

Internet and computer criminality

Summary

This thesis, as its name indicates, deals with the problems of our times associated with computers and the Internet, which make it possible to commit all sorts of crimes. Computers are part of our daily life and the sphere of information and communication technologies are constantly and rapidly developing, which gives space to potential perpetrators to find new approaches. The thesis is composed of eight chapters.

The opening chapter of this thesis describes the basic concepts related to computer and Internet criminality. It includes the definitions of computer criminality, cybercrime, cyberspace, as well as basic technical concepts such as computer, hardware or software. Approximation of this terminology is essential to understanding the issue. Next chapter is devoted to some illegal activities in cyberspace, which are then legally assessed.

The third chapter forms the most important part of the whole thesis because it describes in details the issue of copyright violations in connection with computers. At first it generally talks about intangible goods, and after that it acquaints to readers with piracy of audio and audiovisual works and later with software piracy. It shows the most important judgments that are connected to the discussed topic and were judged at the Czech courts and at the European Court of Justice. At the end of the chapter is introduced the calculating system of the possible damage in cases of piracy. The fourth chapter of this thesis presents some cases, including judgments that have been debated in media.

The fifth chapter is dedicated to the offender, including his motives of illegal conduct. After that the possible ways of investigation of the offense and the possible way of international cooperation without that it is impossible to punish offenses in cyberspace will be presented to the reader. The sixth chapter is focused on resources that can help to prevent illegal activities and possible prevention.

The seventh chapter of the thesis represents the author's own ideas, including the new statutory provisions that could solve the problem of the cyber criminality. At the very end is the summary of all possible anticipated development of criminality in the field of ICT.