# Computer Crime

**Tutorial 7**

1. Michael dislikes MediaStation artistes terribly as he feels that the acting skills of the artistes in MediaStation do not match up with the actors and actresses overseas.

To register his displeasure, Michael successfully hacked into the computer server of MediaStation and changed MediaStation’s domain name from [www.mediastation.com](http://www.mediastation.com) to [www.medialooney.com](http://www.medialooney.com). Michael was subsequently arrested by the Police.

1. If Michael is prosecuted and sentenced under section 3(1) of the Computer Misuse Act, what would be the maximum punishment Michael will receive from the Court of law?
2. What would be another section in the Computer Misuse Act that Michael has offended? Describe this section and state the maximum punishment Michael would receive under this section?
3. Cite an appropriate reference case for the above scenario

2. Roger and Lily decided to marry the following month as it was deemed auspicious. As they needed to make arrangements quickly, Roger sent an email to the Registry of Marriage in hope to secure a particular auspicious date in the month. After several days and there was no response from the Registry, he emailed them again. Another several days passed with no response and Roger was upset.

Roger then decided to teach the staff at the Registry a lesson by sending 1000 of that same email to catch their attention. This resulted in slowing down the email server at the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports. Is Roger liable under the Computer Misuse Act, and if so, under what section(s)? Describe the section(s) and state the maximum punishment. Cite an appropriate reference case for this scenario.

3. “Protected computers” as defined under the Computer Misuse Act include \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

1. private education institutions like Informatics Computer School
2. large enterprises like Creative Technology Pte Ltd and IBM Ltd
3. multi-national companies like Microsoft and Lucas Film Ltd
4. embassies like the computer servers of the Australian High Commission

4. “Unauthorised modification” under the Computer Misuse Act is when \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

1. a student uploaded a games software in his Student Account
2. the IT manager uploaded his favourite Taufik’s “I Dream” on all office computers
3. an employee changed the default setting of a computer found in the company’s resource room.
4. All of the above
   1. Jason is an Information Technology Manager. Recently, he heard of a recent retrenchment exercise the Management is considering. Not wanting to be surprised by the Management, he decided to access his Chief Executive Officer’s computer system and found a file entitled <retrench.doc>. He deleted the file and in order to ensure that the CEO had a hard time accessing his computer system, he changed the CEO’s password.

(a) Identify the section(s) Jason is liable under the Computer Misuse Act.

(b) Based on your answer(s) in question 1(a) above, state the legal element(s) that the Prosecutor has to prove to find Jason guilty under the Computer Misuse Act.

(c) What is the maximum punishment that Jason is likely to receive if he is found guilty?

(c) List two mitigating factors that is available to Jason so that he can get a lighter sentence