

**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?

Copying clothes design, downloading music, softwares, video piracy

* 1. Where is piracy having a significant impact?

Music industry

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?

Posting something on the internet

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

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internet. These sites provide a platform for users to

Uploading videos

Their stories

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?

They let you view the video but can’t take them down

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

* 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 be a paid for the hours of work they

musicians and software developers have a right

Put into something

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

Quality, 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?

Check to see if it’s copyrighted

* 1. Why?

Against the law

1. How does copyright law work?
   1. What is the cost of copyright protection?

It doesn’t cost anything.

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?

Copyright Act 1968 but constantly updated

1. How does the Copyright Act protect people?

Protects their intellectual property

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

Because its still happening

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

Internet piracy, downloading from the internet

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

Using the internet to copy or downloading

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?

You can’t distribute the copies to friends, you have got to have original.

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:

50 percent

* 1. Over Australians illegally burnt a CD.

18 per cent

* 1. Australians illegally downloaded music files via the

internet.

50 percent

* 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?

Intellectual property is more valuable than physical property as physical just goes up with the market while intellectual property can increase into anything.

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

Libraries, government

1. Fill in the empty spaces:

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

600 000

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.