

Computer Piracy

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Computer piracy is the act of downloading or copying software or media without the _____ of the copyright owner.

Four things you can pirate: Software, Movies, Songs, and Smuggled hardware.

Piracy is _____ and engaging in software or media piracy poses serious risks to both you and your computer.

According to the organisation that represents the record labels of the United States illegal music _____ results in a loss of \$12.5 billion dollars in music sales yearly. Without music piracy, the music industry would be able to hire as many as 70,000 more American workers. The Business Software Alliance reports similar statistics, claiming that computer _____ illegally copied \$59 billion worth of software in 2010. Although it is difficult to say how much more music and software people would purchase without the existence of _____, it is safe to conclude that piracy is a rampant problem. In the case of small artists and software development houses, the loss of sales may result in insufficient earnings to continue producing new products.

A person who pirates software or media can face significant penalties if apprehended and prosecuted. The maximum penalty for software piracy is a five-year prison sentence and a fine of up to \$250,000. In addition, the _____ owner of the pirated product can sue for damages. However, software piracy is risky even if you are not caught. When compared to legitimately distributed software, pirated software is far more likely to contain _____.

Many musicians, filmmakers and software programmers release products for free to benefit the community and attract attention to their work. If you need _____ for a particular purpose and cannot afford to buy it, consider downloading a free alternative instead. GIMP is an alternative for Adobe Photoshop. Open Office is an alternative for Microsoft Office. Linux is an alternative for Windows. Many free _____ offer the same _____ as their commercial counterparts.