

**Scenario 2:** You have been interning all summer at a small US start-up company called Trutech that makes web applications. In the process of debugging code for one of the company's new scheduling apps called "Let's Meet," you realize that one of the company's developers, Nick Hardesty, inserted a block of copyrighted source code into the app. Upon further examination, you see some comments in the code which suggest that it came from Calendar Now, one of your company's competitors. Copying code is a clear violation of Trutech's employment agreement, and one that could have significant legal ramifications. Write an email to your manager, Meera Mehta, to inform her of the situation.

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[Date] 2022/07/20 Wed. AM 09:14  
[Subject] Possible Copyright Violation in the Source Code  
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Hi Meera,

I just conducted the unit test of the chatting utility of our new scheduling app "Let's Meet" and found that a block of codes implemented by Nick may violate the copyright. Please refer to the repository "Let's Meet" => the commit #c097172 => chatbox.py. The comments at line 10, 15, 21, and 30 are the same as those at line 60, 65, 71, and 80 at message.py in Calendar Now's public repository "Insta" ([https://github.com/Calendar\\_Now/Insta/blob/main/message.py](https://github.com/Calendar_Now/Insta/blob/main/message.py)).

With a further examination, I found that the implementation of storeMessage() in our chatbox.py is very close to saveMsg() in Calendar Now's message.py.

I am not sure that whether Nick violated our company's employment agreement, and should I notice him? Please give me some suggestions.

Thank you!

Best regards,  
Yi-Chang