

Guidelines on Software Copying

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- Government-purchased software is for official use only; no personal use is allowed.
- Students receiving a password for access to an NPS computer are to keep that password confidential. In particular, no student should ever give another student the password.
- Government and Navy penalties for software piracy are severe and can include loss of one's position.