ABSTRACT

The purpose of this thesis is to introduce the issue of cyber crime, a phenomenon which is gaining importance in recent years.

The first chapter outlines the basic problem: Mass use of information and communications technologies may have downsides.

Consequently, the reader learns briefly about development of computers, which resulted in the emergence of the Internet. Especially, how this short evolution affected the terminology regarding crimes related to information technology. The term "cyberspace", from which we derive the term "cyber crime", becomes crucial. This virtual world is not only a place of fun but unfortunately also full of malicious behavior.

Further, the work deals with the specifics of cybercrime and its differences that distinguish it from other types of crime.

The fifth chapter deals with the legal regulation, both domestic and international. It lists major legislation related to the cyber crime and is especially dedicated to analysis of the Criminal Code, the law on cyber security and the Convention on Cybercrime.

Next comes the main section of the thesis dedicated to crime in cyberspace. It describes the most common malicious activities which occur in cyberspace. A table of individual crimes is included to ease orientation. Particular attention is paid to copyright violations on the Internet which are currently the most common type of cyber crime.

The seventh chapter discusses two essential elements of a cyber crime, the offender and the victim. It is explained here why it is impossible for either of them to be clearly described.

Furthermore, the reader will become familiar with the current state of cybercrime and also with the latest preventive and repressive measures.

The last chapter is devoted to foreign legislation, where, using the example of Germany and France, unsuccessful efforts to control harmful Internet activities are explained.