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TITLE 18. CRIMINAL CODE  
ARTICLE 5.5. COMPUTER CRIME

C.R.S. 18-5.5-101 (2013)

18-5.5-101. Definitions

As used in this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) "Authorization" means the express consent of a person which may include an employee's job description to use said person's computer, computer network, computer program, computer software, computer system, property, or services as those terms are defined in this section.
- (2) "Computer" means an electronic, magnetic, optical, electromagnetic, or other data processing device which performs logical, arithmetic, memory, or storage functions by the manipulations of electronic, magnetic, radio wave, or light wave impulses, and includes all input, output, processing, storage, software, or communication facilities which are connected or related to or operating in conjunction with such a device.
- (3) "Computer network" means the interconnection of communication lines (including microwave or other means of electronic communication) with a computer through remote terminals, or a complex consisting of two or more interconnected computers.
- (4) "Computer program" means a series of instructions or statements, in a form acceptable to a computer, which permits the functioning of a computer system in a manner designed to provide appropriate products from such computer system.
- (5) "Computer software" means computer programs, procedures, and associated documentation concerned with the operation of a computer system.
- (6) "Computer system" means a set of related, connected or unconnected, computer equipment, devices, and software.
- (6.3) "Damage" includes, but is not limited to, any impairment to the integrity or availability of information, data, computer program, computer software, or services on or via a computer, computer network, or computer system or part thereof.
- (6.7) "Exceed authorized access" means to access a computer with authorization and to use such access to obtain or alter information, data, computer program, or computer software that the person is not entitled to so obtain or alter.
- (7) "Financial instrument" means any check, draft, money order, certificate of deposit, letter of credit, bill of exchange, credit card, debit card, or marketable security.
- (8) "Property" includes, but is not limited to, financial instruments, information, including electronically produced data, and computer software and programs in either machine or human readable form, and any other tangible or intangible item of value.

(9) "Services" includes, but is not limited to, computer time, data processing, and storage functions.

(10) To "use" means to instruct, communicate with, store data in, retrieve data from, or otherwise make use of any resources of a computer, computer system, or computer network.

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Editor's note: This title was numbered as chapter 40, C.R.S. 1963. The substantive provisions of this title were repealed and reenacted in 1971, resulting in the addition, relocation, and elimination of sections as well as subject matter. For amendments to this title prior to 1971, consult the Colorado statutory research explanatory note beginning on page vii in the front of this volume. For a detailed comparison of this title, see the comparative tables located in the back of the index.

Law reviews: For article, "Ownership of Software and Computer-stored Data", see 13 Colo. Law. 577 (1984); for article, "Computer Security and Privacy: The Third Wave of Property Law", see 33 Colo. Law. 57 (February 2004).

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