

Intellectual Property

Copying means:

- downloading from the web
- uploading to the web
- photocopying
- making backups
- translating
- loading into RAM
- running a program

Which of the following are understood as “copying” (as meant by copyright legislation)?

- ☐ Burning a book
- ☒ Downloading from the web
- ☐ Deleting a file
- ☒ Running a program
- ☒ Translating
- ☒ Loading binary code into RAM
- ☐ Discussing a program with a colleague
- ☒ Making a backup of software
- ☒ Uploading to the web

Copyright notes

- For author of things, lasts life + 70 years
- Database right, 15 years
- Business logic is not protected
- Copying software is protected

Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement, ACTA

EU Copyright Directive

requires websites to obtain a licence from publishers to link to news stories on their sites

Trade Marks and Designs

are automatically protected but registration is advisable

Patent

Temporary right to exploit an invention

Excluded:

- Scientific theories
- Mathematical methods
- Aesthetic creations *
- Presentation of information *
- Algorithms and software

* protected by copyright

Digital Rights Management, DRM

Product keys;

- Limited number of active installations;
- Persistent online authentication

Summary

<i>Registration Needed</i>	<i>Automatic</i>
Patents	Copyright
Registered trade marks	Unregistered trade marks
Registered designs	Unregistered design rights
Domain names	Confidential information

In what circumstances can commercial confidentiality NOT be enforced (Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998)?

- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Offer of alternative employment
- ☐ National security
- ☐ Civil offence
- ☒ Failure to comply with legal obligation
- ☐ Breach of contract
- ☒ Criminal offence
- ☒ Miscarriage of justice
- ☒ Environmental damage

