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BEYOND KNOWLEDGE SHARING: SOFTWARE PIRACY FROM ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE

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Abstract

This article looks at Islamic perspective of software piracy and dilemma faced by students and academician to share their knowledge using software that is under Intellectual Property Right (IPR). The objective is to give better perspective of the real problem that surrounds software piracy issues according to Al-Qur'an, al-hadiths and fatwa. Suggestions to use free software and open-source software are made. Government also can find its role in reducing software piracy among its citizen especially in poor and developing countries.

4.1 Introduction

The nature of electronic communication tools, especially the internet, raises serious ethical issues together with the benefits of the advancement of ICT. As one of those ethical issues, software piracy has become a common activity particularly among college students who have been little deterred by industrial legal actions (Al-Fadhli, 2009). In this context, software piracy refers to the illegal copying of computer software (Sims, 1996). Protecting resource materials on the internet not only open new market opportunities by allowing authors and developers distribute evaluation products freely, it also safeguard