

Software Policy  
Connecticut State University System

**A. Software Ownership.**

(This section represents policy adopted in February, 1985 along with January, 1987 revisions by the board of Governors for Higher Education.)

1. Software Conversion. It shall be the policy of the state system of higher education that the end product of any work done by a student from any of the state's public colleges or universities to convert, modify or update state-owned software shall be owned by the state.
2. Software Creation (state-owned). If a student from any college or university, receives monetary remuneration from the state for creating software, including source code and/or documentation, it shall belong to the state.
3. Software Creation (student-owned and state-licensed). Software belongs to the student but shall be licensed gratis to the state for use/or modification under the following conditions:
  - a. The state, at the inception of the project, informs the student in writing of the state's intention to use the software; and/or
  - b. The student uses state computer resources to create software.

The State shall not have any other rights to such software.

4. Software Creation (student-owned). Any software developed by a student, unless it is covered under policy statements 1, 2, or 3 above, or is produced under the provisions of a grant or an agreement with an outside funding agent, is owned by the student.
5. Software Copying. Each constituent unit in the state system of higher education shall have policies in place regarding the use and copying of software and/or documentation to protect against lawsuits by vendors.

**B. Software Copying.**

1. All software and manuals are copyright protected by the software vendor. Any user attempting to copy the software shall be subject to prosecution by the software vendor.
2. Any person who has been authorized to use the computing resources shall be expected to regard all copyrighted or proprietary information which may thereby become available to him/her as confidential, unless he/she obtains

from the appropriate person written permission to copy, modify, or otherwise use any part of it.

3. Users shall not copy system files nor shall they attempt to access or modify such files or software components or computer management programs and data, except for specifically approved purposes.