1. Individuals and organisations need to be aware of their legal rights and responsibilities regarding the use and ownership of copyrighted material. What are they obliged to do?

To know if the software they have is legal or illegall

* 1. Why?

1. How does copyright law work?

It protects the way the idea is expressed, not the actual idea itself.

* 1. What is the cost of copyright protection?

Nothing

1. Copyright law varies from country to country but Australia, Europe, the US and other westernised nations have to a large extent aligned their laws. Where is Australian copyright law detailed?

On th copyright act 1968

1. How does the Copyright Act protect people?

Protects the idea by giving people fines or jail time

* 1. Why do artists generally feel that copyright law is not protecting them from piracy?

Because piracy is always happening

1. What are music and software piracy generally described as?

Downloading of the internet

* 1. What is **internet piracy?**

Using the internet to download copyrighted stuff.

1. Even if you’re not copying and distributing music for profit you’re still in breach of copyright, and as such subject to charges and penalties.What is the basic principle?

If you don’t have the permission of the owner, you are not allowed to distribute it.

1. The Australian Record Industry Association, ARIA, has recently released a research paper that confirms internet file sharing and the burning of CDs is having a significant negative effect on record sales in Australia.

The statistics speak for themselves. Aria’s research found that within the 6 months prior to their research:

18%

* 1. Over Australians illegally burnt a CD.

29%

* 1. Australians illegally downloaded music files via the

internet.

* 1. of all music owned by those aged 17 and under was

obtained illegally.

1. “Intellectual property” is a broad phrase containing various areas of law. Copyright is one of these areas. Intellectual property is often more valuable than physical property. Why?

It cost more money to create the software than the computer that it is going to be put on to.

1. In very specific situations, people are sometimes allowed to use copyright material without permission. Give such an example.

People that are allowed to use copyright material without permission are education facilities, libraries and government bodies.

1. Fill in the empty spaces:

Severe penalties exist for those who choose to breach copyright law. The penalties can be both

$60 000

criminal and civil. Individuals can face fines up to $ for each

$300 000

individual offence, and corporations can face fines up to $ for

5 years

similar offences. Individuals and CEOs can face up to in prison.