LICENSED COMMERCIAL SOFTWARE

University Rule 21.99.10.C1—Approved October 31, 2005
Supplements System Regulation 29.01.02

1. All computer software under the control of and used by Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi must be appropriately licensed. The licensing agreement should be maintained in the department in which the software is being used. Software that is licensed for use on the university network servers will be maintained by the Department of Media, Computer, and Telecommunications Services.

2. No computer software may be copied by an employee of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi unless the licensing agreement specifically requires it, or the licensing agreement specifically approves such a procedure and copying has been approved by the person holding the license. The unauthorized use, copying, or distribution of copyrighted software is a violation of the U. S. Copyright Act. Employees should refer to System Regulation 21.99.10, Use of Licensed Commercial Software, for more information on the responsibilities of System employees with regard to the use of computer software protected under the Copyright Act.

3. All Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi computing assets will be subject to annual software audits. If an individual to whom the asset has been assigned is found to have violated the rights of a copyright owner, the infringer may face both civil and criminal liability. (Refer to the Copyright Act.) In addition, those found in violation may be subject to other penalties as determined by Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. Such penalties could range from reprimand to termination. In the case that an employee is found to have committed copyright infringement, he/she will be personally responsible for any civil actions resulting from the infringement.

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