

Topic 2: Software Piracy and Copyright (Introduction)

Chapter 4: Cyber Safety and Ethics · Topic 2

Key Concept

Copyright is a legal protection that gives creators, like software developers, exclusive rights to their work.

Software piracy includes illegally downloading paid software for free, sharing licensed software without permission, or using pirated copies.

Piracy harms software developers and companies, reducing their income and discouraging the creation of new software.

We should respect copyright by using only properly licensed software and understanding that creators deserve fair compensation for their work.

Quick Revision Notes

- Copyright protects creators' exclusive rights.
- Software piracy is illegal copying or distribution.
- Examples: illegal downloads, sharing without permission.
- Piracy harms developers and companies.
- It reduces income for creators.
- It discourages new software creation.
- We should use only licensed software.
- Creators deserve fair compensation for their work.

Practice Questions

- 1 Discuss what copyright means.
- 2 Explain why software piracy is harmful.
- 3 Discuss the difference between licensed and pirated software.
- 4 Research an example of legal, free software.
- 5 Discuss why creators deserve payment for their work.
- 6 Create a simple poster about respecting copyright.