

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY <small>DIVISION of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</small>	Policy	
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Chapter Name	
5.0 Intellectual Property	
Chapter Number	Title
5.2	Software Piracy and License Abuse

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define the Division of Information Technology’s responsibilities in the event that illegally possessed software is discovered or reported on any university owned or operated computing resources.

2.0 Scope

The scope of this policy includes all EMU faculty, staff, emeritus faculty and staff, registered students, alumni, and approved guests that make use of servers, workstations, and file shares or other computing resources owned or operated by Eastern Michigan University.

The scope of this policy does not include personally owned devices or computing resources not operated by the University.

3.0 Policy

Possession or use of software that has not been properly licensed or that is being used inconsistently with the terms of the software license on any University owned or operated computing resource is prohibited. The Division of Information Technology does not actively scan computing resources to detect software piracy. However, Division of IT actions shall be consistent with this policy and any associated procedures should illegal software be suspected, identified or reported to the Division of Information Technology.

4.0 Responsibility for Implementation

The IT director responsible for security is responsible for the implementation of this policy.

5.0 Enforcement

Any employee found to violate federal or State of Michigan laws, EMU policies, procedures or standards of conduct, will be subject to disciplinary action under University policy. Any student found to violate federal or State of Michigan laws, EMU policies, procedures or standards of conduct, will be subject to disciplinary action under EMU’s Student Code of Conduct. Any suspected violation of state or federal laws will be reported to the appropriate legal authority for investigation.

The University reserves the right to protect its electronic resources from threats of immediate harm. This may include activities such as disconnecting an offending computer system from the campus network, terminating a running job on a computer system, or taking other action.

6.0 Definitions	
Term	Definition
Illegal Software or Pirated Software	Any software, protected under copyright law, that is copied, distributed, modified, or sold without proper licensing, thereby denying the copyright holder due compensation for their creative works.

7.0 Revision History	
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