

Cisco Policy on Copyrighted Materials

Introduction

Cisco Systems, Inc. and its affiliates ("Cisco") continually invest significant resources to create software, text, and other materials. The majority of these materials are protected under copyright laws of the United States and of other countries worldwide. To protect its investment, Cisco diligently guards against infringement of its copyrighted materials. This policy outlines certain conduct that violates Cisco copyrights. This policy is subject to change at any time and without notice.

Copyright

Copyright protects original works of authorship fixed in a tangible medium of expression. Copyright infringement occurs when any one or more of the following rights is violated: (1) reproduction; (2) adaptation; (3) distribution to the public; (4) performance in public; or (5) display in public. Copyright infringement issues can also arise when a new work or a modification of an existing work, known as a derivative work, is created from a copyrighted work. A derivative work is based upon a pre-existing work in which the pre-existing work is changed, condensed, recast, transformed, adapted, or embellished. If the pre-existing or underlying work is a protected work under copyright law, one who wishes to exploit the derivative work must obtain a license from the owner of the copyright in the underlying work or works. Thus, modification of Cisco copyrighted materials for commercial use without explicit permission constitutes infringement.

Without written permission from Cisco, you may not make any unauthorized reproduction or engage in distribution of Cisco copyrighted materials, which include, but are not limited to, materials such as books, publications, computer software (including object code and source code), online curricula, Web content, diagrams, photos, testing materials, exams, text, images, and graphics published by Cisco in any format.

It is Cisco policy to enforce its copyrights against any third party infringer. To ensure that you do not infringe on any Cisco copyrighted materials, do not, without express permission from Cisco, engage in any of the following:

- **Do not** directly or indirectly copy, reproduce, or distribute any Cisco materials (including Webpages) or any part of the text or graphics from those materials.
- **Do not** directly or indirectly modify or create derivative works of any Cisco materials.
- **Do not** copy, reproduce, or modify source code or object code of any Cisco product.
- **Do not** create an emulator or simulator of a Cisco product, such as a Cisco router, in a manner that is likely to confuse the public about the source of the emulator or simulator.
- **Do not** create materials that look as though they originated from or are endorsed by Cisco.
- **Do not** imitate the color or visual appearance of Cisco materials and/or products.
- **Do not** use Cisco icons as graphical design elements in your materials. These icons should be used only in network design diagrams.
- **Do not** distribute Cisco work by sale, rental, or other disposition.

Copyright Permission Requests

To request permission to use Cisco copyrighted material, please use our online Request Tool at www.cisco.com/web/about/ac50/ac47/request_tool.html.

Additional Guidelines

General policies about Cisco trademarks and web usage are found at: www.cisco.com/en/US/about/ac50/ac47/about_cisco_policies_list.html.

Disclaimer

This policy document is not intended to serve as legal advice. Should you have questions regarding your legal rights or duties, please consult your own attorney. Should you have further questions regarding Cisco policy for its copyrighted materials, please contact copyright@cisco.com.