



Some key points to remember:

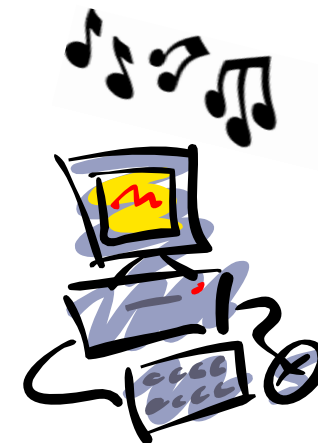
- The sharing, selling, and/or owning of copyright material without permission from the copyright holder is illegal and in many cases considered a felony.
- Doing any of the above is against the rules and regulations of the university and if caught, especially if there is involvement of any outside company or organization, serious action will be taken.
- Sharing non-copyrighted or copyrighted materials with the permission of the rights holder is legal and acceptable at Puget Sound as long as you password protect your folders and files.



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The Rights and Responsibilities of Sharing Music at Puget Sound



- ▶ What you need to know about copyright law and the rules of the university network.

I have a few questions...

► So here's the situation...

X Here's what the Recording Industry Association of America has to say about electronic copyright in the No Electronic Theft Law (NET Act):

"... [the Net ACT] sets forth that sound recording infringements (including by digital means) can be **criminally**



prosecuted even where no monetary profit or commercial gain is derived from the infringing activity. *Punishment in such instances includes up to 3 years in prison and/or \$250,000 fines.* The NET Act also extends the criminal statute of limitations for copyright infringement from 3 to 5 years."

Found at <http://www.riaa.com/issues/copyright/laws.asp>.

X In addition to these laws, here's what Puget Sound has stated about copyright in the 2007-2008 *The Logger*:

"Access to all shared files on a user's computer must be secured by a password. It is illegal to share or use files, software and other work creations that are protected under copyright law, without explicit permission from the copyright holder. This includes, but is not limited to, all copyrighted audio, video and game files, and published software that is licensed. Users who violate copyright laws may be subject to university disciplinary action and/or prosecution under State and Federal guidelines."

So today I ripped* this CD from a friend and I want to share all the music with all my friends at Puget Sound...that's okay, right?

Sorry, but no. The fact is, ripping that CD from a friend is the equivalent of stealing it from the store. You took copyrighted material without permission. Because she bought the CD, she is entitled to use the copyright material—you are not. Then, you took it one step further and offered this same illegal act to all of your friends at Puget Sound. ***You cannot share copyrighted material at the university.***



So let's just say I have this friend...well, he wants to know what would happen if he broke the rules.

If your "friend" got caught, the 2007-2008 *The Logger* states that such acts "...may result in denial of access to the network and its services, and may further subject the user to disciplinary action through the Office of the Dean of Students." In other words, your "friend" most likely will not be able to access the Internet from his room, use his accounts on the pugetsound.edu domain on any of the campus computers, and/or denial of other services such as WebMail, and the wireless network here on campus. Continued offense will result in being sent to the University of Puget Sound Honor Court for further disciplinary action. If the RIAA catches your friend, the consequences can be much more dire, *"Punishment in such instances includes up to 3 years in prison and/or \$250,000 fines."*

Well, what *can* I do?

You are free to download and own any file(s) that are not under copyright. If you have permission from the copyright holder, such as a signed statement, indicating that his/her music is allowed to be shared, then that is also acceptable. Music that you are able to download from the creator's Web site or a Web site which hosts their music and has been authorized (such as www.purevolume.com), is alright by federal law and the rules and regulations of Puget Sound. Using programs such as iTunes to listen to other people's music without taking it, is also acceptable. However, auxiliary programs such as myTunes which allow you to take the files for yourself are not legal and often contain malicious software.

Alright, so I have some music that's really awesome and not under copyright, and I want my friend to hear it, but the easiest way is for her to download it from my machine, is that okay?

As long as the file(s) are not copyrighted and are password protected, it is perfectly fine to share your music. If you decide to share your files in such a way, please make sure that you take precautions, and do not allow uncontrolled access to your computer's hard drive.

Some Legal Alternatives:

Napster— <http://www.napster.com>

iTunes— <http://www.itunes.com>

No part of The University of Puget Sound is affiliated with any of the aforementioned Web sites, artists, or programs.

* Ripping: The act in which some or all of the material on a CD/DVD is transferred to a hard drive.