

Software Usage



Is that pirated?

Beware of commercial software offered for free or at a discount!



Is this music pirated too?

Beware of software that allows you to acquire music or movies for free!

I can get fined?

Using pirated software can lead to high fines for the individual using it and the university!



Do not use pirated/bootlegged products.

- ▣ Do illegally use unlicensed software (e.g. Microsoft Windows, Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator etc.). Do not illegally copy, download, share, sell, distribute, or use copyrighted software, music, video, etc.
- ▣ Please acquire legitimate copies of software through reputable distributors (official distributors, directly from the maker, etc.). If you cannot confirm that your software is legitimate, stop using it immediately.
- ▣ Pirated or bootlegged versions are often sold on the Internet. They are sometimes even sold on major online stores, so please be careful. In general, beware of commercial software distributed for free, or very cheaply, without any built-in limitations.
- ▣ Sometimes license keys (product keys, serial numbers, etc.) are sold illegally, often on auction sites, instead of the software itself.
- ▣ Using peer-to-peer file-sharing clients (emule, Bittorrent, Xunlei etc.) or online storage services to share unlicensed software is also illegal.
- ▣ Illegal software usage occurs all over the world, but there are regional differences in awareness of copyright violation, ease of acquisition, and culture. Please be aware that your own understanding of what constitutes illegal or fair usage may be mistaken.

Check the software's license before using it

- ▣ Even if the software is licensed, using it in a manner inconsistent with the scope, method, or period of use stipulated in the license is illegal. Always read the license.
- ▣ Software that you were using in your own country may not be licensed for university use. Check the software's license, and stop using it immediately if using it here violates the terms of the license.

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