What is Online Piracy?

Illegal copying and/or distributing of copyrighted material.

Primary sources of pirated products include:

- breaking into/removing security to copy and distribute,
- obtaining access through password sharing,
- scanning print products and making the copied version available,
- Providing digital files obtained through legitimate access and making them illegally available or providing them to others for that purpose.
How Do Pirates Make Money?

- Reselling content
- Fees from click through referring
- Advertising
- Donations
Piracy: What is it? How pervasive is it and by whom? Why is it done and what can be done about it?

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Letter of Solidarity

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Who's downloading pirated papers? 

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We are the voice of American publishing, supporting and publicizing its critical role worldwide.
International Copyright Enforcement

Publishers today are able to distribute books and journals around the world faster and easier than ever before. Unfortunately, the same technology has made copyright infringement, in hard copy and online, easier as well.

Countries with inadequate copyright protection and unreliable copyright enforcement make it difficult to deter infringement and undermine legitimate efforts to provide high-quality works to global markets. AAP’s international engagement helps to advance sound copyright practices that both stimulate our member-publishers’ participation in foreign markets and simultaneously encourage growth of local creative industries.
May 10, 2016

AAP Statement on Sci-Hub

Given the site’s reemergence, it is important to remind the community that Sci-Hub is a pirate organization involved in the mass theft of copyrighted material. It should not be equated with any legitimate open access publishing practices, and its efforts have nothing to do with the real innovation going on in publishing to advance access to published material.

In October 2015, the United States District Court granted a preliminary injunction prohibiting the operators of Sci-Hub, the Library Genesis Project, and a number of related sites from distributing works to which Elsevier owns the copyright. The Court recognized that the scholarly publishing ecosystem depends on payment for content to sustain the production of high quality journals and the investment in new journals and fields of discovery to maintain an accurate scientific record.

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Why does Sci-Hub Exist?

➢ Cost
➢ Culture
➢ Content aggregation
Need or convenience?

Many U.S. Sci-Hub users seem to congregate near universities that have good journal access. The 5 cities with most requests were Ashburn, VA (96,857), New York, NY (73,606), East Lansing, MI (68,315), Fremont, CA (59,389), Mountain View, CA (56,637).
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Sci-Hub Tears Down Academia’s “Illegal” Copyright Paywalls

BY ERNESTO  ON JUNE 27, 2015

In a lawsuit filed by Elsevier, one of the largest academic publishers, Sci-Hub.org is facing millions of dollars in damages. However, the site has no intentions of backing down and will continue its fight to keep access to scientific knowledge free and open. "I think Elsevier’s business model is itself illegal," Sci-Hub founder Alexandra Elbakyan says.
Meet Alexandra Elbakyan, the researcher who's breaking the law to make science free for all

Updated by Julia Belluz | julia@toronto | julia.belluz@voxmedia.com | Feb 18, 2016, 11:00am EST
Catch me if you can! Science thief who 'stole 48MILLION academic papers' from top publishers and put them online for free says she's the Robin Hood that won't be caught

- Alexandra Elbakyan, 27, uploads academic papers on her website for free
- Up to 55,000 students all over the world use it to download the documents
- She pirated 48million scientific reports costing £23 to hundreds of pounds
- Lost legal battle against one publisher but vows to continue her 'revolution'
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Meet accused hacker and copyright infringer Alexandra Elbakyan.

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This student put 50 million stolen research articles online. And they’re free.

Are 50 million stolen research articles giving academic journals their Napster moment?
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- Open Access?
- Because Cybertheft
What can we do?

- Legal mechanisms
- Authentication Technologies
- Innovation
- Open Access?
- Education
What do we say?

- SciHub doesn’t just hurt Elsevier.
- Sci-Hub has compromised the security of libraries and institutions around the world.
- SciHub has a detrimental effect on public health and safety.
- SciHub is not open access.
- SciHub is unnecessary.
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