

Copyright, P2P File-Sharing and the Internet

Staff and students are reminded that the use of UNSW computer systems to download copyright-infringing material such as music, movie or video files is ***NOT PERMITTED***.

The University provides students and staff with access to computer systems and facilities for ***academic and administrative purposes***. Individuals who are found to be using the University's systems to engage in conduct which infringes copyright – including uploading and downloading copyrighted files without the permission of the owner of copyright - are exposing themselves and the University to legal action, and will be subject to disciplinary action.

Students are also reminded that under the University's policy ***Acceptable Use of UNSW ICT Resources***, copyright infringement by students will be treated as student misconduct under the ***Student Misconduct Rules***.

The web is ***NOT*** a copyright-free zone. ***DO NOT*** assume that you are entitled to download everything you can access on the web. Some material may be on the web without the copyright owner's permission.

DO NOT assume that because you can locate a file through sites such as BitTorrent or eMule, that you can then legitimately download, copy or transfer it, even for personal use.

DO NOT, without the permission of the copyright owner:

- use University equipment or computer networks to download, redistribute or copy files;
- post music or other files on University websites;
- Post links on University websites to websites which contain copyright infringing material
- transfer music or other files to friends and family via University email;

DO NOT use University equipment to burn music or other files to any external source eg CD, DVD, memory stick. Although some websites offer – with the copyright owner's permission - mp3 or other files for free download or at a nominal charge, the University's computers and network should ***NOT*** be used for this purpose. If you want to download or transfer music or other files for any non-academic purpose, this should be done privately, and not on a University-owned computer or through the University's computer network.

Further information:

<http://info.library.unsw.edu.au/osd/services/reserve.html>

<http://www.copyright.unsw.edu.au/> .