

## **Summary**

### **Legal issues of the Internet from the scope of international and national law**

Global internet network has changed the social, political and business life of most people in the World. Communication is much faster, the flow of information all around the World takes a few seconds. Exchange of political opinions, personal and business information, works protected by copyright and other information has become unstoppable. Members of the international community are trying to tackle this new challenge to their legal and political systems.

This diploma thesis is describing some areas of private law where Internet plays the most important role and has changed the scope and interpretation of many legal rules. The work is divided into two main parts. The first one deals with general aspects of the Internet such as its history, architecture, different regulatory layers, the copyright law on-line, general legal issues arising from the Yahoo! case and its impact on political systems. The second part describes more specific areas mainly focused on the protection of personality and personal data in the on-line environment. To be more specific, there are chapters dealing with communication software, social networks, direct business and usage of the Internet for business reasons. Specific chapter is dedicated to peer-to-peer technology and its (mis)use when using copyrighted works. Closely related with unlawful activities of internet users and regulatory instruments is the position of ISPs (International Service Providers). During last years, new pieces of legislation has been enacted by developed states such as France or the United Kingdom (the UK), which require ISPs to play much more pro-active role while dealing with copyright infringement. In the case of failure to do so, ISPs may be subject of secondary liability. The last part provides the legal issues concerned with protection of employees communicating by electronic means.

When necessary, international, european and national regulatory framework is provided. The comments are focused on legal system of the Czech Republic in comparison with others, mainly with the UK, eventually with the USA and France.