

Lebanese American University

Information Security Regulations

Software Licenses Regulations

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Overview

Licensed software should be installed on all LAU devices, servers, PCs and laptops. Using unlicensed software could lead to legal actions taken against LAU. Also pirated software may contain viruses or malicious codes.

Purpose

The software licenses regulations are used to minimize the threats coming from unlicensed and pirated software and ensure compliance with legal use of licensed software.

Scope

The software licenses regulations apply to all users using LAU devices, servers, PCs and laptops.

Regulations

Unauthorized Software and Data Copies

LAU strongly adheres to software vendors' license agreements and copyright holders' notices. If LAU users make unauthorized copies of software, the users are doing so on their own behalf, since all such copying is strictly forbidden by LAU. Likewise, LAU allows reproduction of copyrighted material only with the permission of either the author or publisher.

Routine Scanning for Licensed Software

LAU must routinely scan the computers connected to its networks to make sure that users are employing only approved and licensed software.

Software Licensing Agreement Reviews

The agreements for all computer programs licensed from third parties must be periodically reviewed for LAU compliance.

Software License Evidence

Whenever bundled systems are being procured, the source must provide written evidence of the legitimate software licenses that are conveyed.

Unauthorized Copyrighted Information and Software

Third-party copyrighted information or software, that LAU does not have specific approval to store and /or use, must not be stored on LAU systems or networks. Systems Administrators will remove this information or software, unless authorization from the rightful owner(s) can be provided by the involved users.