

Microsoft Files 8 Piracy Suits

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Microsoft said Monday that it has filed lawsuits against eight software resellers for allegedly distributing pirated copies of its popular consumer and enterprise software products like Windows XP, Office 2000, Microsoft SQL Server, and FrontPage.

The lawsuits were filed over the past two weeks against companies in Arizona, California, Minnesota, and New York.

The Redmond-based software giant said it considers legal action against alleged software pirates to be a last but effective resort, and files lawsuits only after efforts to warn the alleged pirates do not succeed.

Microsoft does not take legal action lightly, said Mary Jo Schrade, a senior attorney at Microsoft. Our customers want to know if they've received the product they paid for and our legal initiatives are based on leads from customers and Microsoft's own investigation.

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