

Diploma thesis summary

The topic of my diploma thesis is Copyright legal protection of computer programs. The purpose of my thesis is to describe in basic features the current regulation of this item in Czech republic.

This thesis is composed of twelve chapters, where the crucial part can be found in chapter ten and eleven.

Introductory Chapter emphasizes necessity of copyright legal protection of computer programs. Next chapter summarizes efforts for definition of computer program and also includes reasons, why the exact literal definition is not very convenient. Third chapter defines basic terminology, that we can find crosswise copyright; it also enumerates requirements for the authors work to be under copyright legal protection. Following chapter contains an outline of international treaties and history of computer programs.

Sixth chapter concentrates on the role of computer program in the area of copyright and helps to distinguish the difference between computer program and any other author's craft. Seventh and eight chapter provides information about creation and content of the copyright, which is followed by the list of exceptions of exclusive copyright law.

The main aim of my thesis is based in the issues of licensing agreements in chapter n. 10 and 11. Penultimate chapter focuses on the possibilities of Czech law to protect computer programs. Conclusion is devoted to considerations of some of the problems in current copyright law regulation and also to the summary of this thesis.